

Diocesan and Community News

Eucharistic Revival - 2022 through 2025:

Visit: eucharisticrevival.org for more information.

Message for the week of January 14:

Jesus' name means "God saves" The angel told Joseph in a dream that this Child was to be called "Jesus, for He will save His people from their sin" (Matthew 1: 21). *Jesus saves us* from our sins by dying on the Cross and then giving us His Resurrected Body in the Eucharist. The Holy Eucharist is the Church's most precious treasure. What a Gift, that we may have a life-giving encounter with Jesus, truly present in the Eucharist. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, thank You for coming into the world to give us the greatest Gift – Yourself in the Holy Eucharist. This week, read the account of the angel appearing to Joseph in Matthew 1: 18-25

"the ANSWER" Eucharistic Rally | June 7 at the La Crosse Center:

We are very excited to announce "the Answer" Eucharistic Rally that will be held on June 7, 2024 at the La Crosse Center in La Crosse, WI. This event kicks off the first day that the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will be in the Diocese of La Crosse. "the Answer" Eucharistic Rally will begin with a Eucharistic Procession Across the Cameron Street Bridge in La Crosse. It will end at the La Crosse Center where the rest of the rally will take place. The day will include Mass, Adoration, Confession, powerful speakers such as Chris Stefanick, Immaculee Ilibagize, and Josh Rosa, music from Luke Spehar, and plenty of vendors. The cost for this event is only \$15 per person. This rally is for middle and high school youth, young adults, adults, families, etc. Tickets are now on sale! You can find more information about the event by visiting <https://diolc.org/the-answer/>. For such an important event, it would be amazing if every parish brought a bus full of parishioners.

"Behold: God is With Us" Young Adult Retreat - January 27, 2024

The world needs Jesus. Our souls need Jesus. Out of God's abundant love for us, He became man: the Word became flesh and dwelt among us (John 1:14). Jesus is the answer to the longings of our heart, and He is our way to eternal life. Knowing He would ascend into heaven, Jesus leaves us Himself- body, blood, soul, and divinity- under the guise of simple bread and simple wine. Why? So that our intimate love and union with Him (flesh to flesh) may continue in this life as we await the perfection of His love and union in the next. "Behold: God is With Us" or "Behold," for short, is an opportunity for you to retreat from the busyness and stresses of this world and find rest and consolation in Jesus and other young adults like you. All 18-35 year olds are welcome to join us for a day of enriching talks, silent prayer/reflection, small group discussion, adoration, confession, and Mass. Most importantly, learn how to remain connected post-retreat to a lively community of young adults striving for Sainthood. This day-long retreat will occur at Blessed Sacrament Parish in La Crosse, WI. Check-ins will begin at 8:30 am, and the retreat will conclude after the 4:30 pm vigil Mass. An optional after party will take place to follow! Breastfeeding babies are welcome! Lunch will be provided! All of this and more for the low cost of \$20. Let us behold the Lord together!

Kids Korner

Be Ready to do God's Will

In today's first reading, God called young Samuel in a special way. Samuel's life had been dedicated to God, and because he was willing to follow God's plan, God made Samuel a holy prophet.

In the Gospel reading, Saint John the Baptist tells his followers that Jesus is the Messiah. Two of them decided to follow Jesus, and one of them, Andrew, went and got his brother Simon. When Simon went to follow Him, Jesus told him that his name would now be "Cephas," or "Peter," which means 'rock.' God had a special plan for Simon Peter. He was to become the leader of the Church- the first pope!

God does not call all of us to very important jobs like the prophet Samuel and Saint Peter. But each of us should follow Jesus and be ready to do His will. If we always try to do what God wants, then we will be ready if He does have a special job for us! How can you do God's will today?



Samuel's Call Cross-Word

See if you can find all the words in CAPITALS in the puzzle. Use the left over letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

SAMUEL was sleeping in the TEMPLE. He heard a voice calling him, so he RAN to ELI and said, "Here I am. You called me."
"I did not call you," Eli said. "Go BACK to sleep." So he went back to sleep. Then the same thing happened again. The voice CALLED Samuel again, for the THIRD time. Getting up and going to Eli, he said, "HERE I am. You called me."



Then Eli UNDERSTOOD that the Lord was calling the YOUTH. So he said to Samuel, "Go to SLEEP, and if you are called, REPLY, "SPEAK, Lord, for your SERVANT is listening." When Samuel went to sleep, the LORD came and REVEALED his presence, calling out as BEFORE, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel ANSWERED, "Speak, for your servant is LISTENING."

Samuel grew up, and the Lord was with him, not permitting any word of his to be without effect. What's another way of saying this was Samuel's calling? It was

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday.....8:00 PM

Sunday.....10:00 AM

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday and Friday.....8:00 AM

ADORATION

Wednesday.....7:30 PM to 8:30 PM

CONFESSIONS

Wednesdays during Adoration & By Appointment

PARISH OFFICE (located in the church Sacristy)

Hours: Wednesday 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Friday 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Melissa Schaub.....Secretary/Bookkeeper

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Bulletin deadline:Wednesday

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PARISH WEBMASTER Christopher Pundzak

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Mary Hundt, Coordinator.....(608) 780-6172

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Mark Nicolai (Chairman), Rachel Persson, Brandon Flock & Louisa Peterson (Committee liaisons: Peter Benzing & Leo Leis)

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Tom Schaub, Mark Stephenson, Rob Slattery, Peter Benzing, Kathy Flock, Sarah Gronemus

PCCW - Parish Council of Catholic Women

Pam Benzing, Mary Bach-Filla

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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 14, 2024



CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR:

- Joining the Parish • Weddings • Baptisms
- Anointing of the sick (Please call Father Biju's cell phone)
- If you are home-bound & would like to be visited

Parish Intentions

1/17 Wed. 8:00 AM – No Mass
1/19 Fri. 8:30 AM – † Harold & Susan Muenzenberger (RBM)
Mass will be celebrated at St. Joseph
1/20 Sat. 8:00 PM – † Wilfred & Alice Kotek (SMF)
1/21 Sun. 10:00 AM – St. Peter’s Parish Family



Goal: \$11,760.00
Total Pledged: \$6,335.00
Total Received: \$6,335.00
Under Goal: \$5,425.00
Participation: 54%

Pray Often & Daily!!!

Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target -	\$1,870.00
Last Week’s Total -	\$1,363.77
	-\$506.23
Year to Date Target -	\$50,490.00
Year to Date Total -	\$63,513.38
	+\$13,023.38

Readings for January 21, 2024

First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Gospel Reading: Mark 1:14-20

Ministry Servers

Saturday January 20 – 8:00 PM

Servers: Andrew & Matthew Schaub
Ushers: Tom Schaub & Mike Schaub
Lector: Melissa Schaub

Sunday January 21 – 10:00 AM

Servers: Madi & Allis Gronemus
Ushers: Gary Gronemus & Mark Gronemus
Lector: Ann Hundt

Reminder We understand everybody's schedules get busy. If you are not able to make it on a day you are scheduled PLEASE make the effort to find a replacement or at least let somebody know ahead of time!!

Parish Calendar of Events

Wed. Jan. 17 - No Mass
Wed. Jan. 17 - Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 - 8:15 PM
Fri. Jan. 19 - St. Peter’s daily mass will be celebrated at St. Joseph church @ 8:30 AM
Sun. Jan. 21 - Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 - 9:45 AM
Wed. Jan. 24 - Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 - 8:15 PM
Sun. Jan. 28 - Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 - 9:45 AM
Fri. Feb. 2 - Anointing of the Sick Sacrament available; contact Fr. Biju to schedule
Sun. Feb. 4 - Rosary in church @ 7:30 PM
Fri. Feb. 9 - 3rd Annual St. Peter’s Couples Night

Fr. Biju to Visit Family

Fr. Biju will be going to India to visit his family from Jan. 22 through February 5th. During those days he is away, if anyone wishes to be remembered in his daily Mass or prayed for, let him know.

If you have an intention, place it in an envelope marked "Fr Biju Masses" and drop it in the collection.



St. Joseph’s Ridge Mass Times

Saturday 4:00 p.m. and Sunday 8:30 a.m.
 First Saturday Mass.....8:30am
 Confession time available after Mass
 Monday5:30pm
 Tuesday..... 5:30pm
 (Adoration before Mass beginning at 5:00 pm)
 Thursday.....8:30am

From the Pastor’s Pen

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Having left the Celebration of Christmastide, we enter into Ordinary time “Wearing of the Green.”. However, it is by no means “Ordinary” because we will hear in the Sunday Gospels the mystery of Christ himself. In Gospel Readings in Ordinary times, His life and preaching unfold.

Today’s Gospel, the second Sunday in Ordinary time, we see the witness of John and Jesus encountering his first disciples. John declares Jesus as the “lamb of God” in front of two disciples that choose to follow Him, literally. He tells the world the true identity of Jesus, as the Messiah. “Behold the Lamb of God.” These words could be a reference to the paschal lamb whose blood saved Israel (Exodus 12) or to the victorious apocalyptic lamb who would destroy evil in the world (Revelation 5-7; 17:14). Jesus came among us to be the lamb of sacrifice. He shed his blood on the cross. He told the apostles in the last supper “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins”. Mt 26:28.

To the question of John’s disciples “where are you staying?” Jesus tells them, “Come, and you will see.” The first disciples wanted to know him more. Do I have that deep desire to know him more and to be with Jesus and abide in him. Am I ready to start on a new journey with Jesus?

Condolences to the family of Alan E. Cavadini, 68, who died Sunday January 7, 2024 at Mayo Clinic Health System in La Crosse. Funeral will be on 17th January visitation at 10 am and mass 10:30 am. Please keep Dina in your thoughts and prayers.

We are going to do some repair works on the ceiling above the alter at St Peter. It includes painting the ceiling of the sanctuary area and plaster work. Some area plaster got damaged by the roof leak which happened over the years. Most of the work will be covered under the insurance but part of it the church will have to bear. Since workers will be putting up the scaffoldings above the alter area, we will not be having mass at St Peter on Wednesday 17th and Friday 19th of January. On Friday, mass will be celebrated at St Joseph at 8:30 AM.

Have a great week.

Live Jesus, Fr Biju MSFS

Parish News

Weekday Masses: There will be no weekday masses here this week due to repairs being done on our Sanctuary. The Friday January 19th mass will be held at St. Joseph Ridge Parish at 8:30 AM for anyone who would like to attend. Due to Fr. Biju returning home for a few weeks, there will be no weekday masses until Wednesday February 7th.

Choir: The St. Peter’s Children’s Choir added a lovely sound to our Epiphany liturgy honoring Jesus, King of Kings. Thank you parents for sharing your children’s voices. Our next practice will follow the 10:00 mass on February 4th.

3rd Annual St. Peter’s Couples Night: Valentine’s day is a time to celebrate your love. St. Peter’s Couples Night will be **Friday February 9th** from 6:30 - 9 PM in the church basement. There will be an inspirational speaker, intimate multi-course meal with your Sweetheart, romantic music and Christian fellowship. Make your reservations by **February 2nd** by calling the parish office or send an email to parishoffice@stpmr.diocparish.org or speak to Tom or Melissa Schaub. This event is open to all married or engaged couples.

50th Anniversary Celebration: Are you and your spouse celebrating this impressive milestone this year? If so, the Diocese of La Crosse would like to recognize and celebrate with you at a special mass & reception. If you are celebrating 50 years of love in 2024 please contact the parish office by January 19th.

Mark Your Calendars: Cabin Feverfest, St. Peter’s annual Euchre party & Luncheon, is planned for March 3rd starting at noon. **We will need more help from parishioners this year as many who have helped in the past are out of town.** There will be fliers and a sign-up sheet for food donations closer to the event.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development: This collection will take place on the weekend of February 4th. Watch for an envelope in your bulletin.

First Sunday Rosary: We pray the rosary on the first Sunday of each month in church at 7:30 PM. **The next one will be February 4th.** Please plan to attend to pray as our Holy Mother has called us to do.