

Diocesan and Community News

Eucharistic Revival - 2022 through 2025:

Visit: eucharisticrevival.org for more information.

Message for the week of January 21: A Minute with Jesus: Why does Jesus want to stay with us always?

You know that Jesus wants to stay with you always because He loves you unconditionally. Why? Because He wants to be with the person He loves. How do you (we) know He loves you so much? Jesus gave His life for you by dying on the Cross so that your sins can be forgiven. Let's pray this right now and every day this week. Thank You Jesus that You want to be with me all the time. This week, read Psalm 139: 13-16 which speaks of how well God knows me and how close He is to me.

"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.

Our church underwent some repairs this past week in the Sanctuary.



Kids Korner

Come, follow Me...



If God asked you to come and follow Him right now would you be ready to drop everything and follow? In today's Gospel reading that's exactly what happened to Simon and Andrew and James and John.

They had been working at their fishing nets when Jesus walked past and called them to follow Him.

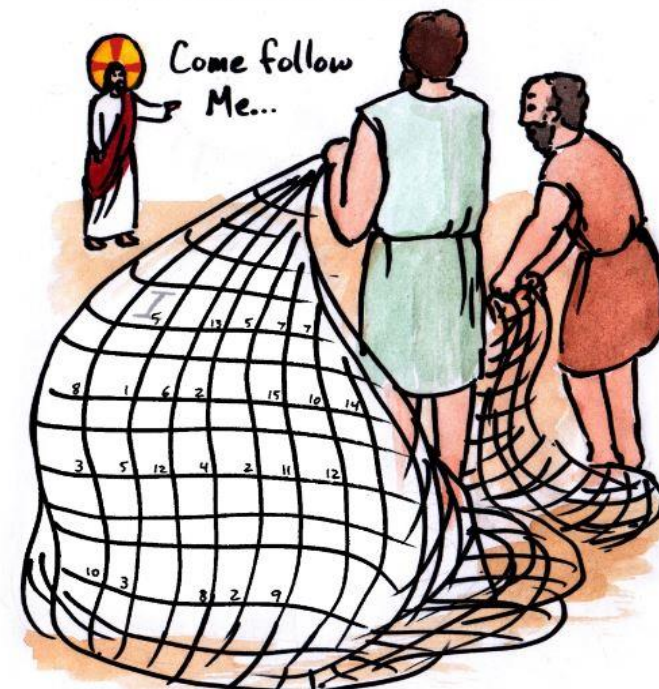
We are all called to follow Jesus in some way. God wants some people to give up their lives for others like Jesus did, and some people He wants to look after the poor and sick. Some people are called to care for children and some to build things. Some people are called to be special followers of Our Lord as priests and religious.



Do you know how you can best follow Jesus? When you're young the best way to be like Him is to be kind to everyone and honour and obey your parents like the Child Jesus did. Also, you can already start praying that when the time comes you will be know how to follow Our Lord in the way that you can serve Him best.



What else did Jesus say when He called the fishermen? Find the letters that match the numbers in the net to fill in the spaces in the net and find out!



A E F H I K L M N O R S W U Y
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15

PASTOR

Fr. Biju Chennala Kunjukutty, MSFS

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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

Office Phone: (608) 452-4680

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Bulletin deadline:Wednesday

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PARISH WEBMASTER Christopher Pundzak

SACRISTANS Richard Korish & Austin Menn

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

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Leo Leis (Chairman), Mark Gronemus,
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THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 21, 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

1/24 Wed. 8:00 AM – No Mass

1/26 Fri. 8:00 AM – No Mass

1/27 Sat. 8:00 PM –

† **Elrita Meyer (MJM)**

1/28 Sun. 10:00 AM –

† **Stan Hundt (MLH)**

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DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2023-2024



Goal: \$11,760.00

Total Pledged: \$6,410.00

Total Received: \$6,410.00

Under Goal: \$5,350.00

Participation: 55%

Pray Often & Daily!!!

Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target -	\$1,870.00
Last Week's Total -	\$1,181.00
	-\$689.00
Year to Date Target -	\$52,360.00
Year to Date Total -	\$64,694.38
	+\$12,334.38

Readings for January 28, 2024

First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:21-28

Ministry Servers

Saturday January 27 – 8:00 PM

Servers: Isabell Korn, Brielle & Brooklyn Lundeen

Ushers: Bill Korn & Phil Gronemus

Lector: Julie Lundeen

Sunday January 28 – 10:00 AM

Servers: Lukas & Max Slattery

Ushers: Rob Slattery & Leo Leis

Lector: John 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!!

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday @ 7:30 until 8:30 PM

Come spend some quiet time with Jesus.

Confessions available.

8 Ways to Pray During Eucharistic Adoration ~

- Read Spiritual Books - Ask for Intercession - Meditate
- Offer a Holy Hour - Write a Prayer Journal - Read the
- Pray Spontaneously - Ask the Saints for help Scriptures

Parish Calendar of Events

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

Wed. Jan. 31 - Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 - 8:15 PM

Fri. Feb. 2 - Anointing of the Sick Sacrament available; contact Fr. Biju to schedule

Sun. Feb. 4 - Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 - 9:45 AM

Sun. Feb. 4 - Rosary in church @ 7:30 PM

Sun. Feb. 4 - Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Fri. Feb. 9 - 3rd Annual St. Peter's Couples Night

Wed. Feb. 14 - Ash Wednesday mass at 8:00 PM



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

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time continues the unfolding of the public ministry of Christ, and the calling of the Apostles. The Gospel speaks of the opening of the hearts and minds of the first apostles Simon and Andrew, James and John as they leave behind everything at the invitation of Jesus "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." They "abandoned their nets and followed Him."

These men did not seek to become Jesus' disciples. They had not presented Jesus with their resumes and begged him to accept them as students. It was Jesus' initiative, not theirs, that resulted in their becoming Jesus' followers. That is typical of all stories. See the story of Abraham (Genesis 12:1-9) and Moses (Exodus 3:1-21) and Samuel (1 Samuel 3:1-18) and Isaiah (Isaiah 6:1-8). God chooses whom God chooses. Apparently, Jesus sees something worthwhile in these four men—not necessarily what they are but what they could be. Apparently the four men see something compelling in Jesus—something that causes them to walk away from that which is precious to follow him. For Simon and Andrew, the sacrifice is leaving their nets. For James and John, it is leaving their father. How do I respond to the precious vocation that the Lord has given me? What does Jesus ask me to leave behind?

Home visit: This Monday I will be flying out from La Crosse to India. I am looking forward to spending time with family and friends. Moving from one continent to another is also a transition from subzero temperatures to 68 above Fahrenheit. Thanks to all who offered mass intentions while I am in India. Thanks to Msgr. Robert Hundt and Fr. Dan Sedlacek for covering mass at St Peter and Msgr. Hundt at St Joseph. The first Saturday of Feb 3rd Msgr. Hundt has his birthday. Happy birthday in advance.

May the good Lord bless you!

Live Jesus, Fr Biju MSFS

Parish News

Visiting Priests: We welcome Msgr. Robert Hundt and Fr. Dan Sedlacek for the next 2 weekend masses as Fr. Biju will be returning home for a visit. There will be no weekday masses until Wednesday February 7th.

St. Peter's Childrens Choir: 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 speech by Fr. Billy Dodge, 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. At this time only one couple has responded. We will need several more to make this event happen. This is spiritual food for your marriage!!

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.

***NOTE*:** When sending money for flowers, mass intentions, church support or special collections PLEASE make out separate checks or cash as these things go into different accounts and it is easier for bookkeeping purposes.