

Diocesan and Community News

Supporting your Church: In good times and bad times, Catholic faithful have supported the church generously. Your Parish needs your generous support to continue. Collections at Weekly Masses are the main source of income. We need to consider alternative options to continuing your contributions to the Church. Our bank is not able to process ACH payments. You can mail in your weekly/monthly offering to the parish office. (W697 State Hwy 33 Rockland, WI 54653)

St. Joseph Ridge Parish Gun Raffle:

Tickets are \$10 each (only 500 will be sold) will be sold after Mass at St. Joseph Ridge Parish or by contacting Fr. Biju or the St. Joseph Ridge Parish Office.

- 1st Prize: Ruger American Camo 350 Legend
- 2nd Prize: Weatherby 12 ga, Automatic
- 3rd Prize: Browning A-Bolt Synthetic 243
- 4th Prize: Legends LSI Pointers 12 ga. Automatic
- 5th Prize: Savage Axis XP-243 w/scope

Drawing will be held at the February Friday Fun Night at St. Joseph Ridge Parish School on February 25, 2021 at 9 PM.

Please contact Fr. Biju if you would like tickets.

Pray for Dobbs, Pray for our Supreme Court Justices: Dobbs vs. Jackson Women's Health is the Supreme Court case that could overturn Roe v. Wade—the decision that made abortion legal in all 50 states. Nine justices stand between life and death for millions of innocent children and their mothers. The hearing began Dec. 1, with a ruling expected in June. Please fast and pray for God's grace to touch our Supreme Court justices. For more information and resources, visit PrayforDobbs.com.

2022 Pilgrimage for Life: We are excited to announce that we are planning to travel to Washington, DC for the Pilgrimage for Life January 19-23, 2022. Please see <https://diolc.org/vya> to read the registration letter, tentative schedule, and details.

Join our Pilgrimage for Life to Washington, D.C.: With two Special Guests! There has never been a more important time to join the March for Life in our nation's capitol, with the Dobbs case being heard by the Supreme Court and the possibility of Roe v. Wade being overturned. Plus, our pilgrims will be addressed by two amazing speakers, before and after the March: Terry Beatley, Founder of Hosea Initiative, and Valentyna Pavsyukova, Founder of Chalice of Mercy. For the registration letter, tentative schedule, and details, visit diolc.org/M4L.

2022-2023 ACS ENROLLMENT PERIOD BEGINS SOON:

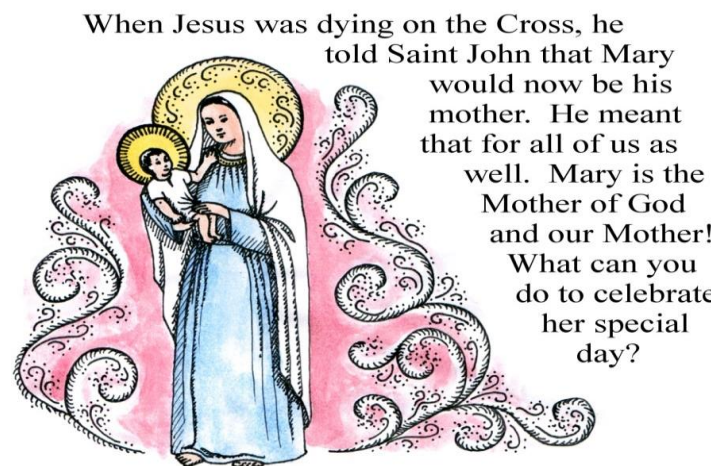
On Monday, January 17, 2022, enrollment for the 2022-23 Aquinas Catholic Schools school year begins! If you are interested in exploring your options when it comes to education, we would be happy to show you what Aquinas has to offer. Aquinas Catholic Schools is a Christ-centered family devoted to nurturing students of all faiths through educational excellence in its vibrant Catholic tradition. Please join us for our upcoming open house dates at Aquinas High School & Middle School: • AHS Open House: Monday, January 10, 2022 at 6pm • AMS Open House: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 6pm

Kids Korner

Mary the Mother of God January 1

On the first day of the year we celebrate the feast day of Mary, the Mother of God.

If you didn't have a mother and God let you design your own mother, what would she be like? Well, God did get to make His own Mother! Can you even imagine how perfect she was?



Thank You to those who have donated towards our beautiful Christmas flowers!

- The Lucey Family
- The Halderson family
- Lavina Flock
- Gary & Deb Flock
- The Kast family in memory of Jacob, Ernie & Kay Gronemus
- The Gronemus family in memory of Jacob Gronemus & all deceased family
- The Korn family in memory of Ray & Audrey Korn & Charles Leis
- The Korish family in memory of our parents & grandparents and our children & grandchildren who have gone before us
- In memory of Arnold & Theresa Arentz



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 9:00 PM

CONFESSIONS

Wednesdays during Adoration
& By Appointment

PARISH OFFICE (located in the church Sacristy)

Hours: Wednesday 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Friday 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Melissa Schaub.....Secretary

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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

Dan Korn, Gary Flock, Michael Hundt
(Committee liaisons: Peter Benzing & Leo Leis)

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Tom Schaub, Mark Stephenson, Rob Slattery,
Peter Benzing, Chris Pundzak, Kathy Flock

PCCW - Parish Council of Catholic Women

Pam Benzing, Mary Bach-Filla, LaVonne Hundt

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Leo Leis (Chairman), Mark Gronemus,
Jared Lucey, Don Halderson, David Scharping

CEMETERY SEXTON Tom Schaub...(608) 486-4012

FUNERAL COMMITTEE CHAIR

Debra Leis.....(608) 632-7830

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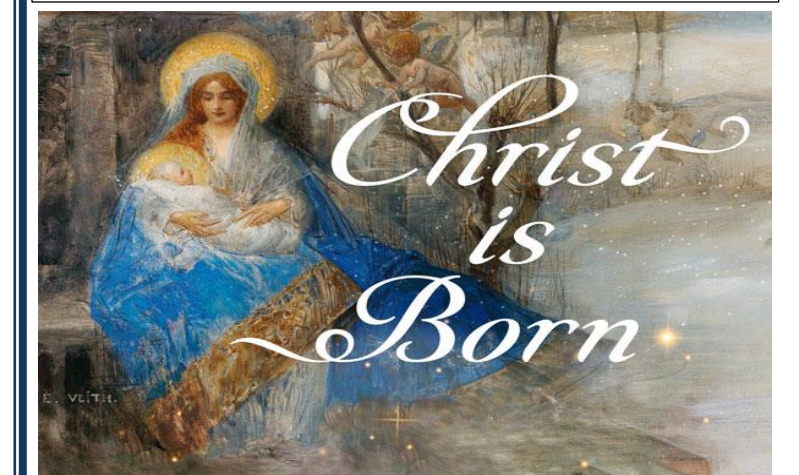
Terese Slattery, Coordinator.....(608) 452-4605
Leland Gregorich, Organist

St. Peters Catholic Church Middle Ridge, WI W697 State Hwy 33 Rockland, WI 54653



Parish website: www.saintpetersparish.net

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
JANUARY 2, 2022



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

1/5 Wed. 8:00 AM –

† **Theresa Clements (PF)**

1/7 Fri. 8:00 AM

† **Rosie Kammel (AMH)**

1/8 Sat. 8:00 PM –

† **Jerri Hess (MLH)**

1/9 Sun. 10:00 AM –

**Living & deceased members of the
Dave Scharping family (DKS)**

2021-22 Diocesan Annual Appeal

Goal: \$10,765.00

Total Pledged: \$5,805.00

Total Received: \$5,605.00

Under Goal: \$4,960.00

Pray Often & Daily!!!

Parish Finances

Weekly Target -	\$1,700.00
Last Week's Total -	\$7,726.67
	+6,026.67
Year to Date Target -	\$44,200.00
Year to Date Total -	\$39,574.72
	-\$4,625.28

Readings for January 9, 2022

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-7

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38

Gospel Reading: Luke 3:15-22

Prayer for Spiritual Communion: My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire You with all my heart. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already in my heart and unite myself to You completely. Please do not let me ever be separated from You. Amen.

Ministry Servers

Saturday January 8 -

Servers: Andrew & Matthew Schaub

Ushers: Mike Schaub & Don Halderson

Lector: Kristen Schaub

Sunday January 9 -

Servers: Lily & Madi Gronemus

Ushers: Gary Gronemus & 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 – 9:00 pm

Come spend some quiet time with Jesus. Confessions available.

Parish Calendar of Events

Sun. Jan. 2 – Rosary in church @ 7:00 PM

Mon. Jan. 3 – Parish Finance Meeting @ 3:00 PM

Wed. Jan. 5 – Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM

Thurs. Jan. 6 – Parish Advisory Meeting @ 6:30 PM

Sun. Jan. 9 – Take down decorations after Mass

Sun. Jan. 9 – Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM

Wed. Jan. 12 – Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM

Jan. 12 to Feb. 7 - Fr. Biju on vacation in India visiting family – No weekday masses

Sun. Jan. 16 – Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM



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
Happy New Year to all!

January 1 is New Year's Day to most of the world, but in the Catholic Church it is also the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God. Also, this year it coincides with the weekend of the Feast of Epiphany —early as it can possibly be. “Epiphanies” or “manifestations” or “revelations” of Jesus happened at the visitation of Magi, baptism in the Jordan and wedding at Cana. At His Baptism, the entire Trinity is revealed: The Father (“a voice from heaven”); the Son (Jesus); and the Holy Spirit (“a dove”). At Cana, Jesus turns water into wine. Saint John tells us, “Jesus did this as the beginning of His signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed His glory, and His disciples began to believe in Him” (2:11).

The Feast of the Epiphany celebrates the revelation of Jesus, the Son of God, to the world. The Good News of the Feast of Epiphany of the Lord is that Christ comes to save us all, even the Gentiles too. The magi presented their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh to Jesus. “Frankincense was often used in divine worship. It becomes, then, an apt symbol of Christ as priest. It is also a symbol of Christ's divinity. “Myrrh was often used in burials, especially of prominent people who could afford it. Because of this, Christians often interpreted this gift as referring to the coming suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus. “Gold has long been seen, in many cultures, as a gift for kings, or denoting kingship. It is easy to see how this gift points to the kingship of Christ. Gold for being a king; incense for being God; and myrrh for being a man.

The Magi offered Jesus their gifts: Gold, incense and myrrh. Today those Magi are you and me.

What gifts have we brought him? Our gratitude and love?

Wish you once again Happy New Year 2022.

Live Jesus, Fr Biju MSFS

Parish News

Fr. Biju to Visit Family Next Month: Fr. Biju will be returning to India to visit his family from January 12 through the first week of February 2022. Those days if anyone wishes to be remembered in 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.

First Sunday Rosary: We will be praying the rosary on the first Sunday of each month in church at 7:00 PM. The next one will be January 2nd. Please plan to attend to pray as our Holy Mother has called us to do.

Christmas decorations: We will take down the decorations after mass on Sunday January 9th. Please plan to help!

Announcing a Lifeline of Hope and Healing for Struggling Marriages: When the old ways aren't working, the Retrouvaille Program helps couples restore their marriages and rebuild loving relationships. This is a three-phase program that begins with a weekend stay in the Wausau area. A series of “post sessions” provide ongoing healing and support. Presentations are given by couples who share their personal struggles in marriage and the tools they used to rediscover their love. Participants reflect and interact in privacy with their spouse. It is not group therapy. Costs are affordable and no couple is turned away because of limited finances. If you are wondering if this program is right for you or a loved one, find more information and answers to Frequently Asked Questions at www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call toll-free: 1-877-922-HOPE (4673) All calls are fully confidential. The next program begins on February 18-20, 2022. Space is limited. Early registration is recommended!

DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING INSTANCES OF CHILD ABUSE: The Diocese of La Crosse, through its policies and procedures, seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor or volunteer). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Mrs. Teresa Brown, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Brown at 608.791.0179 or intakeagent@diolc.org. The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at: diolc.org/safeenvironment/reporting. Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local Parish and on the diocesan website. If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, please contact Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at 608.791.2679 or tbrown@diolc.org.