

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 February Friday Fun Night: Join us for a Fun Night on Friday, February 25th from 6-10 PM at the Parish Hall located at W2621 State Rd 33, La Crosse. A \$10 admission fee covers your food and drink. The night includes games of chance, cash raffle, walk around gun raffle, door prizes and a great time!

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.

- 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 9 PM.

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.

Crosswoods Family Camp in Wisconsin: You are invited to attend Catholic "Family Camp" June 10-12, 2022 at CrossWoods Adventure Camp, LLC, which is owned and operated by a Catholic family in the diocese. Alice Heinzen is coming to speak this year. Please see the flier in the back of church. You can also visit crosswoods.camp for further details and to see pictures of this beautiful camp.

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!

**Kids Korner
Saint Paul
Teaches About Love**

SORRY I BROKE THIS. I FORGIVE YOU. In today's second reading St. Paul tells us what real love is like. It is patient, kind, and forgiving, and it rejoices in the truth. Love never fails! No matter how important you are, or talented, or smart, what really makes you great is loving others.

LET'S PLAY A GAME YOU LIKE! Who do you love? Can you love someone who bothers you or doesn't like you? Love isn't just a nice feeling about somebody. It means deciding to want what is best for that person. You really can love people that you don't get along with! It's a decision that you can make.

Who was the most loving person ever? Jesus! Think of how much He must have loved us to die on the cross for us even though we hurt Him by our sins! Every day tell Jesus that you love Him, and show it to Him by loving the people around you.



Luke: 4.21-30

Jesus' neighbours got upset with Him when He said that they wouldn't appreciate a prophet from their own town. But when they tried to throw Him off a cliff, He walked right through the crowd and went away

Can you find Jesus in this crowd?

PASTOR

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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/Bookkeeper

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Bulletin deadline:Wednesday

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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

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 30, 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

2/2 Wed. 8:00 AM – No Mass
2/4 Fri. 8:00 AM – No Mass
2/5 Sat. 8:00 PM – Living & deceased members of the Dave Scharping family (DKS)
2/6 Sun. 10:00 AM – St. Peters Parish Family

2021-22 Diocesan Annual Appeal

Goal: \$10,765.00
Total Pledged: \$6,505.00
Total Received: \$6,345.00
Under Goal: \$4,260.00
Participation: 61%

Pray Often & Daily!!!

Parish Finances

Weekly Target - \$1,700.00
Last Week's Total - \$694.00
-\$1,006.00

Year to Date Target - \$51,000.00
Year to Date Total - \$43,856.72
-\$7,143.28

Readings for February 6, 2022

First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Gospel Reading: Luke 5:1-11

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 February 5 -
Servers: Matthew & Andrew Schaub
Ushers: Tom Schaub & Don Halderson
Lector: Melissa Schaub

Sunday February 6 -
Servers: Madi & Lily Gronemus
Ushers: Mark Stephenson & Mark Gronemus
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

Now until Feb. 7 - Fr. Biju on vacation in India visiting family - No weekday masses
Sun. Jan. 30 - 2022 Catholic Campaign for Human Development collection
Wed. Feb. 2 - Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM
Sun. Feb. 6 - Rosary in church @ 7:00 PM
Sun. Feb. 6 - Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM
Wed. Feb. 9 - Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM
Sun. Feb. 13 - Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM
Wed. Feb. 16 - CCD mass @ 6:45 PM All are welcome
Sun. March 6 - Cabin Feverfest Doors open at Noon



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

Journey with Saint Francis de Sales

Integration and harmony on the path to holiness: The devout Person should integrate prayer and action. St. Francis de Sales cautions every Christian of the danger of dichotomy in living. It is not enough to appear devout and perform some acts of devotion. One has to be truly devout in thoughts, words and deeds.

If a person is really devout he/she should show it not only in praying but also in his/her actions as well. He, who is in the habit of fasting, may falsely believe that because he fasts he is very devout, even though his heart is filled with hatred. Some people will not take a sip of wine or even water, anxious about sobriety, but have no scruples to damage the good name of their neighbors by speaking ill or by false statements. Some others spend hours in the church but when they get back home they fight with their spouses, children and neighbors. St. Francis de Sales considers all these as hypocrisy.

If one is truly devout one must harmonize prayer with actions. The easiest way to know whether one is holy is to examine critically whether there is harmony between one's religious practices and day-to-day living. St. Francis de Sales had an integral and holistic approach to spiritual life. In this approach every aspect of spiritual, social, cultural and human life finds harmony, balance and beauty. Gentleness is balanced by firmness, sense of justice by mercy, prudence with simplicity and so forth. His approach to the members of other Christian Churches was marked by gentleness, patience and love.

Humility as essential to spirituality: God can fill only a humble heart with His gifts. Therefore, humility is one of the foundations of an authentic spirituality. True humility consists in acknowledging the gifts of God and being grateful to Him for them. Trust and humility go hand in hand. It is by practicing humility that we become humble (not by trying to overcome pride).

St. Francis de Sales says: "Do not strive to destroy pride. Make humility strong by practice." For him, humility is the recognition and acceptance of the truth about self.

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2022 Catholic Campaign for Human Development: This collection will take place this weekend. Please watch for an envelope in the bulletin and thank you for your generosity!

Mark your Calendars: Fr. Biju has agreed for us to host our annual **Cabin Feverfest** again! We are planning the Euchre tournament and soup luncheon for Sunday March 6th. Doors will open at Noon and cards will start at 1:00 pm. Please watch for a sign-up sheet for donated food items and help needed. Cost will be \$10 per person with 1st-4th prizes awarded. Come join us & tell your friends!!

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 February 6th. Please plan to attend to pray as our Holy Mother has called us to do.

World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in parishes on the weekend of February 5- 6. Please pray for all those who have answered the call to consecrated life, aspiring towards joy-filled holiness in the service of the Church and world. Please pray also for many more laborers to enter the vineyard so that Jesus Christ may be better known, experienced, and loved! In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd. This Feast is also known as Candlemas Day, the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples. The celebration of World Day for Consecrated Life is transferred to the following Sunday in order to highlight the gift of consecrated persons for the whole Church.

January is National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month: Human trafficking can be described as a form of modern slavery, where victims, either male or female are forced into commercial sex and/or labor. Victims come from any socioeconomic group, race, culture, religion, ethnic background or age. Nobody appears to be immune or safe. However, this is an issue that many Americans are unaware of. There are 25 different types of trafficking within the United States. Examples are: Sex trafficking, forced labor, forced marriage, exploitative begging and pornography.