

**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](http://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**

*Fishers of Men*



In today's gospel reading Peter had been out fishing all night and hadn't been able to catch any fish. When Jesus told him to let down the nets again he did it anyway. He was very surprised when the nets filled up with fish right away. And there were so many that the boat started to sink!

Jesus told Peter and his friends James and John that he was going to make them "fishers of men." But He didn't mean that they would catch people in nets! He was showing them that they had to bring people into the Church.



Who are the "fishers of men" today? Priests! They help people to come to the Faith by giving them the sacraments and teaching them the truth about God.



Luke 5:1-11

*Peter had been fishing all night and caught nothing. But when Jesus told him to let the nets down again, they got filled right up! Can you draw enough fish to fill the nets?*

**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 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

**MUSIC**

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](http://www.saintpetersparish.net)

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

**FEBRUARY 6, 2022**

*Do not be afraid;  
from now on you will be  
catching men.*



**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

2/9 Wed. 8:00 AM – † Theresa Clements (LRH)  
2/11 Fri. 8:00 AM – † Orvin Lee (ML)  
2/12 Sat. 8:00 PM – † Dave Hundt (HEC)  
2/13 Sun. 10:00 AM – Deceased members of the Al & Anna Mae Antony family (AA)

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 - \$957.50  
-\$742.50  
  
Year to Date Target - \$52,700.00  
Year to Date Total - \$44,814.22  
-\$7,885.78

Readings for February 13, 2022

**First Reading:** Jeremiah 17:5-8  
**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 15:12-20  
**Gospel Reading:** Luke 6:17-26

**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 12 -**  
Servers: Rebecca Schaub & Isabell Korn  
Ushers: Bill Korn & Phil Gronemus  
Lector: Melissa Schaub

**Sunday February 13 -**  
Servers: James Hundt & Arnie Nicolai  
Ushers: Leo Leis & Peter Benzing  
Lector: Kathy Flock

**\*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. Feb. 6 – Rosary in church @ 7:00 PM  
Feb. 7 - Fr. Biju returns from India visiting family  
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  
Wed. Feb. 16 – Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM  
Fri. Feb. 18 – St. Peter's Couples Night 7-9 PM  
Sun. Feb. 20 – Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM  
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  
Monday .....5:30pm  
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**

**Practicing little virtues as a way of growing in spiritual life:** The little virtues like patience, gentleness and humility are very often neglected by people as just the ordinary. They are definitely not "little" – on the contrary, they are great virtues, they make a difference in our day-to-day life. St. Francis de Sales saw great power in them. They can shape our lives and relationships. They also help us form and build communities.

A kind word spoken, a warm greeting, a little help, a cheerful approach, a patient listening, or a gentle look can work miracle in our daily life. The truth is that we get a lot of opportunities to practice these virtues, while the chances for practicing other so-called great virtues are very rare. One who waits for them, neglecting these little virtues, will meet with disappointment.

For Francis de Sales little virtues are those that can be practiced by anyone at any situation. For him the great virtues appear to be mere wishful thinking without the practice of the little virtues. Among all the little virtues he speaks of like: patience, good-naturedness, mortifications of the heart, humility, obedience, chastity, poverty, tenderness towards our neighbor, bearing their imperfections, diligence and holy fervor. Francis de Sales preference is for three little virtues: gentleness of heart, poverty of spirit (humility) and simplicity of life.

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**Love is in the Air:** Valentine's day is a time to celebrate your love. How about doing something different this year? St. Peter's Couples Night will be Friday February 18<sup>th</sup> from 7-9 PM in the church basement. There will be an inspirational speech, intimate 4 course meal with your Sweetheart, a short movie and Christian fellowship. Make your reservations by February 15<sup>th</sup> by calling the parish office (486-2180) or send an email to [stpetersrectory@centurytel.net](mailto:stpetersrectory@centurytel.net) . This event is FREE and open to all married or engaged couples.

**Cabin Feverfest:** We are planning our Euchre tournament and soup luncheon for Sunday March 6<sup>th</sup>. Doors will open at Noon and cards will start at 1:00 pm. **The sign-up sheet for donated food items and help needed is in the back of church along with posters that you can take around to your favorite places.** Cost will be \$10 per person with 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup>** . Please plan to attend to pray as our Holy Mother has called us to do.

**2022 Catholic Campaign for Human Development:** There is still time to return your envelopes for this collection. Thank you for your generosity!

**Why wait until you're engaged?** Learn about communication, male/female complementarity, conflict resolution, healing, forgiveness, and much more now! **Relationship Ready: The Single Catholic's Roadmap to Marriage** is an 8-week interactive, online course that offers the tools necessary to have fruitful dating relationships and lasting marriages - the only program of its kind! Presenters include Greg & Lisa Popcak, Damon & Melanie Owens, Greg & Julie Alexander, Fr. Thomas Loya, Dr. Bob Schuchts, and other dynamic Catholic speakers. Sessions include presentations, Q&A and small group discussions with other single Catholics from all over the world. Recordings will be available, so no worries if you can't make every session. **Sign up now! The first 50 registrants will receive a free coaching or spiritual direction session!** Visit <https://nationalcatholicsingles.com/relationship-ready/> for more information and to register. **Early registration closes February 10th and the program begins February 15th.**