

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)

Pray for Supreme Court Dobbs Case: Remember to pray for the Supreme Court Justices as they continue to deliberate about the Dobbs pro-life law prohibiting abortion after 15 weeks. Please pray for each Supreme Court Justice by name, and pray that they will overturn Roe v. Wade. Visit www.dioc.org/respect-life for more information and to download a flier with the names and photos of the nine justices.

Chicken Q: Mary, Mother of the Church Parish, 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, will be holding a Chicken-Que on Thursday, May 12, from 11:00 - 6:00 p.m. for pick up and delivery only. The price is \$12 and includes a half chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, homemade beans and a dinner roll. For pre-sale tickets (guaranteed) and deliveries, call (608) 518-6145. No minimum order and no delivery charge.

Padre Jose Polish Party - Celebrating Father Joseph Walijewski: Join us on Saturday, May 14th - 4:00 pm - 9:00 pm at Memories Ballroom, 142475 County Road NN, Marathon City. Come and enjoy a family-friendly dinner and dance celebrating Father Joseph Walijewski, his Polish heritage, and the legacy he left for us through the good works he did as a priest in South America and the Diocese of La Crosse. Enjoy the authentic polish dinner followed by live polka music presented by Rhythm Playboys Trio. There will be many raffle baskets which are sure to have something for everyone. \$30 adult; \$10 6-12 year olds; Free 5 and under, \$10 dance only begins at 6:00 pm. Purchase advance tickets at: homeajpm.org/events. For questions or to register by phone, please call Noel Furger at 715-297-5139.

Single and Catholic? We know about the married and religious vocations, but what about the baptismal vocation we all have? Join us this June for a 4-week online interactive series that will help equip you to more fully discover and effectively live your baptismal vocation! Capacity is limited. Sign up today. For more information and to register visit: <https://nationalcatholicsingles.com/mission-possible-living-your-baptismal-vocation/>

Free Brain Checks: Contact the Aging & Disability Resource Center to schedule your check. See the flier in the back of church.

Crosswoods Family Camp: June 10-12, 2022 This camp is for families wanting to deepen their faith in the great outdoors, together! Participants will experience Family in Faith Speakers, Adventures, Bonfires, Praise & Worship, Crafts, etc. The cost is \$280/family of 4, \$30 more/person to max of 6 (\$340). For more information, visit crosswoods.camp and select the "Family Camp" webpage for more information and how to register.

Kids Korner

The Sheep and the Shepherd

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells us about His sheep. Do you know who His sheep are? We are His sheep! He loves us and protects us just like a shepherd cares for his sheep. And what do the sheep do in return? They listen to His voice and follow Him.

We also hear about Jesus being called the "Lamb of God." When He became man, He was like one of the sheep in God's sheepfold. But He was not the same as all the rest of us. He never did any sins Himself, but he died for us on the cross to save us from our sins. That is why at every Mass we say, "Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us."

Now that Jesus is not visibly here on earth, He has left us another shepherd to care for His flock. Do you know who that is? It's the pope! God gives him grace to guide and protect the Church. Can you say a Hail Mary for Pope Francis today?



Answer to Word Puzzle: GOD SHEPHERD

Jesus' Sheep Word Puzzle

Use the words in the list to fill in the blanks. Use the numbered letters to fill in the blanks at the very end.

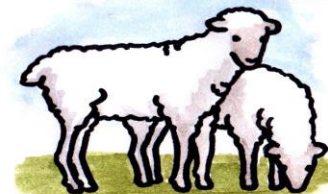
Jesus _____⁴ *John 10:27-30*
 "My sheep hear my voice;
 I _____³ them
 and they _____² _____⁷
 I give them eternal life;
 and they shall never _____⁸ _____
 and no one can take them out of my _____¹²
 My Father, who has _____¹ _____¹⁰ them to me,
 _____⁵ _____¹⁰ than all,
 and no one can take _____⁶ _____
 out of the Father's hand.
 The _____⁹ and I _____¹¹ one."

**FOLLOW ME FATHER
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 GREATER THEM ARE**

Jesus is the

 1 2 3 4

 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12



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

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Parish website: www.saintpetersparish.net

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 8, 2022

MY SHEEP HEAR MY VOICE,
 AND I KNOW THEM, AND THEY

FOLLOW ME



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

5/11 Wed. 8:00 AM – † Karen Schroeder (TMN)
5/13 Fri. 8:00 AM – Living & deceased members of the Earl & Virginia Lowe family (RJK)
5/14 Sat. 8:00 PM – Deceased members of the Al & Anna Mae Antony family (AA)
5/15 Sun. 10:00 AM – St. Peters Parish Family

2021-22 Diocesan Annual Appeal

Goal: \$10,765.00
Total Pledged: \$7,330.00
Total Received: \$7,250.00
Under Goal: \$3,435.00
Participation: 68%

Pray Often & Daily!!!

Parish Finances

Weekly Target - \$1,700.00
Last Week's Total - \$2,293.20
\$593.20
Year to Date Target - \$74,800.00
Year to Date Total - \$72,816.87
-\$1,983.13

Readings for May 15, 2022

First Reading: Acts 14: 21-27
Second Reading: Revelation 21: 1-5
Gospel Reading: John 13: 31-35

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 May 14 – 8:00 PM
Servers: Andrew & Matthew Schaub
Ushers: Don Halderson & Phil Gronemus
Lector: Dan Korn
Sunday May 15 – 10:00 AM
Servers: Lukas Slattery & James Hundt
Ushers: Leo Leis & Rob Slattery
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

Sat. May 7 & Sun. May 8 - Mothers Day Rose Sale
Sun. May 8 - Rosary in the church @ 7:30 pm
Sun. May 15 - Rosary in the church @ 7:30 pm
Tues. May 17 - Finance Council meeting @ 6:45 PM
Sun. May 22 - Rosary in the church @ 7:30 pm
Sat. May 28 & Sun. May 29 - Fr Biju gone; Fr. Wolf will celebrate masses
Sun. May 29 - Rosary in the church @ 7:30 pm
Sun. June 5 - Rosary in church @ 7:30 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
The Fourth Sunday of Easter

The fourth Sunday of Easter traditionally remembers Jesus, the Good Shepherd. In today's brief but powerful gospel passage, Jesus speaks about himself as our shepherd. Jesus said: "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one." How appropriate that we hear this Gospel passage on Mother's Day. Jesus compares himself to a shepherd, guiding and protecting us. He promises the sheep of his flock that he will forever hold them securely in his hand. How fortunate we are to have had mothers who have guided us, protected us, loved us, and held us, who have treated us with the tender loving care of the Good Shepherd. At each of our Masses this weekend, we will give a special blessing to mothers and those who show a mother's love to others.

This weekend is also World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Our Holy Father Pope Francis has declared this Good Shepherd Sunday to be a World Day of Prayer for Vocations. It's a day of prayer for all vocations in the Church but in a particular way for vocations to the ordained ministry of priesthood and diaconate and to the consecrated life of religious women and men. What does it mean for us? Pray that the Lord of the harvest will send laborers into the fields to bring to him a holy and dedicated people. We also remind ourselves as a member of the Church to foster vocations.

Last week we concluded the religious education program for the last academic year. We had our First Communion last Sunday together with the May crowning. Last Wednesday our students who were preparing themselves for Confirmation were confirmed by our Rev Bishop Callahan. I like to thank all those catechists who were volunteers who helped our little children to grow in faith. It's a pure gift from the heart to be dedicated volunteers. Thank you for your time and talents. A warm welcome to Serena and Robert Foley from Eau Claire. Serena will be playing the harp this weekend.

Have a great weekend

Live Jesus, Fr Biju

Parish News

Month of May Rosary: During the month of May, the month of Mary our Blessed Mother, we will meet at the church every Sunday of the month at 7:30 pm to pray the rosary. All are welcome!!

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 **June 5th**. Please plan to attend to pray as our Holy Mother has called us to do.

Servers Needed: As many of you have probably noticed, we are in desperate need of more Mass Servers! A HUGE thank you for those students that step up every Saturday and Sunday!!

We seem to have students that fall into 3 categories:

1. Students in grade 4 and up who have *never* been a server. Maybe as a 4th grader your child wasn't comfortable and ready to take on the job, but now they are. They can still train and join the group at ANY age!
2. Students who were trained but have fallen off the serving schedule for various reasons. We would like you back!
3. New 3rd grade servers. Third graders that received the Sacrament of First Communion this past Sunday are eligible to begin training as Servers. Because we have such a dire need, training can begin immediately instead of waiting until 4th grade. The more students we have as Mass Servers, the easier it is to make a schedule that is balanced and reflects a team effort! The plan is to have the next serving schedule prepared by May 16th. It will cover the summer months. Please contact Melissa ASAP. There is a need for Saturday nights, so if your summer schedule is different from your school year schedule, let Melissa know to switch/add you to Saturday night.

***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. Thank you.