

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)

Door of Hope Pregnancy & Family Care Center: This center located in Viroqua is planning a fundraising CORN BOIL at the Vernon County Fairgrounds Expo Center on August 4th. Door of Hope serves new moms and those with young children by providing practical & emotional support. Call 608-637-8688 for more information.

Mission: Casa Hogar Optical Mission is looking for volunteers for its January 2023 mission to Lurin, Peru. If you are interested, please contact Cindy Sjolander at casahogaroptycalmission@outlook.com with any questions and the application form.

Chris Stefanick to speak on Living Joy on Wednesday, August 24: Living Joy is an urgently needed message for a world grasping for joy but settling for short-lived pleasures. With his characteristic humor and insights from daily life, Chris Stefanick will share the path to living joy, the joy that only Jesus Christ can give. Chris, an internationally known author and speaker, will present virtually on Wednesday, August 24th from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person. The first 80 people to register will receive Chris's new book, "Living Joy," retail cost of \$24. To register visit diolc.org/witness-joy.

Giving Back: A special opportunity for you and for our parish!! James Cherf, owner of By James Galleries, would like to give you the opportunity to help your parish while putting artwork in your home. Between August 17th and September 17th, 75% of the sale of any piece of artwork will be donated to your parish by James as he sells off his entire inventory at 111 South 5th Street. Just let him know the name of your intended parish at the time of the purchase and he will send a check!! Store hours are Wednesday through Friday from noon to 5:00pm and Saturday from 10:00am to 2:00pm and by appointment.

St. Patrick's Parish Annual Summerfest: Mark your calendars for August 20 & 21 for this annual fundraiser. Saturday there will be Mexican & American food stands, family games & activities, arts & crafts sale, Country Store, Bake sale, Quilt sale, Bingo, Silent auction, 50/50 raffles & a live Mariachi band all at the Eagle's Club in Sparta. Sunday will be a Baked chicken dinner (dine in or carry out & delivery available), Live Specialty auction & Raffle ticket drawing at the St. Pat's School. See the flier in the back of church for more info or check it out on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/SummerfestSparta/>.

Kids Korner

Jesus teaches us not to be greedy



In today's Gospel reading, a man tells Jesus that his brother is being unfair to him. But Jesus knows that the man is just being greedy, so He tells him the parable of the rich farmer. One year he had such a good harvest that he couldn't fit it all into his barns. He tore down his old barns and built new ones, so that he could store his food for many years. But just when he thought he would be able to rest and enjoy his food, God told him that he would die.

This parable is a warning against being greedy. Jesus is not saying that we should not save some food or that we shouldn't save our money. He is just telling us to remember that we are going to die one day, and then everything we saved is going to be useless for us. He wants us to use the things we have wisely, but not be too attached to them.



Think of something that is really special to you. How would you feel if you lost it or it was taken away? Do your feelings show that you care too much about things? Try to think of your belongings in such a way that if you lost them you wouldn't be too upset. After all, none of your stuff is going to matter to you when you die!

Answer to the Puzzle on Front Page: Blessed are the poor in spirit. www.thekidsbulletin.com

The Rich Farmer Word-Find

"Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does NOT consist of POSSESSIONS." There was a rich man whose LANDS PRODUCED a BOUNTIFUL HARVEST. He asked himself, 'What shall I do, for I do not have SPACE to store my harvest?' And he said, 'This is what I shall do: I shall TEAR down my BARNs and build LARGER ones. There I shall store all my GRAIN and other GOODS and I shall SAY to MYSELF, "Now as for you, you have so MANY good things STORED up for many years, REST, EAT, DRINK, be MERRY!" But GOD said to him, "You FOOL, this NIGHT your LIFE will be DEMANDED of you; and the THINGS you have PREPARED, to whom will they belong?"

Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not RICH in what matters to God.

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Find the words from today's Gospel that are written in CAPITALS. Use the left over letters to fill in the blanks at the end.



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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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

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FUNERAL COMMITTEE CHAIR

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

MUSIC

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Leland Gregorich, Organist

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Middle Ridge, WI
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Parish website: www.saintpetersparish.net
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
JULY 31, 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

8/3 Wed. 8:00 AM – † Paul A. Hundt (MLH)

8/5 Fri. 8:00 AM – Our Lady’s Intentions (RK)

8/6 Sat. 8:00 PM – † Stanley B Hundt (AH)

8/7 Sun. 10:00 AM – St. Peter’s Parish Family

Ministry Servers

Saturday August 6 – 8:00 PM

Servers: Andrew & Matthew Schaub

Ushers: Mike Schaub & Tim Leis

Lector: Dan Korn

Sunday August 7 – 10:00 AM

Servers: Kate & Allis Gronemus

Ushers: Leo Leis & Mark Gronemus

Lector: John Hundt

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday: 7:30 – 9:00 pm

Come spend some quiet time with Jesus. Confessions available.

Parish Calendar of Events

Friday Aug. 5 – Anointing of the Sick Sacrament available after mass; contact Fr. Biju to schedule

Sun. August 7 – Rosary in church @ 7:30 PM

Tues. Aug. 9 – Cabbage Cutting @ 5:30 PM

Tues. Aug. 9 – PCCW informal mtg during cutting

Tues. Aug. 9 – Sauerkraut Supper committee meeting after cabbage cutting

Aug. 8 – Aug. 12 – Fr. Biju on Retreat

Mon. Aug. 15 – The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass @ 8:00 PM

Aug. 21 & 22 – Fr. Biju gone on Mission Appeal Please welcome Fr. Pace to celebrate mass.

Aug. 23 – Parish Finance meeting @ 7:30 pm

Sat. Sept. 24 – Clean Garage for Sauerkraut Supper

Wed. Oct. 12 – Sauerkraut Supper 3:30 - 7:30 PM



***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.

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

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In Chapter 12 of Luke's Gospel a man in the crowd shouts out to Jesus, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” Jesus offers the man no help. Instead, he uses the question to teach what, in light of the coming judgment, life really consists of. Material and earthly things become outdated and expire; but spiritual things are eternal, they last forever. In this context Jesus gives us the parable of the rich fool. He was rich man in the worldly sense, who got abundant harvest. He was rich in material wealth and poor in spiritual life and hence a rich fool.

The reason for bountiful harvest is not given. Probably the weather and soil were good. The rich man and his workers might be experienced and experts. However, he forgot that the good weather, the good soil, the health and availability of laborers were the blessings of God. God favored him with plentiful harvest not just for himself but for all people who labored for it and the people living around him. This selfish man thought of “I” and “my” only. He became such a slave of his wealth that he ignored God and his neighbors. The rich man in the story represents the coward in us trying to make his life secure, who is not at all bothered about the other but only oneself. He filled his barns and built new ones. But Jesus tells "Take heed, and beware of all covetousness; for a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions. The only possession which we can take along with us is having a heart for God and others. That’s the real treasure in the words of Jesus love of God and neighbor.

On August 4th we celebrate the feast of John Marie Vianney +1859. He is universally known as the “Curé of Ars”; compassionate spiritual counselor who spent usually no less than eleven hours every day in the confessional in the winter, sixteen in the summer; patron of priests and the parish clergy.

Live Jesus, Fr Biju MSFS

Parish News

Cabbage Cutting: Plan to help out on Tuesday August 9th at 5:30 pm to help cut cabbage for the Sauerkraut Supper. There will be an informal meeting during the cutting and a Supper committee meeting afterwards.

Anointing of the Sick: Father Biju will be available to perform this Sacrament on the first Friday of the month after daily mass. Please contact him directly if you or a family member would like to receive. **This is available Friday August 5th.**

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 **August 7th**. Please plan to attend to pray as our Holy Mother has called us to do.

Organ Recital at Cathedral: The third in a series of three summer organ recitals will be performed at the Cathedral on Sunday August 7 at 3:30 by Samuel Holmberg, principal organist at the Basilica of St. Mary in Minneapolis. He is a graduate of the Eastman School of Music and Luther College and was formerly the director of music at St. Peter Cathedral in Marquette, Michigan. The recital will be about one hour in duration. Admission is free; a freewill offering will be accepted. Ample parking available. An opportunity to hear great organ music performed on a magnificent Noack organ!

Historical Visit: Cardinal Jean-Claude Hollerich of Luxembourg will make an historic pastoral visit to La Crosse celebrating Mass at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in La Crosse on August 9, 2022 at 5:00 pm. All are welcome. The Luxembourg/American Descendants of the La Crosse Region will host a reception following the Mass at Viterbo Fine Art Center. Advanced reservations for the reception are \$30 per person. For more information contact S. Carrie Kirsch at ckirsch@fspa.org.

Safe Environment: 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@dioc.org. The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at: dioc.org/safe-environment/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@dioc.org.

Mark Your Calendars!

Sauerkraut Supper Drive-Thru

Wednesday October 12, 2022

Serving 3:30 – 7:30 PM

Help needed both Tuesday & Wednesday all day!

Pray Often & Daily!!!

Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target - \$1,700.00

Last Week’s Total - \$1,216.00
-\$484.00

Year to Date Target - \$6,800.00

Year to Date Total - \$5,592.57
-\$1,207.43

Readings for August 7, 2022

First Reading: Wisdom 18:6-9

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

Gospel Reading: Luke 12:32-48

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.