

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)

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/>.

Rural Life Day: September 21 The Diocese of La Crosse will hold its 41st annual Rural Life Day on Wednesday, September 21, hosted by Jack and Pat Herricks at 12130 Hwy. 33, Cashton, WI. Come celebrate the farmers in our midst, who benefit us all by their good stewardship of the land. The day begins with 10 a.m. Mass celebrated by Bishop William Patrick Callahan, followed by awards, recognitions, the blessing of crops and machinery, and a catered lunch. For a flyer or brochure, visit diolc.org/rural-life. For more information, contact Deacon Bob Zietlow, Rural Life Committee Liaison, rzietlow@diolc.org.

Kids Korner

Being Punished...

In today's second reading, Saint Paul wrote to the Hebrews about being disciplined by God. When we are young God wants our parents to make sure we behave well. When we don't behave He wants them to discipline us so that we will learn to be good.



Our parents don't punish us just because they are angry at us; they do it because they really love us and want us to learn to be better. Saint Paul says that the Lord disciplines the people that He loves.



Being punished is a painful thing, but we will be happy once we have learned our lesson and become a better person. Saint Paul says, "make a straight path for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed." He means that when you are punished, you should stop doing the wrong thing so that you won't be hurt worse from the punishment, but will get better instead. So the next time you are disciplined or punished, remember that God is allowing it to help you become a better person. If you can, even thank God for giving you the chance to make up for your sin and learn a good lesson!

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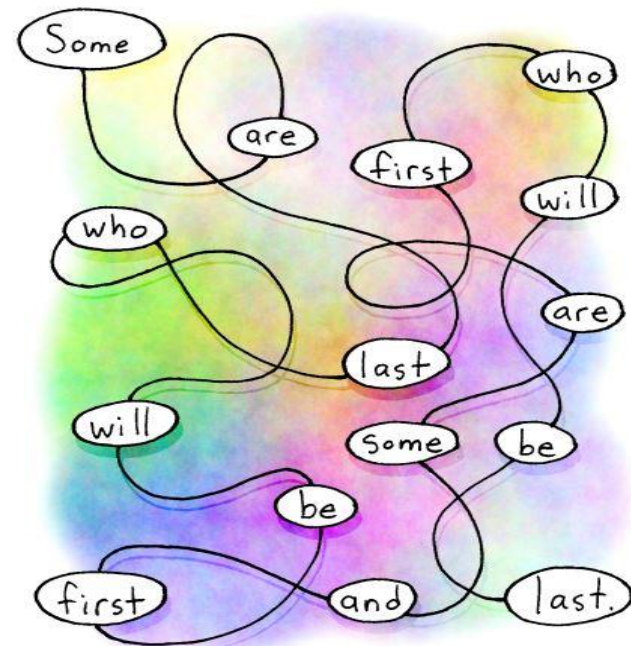


Inside: Some are last who will be first and some are first who will be last.
Picture on front: the narrow door

All in the Right Order

What was one of the things Jesus said in today's Gospel reading about the people in the Kingdom of Heaven?

Follow the squiggly line to sort out the words. Start with "Some" in the top left corner.



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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

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Leland Gregorich, Organist

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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 21, 2022

Jesus said,
"The door to heaven
is narrow. Try hard to
enter it."

(Read: Luke 13:22-30, ERV)

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

8/24 Wed. 8:00 AM – † Kathy Doyle (ANN)

8/26 Fri. 8:00 AM – The Souls in Purgatory (RK)

8/27 Sat. 8:00 PM – † Robert Smith (MLH)

8/28 Sun. 10:00 AM – † Stan Hundt (MLH)

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 -	<u>\$1,972.70</u>
	\$272.70
Year to Date Target -	\$11,900.00
Year to Date Total -	<u>\$9,700.02</u>
	-\$1,199.98

Readings for August 28, 2022

First Reading: Sirach 3:17-29

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-24

Gospel Reading: Luke 14:1, 7-14

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 August 27 – 8:00 PM

Servers: Isabell Korn & volunteer

Ushers: Tom Schaub & Bill Korn

Lector: Melissa Schaub

Sunday August 28 – 10:00 AM

Servers: Kate & Allis Gronemus

Ushers: Mark Gronemus & Peter Benzing

Lector: Pam Benzing

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

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

Friday Sept. 2 – Anointing of the Sick Sacrament available after mass; contact Fr. Biju to schedule

Sun. Sept. 4 – Rosary in church @ 7:30 PM

Wed. Sept. 14 - Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM

Sun. Sept. 18 – Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM

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

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

This week's Gospel reading is the third of three parables in Chapter 13. As this parable opens, Luke reminds us that Jesus is making his way to Jerusalem. He is teaching as he goes. At one point of the journey someone asked Jesus, "Lord, will only a few be saved?" Jesus replied, "Strive to enter through the narrow door." He continues in the passage: "I don't know where you come from." Where we come from can be understood as the source of our actions, our motivation, our intent. If we do not keep our whole life centered on and rooted in God, we can be led astray. Knowing Jesus and having a good relationship with Him is at the heart of our faith. This is more than information, which is knowing about Jesus and what he taught and did. The Gospels make it clear that our destiny depends on our encounter with Christ. He is the means by which we will be saved; that salvation depends on whether or not we know Jesus. Let us consider our relationship with Christ. Strengthen it through our daily prayers and works of charity.

Welcome to Rev. Woodrow Pace, Vicar for Clergy. He is a true missionary priest at heart. He has visited different mission areas which include Africa. I hope it will enrich us to listen to him speak. We are all called to be missionaries and can support the greater effort of the church to evangelize. Our task is to make Christ known and loved. Remember that the church exists to evangelize.

Have a blessed week.

Live Jesus,
Fr. Biju MSFS

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Donation Opportunity: Fr. Biju is looking for donations to cover the cost of a new cruet set and Holy oil carrier for when he performs the Anointing of the Sick sacrament. If you would like to donate towards these items please put it in a marked envelope in the collection basket.

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 **September 4th**. Please plan to attend to pray as our Holy Mother has called us to do.

CCD registration is open: Families were sent the registration materials via email. If you did not receive the information or are new to our program please contact Mary Hundt at hundthill@gmail.com or [608-780-6172](tel:608-780-6172).

Mission Co-op Appeal: Fr. Woodrow Pace from our diocesan Mission Office will be offering the Masses and giving a Mission Coop appeal this weekend on behalf of Fr. Joseph Birungi for the St. Ambrose Nursing School in Hoima Diocese, Uganda. Fr. Birungi had unexpected spinal surgery and thus was unable to travel to the U.S. as planned. In Uganda, Fr. Joseph has a parish of 26,500 parishioners. Due to an acute need for the training of nurses and midwives, he started and is responsible for a nursing school in addition to his parish ministry. With a nurse to patient ratio of 1:11,000, nurses in Uganda are very scarce, over-worked, and many people die because there are no nurses to attend to them. St. Ambrose Nursing School currently has 613 students (both men and women) studying to become nurses and midwives. The number of students keeps increasing and more space is needed to accommodate them. Consequently Fr. Joseph has started constructing another hostel which is at the roofing level. Donations are desperately needed to complete the roof and remaining construction. Every sacrifice no matter how big or small will make a big difference. Please make checks payable to **St. Peter Parish** with "Uganda Mission Coop" in the memo. Let us join hands with Fr. Joseph to train more nurses in Uganda and save as many lives as possible. Thank you very much in anticipation for your generosity. May God bless you all.

U.S. Bishops' Action Alert: Tell Senators to say "No" to codifying Same-Sex "Marriage" The "Respect for Marriage Act" would prevent states from restoring the authentic understanding of marriage between man and woman if given the opportunity by the Supreme Court. It would also infringe on the religious freedom of small business wedding vendors and faith-based foster care agencies who serve their communities. Please tell Senators Ron Johnson and Tammy Baldwin to vote "No" on the poorly-named Respect for Marriage Act. To make your voice heard, and for more information, visit www.voterve.net/USCCB/home.