

Diocesan and Community News

Eucharistic Revival - 2022 through 2025:

Our world is hurting. We all need healing, yet many of us are separated from, or lack understanding of, the very source of our strength. Jesus Christ invites us to return to the source and summit of our faith: His Real Presence in the Eucharist. The National Eucharistic Revival is a three-year movement in the United States, sponsored by the U.S. Bishops, to restore and deepen understanding and devotion to this great mystery. You are encouraged to participate in this important Eucharistic Revival. Visit: eucharisticrevival.org.

Message for the week of February 5:

Jesus is truly present in the Holy Eucharist. When we look at the consecrated Host at Mass, our eyes see only bread, but the reality is we are looking at Jesus truly present. Jesus, grant me the grace to believe this truth, that though "hidden," You are truly present in Holy Communion. It is important to remember that what we are not able to see with our eyes, we grasp by choosing to believe – with faith's consent. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Lord, I want to believe. Please help me to believe that what You say is true, especially helping the part of me that sometimes questions. This week, read about the father of a sick boy who asked Jesus to help him believe what seemed impossible in Mark 9:20-27.

Pray for the Call: World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in parishes on the weekend of Feb. 4-5. 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, also for more laborers to enter the vineyard so that Jesus Christ may be better known, experienced and loved.

Post-Abortion Healing Ministry in the Diocese of La Crosse: Do you know someone who is carrying the grief and sorrow of past abortions? Project Rachel Ministry offers a compassionate heart and confidential help. Call 608-860-6698 or email projectrachel@diolc.org.

US Bishops Action Alert: Protect Taxpayers and Preborn Children. Tell the House to pass No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion!

The time has come for a permanent, across-the-board law to prevent Americans from having to contribute to violence against our most vulnerable, and for Congress to work on real solutions for women and children in need. Please tell your member of Congress to support the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act (H.R. 7) and to help bring it up for a vote in the House of Representatives. Visit votervoicenet/USCCB/home and make your voice heard.

Do you have a need for healing - spiritual, physical, psychological, emotional? Join us for a Mass and a Healing Service on Monday, February 27th at Sacred Heart Church in Cashton, WI (1205 Front Street). Schedule of the evening: 5:30 pm - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available throughout the evening beginning at 5:30 pm. 6:30 pm - Holy Mass After Mass - Adoration continues with Prayers of Healing & Deliverance. Our clergy and prayer teams will pray over those who desire it.

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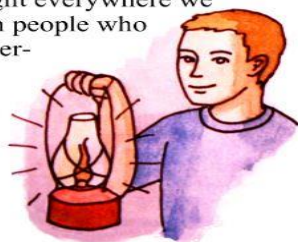


You are the Salt and Light!

Jesus says we are the salt of the earth. Have you ever tasted food that wasn't salty enough? It can taste pretty bland. But do you notice when food has the right amount of salt? Usually we don't think about it. It's kind of hiding in the food and making it taste good. Jesus wants us to be like the "salt" in the world, with the goodness and truth that He gives us.

Jesus also says that we are the light of the world. Can you imagine a completely dark world: no sun or lights or anything? It would be pretty scary. You'd never know what was happening or where you were going. That's what the world can be like for people who don't have the light of God's truth. It's our job to bring the truth to the world so that everyone can see that God loves them.

We have to bring God's light everywhere we go. But we must be gentle with people who don't understand the truth. Otherwise it would be like shining a light in someone's eyes, and they wouldn't be able to see anything. We need to start out like little candles, lighting the way so that people can follow us toward God.



Important Cemetery Information

From the Cemetery Committee: It has come to the attention of the Cemetery Committee that several headstones in our cemetery are in need of repair/maintenance. Following is a list of the names on those headstones. It is the family's responsibility to take care of these headstones. If you are a family member or know of a family member, please consider taking care of the necessary repairs and/or contacting family members. If interested, the Committee does have the name of a person who does this kind of work. If you have questions, please contact one of the Committee members.

Row 1 Johann & Catharina Brecht, John Bell

Row 4 Anton Kerska

Row 5 John & Anna Burbach

Row 6 Ernest Muenzenberger

Row 7 Anton & Margarete Lomis

Row 10 Anna Arentz, John & Katherina Burbach

Row 11 Nick Fischbach, Nick Antony

Row 12 Edmund Ott

Row 13 Vaclav Silha

Row 15 Mathias & Anna Becker

Row 16 Walter & Mabel Cavadini

Row 17 John & Anna Weber

Row 19 Peter & Margaret Hurtz

Row 22 Joseph & Mary Korn

Row 24 Mary Repky, Clarence & Mildred Muenzenberger

Row 25 Joseph & Wilma Clements

Row 26 Gasper

PASTOR

Fr. Biju Chennala Kunjukutty, MSFS

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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 8:30 PM

CONFESSIONS

Wednesdays during Adoration & By Appointment

PARISH OFFICE (located in the church Sacristy)

Hours: Wednesday 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Friday 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Melissa Schaub.....Secretary/Bookkeeper

Office Phone: (608) 486-2180

Home Phone: (608) 486-4012

Bulletin deadline:Wednesday

Email: stpetersrectory@centurytel.net

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PARISH WEBMASTER Christopher Pundzak

SACRISTANS Richard Korish & Austin Menn

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Mary Hundt, Coordinator.....(608) 780-6172

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Gary Flock, Michael Hundt, Rachel Persson, Brandon Flock
(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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Rockland, WI 54653



Parish website: www.saintpetersparish.net

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 5, 2023



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

2/8 Wed. 8:00 AM – † William Douglas Eade & family (RJK)

2/10 Fri. 8:00 AM – † Stanley B Hundt (AH)

2/11 Sat. 8:00 PM – † Arlene Schmidt (AMH)

2/12 Sun. 10:00 AM -†Bernard & Katherine Hundt (ANN)



This year our Diocesan Annual Appeal will be held in conjunction with the Inspired by the Spirit campaign and will benefit our own parish and the larger Church of La Crosse for years to come. The Diocese plans to raise \$40,000,000. Our parish goal over a 5 year time period is \$85,000 with \$55,250 coming back to our parish for our own needs and projects.

Pray Often & Daily!!!

Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target -	\$1,700.00
Last Week's Total -	\$987.75
	-\$712.25
Year to Date Target -	\$52,700.00
Year to Date Total -	\$50,546.12
	-\$2,153.88

Readings for February 12, 2023

First Reading: Sirach 15:15-20

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:17-37

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 11 – 8:00 PM

Servers: Isabell Korn & Volunteer

Ushers: Bill Korn & Tom Schaub

Lector: Melissa Schaub

Sunday February 12 – 10:00 AM

Servers: Kate & Allis Gronemus

Ushers: Peter Benzing & Gary Gronemus

Lector: Pam Benzing

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday: 7:30 – 8:30 pm

Come spend some quiet time with Jesus. Confessions available.

Parish Calendar of Events

Sun. Feb. 5 – Rosary in church @ 7:30 PM

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

Sun. Feb. 12 – Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM

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

Fri. Feb. 17 – St. Peter's Couples Night 6:30 - 9 PM

Sun. Feb. 19 – Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM

Sun. Feb. 26 – Cabin Feverfest Noon – 4:00 PM

Fri. March 3 – Anointing of the Sick Sacrament available after mass; contact Fr. Biju to schedule

Sun. March 5 – Donuts & coffee with the Knights of Columbus

March 4th & 5th – Blest Art will be selling religious items after masses

Mon. March 6 – PCCW Meeting @ 7:00 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

"You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world".

Light dispels darkness, light makes things visible, light gives warmth, light heals, light makes the way visible... This is what the disciples are called to be for the world...to be men and women whose presence dispels darkness, reveals the truth, encourages warmth of affection, facilitates healing of brokenness, shows the way...

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.

Today's Gospel passage has Jesus asking us to be the salt of the earth and light of the world. The religious men and women do that in a very visible way by consecrating themselves with religious vows. But that is not the vocation of the vast number of people.

So how can an ordinary Catholic, who is not in the lime light of public sphere, become the light of the world? It's a personal question for each of us. Wherever you go and whatever you do this week, remember to sprinkle your "salt" and shine your "light"! Because "You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world".

This coming Saturday, February 11, is the memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes and the 31st annual World Day of the Sick. On that day specially remember and pray for all who are sick in your own family, friends circle and community. Sick people, in fact, are at the center of God's people, and the Church advances together with them as a sign of a humanity in which everyone is precious and no one should be discarded or left behind.

I like to thank and welcome Brandon Flock for being gracious enough to accept to be a member of finance committee.

Have a blessed week

Live Jesus, Fr Biju

Parish News

Cabin Feverfest: Our annual Euchre party, Cabin Feverfest, will be held Sunday February 26th. There are fliers in the back of church that can be taken around to local places. There is also a sign up sheet for items needed. There is a need for a few helpers too.

Love is in the Air: Valentine's day is a time to celebrate your love. St. Peter's Couples Night will be **Friday February 17th** from 6:30 - 9 PM in the church basement. There will be an inspirational speaker, intimate multi-course meal with your Sweetheart, romantic music and Christian fellowship. Make your reservations by February 12th by calling the parish office (486-2180) or send an email to stpetersrectory@centurytel.net . This event is open to all married or engaged couples.

Blest Art visiting March 4th & 5th: Purchasing Blest Art's beautifully hand-crafted Christian items gives you the advantage of being able to reach out beyond our borders with uniquely, real, tangible and effective help. Your support for these craftsmen and hard-working Christian artists helps to ensure a viable Christian presence in the land where the gospel was first preached.

Caregiver Opportunities: The Villa St. Joseph is seeking applicants for part time evening's caregivers. The shift time is 2:30 to 10:30 PMs Starting pay is \$18.95/hr and training is provided. Interested applicants can get more information and Apply at fspa.org/careers.

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

Anointing of the Sick: Fr. 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 March 3rd**.

Information Needed: There are times that we find the need to contact parishioners by phone or email with important information (funeral plans, canceled masses or CCD, etc). We have found that many people have changed their phone numbers & emails without passing that information along to us. In an attempt to update our records please send an email to the parish office, drop a note in the mail or basket or call the office with your current information. Thank you!