

**Diocesan and Community News**

**Eucharistic Revival - 2022 through 2025:**

Visit: [eucharisticrevival.org](http://eucharisticrevival.org) for more information.

**Message for the week of August 27: A Minute with Jesus in light of the Eucharistic Revival - a movement to help all Catholics know and believe that the Eucharist is Jesus. At Mass, the Scripture Readings prepare us to receive Jesus** There are two major parts to the Mass: the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. In the Liturgy of the Word, we listen to three Readings and a Psalm from Sacred Scripture (the Bible). These Readings help us recall all that God has done for us: His love and His plan for us. We stand up for the third Reading – the Gospel, the most important Reading – because Matthew, Mark, Luke and John deliver the message that Jesus brings, and include quotations of His very own spoken words. After the Gospel, the priest or deacon helps us to understand these Readings from the Bible and how to apply the message to our daily life in order to be a more faithful follower of the Lord. Hearing the Words of Scripture and the Homily which follows helps our hearts to receive Jesus in the Eucharist. Let’s pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, help me to come to Mass with an open heart, ready to hear the Readings from Scripture and the Homily in order to know You better. This week, read from the Letter of Paul to Timothy about the importance of God’s Word: “All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, correction and training in righteousness, so that the man (or woman) of God may be fully competent and equipped for every good work.” (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

**Chicken Q:** Mary, Mother of the Church Parish (enter at Weston Street driveway) is holding a Chicken Q on Thursday, September 14 from 11:00 am - 6:00 pm. Dinner includes half chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, homemade beans, and a dinner roll. Meals are \$12 each. Pick-up and delivery only. For pre-sale tickets (guaranteed) and deliveries, call (608) 518-6145. No minimum order and no delivery charge.

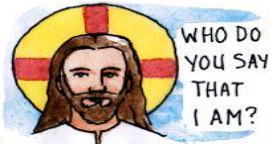
**Rural Life Day - Marshfield - All are Welcome:** The 42nd Annual Rural Life Day will be held on Sept. 13, 2023, hosted by Ken and Joellen Heiman of Heiman Holsteins, at 11875 US Hwy 10 in Marshfield. The day begins with a 10:00 AM Mass celebrated by Bishop Callahan, followed by awards, recognitions, the blessing of crops and machinery and a catered meal. There will also be wagon rides to tour the ridge-top farm. All are welcome to this celebration of the uniqueness of rural life, giving thanks to God for the contribution of rural values to the life of the Church.

**Men of the Cross Conference | Oct. 14 (8:30 a.m. - 5:15 p.m.)**  
**The La Crosse Center, La Crosse, WI:** Connect with other Catholic men from around the Diocese of La Crosse who will lift you in this role and be encouraged and challenged by men of deep faith. Tickets are \$45 per person. Fathers, make this a Father/Son day and bring your high school-age son for free! If you are planning to bring your son, please put his name in the comment section on the online registration form. For registration and more information visit [www.menofthecross.org](http://www.menofthecross.org).

**Kids Korner**

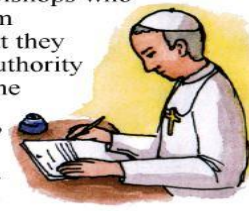
**"You Are Peter."**

Today in the Gospel reading, Jesus asked His disciples who people thought that He was. Everybody seemed to think He was someone special, but none of them knew who He really was. When Jesus asked the disciples themselves who they thought He was, Simon said that He was "the Christ, the Son of the living God!" Simon only knew this because God had put it into his mind.



When Simon had said this, Jesus said that his name would now be Peter, which means rock, and that on this rock He would build His Church. He made Simon Peter the first pope. He also said that the gates of Hell would not prevail against the Church. Jesus was assuring us that He would always protect the Church from error.

Now whenever the pope, or the bishops who are agreeing with the pope, proclaim something about God, we know that they are right. Jesus gave the teaching authority to Peter, and he passed it down to the bishops through all the centuries until now. Isn't that pretty amazing?



**Please stop to check out the poster in the back of church showing the progress in our Cemetery.**



**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 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 – 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**

Gary Flock, Rachel Persson, Brandon Flock,  
 Mark Nicolai & Louisa Peterson  
 (Committee liaisons: Peter Benzing & Leo Leis)

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

Tom Schaub, Mark Stephenson, Rob Slattery,  
 Peter Benzing, Kathy Flock, Sarah Gronemus

**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

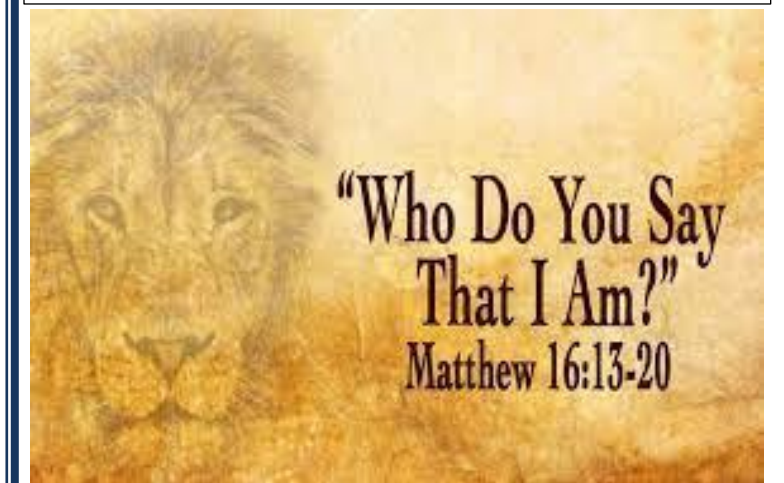
**St. Peters Catholic Church**  
**Middle Ridge, WI**  
**W697 State Hwy 33**  
**Rockland, WI 54653**



Parish website: [www.saintpetersparish.net](http://www.saintpetersparish.net)

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 27, 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

8/30 Wed. 8:00 AM –

**† Dave & Marcie Hundt (HF)**

9/1 Fri. 8:00 AM – NO MASS

9/2 Sat. 8:00 PM –

**† Donna Leis (LF)**

9/3 Sun. 10:00 AM –

**St. Peter’s Parish Family**



School will be starting again soon along with Religious Education classes here at St. Peter’s. Please keep all of the students and teachers in your prayers for a safe & productive year!!

**Pray Often & Daily!!!**

Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Please note that the budget is updated for the new fiscal year.

Weekly Target -	\$1,850.00
Last Week’s Total -	\$854.25
	-\$995.75
Year to Date Target -	\$14,800.00
Year to Date Total -	\$10,413.48
	-\$4,386.52

Readings for September 3, 2023

**First Reading:** Jeremiah 20:7-9

**Second Reading:** Romans 12:1-2

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 16:21-27

**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 September 2 – 8:00 PM**

Servers: Isabell Korn

Brielle & Brooklyn Lundeen

Ushers: Ron Hurtz & Bill Korn

Lector: Lynda Hurtz

**Sunday September 3 – 10:00 AM**

Servers: Jake & Josh Peterson

Ushers: Mark Gronemus & volunteer

Lector: Joe Peterson

**\*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 until 8:30 PM**

Come spend some quiet time with Jesus. Confessions available.

8 Ways to Pray During Eucharistic Adoration ~

- Read Spiritual Books - Ask for Intercession - Meditate
- Offer a Holy Hour - Write a Prayer Journal - Read the
- Pray Spontaneously - Ask the Saints for help Scriptures

Parish Calendar of Events

Fri. Sept. 1 – NO MASS

Sun. Sept. 3 – Rosary in church @ 7:30 PM

Wed. Sept. 13 - Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM

Sun. Sept. 17 - Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM

Family CCD mass after classes to kick off new year

Fri. Oct. 6 – Anointing of the Sick Sacrament available; contact Fr. Biju to schedule



**\*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.

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

**Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time : “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”**

It is important to read today’s Gospel and next week’s Gospel as two parts of a single story. Next week we hear Jesus would call Peter “Satan” for becoming a stumbling block as he spoke about his coming death. But this week we hear him praise. Jesus asks his disciples about his identity. Simon Peter answers, identifying Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of God. He said “You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God.” It is the fundamental profession of faith of the Church, the community of believers. Peter was the first apostle to recognize Jesus publicly as the Anointed One (also translated Messiah or Christ.) Christ is the Greek word for the Hebrew word Messiah). Peter was saying that Jesus is the Christ, the anointed one of God, Immanuel, the Salvation of God who became Man to save sinners. Because of Simon Peter’s response, Jesus calls him the "rock."

Jesus in fact pronounced a blessing upon Peter, the only disciple in the Gospels to receive a personal blessing. "Blessed are you, Simon son of John!" Next, Jesus confirmed Peter's insight as a special revelation from God. "No mere man has revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father." However, Jesus was quick to explain to the disciples that he was not a political Messiah. Instead, He was a Messiah who must suffer, die and be raised to life again.

Peter came to this knowledge, because of the relationship he shared with Jesus and what God was able to reveal in and through that relationship. How do we build up that relationship? The simple answer is by loving God. The only way to know God is to love God. Our minds will never fully grasp the mystery of God, but our hearts and souls can learn to love the mystery.

Recently I had shared with you about the unrest in some parts of India but this past week India achieved something very significant in the scientific world. On Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Aug. India became only the fourth country in the world to land a spacecraft on the moon, and the first to do so in the lunar south pole region. Hard work of many people.

On August 27<sup>th</sup> 2019 at around 1 pm I had come to St Joseph Ridge. This Sunday I will be completing four years journeying together with you. A lot to be grateful to God. Four years at the HSHS Hospital Eau Claire and four years at St Joseph Ridge and St Peter Middle Ridge. Happy to get to know many wonderful people here at both parishes. A lot of people supported me. I like to thank members of all the councils in both parishes, administrative assistants, religious education coordinators, music coordinators, accompanists, cemetery sexton, funeral luncheon prep, ushers, lectors and mass servers. Thank you for all those who helped me to help the people of India. You are always in my prayers. May God bless you. Thank you!

Have a blessed week.

Live Jesus, Fr Biju

Parish News

**Sauerkraut Supper:** It has been decided that we will go back to our sit down meal along with carry-outs available. The sit down meal will not be family style or all you can eat and there will be no drive through for the carry-outs. There will be a bake sale in the garage and a beverage tent on the lawn with entertainment. Many volunteers are needed so mark your calendars for October 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> to help. **The sign up board is now in the back of church. Please note that there is more than one day that we need help!!!**

**Fliers are also available for you to take around to local establishments.**

**Special Thanks:** Thank you to Sarah Gronemus who has agreed to join the Parish Advisory Council. God bless you!!

**Pilgrimage News:** The 2 day pilgrimage to Gower, MO to view the incorrupt body of Sister Wilhelmina was blessed & joyous! 18 adults and 17 teenagers met many dedicated & humorous nuns, priests and monks enroute, including Fr. Hansen, a loyal Packer fan from Racine. This apparent miracle of the foundress of the Benedictines of Mary, (discovered in May) is worthy or our contemplation.

**DCCW:** Have you heard about or seen the movie the “Sound of Freedom”, a story about child and human trafficking? Come learn more about this problem from Deacon Steve Przedpelski of the Franciscan Peacemakers of Milwaukee. He is the speaker for the La Crosse Deanery of Catholic Women Fall Assembly. It will be held at Mary, Mother of Church, September 18, 2023. The program will start at 6 p.m. with a light supper and desserts. All ladies of all area parishes are invited, but please tell us if you are coming so we have enough food! If needed, rides will be provided. Please call Rita Sanchez, 608-780-3621 or Kay Kesler, 608-780-0485 to let us know.

**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 October 6<sup>th</sup>.**

**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 3<sup>rd</sup>.** Please plan to attend to pray as our Holy Mother has called us to do.

**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!

**Hearing Assistance:** For anyone finding it difficult to hear during mass we now have head-sets available in the sacristy that can be used to help. They are linked into our sound system directly.