

Diocesan and Community News

Eucharistic Revival - 2022 through 2025:

Visit: eucharisticrevival.org for more information.

Message for the week of September 3:

We respond with thanksgiving after receiving Jesus in Holy Communion. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, and the words of Jesus repeated by the priest, a miracle happens at every Mass. The substance of the bread and wine become the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus, even though the bread and wine still look the same. When we receive Jesus, we want to **thank** Him for this incredible Gift. Then we can speak with Him about anything that is on our heart. We also want to listen to what He might say to us in the quiet of our heart.

Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, I believe in you. Jesus, I hope in You. Jesus, I want to love You with all my heart Jesus, I **thank** You for having come to dwell in me as I receive You in Holy Communion. I welcome You into my heart and I ask you to "crowd out" whatever might be there that is not of You. And I desire to give You full reign as my Lord, my Savior and my King. **Thank** You for giving Your life for me on the Cross, loving me this much and allowing me to receive You into my heart in this present moment. And now that You are so close to me, please help me love You more and more, and serve You by loving the people around me. Amen.

This week, read Psalm 107:1. "Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever!"

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.

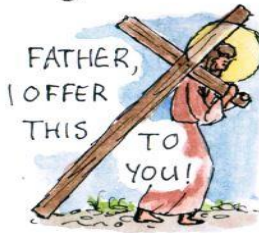
Rural Life Day - Marshfield - All are Welcome: The 42nd Annual Rural Life Day will be held on Sept. 13, 2023, hosted by Ken and Joellen Heiman of Heiman Holsteins, at 11875 US Hwy 10 in Marshfield. The day begins with a 10:00 AM Mass celebrated by Bishop Callahan, followed by awards, recognitions, the 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.

Kids Korner

If you want to be my disciple...



What would you think if your best friend told you that you would have to die if you wanted to stay friends? In today's Gospel reading Jesus told the Apostles that if they wanted to be like Him they would have to take up their crosses and follow Him.

Jesus was teaching them that this world is a preparation for Heaven. If we make sacrifices for love of God then we will be ready for Heaven. Jesus opened the gates of Heaven to us by dying out of love for God the Father and for us. We get little crosses every day when things make us unhappy. If we offer them to God with love, they are like dying a little bit, and they prepare us for Heaven.



Sometimes we think that we need nice things or to be with fun people if we want to be happy. It's easy to forget that we will never be completely happy here. Next time you feel unhappy, remember that it's a cross that can help you get to Heaven!



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



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 - 3:00 PM

Melissa Schaub.....Secretary/Bookkeeper

Office Phone: (608) 452-4680

Home Phone: (608) 486-4012

Bulletin deadline:Wednesday

Email: parishoffice@stpmr.diolcparish.org

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

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Parish website: www.saintpetersparish.net
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 3, 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

9/6 Wed. 8:00 AM –

† Orvin Lee (ML)

9/8 Fri. 8:00 AM –

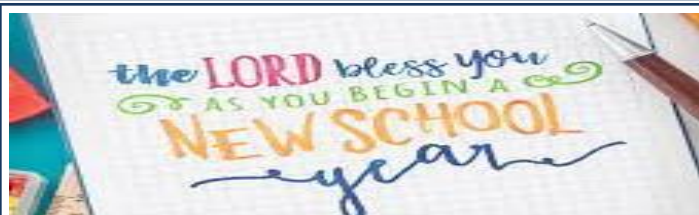
† Peggy Arentz (MLH)

9/9 Sat. 8:00 PM –

† Richard Reget (CDW)

9/10 Sun. 10:00 AM –

† Joyce DeFlorian (BDF)



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 -	\$568.00
	-\$1,282.00
Year to Date Target -	\$16,650.00
Year to Date Total -	\$10,981.48
	-\$5,668.52

Readings for September 10, 2023

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-10

Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:15-20

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 9 – 8:00 PM

Servers: Andrew & Matthew Schaub

Ushers: Mike Schaub & Duane Leis

Lector: Dan Korn

Sunday September 10 – 10:00 AM

Servers: Lukas & Max Slattery

Ushers: Rob Slattery & Leo Leis

Lector: Kathy Flock

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

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

Sept. 11 – 15 – Fr. Biju on Retreat/ No daily masses

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

Monday5:30pm

Tuesday..... 5:30pm

(Adoration before Mass beginning at 5:00 pm)

Thursday.....8:30am

From the Pastor's Pen

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus teaches the disciples regarding the suffering messiah who will suffer die and rise again. Peter could not understand why Jesus must suffer and die. He tries to admonish him. He received reprimand from Jesus and also receives the correct teaching about the cross. Jesus tells his disciples that they have to deny themselves, carry the cross and follow him to be his followers. He tells them "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me" Being a disciple of Jesus has a price.

To be a Christian to be on the journey of discipleship is to have our life changed, to be led in unexpected ways sometimes it is in ways we would rather not go as our cross is heavy and painful. Sometimes we are called to carry the cross of being hurt by others. At times we look for life of false expectations, life of illusions that is free from all pain and sufferings.

If we can hold on, discipleship leads us to the life with God. It's the road that leads to the way, the truth and life. The promise of Jesus is there for all of us to seize hold of today and make our own. Jesus tells us "Whoever loses his life for my sake will find it".

September 4 is Labor Day. Since, 1894 the first Monday in September has been observed as a federal holiday to honor workers in the USA. Originally established to honor the nation's working people, this holiday has come to be seen as the end of the summer season. The Catholic Church has a long history of speaking out for the rights of workers. Papal encyclicals such as Pope Leo XII's *Rerum Novarum* helped establish rights and better treatment for workers everywhere. Pray for people who are engaged in various works contributing to the growth of the nation. I encourage you and your family to join for the 5:30 Mass on Monday, September 7th at St Joseph to ask God's blessing upon all our endeavors.

On behalf of the Parish my heartfelt sympathy to the family of James "Jim" Hesselberg, of St. Joseph's Ridge, who passed away on August 25th, 2023. May his soul rest in peace. Amen

Have a blessed week and happy Labor Day.

Live Jesus, Fr Biju MSFS

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 10th & 11th 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 6th.**

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 3rd.** 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.