

Diocesan and Community News

Eucharistic Revival - 2022 through 2025:

Visit: eucharisticrevival.org for more information.

Message for the week of December 3:

During this National Eucharistic Revival, let us grow in our understanding and love for the incredible Gift of Jesus's real Presence in the Eucharist. How do we get to know Jesus better? We get to know Jesus better by being with Him "in person." We do that at Sunday Mass. At the Mass, Jesus is present personally and truly in the Holy Eucharist. He meets us there, and He wants to listen to and speak to us through the Scripture readings and prayers of the Mass. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, give me the desire to read the Bible a few minutes each day. This week, read how the prophet Isaiah announces the coming of the Messiah in Isaiah 11:1-3.

Cookie Walk and Craft Sale: Held at Holy Trinity Parish Leo Hall on Saturday, December 9. Cookie Walk (Fancy Cookies can be purchased by the pound) from 8:00 a.m. until gone - Craft Sale featuring 10 tables of crafts from local parishioners and vendors from 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Celebrate Our Lady: Nearly 500 years ago, Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared to Saint Juan Diego in Mexico. The Solemnity of Our Lady of Guadalupe is December 12th. All are invited to celebrate at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, in La Crosse, WI. The day includes a Bilingual Mass offered by Cardinal Burke. Learn more at GuadalupeShrine.org/events!

Advent: A Time of Preparation: This year, the season of Advent begins on Sunday, December 3rd. Advent is the four weeks we set aside for preparing our hearts before the annual celebrations of Christ's birth on Christmas. The Incarnation - God becoming man - is the turning point of history. Our Heavenly Father loves us so much that He promised to send us a Savior after the Original Sin of Adam and Eve. And He kept His promise. The Son of God was born in Bethlehem to give His life for us on the cross so that our sins can be forgiven, so that we "may have life, and have it to the full." (John 10:10). This preparation during Advent is to include interior penance, which involves a conversion of heart toward God and away from sin. Let us take Advent seriously by taking more time for prayer, offering small sacrifices for peace in families and the world, and receiving the Sacrament of Penance.

The Season of Advent: The word Advent means "comings," and it has a threefold character:

1. A season that directs the mind and heart to await Christ's Second Coming at the end of time.
2. A season to prepare us for Christmas—Christ's first coming to us
3. A season in which we seek a deeper awareness of Jesus' coming to us, present in each moment of every day—as indeed, He is Emmanuel, "God with us"; He comes to us most especially in the Holy Eucharist.

The readings from the Sacred Scriptures during the four Sundays of Advent assist us in focusing our attention on these "comings." The First Sunday of Advent emphasizes Christ's Second Coming (which is also the ongoing theme for weekday Masses until Dec. 16). The Gospel for the first Sunday of Advent is Mark 13:33-37, and we see the theme of the Second Coming in Jesus' words: "Be constantly on the watch! Stay awake! You do not know when the appointed time will come." His words call us to be watchful in prayer, ready for the Lord to come again. This is not meant to be about fear or worry, but we are to "wait in joyful hope." For this time of waiting, the Advent Wreath draws a family together around the lighting of one of the four candles, each representing a week of this season. It is a special time to pray a Rosary, or a decade of the Rosary, and focus on the Joyful Mysteries that call to mind the events of Christ's birth.

Our Parish is GROWING!!!

Congratulations to Declan Otto Geier, son of Brandon & Amelia, who was baptized last weekend. May God bless you abundantly!



Congratulations to Sylvia Noelle Slattery, daughter of Robert & Nicole, who was baptized last weekend. May God bless you all!



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

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

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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**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 3, 2023**

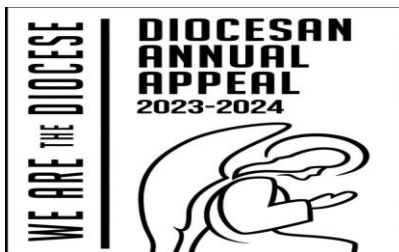


CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR:

- 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

**12/6 Wed. 8:00 AM –
St. Peter’s Parish Family**
**12/7 Thurs. 8:00 PM –
Immaculate Conception of Mary**
† Stanley B Hundt (AH)
12/8 Fri. 8:00 AM – NO MASS
12/9 Sat. 8:00 PM –
† Eugene Flock, Kylie
VonRuden & Chad Mlsna
12/10 Sun. 10:00 AM –
† Harold & Susan
Muenzenberger (RBM)



Goal: \$11,760.00
Total Pledged: \$3,780.00
Total Received: \$3,780.00
Under Goal: \$7,980.00
Participation: 32%

Pray Often & Daily!!!

Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target -	\$1,870.00
Last Week’s Total -	\$2,806.00
	\$936.00
Year to Date Target -	\$39,270.00
Year to Date Total -	\$30,573.33
	-\$8,696.67

Readings for December 10, 2023

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14
Gospel Reading: Mark 1:1-8

Ministry Servers

Thursday December 7 – 8:00 PM
Servers: Andrew & Matthew Schaub
Ushers: Tom Schaub & Tim Leis
Lector: Melissa Schaub

Saturday December 9 – 8:00 PM
Servers: Isabell Korn
Brielle & Brooklyn Lundeen
Ushers: Don Halderson & Bill Korn
Lector: Julie Lundeen

Sunday December 10 – 10:00 AM
Servers: Lukas & Max Slattery
Ushers: Rob Slattery & Mark Gronemus
Lector: Kathy Flock

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday @ 7:30 until 8:30 PM
Come spend some quiet time with Jesus. Confessions available.

Parish Calendar of Events

Sun. Dec. 3 - Rosary in church @ 7:30 PM
Wed. Dec. 6 - Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 - 8:15 PM
Thurs. Dec. 7 - Immaculate Conception mass @ 8 PM
Fri. Dec. 8 - No morning weekday mass
Sat. Dec. 9 - PCCW meeting @ 10 AM
Cookie sale packaging to follow
Sun. Dec. 10 - Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 - 9:45 AM
Wed. Dec. 13 - Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 - 8:15 PM
Sun. Dec. 17 - Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 - 9:45 AM
Sun. Dec. 17 - Christmas decorating after mass
Wed. Dec. 20 - Confessions starting at 6:00 PM
Fri. Jan. 5 - Anointing of the Sick Sacrament available;
contact Fr. Biju to schedule



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

First Sunday of Advent

This week the universal church marks the beginning of our church year with the season of Advent. It is a season of preparation. It is said "Advent has two-fold character, for it is a time of preparation for the solemnities of Christmas, in which the first coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when, by remembrance of these minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ's second coming at the end of time. For these two reasons, Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight".
In the Gospel (Mk 13:33-37) Jesus exhorts us to *take heed* and *watch*, so as to be ready to welcome him at the moment of his return. The *watchful person* is the one who accepts the invitation to keep watch, that is, not to let himself be overpowered by discouragement, by the lack of hope, by disappointment; and at the same time, it wards off the allure of the many vanities of the world. There are many ways during Advent that we can prepare our hearts and minds for celebrating Jesus' birth at Christmas. You may want to pray more, participate in the Mass during the week, have an Advent wreath or nativity scene as part of family traditions. The sacrament of penance is an important part of our Advent preparation for a worthy celebration of Christmas. Advent calls us to "watch," to be "alert" to the presence of God in the love of family and friends, to find the true meaning and purpose of our lives in moments of compassion, forgiveness, and generosity. May you have a blessed Advent.

Live Jesus, Fr Biju MSFS

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Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary: On December 8th we celebrate the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a holyday of obligation. We will have a vigil mass on Thursday December 7th at 8:00 PM. There will be no Friday morning mass.

Christmas Cookie Sale: Saturday December 9th & Sunday December 10th after mass. Asking for donations of 2 dozen or more of your favorite Christmas cookies or treats from parishioners. Please have cookies at church by 11:00 AM on Saturday Dec. 9th. Cookies will be repackaged for sale. All proceeds go to Casa Hogar Orphanage.

PCCW Meeting: Saturday December 9th at 10 AM. Please come to help with Christmas cookie packaging.

Children’s Choir: Children aged 9 through High School are invited to join the St. Peter’s Childrens Choir. One practice each month will take place after mass each **1st Sunday** of the month. The children will sing at the 10:00 AM mass every **2nd Sunday**. Please sign up in the back of church. Call Terese Slattery with any questions at 608-452-4605.

Christmas Flowers: Anyone wishing to donate towards our Christmas flowers can do so by placing the donation in a marked envelope in the offertory.

Christmas Songs: Perhaps some people wonder why Christmas songs are not sung during Advent. In the Catechism of the Catholic Church #524, it explains that when the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, it makes present the long wait for the Messiah’s first coming. We share in it, and we join in the preparation for Christ’s second coming. The Advent songs we sing are meant to be songs of expectancy. There are typically 3 weekends to sing the beautiful carols: Christmas, New Year’s and Epiphany.

Upcoming Collection: On December 9th & 10th we will have the Retirement Fund for Religious collection. Religious sisters, brothers, and religious order priests benefit significantly from this national collection. Watch for an envelope in your bulletin.

Bishops Annual Appeal: Our goal this year is \$11,760. Keep in mind that any money collected above this goal comes back to the parish for our own use.

Advent Confessions: There will be 2 priests available here at St. Peter’s on Wednesday, December 20th starting at 6:00 PM. They will also be at St. Joseph’s the previous Wednesday, December 13th.

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 December 1st.**

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 December 3rd.** Please plan to attend to pray as our Holy Mother has called us to do.

***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.