

Diocesan and Community News

Eucharistic Revival - 2022 through 2025:

Visit: eucharisticrevival.org for more information.

Message for the week of December 31:

Jesus came to earth as an infant, born of Mary

Mary was prepared to be the Mother of our Savior; by God's favor she was created "full of grace" and free from sin. The Savior – Jesus – was to be called Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." Jesus will remain with us throughout our life as we receive Him in the Eucharist. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, thank You for the gift of Mary, Your Mother, through whom the world received You as our Savior. This week, read how this glorious news was revealed to the Shepherds in Luke 2: 8-20

"the ANSWER" Eucharistic Rally | June 7 at the La Crosse Center:

We are very excited to announce "the Answer" Eucharistic Rally that will be held on June 7, 2024 at the La Crosse Center in La Crosse, WI. This event kicks off the first day that the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will be in the Diocese of La Crosse. "the Answer" Eucharistic Rally will begin with a Eucharistic Procession Across the Cameron Street Bridge in La Crosse. It will end at the La Crosse Center where the rest of the rally will take place. The day will include Mass, Adoration, Confession, powerful speakers such as Chris Stefanick, Immaculee Ilibagize, and Josh Rosa, music from Luke Spehar, and plenty of vendors. The cost for this event is only \$15 per person. This rally is for middle and high school youth, young adults, adults, families, etc. Tickets will go on sale December 15, 2023. You can find more information about the event by visiting <https://diolc.org/the-answer/>. For such an important event, it would be amazing if every parish brought a bus full of parishioners.

"Behold: God is With Us" Young Adult Retreat - January 27, 2024

The world needs Jesus. Our souls need Jesus. Out of God's abundant love for us, He became man: the Word became flesh and dwelt among us (John 1:14). Jesus is the answer to the longings of our heart, and He is our way to eternal life. Knowing He would ascend into heaven, Jesus leaves us Himself- body, blood, soul, and divinity- under the guise of simple bread and simple wine. Why? So that our intimate love and union with Him (flesh to flesh) may continue in this life as we await the perfection of His love and union in the next. "Behold: God is With Us" or "Behold," for short, is an opportunity for you to retreat from the busyness and stresses of this world and find rest and consolation in Jesus and other young adults like you. All 18-35 year olds are welcome to join us for a day of enriching talks, silent prayer/reflection, small group discussion, adoration, confession, and Mass. Most importantly, learn how to remain connected post-retreat to a lively community of young adults striving for Sainthood. This day-long retreat will occur at Blessed Sacrament Parish in La Crosse, WI. Check-ins will begin at 8:30 am, and the retreat will conclude after the 4:30 pm vigil Mass. An optional after party will take place to follow! Breastfeeding babies are welcome! Lunch will be provided! All of this and more for the low cost of \$20. Let us behold the Lord together!

Kids Korner

The Holy Family

When we talk about the Holy Family we are talking about Jesus and his mother Mary and his foster-father, Saint Joseph. Mary became the mother of Jesus when she was betrothed (formally engaged) to St. Joseph, and Jesus' real father was God the Father Himself. So Saint Joseph acted as the Father of Jesus on earth.



Saint Joseph was a carpenter and worked hard to provide for his family. Mary loved Jesus and Joseph and cooked and cleaned for them. When Jesus was old enough Saint Joseph trained Him to be a carpenter as well. Because they all loved each other with generosity and selflessness they were really the happiest and holiest family that ever lived.

We can imitate the Holy Family by loving our parents and siblings and putting others before ourselves. What can you do today to make your family happier and holier?



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 3 Peter & Barb Antony

Row 4 John Schmit

Row 4 Peter Neuburg

Row 5 Antonia Smola

Row 6 Ernest Muenzenberger

Row 11 Nick Fischbach

Row 15 Joe & Marie Kaiser

Row 17 Casper Sieger

Row 24 Alois Flaig

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

Mark Nicolai (Chairman), Rachel Persson,
Brandon Flock & 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

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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH
DECEMBER 31, 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

1/3 Wed. 8:00 AM – All Our Lady’s Intentions (RJK)

1/5 Fri. 8:00 AM –

† Susie Muenzenberger (AH)

1/6 Sat. 8:00 PM –

† Bob Dickman (ML)

1/7 Sun. 10:00 AM –

St. Peters Parish Family



Goal: \$11,760.00

Total Pledged: \$5,335.00

Total Received: \$5,335.00

Under Goal: \$6,425.00

Participation: 45%

Pray Often & Daily!!!

Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target -	\$1,870.00
Last Week’s Total -	\$21,965.26
	\$20,095.26
Year to Date Target -	\$46,750.00
Year to Date Total -	\$58,326.11
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Readings for January 7, 2024

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-6

Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

Ministry Servers

Saturday January 6 – 8:00 PM

Servers: Matthew & Andrew Schaub

Ushers: Ron Hurtz & Don Halderson

Lector: Lynda Hurtz

Sunday January 7 – 10:00 AM

Servers: Arnie Nicolai & Kate Gronemus

Ushers: Mark Gronemus & 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

Wed. Jan. 3 - Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM

Fri. Jan. 5 - Anointing of the Sick Sacrament available; contact Fr. Biju to schedule

Sun. Jan. 7 - Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM

Sun. Jan. 7 – Potluck after mass. Please plan to attend!!

Sun. Jan. 7 – Rosary in church @ 7:30 PM

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

Sun. Jan. 14 - Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM



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

The Holy Family

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. They are a model for all families! And just as the Holy Family is holy, our families, too, are called to be holy. This may seem like a daunting task at times! Yet, as Christian stewards we know that this holiness is achievable by living as disciples of Christ.

Our First Reading, from the book of Sirach, teaches us about reverence and honor of the members of our family. No matter our age, we are called to serve and honor our family members. Sometimes loving and serving those closest to us can be the hardest. But we have to remember that our families are a gift from God, and it is in serving them that we show our gratitude for this gift.

What more can we do to honor the blessing of family? St. Paul shares in our Second Reading a word of advice on how we can do just that. He calls us to put on "heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another... as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do." This is how we ought to treat our family — with the love, compassion and mercy that God gives to us. God has been so generous to us, so let us "[give] thanks to God the Father" by being good stewards of His love and mercy in our homes, and to our family members both near and far.

Believe it or not, God has a plan for our lives, too. Oftentimes, we get in the way of what He has in store for us. Although our plan might be "good," God's plan is great and will fulfill our hearts more than we could have ever imagined. Like the Holy Family, we just need to trust, surrender and be attentive to God's voice. As we celebrate this Christmas season with joy and gladness for our Savior, let us deepen our commitment to Him through the love and service we give our family members, and the trust and surrender we place in God to take care of us each day.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Parish News

Christmas Flowers: Thank you to all who have donated towards our beautiful Christmas flowers;

- In memory of Leo & Shirley Servais (DBS & WJG)
- In memory of the Halderson family (JH)
- In memory of Stan, Steven & Paul Hundt (AH)
- In memory of Bobby & Arlene Arentz (DKS)
- In memory of Arnold & Theresa Arentz & Rick Schermerhorn (JPS)
- In memory of Charles & Elrita Leis and Raymond & Audrey Korn (BJK)
- In memory of Jacob Gronemus & deceased family (PCG)
- Donations from Margie Lee, Gary & Debra Flock, Lavina Flock and Pat & Darla Lucey

Special Thanks: A huge thank you goes out to **Gary Flock & Michael Hundt** for their work on the Parish Finance Council. Your dedication to St. Peters is most admirable. God bless you!

Children’s Choir: The St. Peter’s Childrens Choir will sing at the 10:00 mass on Epiphany, January 7th. We will practice after mass Sunday December 31st. New singers are welcome!

Mark your calendars: We will have a Parish Potluck after mass on Sunday January 7th in the church basement. Please plan to come and continue the Christmas camaraderie with your Parish family! We will plan to take down the Christmas decorations the following Sunday January 14th after mass.

Attention Ladies: All Ladies of St. Peters are invited to a social hour at the Hundt residence on January 8 at 6:30 pm. Light snacks and drinks will be provided. We would like to get all ages of the women of our parish together to discuss how we as a group can do more service in our community. We would like input from all members. Please call or text LaVonne with an RSVP to 608-317-9541 to let her know who can come and she can give you the address.

Congratulations: Fr. Biju celebrates his anniversary of ordination on December 31st. God bless you for your dedication!

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 January 5th.**

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 January 7th.** 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.