

**Diocesan and Community News**

**Message for the week of June 16: A Minute with Jesus:**

The word Eucharist actually means thanksgiving. The Sacrament of the Eucharist is an action of thanksgiving to God. We want to *thank* our Heavenly Father for His works: creating the whole world and each one of us; sending His Son to redeem us through His Death and Resurrection; healing and purifying us through the grace of the Sacraments; and giving us the gift of Eternal Life with Him. At Mass, when we receive Jesus in the Eucharist, it is the most important time to *give thanks*. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, *give thanks* in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18). This week, read how Jesus gave thanks to God in Luke 22:14-20.

**Are You an Everyday Hero?** Are you interested in learning how you can make a difference in the lives of children in need? If so, become a Monroe County foster parent. For information, please contact Kasey Kaiser at the Monroe County Department of Human Services at (608)269-8938.

**Chicken-Q:** The 121st annual St. Charles Homecoming Picnic will be held on Sunday, July 7th at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 707 Eagle St., Genoa, Wis. Most events will be held outdoors, with dining inside the adjacent school. Entry to the event is free and open to the public. Food will feature Pogy's Chicken-que with the addition of locally-made risotto, raffles, bingo and a number of games for kids. Chicken-Que meals are \$15, hot dog meals are available for younger attendees for \$6. Meals will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, call (608) 689-2642.

**Dare to Follow:** Young men are called to be Holy Men of God. This event on July 9 – 11 at Mater Redemotoris in La Crosse is for young men in grades 6-10 that are interested in hearing where God is calling them. Join us for activities, discernment, and time with Bishop Battersby and priests from our area. Cost is \$30 and includes meals & a room. Contact Renee at [rorth@diolc.org](mailto:rorth@diolc.org). Please register by June 20<sup>th</sup>. See flier in the back of church with QR code.



**Thursday June 27, 2024**  
Walk with activities / Scavenger Hunt on Church grounds with the students at 5:30PM Wednesday followed by  
\*Hot dogs, the trimmings and drinks  
\* Games/Crafts/Fun  
\*Campfire Songs/Movie

Movie-- Popcorn, treats and drinks Wednesday evening  
A light pancake breakfast will be served Thursday morning  
All ages are welcome to attend.  
Come join for as much as you would like, staying the night is optional.  
Bring your own tents, sleeping bags / blankets & pillows  
Please RSVP by calling or texting Carol 608-487-6170 for planning purposes.

**Kids Korner**

**the kingdom of heaven**



In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells us about the Kingdom of Heaven. Heaven isn't just where we will go when we die if we were good. Jesus was telling us that Heaven grows in our hearts when we choose to love God and each other.

Our Lord compares the Kingdom of Heaven to plants that grow up from little seeds. When we were baptized we received the gift of Faith. When we receive the other sacraments, especially Holy Communion, the Faith grows in us, like a plant that has water and sunshine. If we sin it's like little bugs or sickness that start to kill the plant. Confession will take those away so that our Faith can grow again.



How can you help the Kingdom of Heaven to grow in you? Going to Mass and receiving Holy Communion whenever you can, and going to Confession often are the best ways. Praying every day and learning about the Faith and about the saints will also help the Kingdom of Heaven to grow in your heart like a strong, healthy plant!

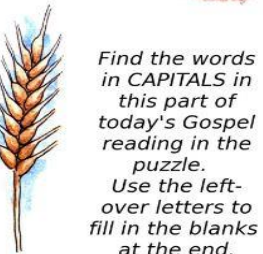
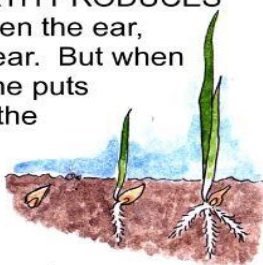


Answer to puzzle on front page: LIKE A MUSTARD SEED... THE GREATEST OF SHRUBS ANSWER TO WORD-FIND: GROW IN OUR HEARTS

**A Kingdom of God Word-Find**

"The KINGDOM of GOD is as if a MAN should SCATTER seed upon the GROUND, and should SLEEP and RISE NIGHT and DAY, and the SEED should SPROUT and GROW, he KNOWS not how. The EARTH PRODUCES of itself, first the BLADE, then the ear, then the full GRAIN in the ear. But when the grain is RIPE, at once he puts in the SICKLE, BECAUSE the HARVEST has come."

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Find the words in CAPITALS in this part of today's Gospel reading in the puzzle. Use the left-over letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

The Church helps our love for God to

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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

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**PARISH WEBMASTER** Christopher Pundzak

**SACRISTANS** Richard Korish & Austin Menn

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Fr. Biju

**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,  
Pat Lucey, Don Halderson, David Scharping

**CEMETERY SEXTON**

Tom Schaub...(608) 486-4012

**FUNERAL COMMITTEE CHAIR**

Debra Leis.....(608) 632-7830

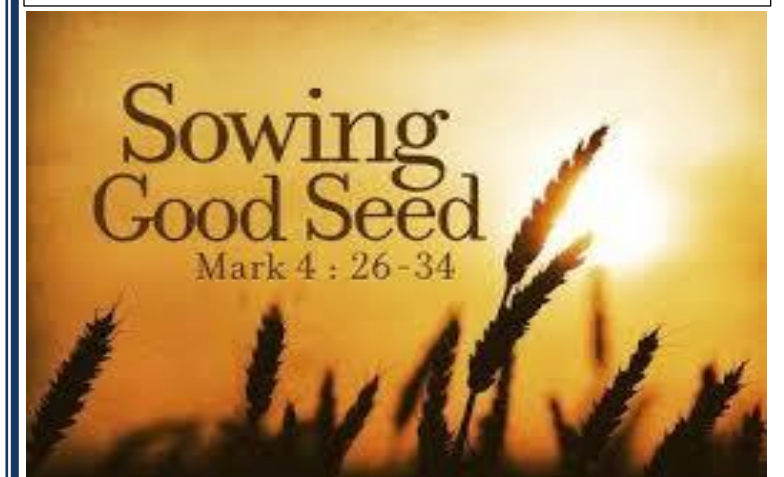
**MUSIC**

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)  
**ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**  
**JUNE 16, 2024**



**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

6/19 Wednesday 8:00 AM –  
† Rick Schermerhorn (RPS)  
6/21 Friday 8:00 AM –  
**The marriage of Timothy & Mariah Clements (MLH)**  
6/22 Saturday 8:00 PM –  
**Arthur & Agnes Leis family (AA)**  
6/23 Sunday 10:00 AM –  
† Connie Goodreau (AH)

Ministry Servers

**Saturday June 22 – 8:00 PM**

Servers: Andrew & Matthew Schaub  
Ushers: Mike Schaub & Ron Hurtz  
Lector: Lynda Hurtz

**Sunday June 23 – 10:00 AM**

Servers: Arnie & Adeline Nicolai  
Ushers: Gary Gronemus & Leo Leis  
Lector: John Hundt

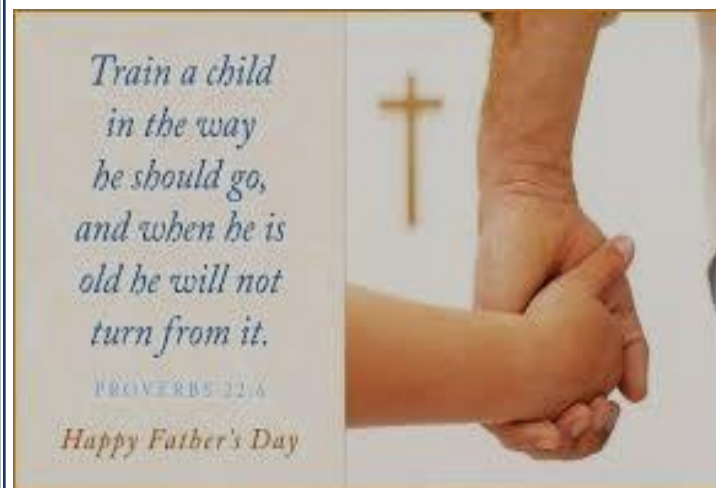
**\*Reminder\*** We understand everybody's schedules get busy. If you are not able to make it on a day you are scheduled PLEASE make the effort to find a replacement or at least let somebody know ahead of time!!

Eucharistic Adoration

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

Parish Calendar of Events

Mon. June 17 – Parish Finance Council meeting @ 6:30 PM  
Wed. June 26 – Thurs. June 27 – CCD Summer Event  
Fri. July 5 – Anointing of the Sick Sacrament available; contact Fr. Biju to schedule  
Sun. July 7 – Rosary in church @ 7:30 PM  
Sun. July 14 – Parish Potluck Picnic @ ballpark after mass



**\*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

**11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Jesus used parables to convey God's message to both his contemporaries and future generations to us. The greatest advantage of teaching in parables is that they are still as relevant today as they were 2000 years ago. In today's Gospel we hear about the parable of the kingdom. Jesus compares the beginning of God's kingdom to a mustard seed. This tiny seed, which fits in the palm of a hand, can grow tall into a large shrub.

God works in ways we do not understand. God's ways are not our ways, and He works slowly but surely to achieve His will in this world. The reign of God will grow to its fullness, despite all obstacles. Those who accept Jesus as their God and Savior will accept his rule in all areas of their lives with the help of the power of the Holy Spirit dwelling within them. It transforms them.

The Church had a tiny beginning. It began with a small group of ordinary people. With the work of the Holy Spirit, Church has become like the greatest of all shrubs. The world-wide Church welcomes people of all races and nations into her folds, celebrating the marvel of growth! It still flourishes where there are words of love, acts of encouragement, deeds of charity, mercy and forgiveness.

**Happy Father's Day to all fathers!** May our good Lord bless them all! Have a blessed weekend.

Live Jesus, Fr Biju MSFS

**Prayer for Fathers:** Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son Jesus, the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, his foster father. Bless all fathers and grandfathers as they care for their families. Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience, give them ability to love in a way that reflects your love. Support them in the work they have to do, protecting those who look to them, as we look to you for love and salvation. Help us to love them in a way that would bring honor to You and them. Bless and heal all those wounded by the imperfections of their fathers and grant an eternal rest to our fathers you have called from this life to yourself, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Parish News

**Mass Intention Fee Change:** Recently there was a letter from the diocese letting us know that there is going to be a change for the mass Stipend to \$20 (formerly \$10). It will go into effect on July 1, 2024.

**CCD Summer Event:** There will be a sleepover & outdoor movie for our students that will include food & games at the St. Peter's ball field. The date has been changed to June 26<sup>th</sup> into the 27<sup>th</sup>. Please watch for more details.

**Special Thanks:** Please say a huge **THANK YOU** to those who work behind the scenes to make our church & grounds so beautiful! Pete Benzing & Marge Lee have done many gardening and landscaping projects around the church. Also, Terese Slattery & Mary Menn have been providing the beautiful FRESH flowers that decorate the inside. The Schaub family (Mike, Andrew & Matthew) keep our grass trimmed and looking fantastic. May God bless you all!!!

**Mark your Calendars:** We will have a Parish Potluck Picnic at the ballfield on Sunday July 14<sup>th</sup> after the morning mass.

**Children's Choir:** Thank you to the Children's Choir. Your voices help beautify the Holy Liturgy of the Mass. The Choir is open to all school age children. You are welcome any Sunday, but we will begin again as a group next fall.

**Parents of small children:** Please accompany your young children to the restroom. There have been messes left lately. Ushers: please check the restroom in the back of church before leaving. Please flush it twice and make sure the tank refills as we have been having plumbing issues.

**Parishioners:** Please remember that we have a group of ladies willing to help with meals or visit for you or a family member if needed. Please call or text LaVonne at 608-317-9541 for more information.

**DRE is STILL Needed:** Position open for parish director of religious education. The DRE is responsible for implementing the parish religious education program that occurs on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings during the school year. Duties include managing student registrations, the religious education schedule, the program content, staff and budget. The DRE also serves as the parish safe environment coordinator. Salary is paid bi-annually. Please contact Fr. Biju or the parish office if interested.

**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 July 7<sup>th</sup>.** Please plan to attend to pray as our Holy Mother has called us to do.



Goal: \$11,760.00  
Total Pledged: \$9,830.00  
Total Received: \$9,830.00  
Under Goal: \$1,930.00  
Participation: 84%

**Pray Often & Daily!!!**

Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target -	\$1,870.00
Last Week's Total -	\$642.00
	-\$1,228.00
Year to Date Target -	\$91,630.00
Year to Date Total -	\$98,587.89
	+\$6,957.89

Readings for June 23, 2024

**First Reading:** Job 38:1, 8-11  
**Second Reading:** 2 Corinthians 5:14-17  
**Gospel Reading:** Mark 4:35-41