

**Diocesan and Community News**

**Message for the week of July 28: A Minute with Jesus:**

**The Eucharist is called Holy Communion** - When we receive Holy Communion at Mass, we are receiving Jesus Himself, which is our closest union with Him on earth. As we receive Jesus' Body and Blood into our own body and soul, we are united with Him in a deep and intimate bond. Jesus feeds our soul, strengthening us to be faithful by following Him and loving and serving Him through serving others, particularly those in need. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, thank you for the incredible treasure of Holy Communion in which You allow us to be united with You in the closest possible bond of friendship and love. This week, read how Jesus encourages us to "remain" in Him in John 15:4-5.

**60,000 Catholics Gather for Eucharistic Congress:** A National Eucharistic Congress is an especially powerful manifestation of the unity of the Church. This was evident as a massive throng of 60,000 Catholics gathered to worship Jesus in the Eucharist through the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, adoration and engaging sessions with dynamic speakers. The Congress took place in Indianapolis July 17-21, at a very important time for our country, as prayer and worship of Jesus reaffirmed the source and summit of our faith, putting Jesus where He belongs—at the center. 75 people from the Diocese of La Crosse attended this historic and transformative Congress.

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations:** Each year there are three dates that are options for couples celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary to come together to have Mass with the Bishop, followed by a dinner celebration. Invitations were mailed to couples with wedding dates listed in our records. If you do not receive an invitation this week, please contact your parish office and/or email Laura Boden at [lboden@diolc.org](mailto:lboden@diolc.org) to let us know. We will be happy to be sure you are on the list and receive an invitation. The scheduled dates, times and locations are as follows: August 11, 2024 at 1:00pm at the Holy Cross Diocesan Center in La Crosse.

**16<sup>th</sup> Dedication Anniversary:** You are invited to come and celebrate the Anniversary of the Shrine's Dedication on July 31, 2024 @ 9:00 am - 5:00 pm. This is a day to thank God for all who have shared in Cardinal Burke's vision for this place of pilgrimage under Our Lady's mantle since 2008. At its dedication in 2008, the church became a true sacred space, set apart for divine service, for prayer and especially for the Sacred Liturgy. His Eminence Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke will be the celebrant for the 12:15 pm Holy Mass.

**Pontifical Mass with Cardinal Burke:** Please join us as His Eminence Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke offers the Solemn Pontifical Mass in the Usus Antiquior. The Pontifical Mass with Cardinal Burke takes place at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse, WI. August 5th is the patronal feast day of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major in Rome. In 2011 Pope Benedict the XVI affiliated the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe with the Papal Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore (Saint Mary Major) in Rome. On August 5, pilgrims have the occasion to gain a Plenary Indulgence. 10:30 AM Confessions available 11:00 AM Solemn Pontifical High Mass. His Eminence Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke will be the celebrant.

**Kids Korner**

**Jesus Multiplies our Gifts**



Jesus saw that a huge crowd of people had come to Him, and He knew that they needed food. However, all they had was a few loaves of bread and a couple fish that a boy had brought along.

Jesus took the five loaves and the two fish and blessed them, and started giving them to the crowd. Soon there was enough to feed five thousand people, plus there were twelve baskets of leftovers!



Jesus still multiplies what we give Him today. At Mass we offer to God some bread and wine and He turns it into the Body and Blood of Jesus!



We have something to offer to Jesus too. If you offer your work, or your talents, or even your whole life to God, He will use your gifts to bring His blessings to the world.

Answer to puzzle on front page: five loaves and two fish. Answer to Loaves and Fishes Word-Find: multiplied.

**Loaves and Fishes Word-Find**

E A T E N C R O W D  
 B R E A D G M U B L  
 A B S N T A G M A J  
 R U T D I T R A S E  
 L Y F R T H A N K S  
 E P I E C E S Y E U  
 Y H L W P R S L T S  
 F I L I T T L E S I  
 I L S A T W E L V E  
 S I T H O U S A N D  
 H P W A N T E D E D

See if you can find all the words in CAPITALS. Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

When Jesus saw that a large CROWD was coming to him, he said to PHILIP, "Where can we BUY enough food for them to eat?" He said this to TEST him, because he knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Two hundred days' wages worth of BREAD would not be enough for each of them to have a LITTLE." ANDREW said to him, "There is a boy here who has five BARLEY loaves and two FISH; but what good are these for so MANY?" Jesus said, "Tell the people to sit down." Now there was much GRASS in that place. So the men SAT down, about five THOUSAND in number. Then JESUS took the loaves, gave THANKS, and distributed them to those who were seated, and also as much of the fish as they WANTED. When they had EATEN their FILL, he said to his disciples, "GATHER the PIECES left over, so that nothing will be wasted." So they collected them, and filled TWELVE BASKETS with fragments of the loaves, left by those who had eaten.

Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ the bread and fish.

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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

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**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**  
**JULY 28, 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

**7/31 Wednesday 8:00 AM –**  
**Schermerhorn family (RPS)**  
**8/2 Friday 8:00 AM –**  
**† Theresa Schaub (SF)**  
**8/3 Saturday 8:00 PM –**  
**† Ken & † Jean Wortman &**  
**family (RJK)**  
**8/4 Sunday 10:00 AM –**  
**St. Peters Parish Family**



**Come Join**  
**St. Peter's Youth**  
**The Jewel on the Hill**  
**For Games, Movie, and**  
**Sleepover Night at the**  
**Middle Ridge Ballfield**

**Wednesday August 7, 2024**  
**4:00 PM through**  
**Thursday August 8, 2024**

\*Hot dogs, Brats & Tacos with the trimmings and drinks

\* Games/Crafts/Fun

- Slip-N- Slide Kickball

- Capture the Treasure with Water Balloons and Shooters

- Dodgeball

\* Candle light Rosary/ 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. (Adults too)

\* Come join us 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.

Ministry Servers

**Saturday August 3 – 8:00 PM**

Servers: Andrew & Matthew Schaub

Ushers: Mike Schaub & Tim Leis

Lector: Dan Korn

**Sunday August 4 – 10:00 AM**

Servers: Madi & Allis Gronemus & Avin Stephenson

Ushers: Gary Gronemus & Mark Stephenson

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.**

**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. Aug. 2 – Anointing of the Sick Sacrament available; contact Fr. Biju to schedule**

**Fri. Aug. 2 – Parish Office closed**

**Sun. Aug. 4 – Rosary in church @ 7:30 PM**

**Wed. Aug. 7 – CCD Summer Fun night starting @ 4:00 PM**

**Wed. Aug. 7 – Cabbage cutting for Sauerkraut @ 5:30 PM**

**Mon. Aug. 12 – Parish Finance council meeting @ 6:30 PM**



**\*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

**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish;"

Through most of Lectionary Cycle B, our Sunday Gospel readings are taken from the Gospel of Mark. Our Lectionary, however, leaves Mark's Gospel John for the next several weeks. This week's scripture from St John chapter 6 begins a series of Eucharistic discourses. This chapter is sometimes called the "Bread of Life Discourse." John uses this story in his gospel to introduce Jesus' profound and extended reflection on the Eucharist and the Bread of Life.

The Eucharistic coloring of the multiplication of bread is clear in Jesus' *blessing, breaking, and giving* the loaves. Thus, the miracle itself becomes a symbol of the Eucharist, the sacrament of unity. In this miracle, Jesus transforms a young boy's offering of five barley loaves and two fish. In the offertory at Mass, we present the fruits of our labors, represented by bread and wine. These gifts, given to us first by God as grain and fruit, are returned to God in our offering of thanksgiving. God in turn transforms our gifts, making this bread and wine the very Body and Blood of Jesus. We also offer ourselves in this exchange, and we, too, are transformed by the Eucharist. This daily breaking of the bread also had eschatological associations. It was an anticipation of the *messianic banquet*. John's description of this event anticipates the Messianic banquet of heaven, as the crowd sits down in rows to enjoy a great free meal. Each time we celebrate the Eucharist, we are anticipating the eternal banquet of heaven.

National Eucharistic Congress which concluded last Sunday was the new Pentecost for the Church in the United States. The pilgrims have returned home, the stage in Lucas Oil Stadium has been dismantled, and the Blessed Sacrament has been reposed in the tabernacle. But I hope the revival that has been renewing the Eucharistic belief and devotion of Catholics across the country will not be a one-and-done moment. Rather it would revitalize our Eucharistic faith and live it out each and every day: to participate in Mass more fully and faithfully, to prioritize spending time with the Lord in Eucharistic adoration, and to confess Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist with more clarity and conviction.

Have a blessed weekend.

Live Jesus, Fr Biju MSFS

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**Prayers:** Please keep Andrew & Matthew Schaub in your prayers this weekend as they travel to the Steubenville North Youth Conference in St. Paul, MN through our diocese. This is a great opportunity to strengthen their faith, meet other Catholic youth and to have a life-changing encounter with Jesus Christ.

**NEEDED!!** We are still in need of a Director of Religious Education at St. Peter's. The new school year is approaching fast and registration will need to start soon. There is one individual willing to help out as a "co-director". We need someone who is computer savvy and has a desire to shape our young Catholics. This is a great opportunity for a parent who has their child/children in the program and are bringing them to church for class anyway OR a retired person looking to support our youth. Please contact Fr. Biju with questions and/or send your resume to him or the parish office.

**Sauerkraut Supper:** Please mark your calendars for the upcoming supper related activities. We need parishioner HELP on these dates leading up to the supper:

Wednesday August 7 at 5:30 pm – Cabbage cutting

Saturday September 14 at 9:00 AM – Basement cleaning & preparations

Saturday September 21 at 8:00 AM – Garage clean up & Coffeecake baking

Tuesday October 8 & Wednesday October 9 **ALL DAY** – Preparations for dinner

Wednesday October 9 from 4 PM – 7:30 – Serving dinner. Help needed afterwards for clean up.

**CCD Summer Fun:** Come join the St. Peter's youth on Wednesday August 7<sup>th</sup> for a meal, games and a movie night including a candle lit Rosary & campfire. Please contact Carol at 608-487-6170 to RSVP. All ages are welcome to attend, adults included! See flier to the left or in the back of church for more information.

**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 August 4<sup>th</sup>**. Please plan to attend to pray as our Holy Mother has called us to do.

**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 August 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

**Fundraising Help Needed:** If you would like to help brainstorm and execute a new fundraiser for the parish, please contact Rachel Persson: 608-386-9543. We are looking for alternative ways to help financially support our parish due to today's financial climate.

Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target -	\$1,870.00
Last Week's Total -	\$516.00
	-\$1,354.00
Year to Date Target -	\$5,610.00
Year to Date Total -	\$3,188.25
	-\$2,421.75

Readings for August 4, 2024

**First Reading:** Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

**Gospel Reading:** John 6:24-35