

Diocesan and Community News

Message for the week of August 18: A Minute with Jesus: At Mass, we want to focus on God. When we attend Mass, our intention should be to focus on God. This is our dedicated time to be with Jesus, where we speak with and listen to Him, as the Mass is the official public worship of God by the Church, as instructed in the Bible. Jesus encourages us to sincerely concentrate on Him and the events at the altar. It's easy to get distracted, but when that happens, instead of getting upset, say a simple prayer and gently and peacefully redirect your thoughts back to the Mass. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, help me to stay focused on You and what is happening at Mass every Sunday. This week, read how we are to give thanks to the Lord in Psalm 95:1-6 .

Job Opportunity: The Diocese of La Crosse is in search of an Accounting Services Professional for the Shared Services department. Please go to Indeed.com and search for Diocese of La Crosse.

Plan to attend St. Pat's Summerfest 2024 in Sparta!!!
August 18th at St. Patrick's Church:

Chicken Dinner for dine in, carry out or drive through. Call 608-487-1306 on Sunday for delivery. Prices are \$13 for adults, \$10 for Seniors and \$5 for Kids under age 5. Tootsie Tease. Harley Cash Raffle Drawing at 1:00

Love for Life: Come out to Pro-Life Wisconsin's 2024 Love for Life Gala at the Brookfield Conference Center on Saturday September 14th we raise the funds to protect all human life! The gala will feature keynote speaker Seth Dillon, CEO of the Babylon Bee. Doors open at 5:00pm, cocktail hour with open bar, games, and raffle from 5:30-6:30pm, and 6:30pm dinner program followed by live auction and keynote. Register by Monday Aug. 26th at ProLifeWI.org/gala .

Organ Concert: Come for an afternoon concert! Sunday, August 25, local organist, Andrew McDonald will be performing at the Guadalupe Shrine from 3:00-4:00 pm. Andrew McDonald is an active member in professional organizations. Find more information at GuadalupeShrine.org/Sacred-Music"

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Married Couples - Marriage is a journey! A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience can help you enrich your marriage and add some pizzazz to your journey. Whether you've been married for 1 year or 50, a Marriage Encounter Experience may be just the thing you need to put a breath of fresh air into your relationship. The next weekends in our area are Sept. 27-29 in Dubuque and Nov. 8-10 in Holstein. Call 563.920.9419 for more information or sign up at wwme.org.

Kids Korner

We Thank Jesus for Coming to Us

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells the people that He really will give Himself to them as food to eat. We receive Jesus every time we go to Holy Communion.

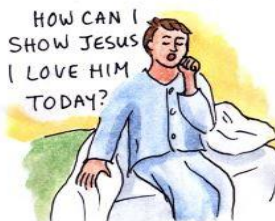


One of the words we use for Holy Communion is EUCHARIST, which means thanksgiving. It tells us that the Mass is the best way of giving thanks to God. It also reminds us that we should be very thankful to Jesus for coming to us and giving Himself to us.



THANK YOU, JESUS, FOR COMING TO ME IN HOLY COMMUNION!

We should thank Jesus as soon as we have received Holy Communion. But don't stop being thankful as soon as Mass is over! Being a good Christian means being thankful and trying to please God all the time!



HOW CAN I SHOW JESUS I LOVE HIM TODAY?

Answer to St. Paul Word-Find: Give thanks always

St. Paul Teaches Us...

Ephesians 5:15-20

UNDERSTAND
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 GFATHERSEE

Try to find all the words in CAPITALS from today's reading. Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks at the end to find an important part of being a Christian.

BROTHERS and SISTERS: WATCH carefully how you LIVE, not as FOOLISH persons, but with WISDOM, making the most of the opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not continue in IGNORANCE, but try to UNDERSTAND the WILL of the LORD. And do not get drunk on wine, in which lies debauchery, but be FILLED with the SPIRIT, addressing one another in psalms and HYMNS and spiritual SONGS, singing and playing to the Lord in your HEARTS, GIVING THANKS always and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to GOD the FATHER.

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

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

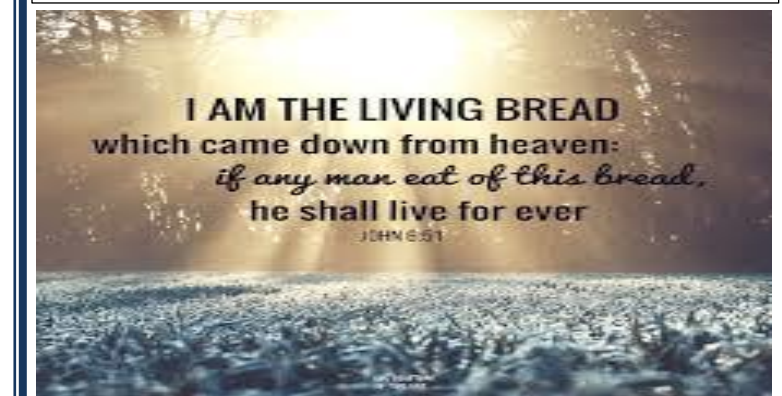
MUSIC

Terese Slattery, Coordinator.....(608) 452-4605
 Leland Gregorich, Organist

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Parish website: www.saintpetersparish.net
TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 18, 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

8/21 Wednesday 8:00 AM –
† **Wilfred & Alice Kotek (SMF)**
8/23 Friday 8:00 AM –
† **Orvin Lee (ML)**
8/24 Saturday 8:00 PM –
† **Mary Weber & family (BJL)**
8/25 Sunday 10:00 AM –
† **Leo & Shirley Servais (SF)**

Ministry Servers

Saturday August 24 – 8:00 PM

Servers: Andrew & Matthew Schaub
Ushers: Tom Schaub & Mike Schaub
Lector: Melissa Schaub

Sunday August 25 – 10:00 AM

Servers: Jake & Josh Peterson & Sawyer Tollefson
Ushers: Leo Leis & Rob Slattery
Lector: Joseph Peterson

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

Tues. Aug. 20 – CCD Meeting @ 6:00 PM

Sun. Sept. 1 – Children's choir practice after mass

Fri. Sept. 6 – Anointing of the Sick Sacrament available; contact Fr. Biju to schedule

Sun. Sept. 8 – Rosary in church @ 7:30 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
Monday5:30pm
Tuesday..... 5:30pm
(Adoration before Mass beginning at 5:00 pm)
Thursday.....8:30am

From the Pastor's Pen

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Of the four gospels, only the Gospel of John omits the Words of Institution of the Lord's Supper. But only John includes Jesus' extended teaching on Jesus as the Bread of Life (6:25-71). This is an important passage to meditate on and understand, since it sheds light on the meaning of the Lord's Supper. How he comes to us to nurture our soul. In the gospel we will hear Jesus declare, **'I am the bread of life.** He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty'.

That was a difficult teaching for the people who gathered around him. It seems, Jesus doesn't make it easy for those who hear Him. They are repulsed and offended at His words. But even when they begin to disagree, He insists on describing the eating and drinking of His flesh and blood. Many of Jesus' own followers abandon Him after this discourse.

Jesus tells them, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." In the Eucharist we are made one flesh with Christ. We have His life in us and have our life because of Him. This is what Paul means in today's Epistle when he calls the Eucharist a "participation" in Christ's body and blood. We become in this sacrament partakers of the divine nature. 1 Pet 2:4. This is the mystery of the faith that Jesus asks us believe. And He gives us His promise: "whoever eats this bread will live forever". Eucharist will sustain you not just for a few hours, but into the life to come which is eternal life.

Have a blessed week.

Live Jesus, Fr Biju MSFS

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Children's Choir: Greetings to our Children's Choir! Our first practice will be Sept. 1st after mass. You'll be singing at mass on Sept. 8th (which is also the Blessed Virgin Mary's birthday). We look forward to hearing your uplifting voices.

CCD News:

-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. Carol Gronemus is 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. This person should be available to oversee at least the Sunday morning classes as Carol will be teaching. Please contact Fr. Biju with questions and/or send your resume to him or the parish office.

-WE NEED TEACHERS!!!! Please consider this role in your generosity to the church. Contact Fr. Biju or Carol.

-There will be a CCD meeting on Tuesday August 20th at 6 pm for all teachers & interested parties.

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

- 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.

Come to Rural Life Day | Sept. 18, from 10 AM-2 PM | Schmidt Family Farm in Lone Rock: Join hundreds of the faithful for the 43rd Annual Rural Life Day at the Schmidt Family Farm on Wednesday, Sept. 18 from 10 AM-2 PM at 29281 Fairview Rd. in Lone Rock. Bishop Battersby will celebrate Mass at 10 AM, after which he will present awards recognizing parishioners and farm families, and bless animals, crops and machinery. Lunch will be served. Join us as we joyfully thank God for the food that sustains our lives, the land on which it is grown, and the dedicated families who farm it.

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 8th.** 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 September 6th.**



Pray Often & Daily!!!

Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target -	\$1,870.00
Last Week's Total -	\$1,294.00
	-\$576.00
Year to Date Target -	\$11,220.00
Year to Date Total -	\$7,030.75
	-\$4,189.25

Readings for August 25, 2024

First Reading: Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:21-32

Gospel Reading: John 6:60-69