

Diocesan and Community News

Message for the week of September 15: A Minute with Jesus: The Vital Connection between the Eucharist and Confession

Part of the greatest preparation we can make to receive Jesus's Body and Blood is to experience His forgiveness and healing in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. If sin is in our hearts, there is little room for Christ. Jesus forgives us of our sins in confession, and this frees us and opens our hearts to fulfill the deepest desire of our hearts – to receive Him. Receiving Jesus strengthens faith, hope and charity, specifically with a desire to love Him, ourselves, and others. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: "Jesus, please give me the desire to make a good confession as soon as possible." This week, read how St. John describes the importance of confession in 1 John 1:9.

Walking with Women, Praying with Scripture! All women are welcome! This is NOT a physical exercise of the body. We practice the ancient exercise of lectio divina, engaging our five senses while reading the Gospels. This practice has been passed down through the church for ages, aiding the faithful to experience a deeper encounter with Jesus in His Living Word. As a group, we desire to offer Christian community for women of all ages. We will be gathering in the Undercroft at **St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral beginning on Thursday, September 19, at 6 p.m.** Please contact Mari Erickson or Amy Mulhern at walking9praying8@gmail.com for more information.

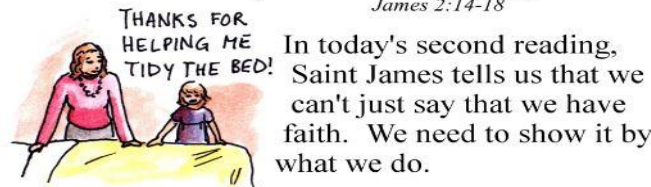
Pro-Life Witness – Join 40 Days for Life campaign in La Crosse: From Sept. 25 to Nov. 3, you are invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – to stand and peacefully pray at a particular hour during a 40-day vigil on the sidewalk outside Planned Parenthood at 1201 Caledonia St., La Crosse. For more information and to sign up, please get in touch with Marie Allen by visiting 40daysforlife.com/en/lacrosse. The 40 Days for Life opening rally will be held at 4 pm on Sunday, Sept. 15, at Northside Community Church, 1300 Caledonia St., La Crosse. Topic: Post-abortion ministries in our area. All are welcome!

St. Wenceslaus Parish Chicken Dinner: (Milladore, WI) October 6th Drive-THRU ONLY serving from 11am to 1pm meals are \$14 and include: Chicken breast and thigh with every dinner, dressing, Potatoes, Sauerkraut with sausage, carrots, dessert and Kolache.

Organ Recital: The first in a series of three autumn organ recitals will be performed at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman, 530 Main Street, La Crosse on Sunday September 22 at 3:30 pm by David Lim, Lecturer of Music at the University of Wisconsin—River Falls. The recital will be about one hour in duration. Admission is free; a freewill offering will be accepted. Ample parking available. Come hear this fine organist perform a varied and exciting program!

Kids Korner

Show that You Believe in Jesus!
James 2:14-18



In today's second reading, Saint James tells us that we can't just say that we have faith. We need to show it by what we do.

Being a follower of Jesus means believing in Him, and also doing what He wants us to do.

Do you know what God wants you to do? He wants you to obey His commandments. That means He wants you to listen to your parents and teachers, and not steal or lie or be mean to other kids.



You can also show your faith by doing good works, like being nice to other people.

What are some kind things you can do for someone today and tomorrow?



Answer to front page: take up his cross and follow Me. Disciples, said, John, Elijah, prophets, Peter, CHRIST

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Who do You Think Jesus is?

Use these words to fill in the blanks and use the letters in boxes to fill in the blanks at the end.

Elijah prophets said
Peter disciples John

Jesus asked the

"Who do people say that I am?"

They in reply,

" the Baptist,

others

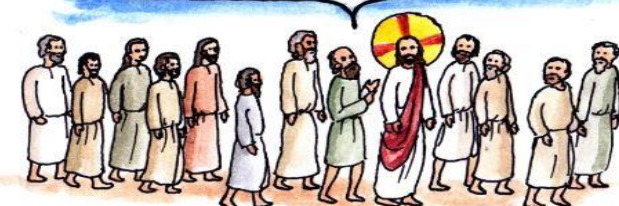
still others, one of the

And He asked them,

"But who do you say that I am?"

said to Him in reply,

You are the !



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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Middle Ridge, WI
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Parish website: www.saintpetersparish.net
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 15, 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

9/18 Wednesday 8:00 AM –
†Robert & Dorothy Slattery(PTS)
9/20 Friday 8:00 AM –
† Doug Breedel (MLH)
9/21 Saturday 8:00 PM –
Klinkner family (ML)
9/22 Sunday 10:00 AM –
† Richard Reget (ER)



Annual Sauerkraut Supper

Eat-In or Carry-out

St. Peter's Church

Middle Ridge, Wisconsin
 (W697 Highway 33, Rockland, WI)

Wednesday October 9, 2024
Serving 4:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Church-made Kraut & Pork, Polish Sausage, Glazed carrots, Mashed potatoes and Gravy, Home-made pie

Cost of Dinner **\$15.00**
 Raw Kraut (2.5 lb)
 available for **\$5.00**

Beverage Tent
Bake Sale
Raffles



Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target -	\$1,870.00
Last Week's Total -	\$1,203.00
	-\$667.00
Year to Date Target -	\$18,700.00
Year to Date Total -	\$11,294.86
	-\$7,405.14

Readings for September 22, 2024

First Reading: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20
Second Reading: James 3:16-4:3
Gospel Reading: Mark 9:30-37

Ministry Servers

Saturday September 21 – 8:00 PM

Servers: Isabell Korn & volunteer
Ushers: Tom Schaub & Bill Korn
Lector: Melissa Schaub

Sunday September 22 – 10:00 AM

Servers: Jake & Josh Peterson & Sawyer Tollefson
Ushers: Robert Slattery & Mark Stephenson
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

Sun. Sept. 15 - Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM

Wed. Sept. 18 - Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM

Sat. Sept. 21 – Garage clean up & Coffeecake baking @8AM

Sun. Sept. 22 - Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM

Wed. Sept. 25 - Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM

Fri. Oct. 4 – Anointing of the Sick Sacrament available; contact Fr. Biju to schedule

Sun. Oct. 6 – Rosary in church @ 7:30 PM

Sun. Oct. 20 – World Mission Sunday collection



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

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

We read in today's Gospel passage Jesus and his disciples set out for the villages of Caesarea Philippi. Along the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" It takes a while until Jesus asks the disciples of their own opinion, to which Peter responds "You are the Christ".

In the kind of survey that appears in today's Gospel passage, we see that significant changes are taking place in Jesus' ministry. Until now, He has tried to hide his messianic identity, but now there is a difference: Jesus speaks of who He really is, but at the same time, along with the truth about his identity, He speaks bluntly about his coming passion, death and resurrection.

Peter, with the grace of God, declared "You are the Christ." But when Jesus spoke about his cross, Peter was not willing to accept a Messiah who would suffer and die. But Jesus makes it clear that "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me" Deny yourself by giving yourself for others in Jesus' name. That's where real discipleship lies. The disciples eventually would come to know the truth about the cross in their own life just like the master. The cross later never made them fickle minded rather they became his true witnesses.

September 14th, is the feast of the exaltation of the Holy Cross. Also, on Sep 15th the memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows. Happy feast to everyone.

Please keep the CCD teachers, students of St Peter and St Joseph in your thoughts as they begin their academic year. I thank all the teachers for your generosity with time and sharing of faith. I hope the parents would make sure that the children attend CCD & mass regularly.

Live Jesus, Fr Biju MSFS

Parish News

CCD News:

- Please pray for our teachers and students as they embark on a new year of learning our faith.
- Please get your registrations in if you have not done so already.
- There is still help needed with the CCD program. Please prayerfully consider lending a hand. Contact Fr. Biju with your interest.

Sauerkraut Supper: We are less than a month away from the Sauerkraut Supper and there are still many envelopes in the back of church. Keep in mind that they include a list of items we need donated. Without those donations our parish dinner would be lacking. Please stop to get yours today or see if there is a friend or neighbors that you can take them to. The sign-up board is there also. Please sign up today! Please mark your calendars for the upcoming supper related activities. We need parishioner HELP on these dates leading up to the supper:

- 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.

The sign-up board can now be found in the back of church. Sign up today!!!

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.

Victory of the Light Conference: Learn how to grow our DCCW council and make our leaders be the best they can be. Saturday September 21st from 10 AM – 4 PM at St. Mary of the Assumption Parish in Richland Center. See flier in the back of church for more information or email the parish office. RSVP by September 14th. A \$10 fee will be collected.

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 October 4th.**

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.

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.