

**Diocesan and Community News**

**Message for the week of October 13:**

**A Minute with Jesus:** Recognize God's love in that He sent His Son to give us the Eucharist. It's so important to remember that God is not just loving but He is LOVE itself. Our Heavenly Father reveals – shows us – that He is love and that He desires to share His love by creating us. He created each one of us out of love. Our Heavenly Father only wants to love us. We are able to recognize His love in that Our Father sent His only Son in order to give Himself to us in the Eucharist and to give His life for us on the Cross. Let's pray this now and every day this week: Heavenly Father, thank you for Your love for me. Read how St. John explains how we know that God is love: "Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us" (1 John 4: 7-12).

**Annual Pancake Breakfast:** St. Mary Parish, Coon Valley will hold their annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, October 13, 2024 from 7:30 AM – Noon. Meal includes: delicious stack of pancakes (from our own local Great American Pancake Co.) with local real maple syrup, eggs, sausage, cheese curds, applesauce, milk, orange juice and coffee! Also purchase a tasty treat to take home from the bake sale! \$10 for adults, \$5 children ages 6-12, 5 and under free. New this year – Pancake topping bar! Your choice of maple syrup, blueberries, strawberries, chocolate syrup, sprinkles, whip cream and peanut butter (while supplies last).

**ORGAN RECITAL:** The second in a series of three autumn organ recitals will be performed at Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman (530 Main Street, La Crosse) on Sunday October 20 at 2:00 by Bruce Bengtson. After over 40 years as Director of Music at Luther Memorial Church in Madison WI, Bruce retired in 2018. He won state and national competitions during his college years and has been featured in concerts in the U.S., Mexico, Canada, and Europe. The recital will be about one hour in duration. Admission is free; a freewill offering will be accepted. Ample parking available. Come hear this distinguished organist perform a wonderful program!

**"La Crosse Walk for Life" – Raising Funds for Alliance Family Services:** The Walk for Life is an exciting time for pro-life families and individuals to come together and celebrate the medical, practical, emotional and spiritual support Alliance Family Services is providing FREE to women and families facing unplanned pregnancies. Learn how to register in advance for the Walk as a fundraising team or as an individual, or simply donate through an existing team, by visiting [alliancefamilyservices.org/walkforlife](http://alliancefamilyservices.org/walkforlife) and scrolling down to the La Crosse link. Then come celebrate starting at 9 am on October 19th in the Blessed Sacrament School parking lot at 130 Losey Blvd S, where there will be check-in, prayer, the Walk, refreshments and fun! The mobile clinic will be on-site that day, so you can take a tour.

**Kids Korner**

**Jesus and the Rich Young Man**



The rich man in today's Gospel reading wanted to follow Jesus. But he was sad when Jesus told him that he should sell his things and give his money to the poor.

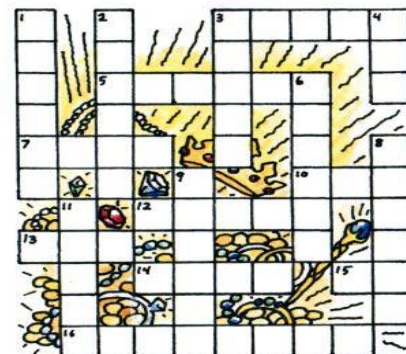
Do you think Jesus wants everyone to give away everything they have?

God calls some people to give up all their things so they can live a special life for Him, like religious brothers and sisters.



But God also wants people who are rich to use their money and things for Him- to help the poor and the Church.

What do you have that is really special? Would you be ready to give it up if God wanted you to?



**Wisdom Cross-Word Puzzle**

Wisdom 7:7-11

Unscramble the words in CAPITALS and fit them into the puzzle! A=Across and D=Down.

I DEYPAR (8D), and prudence SWA (13A) given me; I pleaded and HET (4D) spirit of MSODWI (2D) came to EM (15A).  
I preferred her to scepter and ONTHRE (9D), and deemed ERSIHC (6D) nothing in comparison with her, nor did I liken any priceless gem to her; because all DLGO (14A), in view of her, is a little sand, and before her, VELSIR (5A) is to be accounted mire. Beyond health and comeliness I OELVD (3D) her, And I SECHO (12A) to have RHE (10A) rather than the HGLTI (3A), because the DORSPLEN (16A) of her never yields to sleep. Yet all DOOG (7A) NSGTIH (1D) together came to me in her company, and countless riches at her SDHNA (11D).

**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](mailto: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

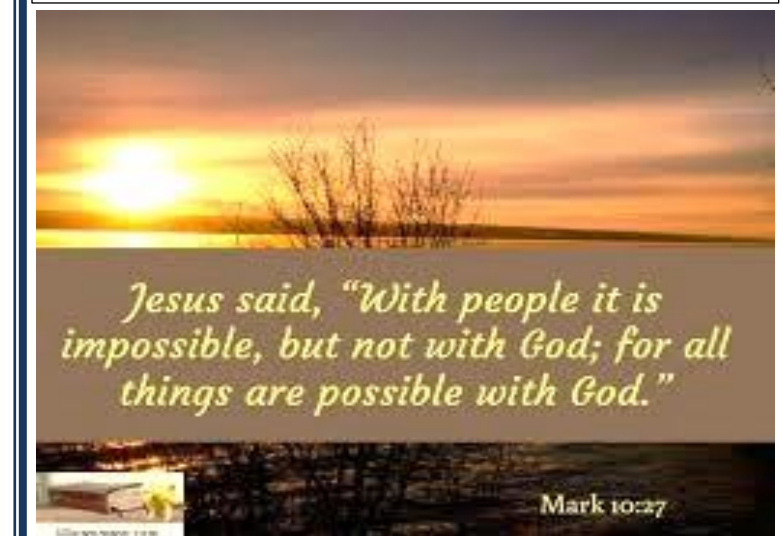
**St. Peters Catholic Church**  
**Middle Ridge, WI**  
**W697 State Hwy 33**  
**Rockland, WI 54653**



Parish website: [www.saintpetersparish.net](http://www.saintpetersparish.net)

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 13, 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

**10/16 Wednesday 8:00 AM** –  
**† Wilfred & Alice Kotek (SMF)**  
**10/18 Friday 8:00 AM** –  
**† Stanley Hundt**  
**10/19 Saturday 8:00 PM** –  
**† Otto & Theresa Schaub (TS)**  
**10/20 Sunday 10:00 AM** –  
**St. Peters Parish Family**



“For we are co-workers;  
 you are God’s field,  
 God’s building.”

1 Corinthians 3:9

1 CORINTHIANS 3:9

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GOAL

**\$12,520.00**

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 RECEIVED

# OF DONORS



**Pray Often & Daily!!!**

Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target -	\$1,870.00
Last Week’s Total -	\$1,253.15
	-\$616.85
Year to Date Target -	\$26,180.00
Year to Date Total -	\$17,758.01
	-\$8,421.99

Readings for October 20, 2024

**First Reading:** Isaiah 53:10-11  
**Second Reading:** Hebrews 4:14-16  
**Gospel Reading:** Mark 10:35-45

Ministry Servers

**Saturday October 19 – 8:00 PM**

Servers: Isabell Korn & Volunteer  
Ushers: Bill Korn & Duane Leis  
Lector: Dan Korn

**Sunday October 20 – 10:00 AM**

Servers: Madi & Allis Gronemus, Avin Stephenson  
Ushers: Gary Gronemus & Peter Benzing  
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

**Mon. Oct. 14** - Parish Finance meeting @ 6:30 PM  
**Wed. Oct. 16** - Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM  
**Sun. Oct. 20** - Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM  
**Sun. Oct. 20** – World Mission Sunday collection  
**Tues. Oct. 22** – Cemetery Committee meeting @ 7:30 PM  
**Wed. Oct. 23** - Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM  
**Sun. Oct. 27** - Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM  
**Sun. Oct. 27** – CCD Brat & Hotdog sale after mass  
**Fri. Nov. 1** – Anointing of the Sick Sacrament available; contact Fr. Biju to schedule  
**Fri. Nov. 1** – Youth event to celebrate All Saints Day  
**Fri. Nov. 1** – All Saints Day mass @ 8:00 PM  
**Sun. Nov. 3** – Rosary in church @ 7:30 PM



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

**Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The rich young man in today’s Gospel, responding to the invitation of Jesus, seeks to go beyond the basics of his faith that he practiced from his youth to follow Jesus, but the price is too high for him. He is not yet ready to give up his wealth and prestige. It is so easy to get caught in the same trap as the rich young man. After all, what he had wealth, possessions, power and prestige are held up and respected in many cultures of our world. Many would label the rich young man as foolish to give up all the advantages he had always enjoyed to follow a preacher.

In contrast, the Apostles, who admittedly had less to give up than the rich young man, were more easily willing to give up all they had to follow Jesus. Yet, they also took a risk giving up their trades and a way of life that they knew and that had become comfortable for them in order to follow Jesus. Like the rich young man, they were drawn to Jesus, but unlike him, they were able to give up their families to follow Jesus.

Jesus continues to call us and the people of our world to follow Him, to take on His values and those of the Gospel, to prefer God to riches and pleasures. Manage possessions wisely, so that they do not gain control over our hearts.

World Mission Sunday is Oct. 19-20, 2024. “Go and Invite Everyone to the Banquet”, always celebrated on the second to last Sunday of October is World Mission Sunday. It is a special day that unites Catholics worldwide in prayer, solidarity, and support for the Church’s mission efforts. This year’s theme, chosen by Pope Francis, is rooted in the Gospel of Matthew: “Go and Invite Everyone to the Banquet,” reflecting the inclusive and urgent call to bring God’s love to everyone. We will have a second collection for it on October 20th.

2024-2025 Diocesan Annual Appeal begins on this weekend. This year's theme is rooted in 1 Corinthians 3:9: “For We are God’s Co-Workers.” The theme highlights the collaborative relationship between God and us, the faithful, in building His kingdom. As we prepare the launch of this year’s Diocesan Annual Appeal, soon you will receive the envelopes and other related information. Our goal this year is \$12,520. Thank you for your generosity. Have a blessed weekend.

Live Jesus, Fr Biju MSFS

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CCD News:

-There will be a CCD Brat & Hotdog sale fund raiser on Sunday October 27<sup>th</sup>. Pre-orders will take place at the weekend masses on October 19 & 20.

-There will be a Youth event Friday November 1<sup>st</sup> to celebrate All Saints day. There will be games, activities and fun. Students are encouraged to dress up as their favorite Saint. Watch for more information. Mass will follow at 8:00 PM.

**Sauerkraut Supper Winners:** \$300 – Harris Halderson, \$200 – Rebecca Korish, \$100 – Pat Slattery, \$50 – Loretta Sanders, \$50 – Rick Lasko. We served 385 dinners in the basement and had 549 carry outs for a total of 934 meals. Thank you to ALL who came to help with our annual fundraiser.

**Diocesan Annual Appeal:** This weekend we kick off our yearly annual appeal. The funds collected go towards the running of the Diocese and other smaller collections. Our goal this year is \$12,520. Keep in mind that any donations over our goal come back to our parish to use for our own projects. Watch your mailbox for donation information.

**World Mission Sunday:** Next weekend we celebrate World Mission Sunday. Please look for an envelope for this collection in the bulletin. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

**Remembering the Lost:** October is infant and miscarriage awareness month. We would like to add the names of children to the intentions at the last mass of October for families in our parish who have lost babies. If you would like to submit names of babies who passed before or shortly after birth so that we can pray for them please send a note or email to the parish office.

**Calling all couples who are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary in 2025 or 2026:** Every year we are honored to do something special for couples who are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Each couple receives a packet and certificate, as well as an invitation to attend one of three celebrations that include Mass with the Bishop followed by a dinner. We are preparing for the anniversaries happening in 2025 and would like to get a head start on the 2026 anniversaries as well. Please contact your parish office to ensure your wedding date is listed in the parish’s records.

**DRE 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 if interested.