

**Diocesan and Community News**

**Message for the week of November 3:**

**A Minute with Jesus: You receive Jesus Himself in Holy Communion** God desires that you spend eternity in heaven with the Blessed Trinity – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Jesus was willing to die for you so you may be united with Him forever in heaven. However, you can be united with Jesus even now, by receiving Jesus in holy Communion. Your closest union with Jesus on earth is receiving the holy Eucharist – Jesus Himself – at Mass. Let’s pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, help me to receive Your love. Strengthen my faith to believe that when I receive holy Communion at Mass, I receive You. I am so thankful for You, that You want me to be with You now and forever in heaven.

This week, read how Jesus teaches us that if we eat the “living bread” – the holy Eucharist – we will live forever in John 6:48-58.

**Family Fun Night:** Join us at the St. Joseph Ridge School Hall hosted by the St. Joseph Parish on Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup> 6:00 - 9:00 PM The evening will offer many games of chance, basket raffles, and walk-around raffles for various items. There will be a cover charge of \$10.00 for a meal (which includes a Pork Loin sandwich, cheesy potatoes,...) and beverages. Please come enjoy our community!

**58th ANNUAL HOLLY BERRY FAIR:** Join Saint James & Providence Academy *WHEN:* Saturday, November 9, 2024, 8am-2pm. *WHERE:* In the Providence Academy Gymnasium. 716 Windsor St. across the street from St. James Church. *WHAT:* Booths include Bakery (We have lefse!), \$5 Fill-a-Bag Rummage & Antiques, Crafts, Raffle Baskets, Silent Auction, Jewelry, Mystery Gifts, Religious Items. Win a 55” LED Smart TV! Visit Santa from 9am-Noon. Homemade Beef Stew & refreshments available for dine in or take out.

**Important Cemetery Information**

It has come to the attention of the Cemetery Committee that several headstones in our cemetery are in need of repair/maintenance. Following is a list of the names on those headstones. It is the family’s responsibility to take care of these headstones. If you are a family member or know of a family member, please consider taking care of the necessary repairs and/or contacting family members. If interested, the Committee does have the name of a person who does this kind of work. If you have questions, please contact one of the Committee members.

- Row 2- Joseph Cavadini
- Row 3 – Frank Mashek and Peter & Barb Antony
- Row 4 – Karoline Dlask and John Schmit
- Row 5 – Peter Bell and Allette Arenz
- Row 10 – Josephina Cavadini
- Row 11 – Franz Kamperschroer and Peter Ott
- Row 12 – Edmund Ott
- Row 13 – Vaclav & Marie Silha and Margerate

**Kids Korner**

**THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT**

In today's Gospel reading, one of the scribes asked Jesus what was the most important commandment of God. Jesus told him that the most important rule was to love God with everything- our heart, our soul, our mind and all our strength. The next most important rule is to love others as much as we love ourselves.

God made us to love Him. We will never be really happy unless we do. But if we keep God first in our lives then everything else will happen the way God wants it to. If we love God first, then we can love others the way God asks.

What can you do to keep God first in your life? How about saying a prayer as soon as you wake up in the morning, and last thing before you go to bed at night?

Answer to front page puzzle: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, strength, and all your resources. Love your neighbor as yourself.

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**The Greatest Commandment Puzzle**

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

One of the scribes came to Jesus and asked him, "Which is the first of all the commandments?"

Jesus replied, "The first is this:

Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is   alone! You shall   the Lord your God with all your   all your soul, with all your  , and with all your  . The   is this: You shall love   neighbor as  .

What is the order of importance of those we must love?

1.

2.

**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

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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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**Middle Ridge, WI**  
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THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME  
**NOVEMBER 3, 2024**

**AND JESUS ANSWERED**

The first of all the commandments is,

Hear, O Israel; The

Lord our God is One

MARK 12:29

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

**11/6 Wednesday 8:00 AM –**  
**For the Souls in Purgatory (RK)**  
**11/8 Friday 8:00 AM –**  
**Eric & Steph (RK)**  
**11/9 Saturday 8:00 PM –**  
**† Dave & Marcie Hundt (HF)**  
**11/10 Sunday 10:00 AM –**  
**† Stanley Hundt (AH)**

Prayer for our Election

Most glorious and Triune God, we turn to You.  
 Bestow Your grace in abundance.  
 Heal our land, give direction to our leaders,  
 dispel all darkness and strengthen our charity.  
 Have mercy on our great nation.  
 Fill all citizens with clear direction in their civic duty.  
 May Your will and Your will alone be done in our elections.

Spare the lives of the unborn and bring an end to abortion.  
 Protect our religious liberty.  
 Protect the innocent, poor, neglected and most vulnerable.  
 Comfort those who are suffering.  
 Help our country to prosper in Your grace.

Amen

**Pray Often & Daily!!!**

Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target -	\$1,870.00
Last Week's Total -	\$1,925.00
	\$55.00
Year to Date Target -	\$31,790.00
Year to Date Total -	\$22,586.01
	-\$9,203.99

Readings for November 10, 2024

**First Reading:** 1 Kings 17:10-16  
**Second Reading:** Hebrews 9:24-28  
**Gospel Reading:** Mark 12:38-44

Ministry Servers

**Saturday November 9 – 8:00 PM**

Servers: Isabell Korn & volunteer  
Ushers: Bill Korn & Ron Hurtz  
Lector: Lynda Hurtz

**Sunday November 10 – 10:00 AM**

Servers: Lukas, Max & Abel Slattery  
Ushers: Robert Slattery & Leo Leis  
Lector: Ann 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

Sun. Nov. 3 - Rosary in church @ 7:30 PM  
Wed. Nov. 6 - Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 - 8:15 PM  
Sun. Nov. 10 - Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 - 9:45 AM  
Wed. Nov. 13 - Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 - 8:15 PM  
Sun. Nov. 17 - Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 - 9:45 AM  
Fri. Dec. 6 - Anointing of the Sick Sacrament available; contact Fr. Biju to schedule



“For we are co-workers;  
 you are God’s field,  
 God’s building.”  
 1 Corinthians 3:9

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GOAL	\$12,520.00
PLEGGED AND RECEIVED	\$2,665.00
# OF DONORS	9

**\*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

**Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**

This weekend we continue to read from Mark's Gospel. Jesus is in Jerusalem. The final days of Jesus in Jerusalem was filled with much action. His entry into Jerusalem, his cleansing of the Temple, and the questioning of Jesus' authority by the chief priests, scribes, and elders are all significant moments. This weekend we will hear one of the scribes addressing Jesus with a question. "Which is the first of all the commandments?"

Jesus summarized the whole Jewish law into love of God and neighbor. He wanted his listeners to understand that it is not possible to love God sincerely without loving the people whom God has made in His own image and likeness. St. John makes this point clear when he says, "Who ever does not love a brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen" (1 John 4:20). The dual commandments of love that Jesus gave are taken from the Old Testament. The first part about the love of God was taken from the famous Shema: "Hear O Israel: The Lord your God is one Lord; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might" (Deuteronomy 6:4). The Shema emphasizes the unity of God and the obligation to love the one God. The second part about love of neighbor was taken from Leviticus 19:18: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

What is remarkable about these two rules is that probably no Rabbi in the past had synthesized these two passages as Jesus did. The old concept of religion relegated the love of neighbor to the background, but Jesus made the love of neighbor inseparable with the love of God. In fact, the life of Jesus is an embodiment of the love of God and neighbor. What makes the instruction of Jesus about love so unique is that He asks His followers not to discriminate against anyone, irrespective of religion, race, tribe or social class. Jesus teaches us that our love of God is incomplete unless we love everyone and respect everyone because everyone is made in the image and likeness of God.

November 2nd is the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day). It's is a holy day set aside for honoring the dead. On this day we remember and pray for all those who have gone to eternal rest. Many Christians visit cemeteries where their loved ones are buried. Please pray for the dead, especially the holy souls in purgatory.

Have a blessed week.

Live Jesus, Fr Biju MSFS

Please Keep In Your Prayers:

- Henry Freit, son of Jaymeson & Emma (Gronemus) Freit who will be receiving the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday.
- Colton Lucey, son of Joshua & Breanna (Mikshowsky) Lucey who was baptized last weekend.
- Dan Korn who is recovering from a tractor accident.
- Heather Kramer and two of her sons, Benjamin & Simon, who lost their lives in a car accident Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2024, at around 11:36 p.m., on WI-State Highway 35. Heather is the mother of one of our CCD teachers, Lydia, who joined recently to teach the 8<sup>th</sup> grade CCD students. May their souls rest in peace.

Parish News

**CCD News:** Thank you to all who helped, donated and patronized the Youth Brat/Hotdog Sale. There was \$445 raised. Proceeds will go towards Birthright to help with challenges related to unplanned pregnancies.

**Cemetery News:**

- All flowers should be removed from the cemetery by November 1<sup>st</sup>. This is the responsibility of the families.
- There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection taken up on November 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> to benefit the cemetery fund. This money will be used to help with headstone straightening and to start a columbarium fund.

**Diocesan Annual Appeal:** Our goal this year is \$12,520. The funds collected go towards the running of the Diocese and other smaller collections. Keep in mind that any donations over our goal come back to our parish for our own projects.

**Heavenly Voices:** The Children's Choir will sing the second Sunday of November, the 10<sup>th</sup>. Practice will follow mass on the same Sunday because Terese will be gone on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Your voices are a gift to the parish. Thank you!!

**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 November 3<sup>rd</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 next on December 6<sup>th</sup>.** Contact Father if there is a need before then.