

**Diocesan and Community News**

**Message for the week of February 2:**

**A Minute with Jesus: Why does Jesus want to live in your heart?** God has created each person absolutely unique—there is only one of you. Jesus knows you, loves you and wants to be with you always. Jesus has a love in His heart that only you can receive. If you don't receive Jesus' love for you, it will be wasted. And likewise, you have a love in your heart that only you can give to Jesus. If you don't give that love, there will be an empty place in Jesus' heart. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, I want to receive all the love You have for me and give You all of my love. This week read about how much God loves you in John 3:16. To make this personal, replace "the world" with your own name.

**Suffering from Chronic Pain?** Gundersen Health System will be hosting a Healthy Living with Chronic Pain VIRTUAL workshop Wednesday mornings for 6 weeks starting Feb. 12. This workshop is designed to help adults with strategies for understanding and managing pain and more. For information, please call Vicky at 608-775-6870 or go to [Gundersenhealth.org/events](http://Gundersenhealth.org/events).

**Help Defund Planned Parenthood:** In just one year, Planned Parenthood, the largest abortion business in America, violently ends the lives of more than 390,000 unborn children. When a pregnant woman walks into a Planned Parenthood, 97% of the time she'll leave without her child. In 2023, Planned Parenthood received \$699 MILLION of taxpayer dollars, almost \$2 million PER DAY. Please help end taxpayer funding of this holocaust. Visit [sbalist.quorum.us/campaign/defund-planned-parenthood/](http://sbalist.quorum.us/campaign/defund-planned-parenthood/) or scan the QR code to the right. Fill out the form to email your U.S. Representative urging them to support and cosponsor H.R.271, the Defund Planned Parenthood Act of 2025.

**Developing a Daily Habit of Prayer:** Children and young people need help to develop a daily habit of prayer. A critical aspect is the importance of commitment—deciding on a specific time to pray each day. A helpful resource for parents can be found by clicking here: [diolc.org/catechesis/catechetical-leaders-info](http://diolc.org/catechesis/catechetical-leaders-info)

**Sacred Heart Catholic School**  
**Cashton, WI**

*4K-8th Grade Education  
 in the Classical Catholic Tradition*

For registration information or to arrange a visit call or write : (608) 654-7733 / [principal@smash3p.org](mailto:principal@smash3p.org)

*Now Registering for the 2025 - 2026 School Year!*



**Kids Korner**

**The Presentation of Jesus**



Today we celebrate the feast of the Presentation of Baby Jesus in the temple. God's people were supposed to offer their firstborn sons to the service of God, or make an offering of animals instead.

Mary and Joseph were poor, so they followed the law by offering a pair of turtledoves.

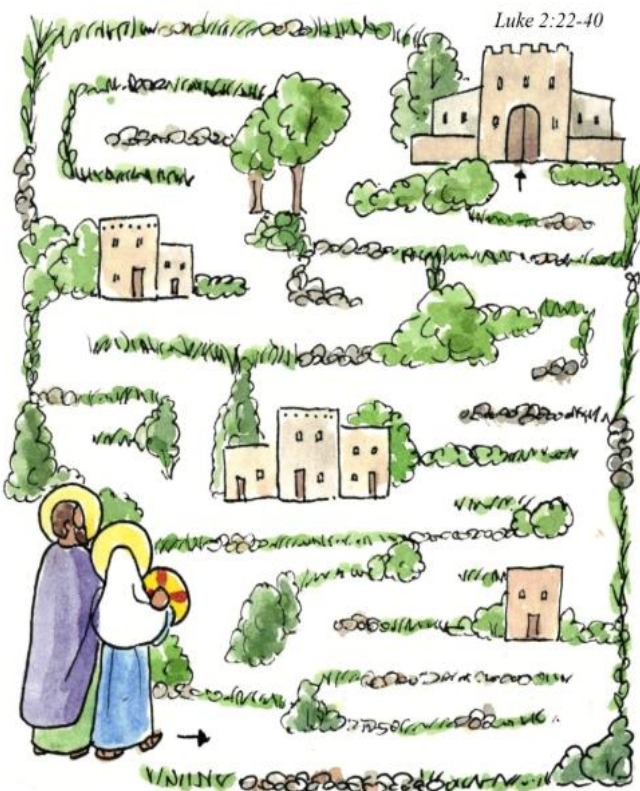


Did you know that you can offer yourself to God too? You can use your life to do good and please God.

A good way to start is to pray a "morning offering" every day. Tell God that you love Him and offer Him all your prayers, work, joys, and sufferings of the day. When you do everything for God you will be cooperating with Jesus in making the world a better and happier place!



How can you start offering yourself to God today?



Can you help the Holy Family find their way to the Temple so that Baby Jesus can be presented there?

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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**

Miranda Flock

**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**

Deborah 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)

**THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**  
**FEBRUARY 2, 2025**



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

**2/5 Wednesday 8:00 AM –**  
**† Wilfred & Alice Kotek (SMF)**  
**2/7 Friday 8:00 AM–**  
**† David Cummings (PTS)**  
**2/8 Saturday 8:00 PM –**  
**† Dave & Marcie Hundt (HF)**  
**2/9 Sunday 10:00 AM –**  
**† Jean Kuehn (MLH)**

Ministry Servers

**Saturday February 8 – 8:00 PM**  
**Servers:** Isabell Korn & Volunteer  
**Ushers:** Ron Hurtz & Bill Korn  
**Lector:** Lynda Hurtz  
**Sunday February 9 – 10:00 AM**  
**Servers:** Max & Abel Slattery  
**Ushers:** Rob Slattery & Peter Benzing  
**Lector:** Pam Benzing  
**\*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.**  
**8 Ways to Pray During Eucharistic Adoration ~**  
 - Read Spiritual Books - Ask for Intercession - Meditate  
 - Offer a Holy Hour - Write a Prayer Journal -  
 Pray Spontaneously - Ask the Saints for help - Read the Scriptures

Parish Calendar of Events

**Sun. Feb. 2 – Rosary in church @ 7:30 PM**  
**Wed. Feb. 5 – Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM**  
**Fri. Feb. 7 – Anointing of the Sick Sacrament available; contact Fr. Biju to schedule**  
**Sun. Feb. 9 – Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM**  
**Wed. Feb. 12 – Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM**  
**Fri. Feb. 14 – St. Peter's Couples Night**  
**Sun. Feb. 16 – Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM**  
**Tues. Feb. 18 – Parish Finance meeting @ 6:30 PM**  
**Sun. March 2 – Cabin Feverfest @ noon**  
**Tues. March 11 – Cemetery Committee meeting @ 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  
 Monday .....5:30pm  
 Tuesday..... 5:30pm  
 (Adoration before Mass beginning at 5:00 pm)  
 Thursday.....8:30am

From the Pastor's Pen

**The Presentation of the Lord**

Happy Feast of the Presentation of the Lord! It's the Candlemas feast. Luke tells us that Mary and Joseph, in keeping with the Law of Moses which called for the first-born male to be dedicated to God, presented the Child Jesus to God in the Temple in Jerusalem 40 days after his birth. Every year February 2<sup>nd</sup>, fortieth day after December 25th is celebrated the presentation of the Lord. This year it happens to fall on a Sunday.

When meditating on today's Gospel passage, we are drawn into the moment when Mary and Joseph bring Jesus to the temple for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses. Their humble hearts are immediately touched by the prophetic words of Simeon and Anna, who recognized Jesus as the Savior. Despite the earlier visit from the Archangel Gabriel to both Mary and Joseph, who had already told them about Jesus' divine mission, Jesus' parents stand in awe as they hear Simeon say, "for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel."

This scene invites us to reflect on the nature of our own faith. Are we like Mary and Joseph, continually amazed at the presence of Jesus in our lives? Or have we grown accustomed and complacent, taking the gift of Emmanuel—God with us—for granted? The amazement of Mary and Joseph despite their foreknowledge of Jesus' mission highlights a profound truth about the mystery of faith. No matter how much we know or experience, there is always more to be revealed and celebrated. Their awe reminds us that encountering Jesus is not a one-time event but a daily invitation to recognize His love and grace at work in our lives.

In our busy world, it's easy to become desensitized to the presence of Jesus. We might participate in the Sacraments, read Scripture, or pray, but do we still experience that sense of wonder and awe that God is truly with us, that He is - in fact - Emmanuel?

Let us pray for the grace to rekindle our amazement at Jesus' presence. Like Mary and Joseph, may we stand in awe before the mystery of our Savior, recognizing Him in the Eucharist, in the Word, and in our daily encounters. May our hearts be ever open to the miraculous reality that God is with us, guiding and loving us every step of our journey.

This weekend we are also celebrating the World Day for Consecrated Life. Please pray for all those in consecrated life, and for many more persons to answer God's call to this vocation. Have a blessed week.

Live Jesus, Fr Biju MSFS

Parish News

**Special Collection:** Please be generous in this week's special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, over 11% of the population lives in poverty. Through this collection, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and those working on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at [www.usccb.org/cchd](http://www.usccb.org/cchd).

**FUNDRAISER POSTPONED:** The new fundraiser that was being planned at Timmer's 10-Mile on Saturday February 8<sup>th</sup> is being postponed. We will look to reschedule this summer. Watch for updates and thank you to all who helped in its planning.

**4<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Peter's Couples Night:** Valentine's day is a time to celebrate your love. St. Peter's Couples Night will be held **Friday February 14<sup>th</sup>** from 6:30 - 9 PM in the church basement. There will be an inspirational speech by Deacon Christopher Kabat, intimate multi-course meal with your Sweetheart, romantic music and Christian fellowship. Make your reservations before **February 7<sup>th</sup>** by calling or emailing the parish office or speak to Tom or Melissa Schaub. This event is open to all married or engaged couples. This is spiritual food for your marriage!!

**Children's Choir:** We thank you for praising Jesus, the Newborn King, with your voices. We will be practicing at 3 PM on the last Saturday of each month for 45 minutes. This will help keep us united. Even if you can't make the practices, please come up and sing on Sundays. Thank you again!

**Mark Your Calendars:** We are planning our annual Cabin Feverfest Euchre Tournament & Luncheon for Sunday March 2<sup>nd</sup>. The doors will open at Noon with card games beginning at 1:00 PM. The cost will be \$15 per person. Please watch for a sign up sheet for food donations and fliers in the coming weeks. Let's have a good ST. PETERS PARISHIONER turn out!!

**Knights of Columbus Breakfast:** The Father McCaffrey Council 9438 will be holding a pancake, sausage and egg breakfast on Sunday February 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8:30 am to Noon in the basement of St. Teresa of Kolkata Parish in West Salem. This will be a free will offering for the breakfast. Proceeds from the Breakfast go to seminarians for their religious education.

**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 February 2<sup>nd</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 February 7<sup>th</sup>.** Contact Father if there is a need before then.



*"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**

PLEGGED AND RECEIVED **\$12,669.00**

# OF DONORS **34**



**Pray Often & Daily!!!**



Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target -	\$1,870.00
Last Week's Total -	\$925.25
	-\$944.75
Year to Date Target -	\$56,100.00
Year to Date Total -	\$51,938.38
	-\$4,161.62

Readings for February 9, 2025

**First Reading:** Isaiah 6:1-8  
**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 15:1-11  
**Gospel Reading:** Luke 5:1-11