

Diocesan and Community News

Message for the week of February 9:

A Minute with Jesus: Jesus wants us to know He is continually with us. Oftentimes, our mind begins to wander at Mass because we only see bread and wine. What contributes to our distractions is the bombardment of noise and images to our minds that come through our physical senses (hearing, seeing). Therefore, we are much less attuned to the world of the spirit and the much deeper spiritual realities that are right here, all around us. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, help me to learn to be quiet and reveal to my heart the truth that the Eucharist is really You present under the appearance of bread and wine. This week, read about Jacob in the desert, who was very much afraid, and came to realize that God was present right there with him. As with Jacob, we can say as we pray before the Blessed Sacrament, "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it" (Gn. 28:10-17).

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.

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/ 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

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

Now Registering for the 2025 – 2026 School Year!

Kids Korner

Fishers of Men



In today's gospel reading Peter had been out fishing all night and hadn't been able to catch any fish. When Jesus told him to let down the nets again he did it anyway. He was very surprised when the nets filled up with fish right away. And there were so many that the boat started to sink!

Jesus told Peter and his friends James and John that he was going to make them "fishers of men." But He didn't mean that they would catch people in nets! He was showing them that they had to bring people into the Church.



Who are the "fishers of men" today? Priests! They help people to come to the Faith by giving them the sacraments and teaching them the truth about God.

The Confirmation class and their sponsors made a retreat to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe last weekend. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation in April.



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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

Email: parishoffice@stpmr.diolcparish.org

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

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 9, 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

2/12 Wednesday 8:00 AM –
The Marriage of Jordan & Margaret Richardson (MLH)
2/14 Friday 8:00 AM–
Robert & Nicole Slattery & family (PTS)
2/15 Saturday 8:00 PM –
St. Peter’s Parish family
2/16 Sunday 10:00 AM –
† Al Antony (AA)

Ministry Servers

Saturday February 15 – 8:00 PM
 Servers: Brielle & Brooklyn Lundeen
 Ushers: Phil Gronemus & Don Halderson
 Lector: Julie Lundeen

Sunday February 16 – 10:00 AM
 Servers: Jake & Josh Peterson
 Ushers: Gary Gronemus & 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.
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

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
Wed. Feb. 19 - Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM
Sun. Feb. 23 - Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM
Sun. March 2 - Cabin Feverfest @ noon
Sun. March 2 - Rosary in church @ 7:30 PM
Fri. March 7 - Anointing of the Sick Sacrament available; contact Fr. Biju to schedule
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
 Monday5:30pm
 Tuesday..... 5:30pm
 (Adoration before Mass beginning at 5:00 pm)
 Thursday.....8:30am

From the Pastor’s Pen

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the Gospel passage this weekend, we witness a profound moment where the disciples, especially Simon Peter, encounter the divine presence of Jesus at the sea of Galilee. In the narrative we find that Jesus instructs Peter to cast his net into deeper waters after a fruitless night of fishing. The result is a miraculous catch, overwhelming in both quantity and significance. Witnessing this, Peter falls to his knees, exclaiming, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." Peter's reaction is one of fear, rooted in the awareness of his sinfulness and the overwhelming holiness of Jesus.

However, it is precisely in these moments of fear and self-awareness that God's transformative grace is revealed. Jesus’ response to Peter is not one of rejection but of invitation and reassurance. "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men."

Jesus acknowledges Peter's fear but redirects it towards a new purpose, emphasizing that it is through divine holiness that our lives are transformed. Jesus’ interaction with Peter teaches us that God’s holiness is not a barrier but a bridge. It is an invitation to let go of fear and embrace the transformative power of God's grace. By acknowledging our shortcomings and surrendering to God's holiness, we can experience true freedom and purpose.

Peter’s encounter with Jesus on the shores of Galilee is a powerful reminder that our sinfulness, when met with divine holiness, becomes an opportunity for grace and transformation. May we, like Peter, hear Jesus’ words, “Do not be afraid,” and trust in the healing and life-changing power of God's holiness. Let us not shy away from His presence but embrace it, knowing that it is through His grace that we are made whole.

Have a blessed week.

Live Jesus, Fr Biju MSFS

Parish News

Catholic Campaign for Human Development: Thank you for your generous support with our latest collection. If you misplaced the envelope in last weeks bulletin there are more in the back of church.

Children’s Choir: 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 2nd. The doors will open at Noon with card games beginning at 1:00 PM. The cost will be \$15 per person. The sign up sheet and fliers can be found in the back of church. Please take these around to the places you frequent to get the word out. **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 23rd 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.

Diocesan Annual Appeal: We have reached our goal of \$12,520. Don’t stop now!! Any money collected over our goal comes back to St. Peter’s for our own use towards projects and evangelization.

Evenings of Hope: You are invited to participate in one of the *Evenings of Hope* with Bishop Battersby in La Crosse, Eau Claire and Wausau. The first Evening of Hope will be held in La Crosse on Feb. 22. Bishop Battersby will celebrate the 4:30 p.m. Mass at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman and impart the Papal Blessing with the attached plenary indulgence. A Holy Hour will follow Mass, during which Bishop Battersby will offer a jubilee reflection on hope. Confessions will also be heard. The event will end with a closing benediction at 7:00 p.m.

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 March 2nd.** 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 March 7th.** Contact Father if there is a need before then.

Hearing Assistance: For anyone finding it difficult to hear during mass we now have head-sets available in the sacristy that can be used to help. They are linked into our sound system directly.



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

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1 CORINTHIANS 3:9

GOAL **\$12,520.00**

PLEGGED AND RECEIVED **\$12,679.00**

OF DONORS **35**



Pray Often & Daily!!!



Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target -	\$1,870.00
Last Week’s Total -	\$1,365.55
	-\$504.45
Year to Date Target -	\$57,970.00
Year to Date Total -	\$53,303.93
	-\$4,666.07

Readings for February 16, 2025

First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20
Gospel Reading: Luke 6:17, 20-26