

Diocesan and Community News

Need Hope? Take A Minute to Get to Know the "God of All Hope"

Jesus is Our Hope (1 Tim 1:1) Hope is not simply optimism or wishful thinking. It is a supernatural gift given by God that enables us to trust in His promises, even when all could seem lost. The catechism teaches that "hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life, placing our trust in Christ's promises and relying not on our own strength, but on the help of the Holy Spirit." (CCC 1817). Hope, then, lifts our hearts beyond fear, failure or weakness. It tells us that the story of our lives, and of history itself, is held in the unbreakable bond with our loving God. As Pope Benedict XVI wrote, "Even when there seems to be nothing left to hope for, only the certitude of God's love gives the courage to act and to persevere." During this Jubilee Year of Hope, ask the Lord to increase the hope that is in you.

ST. MARY'S ANNUAL CRAFT SHOW Saturday, December 6, 2025: Join us for St. Mary's Annual Craft Show and discover unique, one-of-a-kind gifts for the holiday season! Shop from a variety of talented local vendors and crafters. 🕒 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM 📍 Coon Valley Village Hall, 108 Roosevelt St. Enjoy delicious concessions available throughout the day. Admission is free, so bring your family and friends for a fun day of shopping and community spirit! For more information, visit www.stmarycv.org/craft-show or contact Nancy Peters at 608-790-6034 or Peters@mwtnet.net.

MMOC Cookie Walk: Mary, Mother of the Church parish will be holding their Cookie Walk & Craft Sale on Sat., Dec. 13, in the parish hall located at 2006 Weston St., La Crosse, from 7:30 AM - 1 PM. Homemade cookies, candies, breads, pies, Scandinavian sweets, handcrafted items, Scrip gift cards and raffles are available for sale. Serving breakfast (featuring egg bakes and cinnamon rolls) and lunch (homemade soup and chili). Door Prizes every half hour.

And the babies keep coming!!! Please welcome these new members who were baptized last weekend.



Layla Jane, daughter of Cameron & Hailey Flock

Kids Korner

Christ is the King!

Today is the feast of Christ the King. When Jesus was on earth, many of His followers thought that He was going to be a normal sort of king, with a kingdom and soldiers and everything. Is that what Jesus did?

Before He died, Jesus said that His kingdom was not in this world. Do you know where Jesus' kingdom is?

Did you know that the Kingdom of Heaven is not just in Heaven? It's in the soul of every person who follows Jesus. Do you try to be like Jesus? Is He your king?

Here is a little prayer you can say to Jesus any time you think of Him, maybe every time you see a picture of Him:

*Jesus, you are my King and my God and I love you.
Help me to be your good servant!*

Make sure you do something special today to celebrate the feast of Christ the King!



Joseph Phillip, son of Mark & Sarah Gronemus

PARISH PRIEST

Rev. Sengole Vethanayagam
(Fr. Sen) (715) 615-1774
frsengolevema@gmail.com

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday and Friday.....8:00 AM

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday.....8:00 PM

Sunday.....10:00 AM

ADORATION

Wednesday....7:00 PM with Benediction at 8:05 PM

CONFESSIONS

Wednesday during Adoration

Before Saturday mass & 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

Bulletin deadline:Wednesday

Email: parishoffice@stpmr.diocparish.org

PARISH WEBMASTER

Christopher Pundzak

SACRISTANS

Richard Korish & Austin Menn

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Miranda Flock & Carol Gronemus (assistant)

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

FUNERAL COMMITTEE CHAIR

Deborah Leis

MUSIC

Terese Slattery, Coordinator
Leland Gregorich, Organist

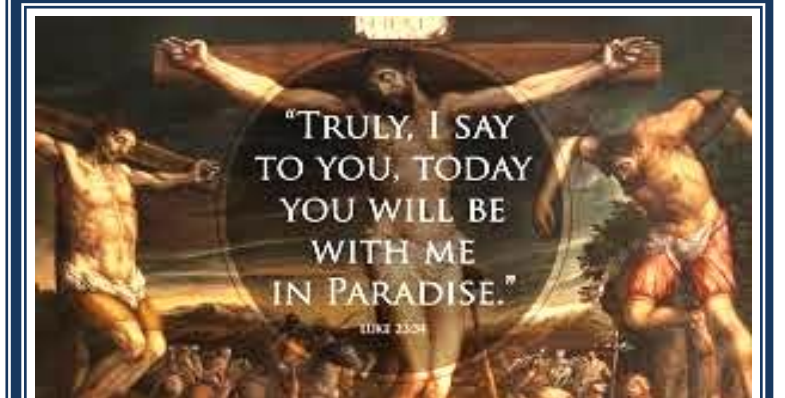
St. Peter's Catholic Church

Middle Ridge, WI
W697 State Hwy 33
Rockland, WI 54653
608-452-4680

Parish website: www.saintpetersparish.net



**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE
NOVEMBER 23, 2025**



CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR:

- Joining the Parish • Weddings • Baptisms
- Anointing of the sick
- If you are home-bound & would like to be visited

Parish Intentions

11/26 Wednesday 8:00 AM –
Deceased members of the Mary & Charles McGrath family (THW)
11/28 Friday 8:00 AM –
† Madonna & Jerry Hundt (AH)
11/29 Saturday 8:00 PM –
The living & deceased members of the Joseph & Marie Kaiser family (KF)
11/30 Sunday 10:00 AM –
† Leo & Shirley Servais (JG)

Attention: If you would like to have a mass prayed for your intention, you can place it in a marked envelope in the offertory. If you have a certain date you would like, please specify.

Ministry Servers

Saturday November 29 – 8:00 PM
Servers: Matthew Schaub & Mason Leis
Ushers: Tom Schaub & Mike Schaub
Lector: Melissa Schaub
Sunday November 30 – 10:00 AM
Servers: NEED VOLUNTEERS
Ushers: Mark Gronemus & Volunteer
Lector: John 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

Wednesdays: Rosary @ 7:00 PM – Eucharistic Exposition @ 7:20 PM – Quiet Prayer/Confession - Benediction @ 8:05 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. Nov. 26 - Grades 7-10 NO CCD Class
Sun. Nov. 30 - Grades 1-6 NO CCD Class
Wed. Dec. 3 – Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM
Sat. Dec. 6/Sun. Dec. 7 – PCCW Cookie Sale after masses
Sun. Dec. 7 - Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM
Sun. Dec. 7 – Rosary in church @ 7:30 PM
Mon. Dec. 8 – Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary mass at St. Peter @ 8:00 PM (St. Joseph @ 6 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.
Tuesday 5:30 p.m.
(Adoration before Mass beginning at 5:00 p.m.)
Thursday..... 8:30 a.m.
First Saturday Mass..... 8:30am

From the Pastor's Pen

“Catholic Life and Eucharistic Celebration”

My God-given People,
Peace, Joy, and Love of Christ from your Father Sen.
I feel blessed to be your pastor. Within the short period of time, I feel comfortable to serve at St. Joseph's and St. Peter's. I will commit myself as much as I can. God is so great for making us meet in life.
I am sure that you will be excited to know the decision made regarding the Mass time changes. On Tuesday, November 18, 2025, the Councils of our parishes had a fruitful meeting at St. Peter's to review the survey.
After taking all your concerns sincerely, it was decided to keep the Saturday Masses as it is now. For practical reasons, the Sunday Mass at St. Joseph will be moved to 8 AM. Also, Thursday Mass and First Saturday Mass at St. Joseph will be moved to 8AM as well.
Thanks for all your inputs in the survey.

God bless you for all that do,
Father Sen

Parish News

Stewardship Reflection: The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

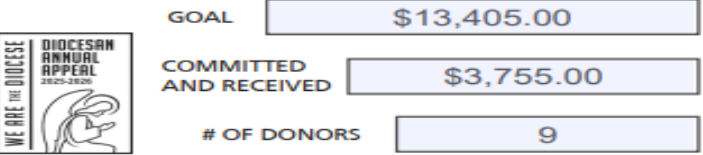
On this Feast of Christ the King, our readings remind us that we serve the greatest of Kings, who is also the humblest of Kings. Christ exemplifies perfect servant leadership. And what an incredible privilege it is that He has called us to be servant leaders — stewards in the effort to advance His Kingdom.
In our second reading from St. Paul's letter to the Colossians, Paul describes the great power and dignity that define Christ the King. “All things were created through him and for him. He is before all things and in him all things hold together.” It makes you want to stand up and cheer. That's our King!
Yet, what a contrasting description of the same King we find in our Gospel passage from Luke. Now we see our King nailed to the Cross. Everyone—from rulers to soldiers, to the criminals on either side of Christ—is mocking, sneering, and reviling Him. They tauntingly urge Him to prove His kingship by coming down from the Cross to end His suffering with a great display of power. “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself.”
But He does not. Amazingly, it is in this moment of weakness and humiliation, when all appears hopeless and lost, that the full extent of His greatness as king is revealed. Though all things were created through and for Him, Christ chooses to live entirely for others, for us!
What does this mean for us as his followers and stewards of His kingdom? It means our lives are not about us. They are about Christ and others. We will advance His kingdom to the extent that we embrace this mindset: my life is not about me; it is about serving the King of kings. Let this inspire and motivate us in our daily lives.

Office Hours: The office hours for Fridays up until Christmas may vary. Wednesdays are best if you need to contact the secretary.
PCCW Cookie Sale Information: We will be having a Christmas cookie sale after the December 6th and 7th masses with proceeds going to the Warming Center and Cashton Cupboard. We would like to request donations of Christmas cookies or treats from parishioners. Please have donations to church by Dec. 6th at 11:00 am. There will be a PCCW meeting at 10:30 am while we repackage cookies and discuss yearly donations. Please plan to help. It goes quickly with many hands!
Job Opportunities:
-The Administrative Assistant position for **St. Joseph Parish** is open. The position is part time (10—12 hours per week) and consists of bookkeeping, preparing the bulletin and general office duties. If you are interested or would like more information, please call the Parish Office (608)788-1646 or speak with Father Sen.
- Fr. Matthew Bowe and the **Tri-Parish Catholic Community** of Cashton-Norwalk is seeking a part-time bookkeeper. If interested, please inquire at (608) 654-5654 (please leave a message) or email secretary@smash3p.org.

Advent begins Nov. 30th: Advent is the season of preparation for the birth of Christ that includes a call to purification through personal spiritual renewal, receiving the sacrament of reconciliation (confession), and making simple acts of penance and sacrifice. Purification is a key theme, involving the cleansing of hearts and minds from worldly distractions to focus on Christ's coming, asking for the grace to "purify hope" and preparing for the Lord. The priest's vestments during Advent are purple, the color of penance and sacrifice. They are a constant reminder of our need to get ready—to be cleansed and purified. Advent is a season for stepping back from our busy lives, taking time in stillness and solitude, to reflect more deeply on the mystery of God's Incarnation—Jesus taking on human flesh to be among us. This can also include something like not having dessert occasionally, or turning off the TV for one night or setting aside an electronic device for an hour. Or this can include helping someone in need or visiting a person who is lonely. We offer small sacrifices to spend this Advent in true preparation for the real gift of Christmas—Jesus Christ.



AS THE FATHER HAS
SENT ME, SO I SEND YOU.
- JOHN 20:21
DIOLC.ORG/STEWARDSHIP



Pray Often & Daily!!!



Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target -	\$1,900.00
Last Week's Total -	\$1,954.07
	\$54.07
Year to Date Target -	\$38,000.00
Year to Date Total -	\$35,034.99
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Looking Ahead: Readings for November 30, 2025

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5
Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14
Gospel Reading: Matthew 24:37-44