

Diocesan and Community News

Characteristics of a Disciple of Jesus Christ: Community

The fifth characteristic is that we participate in our parish community and foster deeper relationships with individuals with whom we can share and grow in our faith. A disciple knows that one's faith is not meant to be lived in isolation. We are part of a family. "We must consider how to rouse one another to love and good works (Hebrews 10:24). Disciples of Jesus actively seek each other out and look for opportunities to celebrate the love of God together, whether that be at Mass, on retreat, at a restaurant, at work or school, or even at a football game.

Join us for Oct. 16 Gospel of Life White Mass & Banquet: On Friday, Oct. 16, at 6:00 PM, at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman, Bishop Battersby will celebrate the "White Mass," at which the faithful honor and pray for Catholic healthcare professionals. A banquet will follow, with Fr. Justin Kizewski speaking on the vital topic of "The Art of Dying Well: Spiritual Preparation for Death." As the end of life draws near, much attention is paid to medical decisions, life insurance, a will, a cemetery plot, etc., but nothing is as important as preparing the soul for passage into eternal life. Fr. Kizewski will shine a light on the beautiful teaching and practice of the Church as she accompanies us, and our loved ones, in the last days and hours of life. All are invited to attend this special evening. Visit here to learn more: <https://diolc.org/social-concerns/gospel-of-life>.

Local Mom Group: This new initiative will begin on September 15th at Sacred Heart in Cashton from 9:30 to 11 AM and will meet here on the 2nd Tuesday of each month in the basement starting in October. They will meet at other local churches on the other Tuesdays of the month. The rosary will be prayed, followed by fellowship, coffee for the moms and snacks for the kids. If you are a mom looking to enrich yourself spiritually, join the GroupMe group called "Gathered in Grace - Driftless Region" for more information. If you have any questions or issues joining the group, please contact Sarah Gronemus. **Scan this QR code to learn more info.**



Rachel Ministries: Hope and Healing after the Loss of a Child: Anyone suffering the loss of a child as a result of miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, stillbirth, or abortion knows that the tremendous pain of losing a child, no matter the circumstance, holds a sacred place in a parent's heart. Grief can be stifled by the busyness of our lives, the immensity of the pain, the difficulty of the circumstances, or the feeling of being alone. Volunteers at Rachel Ministries of the Diocese of La Crosse desire to walk alongside those suffering in this way on a journey of healing, offering spiritual accompaniment and connections with needed resources within the Catholic Church. To learn more about Rachel Ministries' pathways to healing, including special Masses and a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat, see the flyer in the back of church or go to <https://diolc.org/rachelministries>.

Kids Korner

If you want to be forgiven...

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells the story of a king whose servant owed him a lot of money. The king was going to punish the servant, but when the man knelt down and begged for mercy, the king forgave him. Then that same man went and punished a servant who owed him money. When the king found out about this he was very angry.



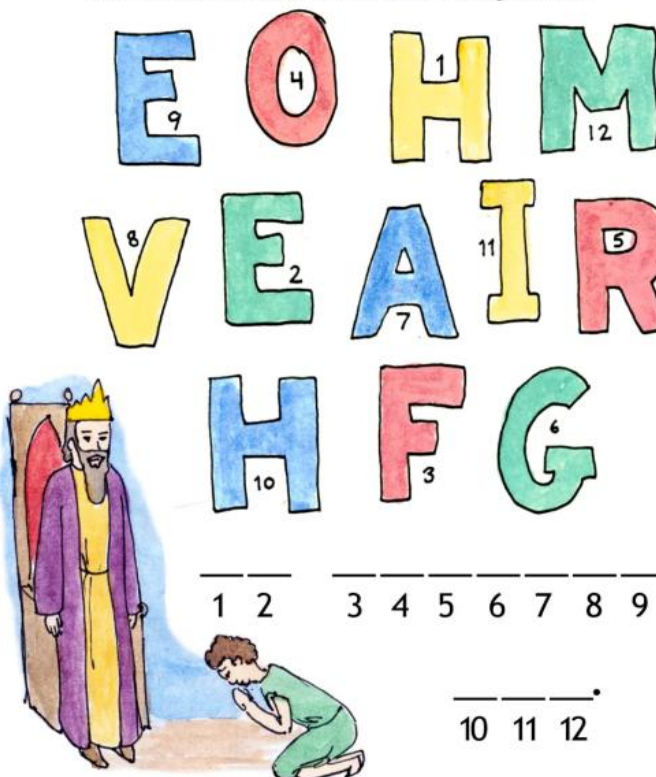
In this story Jesus is telling us that if we want God to forgive us our sins then we have to forgive the people who have hurt us.

Has anyone ever done something mean to you? How do you feel when that happens? Do you feel loving toward that person? Jesus tells us that we must forgive those people, even when they really hurt us, because we want God to forgive us too. Every time we sin we offend God, and He will still forgive us if we are sorry. If we want God to forgive us, then it's only fair for us to forgive others.



Answer to puzzle on front.

What did the king in today's parable do to the servant who owed him much but asked for forgiveness?
Use the numbers to sort the letters and find out!



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.... Eucharistic Exposition and
Rosary @ 7:00 PM

Quiet Prayer/Confession
Benediction @ 7:55 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.diolcparish.org

PARISH WEBMASTER

Christopher Pundzak

SACRISTANS

Austin Menn & Andrew Schaub

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Miranda Flock & Carol Gronemus (assistant)

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Mark Nicolai (Chairman), Brandon Flock,
Louisa Peterson, James Hundt & Nick Gronemus
(Committee liaisons: Peter Benzing & Leo Leis)

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Mark Stephenson (Chairman), Rob Slattery, Tom
Schaub, Peter Benzing, Kathy Flock, Sarah
Gronemus (Secretary)

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

St. Peter's Catholic Church Middle Ridge, WI W697 State Hwy 33 Rockland, WI 54653 608-452-4680

Parish website: www.saintpetersparish.net



TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 13, 2026



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

9/16 Wednesday 8:00 AM –
† Sandra Allen (MLH)
9/18 Friday 8:00 AM –
Erick & Katherine Groth family (RJK)
9/19 Saturday 8:00 PM –
† Douglas Hurlburt (TMS)
9/20 Sunday 10:00 AM –
St. Peter Parish Family

Ministry Servers

Saturday September 19 – 8:00 PM
Servers: Mason Leis & Allis Gronemus
Ushers: Tom Schaub & Mike Leis
Lector: Melissa Schaub
Sunday September 20 – 10:00 AM
Servers: Arnie & Adeline Nicolai
Ushers: Peter Benzing & Mark Stephenson
Lector: Pam Benzing

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. Sept. 16 - Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM
Sun. Sept. 20 - Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM
Tues. Sept. 22 – Parish Pastoral Council meeting @ 7 PM
Wed. Sept. 23 – Office closed for staff to attend RLD
Wed. Sept. 23 – Rural Life Day at Creamery Creek Farms
Wed. Sept. 23 - Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM
Sat. Sept. 26 – Clean Garage & Basement for Sauerkraut Supper beginning @ 9 AM PLEASE COME HELP!!!!
Sun. Sept. 27 - Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AA
Tues. Sept. 29 – Supper prep & cleaning @ 6 PM
Thurs. Oct. 1 - Supper prep & cleaning @ 6 PM
Sun. Oct. 4 – Rosary in church @ 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 8:00 a.m.
Tuesday 5:30 p.m.
(Adoration before Mass beginning at 5:00 p.m.)
Thursday.....8:00 a.m.
First Saturday Mass.....8:00 a.m.

Stewardship Reflection

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today’s readings call us to examine how we steward our hearts. Anger, resentment, and unforgiveness can take root and keep us from the healing and peace God desires for us. Sirach reminds us to remember God’s covenant, set enmity aside, and choose mercy.
In the Gospel, Jesus tells of a servant forgiven an impossible debt who refuses to forgive another. We recognize ourselves in that story. God has given us life, forgiven our sins, and opened the way to eternal life through His Son. Such a gift calls for a response.
Stewardship is that response: offering our whole lives back to God and extending His mercy to others. When we forgive, we share in Christ’s mission and witness to the freedom and joy of life in Him.

Parish News

Adoration: Please take note that our Eucharistic Adoration has gone back to our previous schedule during CCD time.
We Need Your Help! Rural Life Day is on September 23 at 10:00 AM at Creamery Creek in Bangor, and we're hoping for a few helping hands! We’re putting together volunteer teams to help bake dessert bars, direct parking, run golf cart shuttles, serve as ushers, transition tables and chairs between Mass and the meal, and assist with some light post-event cleanup. Your support is truly appreciated. You will find a sign-up sheet in the back of church for these positions. This is our duty as the host parish!!
COME CELEBRATE Rural Life Day! Sept. 23, 2026 - Creamery Creek in Bangor: Join us for the 45th Annual Rural Life Day Celebration at Creamery Creek, hosted by the John and Donna Hansen family and the Justin and Louisa Peterson family (St. Peter’s parishioners). Rural Life Day is a beautiful diocesan/deanery event that brings together several hundred members of the faithful to honor rural life in our communities. Our celebration begins with Mass at 10:00 AM, celebrated by Bishop Gerard Battersby, together with many priests and deacons of the diocese. This is followed by special awards and the blessing of crops, animals, and machinery of the farm. We conclude our celebration with a delicious lunch and a freewill offering to benefit Project Milk. Creamery Creek is located at W1250 County Road U, Bangor, WI 54614.
Local Celebrities: Everyone in the parish receives the Catholic Life magazine in their mailbox each quarter. This month there are TWO articles that mention St. Peter’s! On page 4 is a wonderful story about our former pastor, Fr. Biju. On page 20 is a beautiful spread featuring our parishioners, the Peterson family, and the Rural Life Day event coming up September 23rd at their farm. If you didn’t receive the magazine or misplaced it, there are a few copies on the bookshelves behind the last pew. Read & enjoy!!!
Mark Your Calendars: Our Sauerkraut Supper is Wednesday October 14th!! It may seem like a long way in the future but getting ready for the Sauerkraut Supper starts months in advance! Here are some important dates to get on your schedule!! Clean garage & Basement: Sat. September 26 @ 9 AM, Scrub pots/roasters/general prep: Tues. September 29 AND Thurs. October 1 @ 6 PM (TWO dates to choose from for your convenience), Food prep: Tues. October 13 @ 8 AM, More food & grounds prep: Wed. October 14 @ 8 AM. Please plan to help!!!

Queen of the Americas Guild Conference: Join the Queen of the Americas Guild for a 2-day conference examining Our Lady’s role as Compassionate Mother to All That Live Together in This Land. Open to all those who wish to enhance their faith and learn more about this important topic. Date: October 16 and 17. Location: Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Cost: \$125. See flier in the back of church for more information.
Organ Recitals at the Cathedral: The first in a series of three autumn organ recitals will be performed here at the Cathedral on Sunday September 27 at 3:30 by Gabriel Rivera Bird, an Aquinas High School student beginning his Senior year. Gabe is an outstanding organist who was a finalist in the 2025 American Guild of Organists regional competition. He studies organ with Dr. Brian Luckner and has participated in workshops and private lessons with faculty from major music schools over the past three summers, including Oberlin, Curtis, Eastman, Michigan, and Juilliard. The recital will be about one hour in duration. Admission is free; a freewill offering will be accepted. Ample parking is available. Come hear this remarkable young organist perform a thrilling program—his final recital here before leaving for college. See the flier in the back of church for information on October 25th and November 22nd upcoming recitals.

Aquinas Schools Is Hiring:
Anyone interested in applying should send their resume, cover letter, and references to HR Coordinator Lisa Caya (lisa.caya@aquinasschools.org). For more information about these positions visit aquinascatholicsschools.org/employment.
Paraprofessionals - Aquinas High School & St. Patrick Elementary School, Custodian - Aquinas High School, Lunchroom Assistant - Cathedral Elementary School, Monday-Wednesday 8:30 am - 12:45 pm (Assist in food prep, serving students, and washing dishes).
There are also many coaching positions available. If interested, please email AHS Athletic Director Pam Donarski at pam.donarski@aquinasschools.org .
HS Varsity Softball - Head Coach, HS Lower Level Boys Basketball - Head and Assistant Coaches, HS Varsity Boys Golf - Assistant Coach, MS Assistant Track Coaches. Visit aquinascatholicsschools.org for more information or call (608) 784-8585 ext. 5123.

Parish Finances (Fiscal Year)

Weekly Target -	\$1,900.00
Last Week’s Total -	\$1,236.00
	-\$664.00
Year to Date Target -	\$19,000.00
Year to Date Total -	\$13,063.02
	-\$5,936.98

Looking Ahead: Readings for September 20, 2026

First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9
Second Reading: Philippians 1:20-27
Gospel Reading: Matthew 20:1-16