

PARISH INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, October 3rd

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

~4:00pm Mass ~†Aloysius "Jim" Cavadini

SUNDAY, October 3rd

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

~8:30am Mass ~†Terry Miller

MONDAY, October 5th

Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos

~5:30pm Mass ~†

TUESDAY, October 6th

St. Bruno and Blessed Marie Roes Durocher

~5:00 pm Adoration

~5:30pm Mass ~†

THURSDAY, October 8th

Weekday

~8:30am Mass ~†Fr. Bob Hegenbarth

SATURDAY, October 10th

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

~4:00pm Mass ~†Anna Meyers

SUNDAY, October 11th

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

~8:30am Mass ~Our Parish Family

St. Peters, Middle Ridge

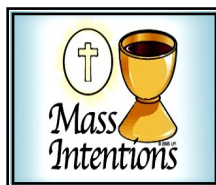
Adoration: Wed. 7:30-9:00 PM

Weekend Mass: Sat. 8:00 PM and Sun. 10:00 AM

Weekday Mass: Wed. and Fri. 8:00 AM

Mass Intentions

We have openings for weekday intentions beginning Oct 5, 2020, First Saturdays beginning Dec 5, 2020 and weekends beginning Mar. 21, 2021. For questions contact the parish office 788-1646 or sjrp2601@gmail.com.



PARISH CALENDAR

- **October 4** ~ Installation of Fr. Biju as Pastor, during 8:30 AM Mass
- **October 4** ~ Confirmation Class after the 8:30 AM Mass (until approximately 11:30 AM)
- **October 7** ~ Religious Education Class, Grades 1-5 (6-7:00pm), grades 6-9 (7:15-8:30)
- **October 14** ~ No Religious Education Class, St. Peter Parish Annual Sauerkraut Dinner
- **October 17/18** ~ Bishop's Annual Appeal Kickoff
- **October 18** ~ World Mission Sunday
- **October 21** ~ Religious Education Class, Grades 1-5 (6-7:00pm), grades 6-10 (7:15-8:30)
- **October 28** ~ Religious Education Class, Grades 1-5 (6-7:00pm), grades 6-10 (7:15-8:30)
- **November 1** ~ 2 AM—Daylight Savings Time Ends

Confessions

Available by appointment. Please call or message Father directly.



READINGS ~ Week of October 4th

Sunday: 1) Isaiah 5:1-7 2) Philippians 4:6-9
3) Matthew 21:33-43

Monday: 1) Galatians 1:6-12 2) Luke 10:25-37

Tuesday: 1) Galatians 1:13-24 2) Luke 10:38-42

Wednesday: 1) Galatians 2:1-2, 7-14 2) Luke 11:1-4

Thursday: 1) Galatians 3:1-5 2) Luke 11:5-13

Friday: 1) Galatians 3:7-14 2) Luke 11:15-26

Saturday: 1) Galatians 3:22-29 2) Luke 11:27-28

Next Sunday: 1) Isaiah 25:6-10a 2) Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20
3) Matthew 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

GIFT'S RETURNED TO GOD

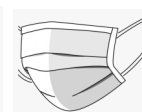
Week of Sept 27th-182 envelope holder



Adult Env.(20 Rec'd):	\$1,205.00
Offertory:	\$274.00
RRR(1):	\$25.00
RE Registration:	\$650.00
Votive Candles:	\$40.00
Chicken Q Ticket Sales:	\$2,780.00

Thank You!

Wash your hands,
wear a mask,
socially distance.



FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN



Matthew 21:33-43

The Parable of the Tenants

We are in the month of October; a month dedicated to the devotion to our lady. Slowly but surely, we are moving into winter. All around us, we see the visible signs of fall. Nature is at her best with spectacular display of color. Farmers are hurrying up with the final stages of harvest. Nature and the harvested field give us the impression of time and hard work. Jesus in his teaching often made use of imageries of nature and fields. The Bible often expresses the relationship between God and His people through the imageries of vine and vineyard. In the first reading, God speaks of his love for his vineyard, which is Israel (Isa 5:1-7), "Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard..." Through Isaiah God described his chosen people, Israel, as a vineyard and declared how disappointed he is that instead of yielding grapes they produce sour grapes (Isa 5:4).

The Gospel of today provides us with a variation on the theme of the vineyard that is violent, tense, threatening! In the parable in the Gospel (Matt 21:33-43) the landowner sent servants many times to collect the produce of the vineyard. The servants represent the prophets of the Old Testament. The people of Israel mistreated the prophets, and some were killed. Showing unbelievable patience, God sent His Son as His representative, thinking the tenants would welcome Him. Instead they killed Him.

Through the parable of today's Gospel, the Church confronts you and me with the question: How do we carry out the responsibilities God has given to each of us?

Thank you all for making our Chicken Q a great success. Almost all the meals were gone with presale. A lot of people worked very hard to make it possible. Thank you for your participation. I was glad to see all of you. There were also a few who generously gave donations towards the fund. Thank you so much.

I would like to extend my gratitude to Very Rev. William A. Dhein V.G., Moderator of the Curia/Chancellor of the Diocese of La Crosse for installing me as Pastor of St. Joseph Ridge Parish and St. Peter Middle Ridge Parish. Thanks to all the guests, friends, and representatives of various committees from both parishes who are present for the occasion expressing your solidarity and prayerful support. Happy feast of St Francis of Assisi.

Wish you a good weekend.

Live Jesus,

Fr. Biju



PARISH NEWS

Liturgical Ministries

Anyone who would be willing to be Mass usher or reader please contact Teresa Brown at email: dbrown039@centurytel.net, 608-787-0883, or if you are in the current rotation of helpers and wish to make changes to your status please let Teresa know. New schedules for Oct. 2020 is posted online and in back of church.

Word Among Us Booklets

The Word Among Us is a booklet of meditations for Catholics based on the daily readings. It also contains a few inspirational articles. The October issue is here and the theme is "The Greatest of These is Love."

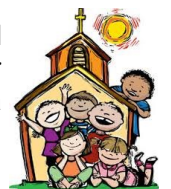
World Mission Sunday has been set to be celebrated the weekend of **October 17th and 18th**. The theme Pope Francis has given to this year's prayers and collection comes from the call of Isaiah, "**Here am I, Lord. Send me.**" In the context of the pandemic and human divisions, His Holiness reminds us, "the call to mission, the invitation to step out of ourselves for love of God and neighbor presents itself as an opportunity for sharing, service and intercessory prayer." The richness of World Mission Sunday involves all three. This is an opportunity for churches around the world to reflect on the call to global missions through social action and evangelism. Envelopes for your donation will be available in the back of church.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Classes have started, please turn in Registration forms to the parish office ASAP. If you did not receive the information, please contact Teresa Brown 608-787-0883 or dbrown039@centurytel.net.

We are in need of Teachers for 3rd grade and 8th grade. If you are willing to help with either grade or even as a substitute, please let Teresa know ASAP. Your time and talents are much appreciated.



DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS

Kurbside Kraut and Sausage—St. Peter Parish

The 53rd annual Sauerkraut Supper will not occur as usual due to health and safety concerns for our workers and patrons. This year we will hold a drive thru featuring our famous kraut sausage. This alternative sausage sandwich will still give you the tastes of past suppers, only \$5 per sandwich. Containers of raw kraut available for and additional \$5. Drive thru on Wednesday, October 14th from 3:30-7 PM, or until sold out. On-line advanced orders will be available at our website: <https://saintpetersparish.net>

DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS (cont'd)

Pro-Life Rosaries with the Bishops of Wisconsin...

Beginning October 4th with Bishop William Patrick Callahan, join each of our five Wisconsin Bishops for a live-streamed Pro-Life Rosary from 7:30pm - 8:00pm on five consecutive Sundays. October is both Respect Life Month and the Month of the Holy Rosary, making it a providential time to pray with our Bishops to our Blessed Mother, Patroness of the Unborn, for an end to abortion and other offenses against human life and dignity. The closing Rosary will be led by Archbishop Jerome Listecky on November 1st, The Feast of All Saints, concluding with their invocation through the Litany of the Saints. For more details on this statewide pro-life prayer initiative, visit diolc.org/live. May God's grace be poured out upon our state, our nation, and our world.

Schedule of Pro-Life Rosaries Sundays, 7:30-8:00 PM

Oct. 4 – Bishop William Patrick Callahan, Diocese of La Crosse. The link for this event is: www.facebook.com/events/2767764356827317/
 Oct. 11 – Bishop Donald Joseph Hying, Diocese of Madison. The link for this event is: www.facebook.com/events/650889292488885/
 Oct. 18 – Bishop David Laurin Ricken, Diocese of Green Bay. The link for this event is: www.facebook.com/events/456493581893298/
 Oct. 25 – Bishop James Patrick Powers, Diocese of Superior. The link for this event is: www.facebook.com/events/3090558687738830/
 Nov. 1 – Archbishop Jerome Edward Listecky, Archdiocese of Milwaukee. The link for this event is: www.facebook.com/events/334174457652808/

Promoting Peaceful Relationships at Home Webinar

October 14, 2020, 1:00-2:30 pm CDT. Catholics for Family and Peace will be conducting a free webinar for Catholic leaders, catechists, parishioners, parents on how to promote peace in the home—a relevant topic for these times when so much of our lives is taking place at home. To register <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/promoting-peaceful-relationships-at-home-tickets-119489717963>

KIDS CORNER



*What did the bad tenants do when the owner's son came to get the produce?
Use the code below to find out.*



Life Chain

Join others in solidarity in stating that "Abortion is wrong" on **Sunday, October 4, 2020 from 2:00-3:00 PM**, rain or shine. We will start at La Crosse St and extend down Losey Blvd as far as our participants will take us. If you have questions, please call Peggy Flottmeyer at 781-1779. Life Chain is a peaceful and prayerful public witness or pro-life individuals standing for one hour praying for our nation and for an end to abortion.

Holy Trinity Chicken-Q

Thursday, October 8, Serving 11:00 a.m. until gone. Drive through and delivery only - No Bake Sale - 1/2 Chicken, Coleslaw, Beans, Roll. Cost \$10. Pre-Sale orders preferred - Tickets available at the Rectory from 9:00-3:00 Monday through Friday. Chicken-Q Phone 608-406-5339

Live Stream Schedule at diolc.org/live

Sunday Mass with Bishop Callahan – 9:30 am

Daily Mass (Monday-Saturday) from the Cathedral – 8:00am

TV Mass Broadcasts within the Diocese of La Crosse:

- La Crosse, Channel 19, at 9:30 a.m. Sunday.
- Mary, Mother of the Church – La Crosse – TV Mass Broadcast KQEG-TV at 4:00 Saturdays, 10:00 Sundays. Set your television to 23.1 (if you use an antenna), Charter channel 5, CenturyLink 4, or AcenTek 12

Diocese of Winona-Rochester Broadcasts:

- Channel 25/48 WLAX/WEUX Sunday at 7:30am

Aquinas Catholic Schools Enrollment still available!

We still have spots for enrollment for the 2020-2021 school year! We offer in person face to face learning or virtual learning. To learn more or to start your enrollment process visit us at www.aquinaschools.org or contact us at (608) 784-8585.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

- For Paula Skoy-Evenson who is battling cancer.
- All those who are suffering from the Coronavirus and those who are working tirelessly to help the ill recover.
- All the military men and women who are supporting our freedom.
- All political leaders, may their decisions be made for the good of all citizens, born and unborn.
- Anyone fighting cancer, especially Rhonda McGowan diagnosed with multiple myeloma cancer.
- For Mora Mikshowsky and all children suffering with life threatening conditions and illnesses.
- For all Religious in our Diocese, especially Matt Kotek.
- The intentions listed in our parish book of prayer.

To add a request call 608-788-1646 or email sjrp2601@gmail.com

Thank you for
making our



Chicken Q
a success!



Voting as a Christian



As Christians, we do not leave our faith behind when we enter the voting booth. We understand that politics, like every other part of life, must be illuminated by God's light or we will stumble in the dark and lose our way. A generation ago, a large majority of Americans shared this view. Call it the Classical Christian worldview. It was the common foundation for our social and political life; we assumed it like the ground beneath our feet. Today, however, that foundation is under attack from another worldview, one that rejects God, or at least ignores him, as it makes the self supreme. Let's call it the Radical Selfist worldview.

The Classical Christian Worldview

The Classical Christian worldview holds that we have received our lives as a gift from a God who loves us, and that we are accountable to him. It believes in moral laws that God has written on our hearts and clarified through his revelation – from the Ten Commandments given through Moses, to the Sermon on the Mount proclaimed by his only Son, Jesus Christ. This is his blueprint for us, his design for our happiness and fulfillment.

This blueprint reveals to us certain foundational moral principles.

Among them, we see:

- That every human life, of every race and nation, born and unborn, is sacred and has equal rights and dignity;
- That we are created male or female according to God's plan;
- That sexual relations are meant for marriage between one man and one woman;
- That the free exercise of religion is a sacred right.

Though we are imperfect human beings, we work to build our lives on foundational principles such as these, as we raise our families and shape our social and civic communities.

The Radical Selfist Worldview

The Radical Selfist worldview opposes everything we have just described, rejecting the idea of a God-given blueprint. Everything is up to personal 'choice.' We can choose our own gender, our preferred exercise of sexuality, our definition of marriage, and even whether a child in the womb shall live or die. Radical Selfism preaches tolerance until it gains power, at which point it seeks to silence and to punish those who disagree with it. Unfortunately, this worldview has been promoted and amplified by many in Hollywood, the mass media and even public education.

Political Consequences

The current political landscape essentially forces us to choose between these two worldviews. This choice has weighty consequences at every level of government, from the White House and Congress to state and local officials. Since Supreme Court and other federal judges are appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate, presidential

and senatorial elections are particularly critical; all the more so because Radical Selfism has relied on the courts to produce outcomes unattainable by popular vote, such as legalized abortion and same-sex marriage.

The most telling indicator of Radical Selfism is advocacy of abortion, by which man wrests from God the very power over life and death. By far the most grave human rights violation of our time, abortion has already cost the lives of more than 60 million unborn babies in the U.S. since the *Roe v. Wade* decision in 1973. Moreover, where we find abortion advocacy, we invariably find it clustered with other positions characteristic of the Radical Selfist worldview.

What is a Christian voter to do?

While we cannot expect perfection from any political candidate, it is vital that Christians support those most closely aligned with the Classical Christian worldview and oppose those aligned with the Radical Selfist worldview. For Radical Selfism, with its worship of 'choice' in place of God, inevitably produces bitter fruits: moral and civil breakdown, destruction, and death. It is simply impossible to achieve lasting harmony and peace without adhering to the foundational principles of God's plan. Therefore, let us intensify our prayers and our efforts to elect candidates who stand up for the God-given principles and rights on which our nation was founded. Our future, and that of our children and our grandchildren, is at stake.

Chris Ruff – Director of the Office for Ministries & Social Concerns



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