

PARISH INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, January 23rd

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

-4:00pm Mass -Our Parish Family

Lector: Volunteer

Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, January 24th

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

-8:30am Mass -†Joe Murphy

Lector: Volunteer

Ushers: Volunteers

MONDAY, January 25th

The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

-5:30pm Mass -†Herbert Meyers

TUESDAY, January 26th

Saints Timothy and Titus

-5:00 pm Adoration

-5:30pm Mass -†Ralph and Evie Mikshowsky and Marian and Robert Roesler

THURSDAY, January 28th

St. Thomas Aquinas

-8:30am Mass -†Joseph and Clara Bina

SATURDAY, January 30th

4th Sunday of Ordinary Time

-4:00pm Mass -†Anna Meyers

Lector: Volunteer

Ushers: Volunteers

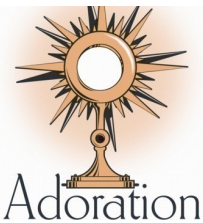
SUNDAY, January 31st

4th Sunday of Ordinary Time

-8:30am Mass -†George and Evelyn Miller

Lector: Volunteer

Ushers: Volunteers



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held each Tuesday from 5:00pm until Mass at 5:30pm.

PARISH CALENDAR

- **January 27** ~ Religious Education Class, Grades 1-5 & 8 (6-7:00pm), grades 6,7 & 9 (7:15-8:30)
- **February 3** ~ Religious Education Class, Grades 1-5 & 8 (6-7:00pm), grades 6,7 & 9 (7:15-8:30)
- **February 6/7** ~ World Day for Consecrated Life Celebrated
- **February 10** ~ Religious Education Class, Grades 1-5 & 8 (6-7:00pm), grades 6,7 & 9 (7:15-8:30)
- **February 11** ~ **NO daily Mass**
- **February 17** ~ **ASH Wednesday Mass 8:30 AM and 6:00 PM**, Religious Education Students, no regular classes 8:00 PM at St. Peter Parish
- **February 24** ~ Religious Education Class, Grades 1-5 & 8 (6-7:00pm), grades 6,7 & 9 (7:15-8:30)
- **March 3** ~ Religious Education Class, Grades 1-5 & 8 (6-7:00pm), grades 6,7 & 9 (7:15-8:30)
- **March 10** ~ Religious Education Class, Grades 1-5 & 8 (6-7:00pm), grades 6,7 & 9 (7:15-8:30)

Confessions—Available by appointment. Please call or message Father directly.



DID YOU KNOW?

If you are 70 ½ or older, you can do a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) of up to \$100,000 a year from your IRA directly to a charity. The distribution won't show up in your adjusted gross income and CAN count toward your required minimum distribution (RMD). The QCD allows you to be more strategic with your RMD. Consult your tax advisor before making any decisions. If a QCD is for you, please consider St. Joseph Parish as your charity of choice.

GIFT'S RETURNED TO GOD

Week of Jan 17th—182 envelope holders



Adult Env.(25Rec'd):	\$1,915.00
Offertory:	\$28.00
Solemnity(1):	\$20.00
Initial Offering(1):	\$2.00
Postage Reimbursement:	\$4.60

Thank You!

Donations:

Thank you for your continued generosity! Here are some ways to contribute:

- Use the online giving portal set up by the Diocese: <https://diolc.org/st-joseph-parish-st-joseph-ridge/> (processing fees will be deducted from your contribution, which average 3% for debit and credit cards and \$.75 for EFT, ACH)
- **Drop off** a contribution at the church during private prayer time
- **Mail in** your weekly/monthly offering to parish office (W2601 State Road 33, La Crosse, WI 54601)
- If you use online banking and would like make your contribution using **bill pay**, set up St. Joseph Ridge Parish as a payment and the bank will mail it directly to the parish (if possible, use your envelope number as the account number).

WE ARE THE DIOCESE	DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2020-2021	Diocesan Annual Appeal 2020-2021		
		1/22/2021	Total Pledged	Total Payments
		Pledged/Received	\$15,945.00	\$15,235.00
		Target Amount	\$20,615.00	\$20,615.00
		Under Target	(\$4,670.00)	(\$5,380.00)
		Number of families contributing: 52		
		Percent goal pledged: 77.35%/Received: 73.9%		

Mass Intentions

We have openings for weekday intentions beginning Feb.1 and First Saturdays, 8:30 AM beginning Feb 6. Saturday, 4:00 PM and Sunday, 8:30 AM Masses in 2021 are fully booked. For questions contact the parish office 788-1646 or sjrp2601@gmail.com.



FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN



"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."

Today we begin a continuous reading of Mark's Gospel that will carry us through this segment of the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. This weekend we reflect on how Jesus invites Simon, Andrew, James, and John and tells them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." They "abandoned their nets and followed Him." God does call us to build the kingdom in ways we will never know. Even Jonah became His messenger. Our first reading is from the book of Jonah. The book of Jonah is a fascinating tale of God, stubborn Jonah, surprising Nineveh, and the famous fish. The book is a profound reflection about God and about all of us. This week's passage takes place shortly after Jonah's time in the fish's belly. Jonah finally performs the task that God asked of him, to call the people of Nineveh to repentance. People did respond to the call of conversion. "When God saw by their actions how they turned from their evil way, he repented of the evil that he had threatened to do to them; he did not carry it out." Like the parable of the prodigal son the story of Nineveh reminds us of God's love and mercy which is extended to anyone who repent.

This Wednesday I had the opportunity to get vaccinated for Covid 19. Then on Friday I received some very sad news, one of my fellow priests had died due to complications of Covid. He was only 38 years old, his name was Fr Alwyn Zothanzanga MSFS and he passed on January 22, 2021. Fr. Alwyn had been working in the Swaziland, Southern African Region. He had just completed five years of his priestly ministry on 15th of January 2021.

Please pray for Fr. Alwyn.



***Eternal rest, grant unto him, O Lord
and let perpetual light shine upon him!
MAY HE REST IN PEACE!***

I wish everyone happy Feast of St Francis de Sales.

Live Jesus, Fr. Biju

PARISH NEWS

Census/Registration Update

With your contribution statement, all registered members, will receive a census/registration update form. Please update and return in the envelope that will be provided. Additional information and instructions about the form will be included. If you did not make a contribution in 2020 the census will be mailed to you. Thank you for your cooperation.

2020 Contribution Statements

Contribution statements are available this weekend for pickup in the back of church, along with your Registration Update form. Any remaining statements will be mailed out on Friday, January 29th. If you do not feel comfortable attending Mass, feel free to pick up your statement during open prayer time. Thank you.

World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in parishes on the



weekend of February 6- 7, 2021. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS

January 29, Starting 10:00 am – Virtual March for Life from Washington, D.C. "Together Strong: Life Unites!"

The March for Life in Washington, D.C. has shifted to a virtual event out of safety concerns. It will still feature inspiring speeches from pro-life leaders, information on how to stay involved in the pro-life movement all year long, and a performance by Christian singer and songwriter Matthew West. To register for the January 29 live stream, visit <https://marchforlife.org/2021-virtual-events/>

January 30 – Pro-Life Virtual Afternoon of Reflection: "Walking with Mom's in Need"

Some people accuse pro-lifers of caring only about the child in the womb and not women in need. Not true at all, as you will see from this virtual afternoon of reflection on January 30, 2021, with keynote speaker Bob Perron, Executive Director of JMJ Pregnancy Center in Orlando, FL. You will also hear about the fourteen Pregnancy Care Centers in the Diocese of La Crosse and what you can do to help one near you. More details coming soon!

Prolife Signature Ad

Wisconsin Right to Life Committee released the following: because many churches are not able to hold services right now, it will be too difficult to collect the number of signatures and donations to make the signature ad feasible this year in the La Crosse Tribune. That ad's cost is \$4000. Keep these intentions in your prayers.

Marriage Preparation Retreats

The La Crosse Deanery, which consists of 14 area parishes, will be offering Married Love: Two Becoming One, a marriage preparation retreat for engaged couples, on February 6, April 24, and July 10, 2021. These retreats will take place at Mary Mother of the Church Parish in La Crosse. Couples must register at least one month prior to the retreat. To register for a retreat, please email Marri@mnerickson95@gmail.com or leave a voice message at 608-518-7655.

DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS cont.

MCA Christmas Artwork Contest

The Missionary Childhood Association is seeking submissions for its annual Christmas artwork contest! All children in kindergarten through 8th grade are encouraged to participate. All they have to do is use their creativity to draw or paint a beautiful Christmas scene. Possible subjects include the Nativity, wise men and Angel Gabriel. Then, this December, MCA will select 22 winners from across the United States. Two grand-prize winners will also be chosen, having their artwork featured on the national Christmas card of the Pontifical Mission Societies. All winners will receive a commemorative plaque and be invited to a special celebration in December 2021. Entries must be postmarked or received by your local mission office or via our online webform at: <http://MCAArtContest.missio.org> no later than January 31, 2021.

First Saturday Devotions

Please join us in observing First Saturday Devotions, as Our Lady requested at Fatima. These devotions will take place on Saturday, February 6, 2021, at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse. Devotions will begin at 11:15 a.m. in the Shrine Church with a meditation given by one of the Friars of the Immaculate on one of the mysteries of the Holy Rosary. This will be followed by the Holy Rosary at 11:45 a.m. and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 12:15 p.m. Confession will be available from 11:00 a.m. to 12:15 a.m. and also following Mass. We hope that you can take part in these special devotions, as requested by Our Lady at Fatima, to obtain peace for the world.

Diaconate Discernment Retreat

Are you a man at least 35 years of age who feels a yearning to give yourself more radically to the service of God and the Church – preaching the Gospel, serving those in need, assisting at the altar? If you think God may be calling you to be a deacon, talk to your pastor about attending the Diaconate Discernment Retreat at St. Mary's Church in Altoona on February 27th, 2021. Then contact Deacon Bryan Hilts, Director of the Office for the Diaconate at bhilts@diolc.org. A new deacon formation class will begin in the fall of 2021 and attendance at the Discernment Retreat is a prerequisite.



AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.

KIDS CORNER

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 24th, 2021**

*What else did Jesus say when He called the fishermen?
Find the letters that match the numbers in the net
to fill in the spaces in the net and find out!*



A E F H I K L M N O R S W U Y
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15

Answer: I will make you fishers of men.



*"All of us can attain Christian virtue and holiness, no matter what condition of life we live and no matter what our life work may be."
~St. Francis de Sales*

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.
- For those fighting cancer, especially members of our parish.
- 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