

St. Joseph Ridge Parish

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January 31, 2021

PASTOR

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

(limited capacity 70 persons)

Saturday.....4:00pm
Sunday.....8:30am

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

First Saturday Mass.....8:30am
Monday5:30pm
Tuesday.....Adoration5:00 pm
 Mass.....5:30pm
Thursday.....8:30am

CONFESSIONS

By appointment only

PARISH OFFICE

Amy Staflien, Admin. Assist.....608-788-1646
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Open most Tuesdays and Fridays

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Mary Jo Hess (Secretary), Terry Dickman, Dave
Brown (B&G and Cemetery Rep), Barb Braun and
Dan Steiger

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Dave Brown (B&G and Cemetery Rep),
Teresa Brown (RE Rep), Lori Clements (PCCW Rep),
Stan Clements, Ann Degenhardt,
Terry Dickman (Finance Council Rep),
Bob Kotek, Sally Miller, and
Bill Weber (Secretary)

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Lori Clements (President), Mary Jo Hess (Treasurer),
Jill Murphy (Secretary)

CEMETERY SEXTON

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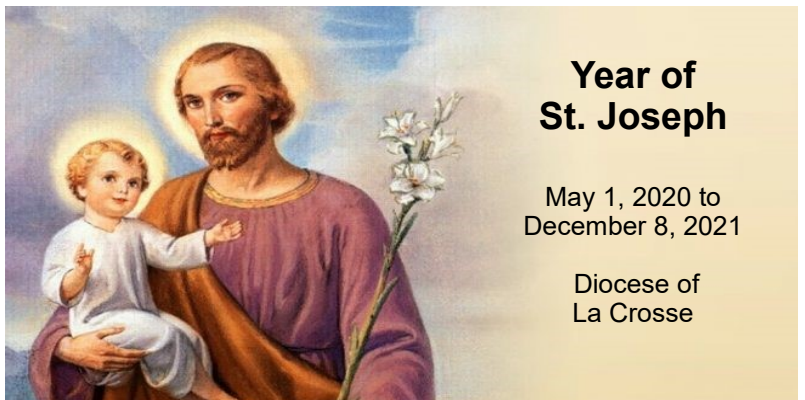
Stacy Burns, Coordinator.....608-769-8828
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Leland Gregorich, Accompanist

CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR:

- Joining the Parish
- Weddings or Baptisms
- Anointing of the sick (also call Fr. Biju cell phone)
- If you are home-bound & would like to be visited



*Fourth Sunday in
Ordinary Time*



**Year of
St. Joseph**

May 1, 2020 to
December 8, 2021

Diocese of
La Crosse

PARISH INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, February 1st

Weekday

-5:30pm Mass -†

TUESDAY, February 2nd

The Presentation of Lord

-5:00 pm Adoration

-5:30pm Mass -†Steven Thompson

THURSDAY, February 4th

Weekday

-8:30am Mass -†Herbert Meyers

SATURDAY, February 6th

First Saturday, St. Paul Miki and Companions

-8:30am Mass -†Fr Alwyn Zothanzanga, MSFS

SATURDAY, February 6th

5th Sunday of Ordinary Time

-4:00pm Mass -†Anna Meyers

Lector: Volunteer

Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, February 7th

5th Sunday of Ordinary Time

-8:30am Mass -†Theresa Hess and Robert Dowiasch

Lector: Volunteer

Ushers: Volunteers



PARISH CALENDAR

- **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 and Blessing of St. Blaise for diseases of the throat and other illnesses after Mass
- **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)

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 24th—182 envelope holders



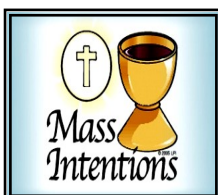
Adult Env.(23Rec'd): \$1,290.00
 Offertory: \$85.00
 CCHD(2): \$55.00
 Initial Offering(3): \$17.00

Thank You!

Diocesan Annual Appeal 2020-2021			
	1/29/2021	Total Pledged	Total Payments
	Pledged/Received	\$16,845.00	\$16,285.00
	Target Amount	\$20,615.00	\$20,615.00
	Under Target	(\$3,770.00)	(\$4,330.00)
	Number of families contributing: 53		
Percent goal pledged: 82.2%/Received: 79%			

Mass Intentions

We have openings for weekday intentions beginning Feb.8 and First Saturdays, 8:30 AM beginning Mar 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.



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).

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

This weekend's reading from Mark describes what some believe was likely to have been a typical day in Jesus' ministry. Jesus and the disciples are in Capernaum, a small village on the Sea of Galilee. Jesus teaches in the synagogue on the Sabbath. Mark reports that the people respond to Jesus' teaching with astonishment, noting Jesus' authority and contrasting it with the scribes. And Jesus heals a man possessed with an unclean spirit. Jesus orders the spirit to be quiet. The people were astonished and amazed. The news about him spread quickly throughout all of Galilee. Two thousand years later, the news about Jesus continues to spread. Are we not amazed by the way God intervenes in our lives? Let it be the cause to share the Good News of Jesus.

Feb 3rd, we celebrate the Feast of St Blaise. Next weekend, February 6-7 we will have the annual Blessing of St. Blaise for diseases of the throat and other illness after the Masses. The formula that will be used this year is praying the prayer of blessing over everyone gathered in church at the conclusion of Mass. There will NOT be individual blessings this year.

We have received Guidelines for Lent and Holy Week - 2021 celebrations. Please go through the directions given in the bulletin. They are meant to help safeguard the health and wellbeing of everyone coming to church and at the same time to remind us of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of the Lord.

Have a wonderful week. Live Jesus, Fr. Biju

Appreciated Prayers and Support for Mora Mikshowsky

Thank you so much to our Parish community for the Prayers and Support for Mora. She is 16 months old now and is growing and doing well. Mora's journey has endured 3 open heart surgeries and other health issues due to her heart condition. Mora presently has a Trach Tube for breathing which entails 24/7 (day and night) monitoring. We truly appreciate all of your prayers and support.

THANK YOU from the Mikshowsky family.

Lenten Regulations

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17.



Lenten regulations are as follows:

1. Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent, and Good Friday.
2. In addition to abstaining from meat, Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, until they celebrate their 59th birthday, are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Those who are bound to this regulation may eat only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

Distribution of Ashes on Ash Wednesday

The Congregation for Divine Worship in Rome recently released the following instructions for the distribution of Ashes during the present pandemic conditions: "The Priest says the prayer for blessing the ashes. He sprinkles the ashes with holy water, without saying anything. Then he addresses all those present and only once says the formula as it appears in the Roman Missal, applying it to all in general: 'Repent, and believe in the Gospel', or 'Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return'. The Priest then cleanses his hands, puts on a face mask, and distributes the ashes to those who come to him or, if appropriate, he goes to those who are standing in their places. The Priest takes the ashes and sprinkles them on the head of each one without saying anything."

The US Bishops' Committee on Divine Worship continues: "These changes minimize the necessity of physical contact between minister and recipient and remove the need for the minister to speak while in close proximity to the recipient. The distribution of ashes via sprinkling is a common practice in some countries but is not well known here. Therefore, the Committee encourages ministers to provide some explanation to the faithful, to avoid unnecessary confusion."

The faithful ought to be alerted to this alternative manner of distributing ashes in 2021. As the Bishops' Committee on Divine Worship notes, while sprinkling ashes upon the top of the head is not customary in the United States, this legitimate manner of giving ashes is practiced in other countries around the world. The Ash Wednesday texts from the Missal themselves speak variously of ashes "put on our heads" "receive [d] upon our heads," and "place[d] on the head." The practice also recalls Old Testament accounts of "the Israelites gathered together while fasting and wearing sackcloth, their heads covered with dust" (Nehemiah 9:1).

PARISH NEWS

Catholic Campaign For Human Development (CCHD)

This week's special collection is for CCHD, envelopes are in your box and extras are located in the back of church. In the United States, one in eight people lives in poverty. With this collection, you will support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 24% of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection and those working on the margins. More information on CCHD can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd.

Census/Registration Update—2020 Contribution Statements

All statements and Registration Update forms have been picked up or mailed. If you have questions or concerns about either, please contact the parish office.

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

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 Mari at mnerickson95@gmail.com or leave a voice message at 608-518-7655.

DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS cont.

National Marriage Week February 7-14, 2021

"For Your Marriage" is an initiative of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to communicate the meaning and value of married life for the Church and for society. On February 7-14, 2021, "For Your Marriage" is sponsoring National Marriage Week! This annual observance is a great prompt for everyone to reflect on the gift marriage is to our Church and our country, as well as an opportunity for couples to build up their own marriages. This year the theme is: To Have, To Hold, To Honor.

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.

Celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2021 January 31 - February 6 #CSW21

Greeting from Bishop Callahan for Catholic Schools Week, visit: https://youtu.be/!On3KRRgQFA

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

Unscramble: Jesus Casts out a Demon

Sort out the letters to fill in the blanks. Use the letters in the boxes to fill in the last row of boxes.

And immediately there was in their synagogue a ___ □ ___ (NMA) with an unclean spirit; and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, ___ □ ___ (ESSJU) of Nazareth? Have you come to ___ □ ___ (YDSETRO) us? I know who you are, the □ ___ □ ___ (OYLH) One of God."

But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and ___ □ ___ (MEOC) out of him!" And the unclean ___ □ ___ (TRSIPI), convulsing him and crying with a loud ___ □ ___ (IOCEV), came out of him.

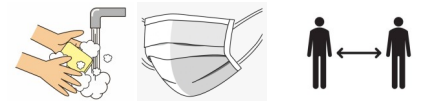
And □ ___ □ ___ (YEHT) were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, ___ □ ___ (YSNIAG), "What is this? A new teaching!"

With □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ he commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him."



Answer: man, Jesus, destroy, holy, come, spirit, voice, they, saying, AUTHORITY.

Wash your hands, wear a mask, socially distance.



Stay safe, we care about you!

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