

St. Joseph Ridge Parish

W2601 State Rd 33 • La Crosse • Wisconsin • 54601

April 24, 2022



Divine Mercy Sunday

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." - Jn 20:27

PASTOR

Fr. Biju Chennala Kunjukutty, MSFS...715-495-2338
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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

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

First Saturday after Mass or by appointment

PARISH OFFICE

Amy Stafslien, Admin. Assist.....608-788-1646
Bulletin deadline:Wednesday
sjrp2601@gmail.com
Open most Tuesdays and Fridays

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Coordinators: Stacy Burns and Paula Silha

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 (Cemetery Rep), Teresa Brown, Lori Clements
(PCCW Rep), Stan Clements, Ann Degenhardt, Terry
Dickman (Finance Council Rep), Bob Kotek, and Bill Weber
(Secretary), Stacy Burns and Paula Silha (CRE's)

PCCW - Parish Council of Catholic Women

Lori Clements (President), Mary Jo Hess (Treasurer), Jill
Murphy (Secretary), Polly Hilby (Funeral Prep)

CEMETERY SEXTON/BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Dave Brown608-792-1006
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MUSIC

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

CONTACT 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

Fr Biju also serving St. Peter Parish, 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

PARISH INTENTIONS

MONDAY, April 25th

St. Mark, evangelist

-5:30pm - †Stanley Hundt

TUESDAY, April 26th

Easter weekday

-5:00pm - Adoration

-5:30 pm - †Ralph and Evelyn Mikshowsky

THURSDAY, April 28th

St. Peter Chanel and St. Louis Grignon de Montfort

-8:30am - Joyce and †Herbert Clements

SATURDAY, April 30th

Third Sunday of Easter

-4:00pm Mass - †Elizabeth and Herbert Hugo

Lector: Paula Silha

Servers: John Mashak and Volunteer

Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, May 1st

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-8:30am Mass - †Stanley Hundt

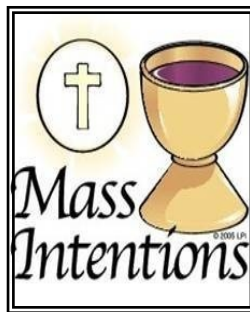
Lector: Donna Clements

Servers: Volunteers

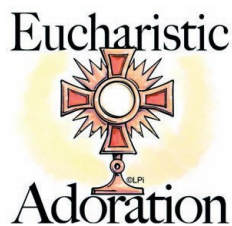
Ushers: Volunteers

Mass Intentions 2022

We have openings for **weekday** intentions: Aug 29, Sept 12, 27, & 29. Oct 10, 17, 18, 24, 25, & 31. We have open **First Saturdays**, 8:30 AM beginning Aug 6. **All weekend Masses are full for 2022.** For questions contact the parish office 788-1646 or sjrp2601@gmail.com. Mass Intentions envelopes are in the back of church.



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



PARISH CALENDAR

- **April 23/24 ~ Divine Mercy Sunday**, Special Second Collection to support the works of the LDCCW
- **April 25 ~ PCCW Meeting** 6:30 PM in School Hall
- **April 26 ~ Finance Council Meeting** 7 PM
- **April 27 ~ Rosary** at 6:05 PM and **Closing Mass for Religious Education Classes** at 6:30 PM for all students, parents, & catechists. All parishioners welcome to attend!
- **May 1 ~ Parish Breakfast** after 8:30 AM Mass free will offering to aid in purchase of choir books—All welcome!
~ PCCW High School scholarship applications due by this day
- **May 4 ~ Confirmation** at the Cathedral, 6:30 PM
- **May 28/29 ~ Fr. Biju** taking PTO will have helpout
- **June 1 ~ Fr. Biju's Birthday**

Confessions

First Sat. after Mass or by appointment (contact Fr. Biju directly to set up a time).



JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU!

WE ARE THE DIOCESE	DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2021-2022		
	4/22/2022	Total Pledged	Total Payments
DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2021-2022	Pledged/Received	\$20,350.00	\$20,015.00
	Target Amount	\$21,850.00	\$21,850.00
	Under Target	(\$1,500.00)	(\$1,835.00)
	Number of families contributing: 51		
Percent goal pledged: 93.14%/Received: 91.6%			

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GIFT'S RETURNED TO GOD

Last Week in Giving—182 envelope holders

- Adult Envelopes(27): \$1295.00
- Offertory: \$398.00
- GF-Holy Land: \$489.95
- Easter Envelopes(44): \$2031.00
- Holy Thursday: \$183.29
- Rice Bowls(2): \$47.20



Thank You!

Donations: 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 in the church donation box
- **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.

FROM THE PASTOR



Divine Mercy Sunday

This Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday. On May 5, 2000, five days after the canonization of St. Faustina, the Vatican decreed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday. It was instituted by Pope St. John Paul II "a great apostle of Divine Mercy." St. John Paul II died on the vigil of the Divine Mercy Sunday in 2005, was beatified on the Divine Mercy Sunday in 2011 by Pope Benedict XVI and was canonized on the Divine Mercy Sunday in 2014. St. Faustina's Diary records 14 occasions when Jesus requested that a Feast of Mercy be observed. One of the instances is mentioned here: *My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. ... Let no soul fear to draw near to Me. ... It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter.*

On this feast day the Lord reminds us that we are also called to be merciful if we expect to receive His mercy. Therefore, He told Faustina, "I am giving you three ways of exercising mercy toward your neighbor: the first by deed, the second by word, and the third by prayer. In these three degrees is contained the fullness of mercy, and it is an unquestionable proof of love for Me. By this means a soul glorifies and pays reverence to My mercy." (Diary 742). I wish you all happy feast of Divine Mercy. The Deanery of the La Crosse Diocese has chosen the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe for the celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday.

As I conclude, I would like to thank all those people who helped during the liturgical celebration on Palm Sunday and Easter Triduum. I thank the people who decorated the church, the choir, sacristans, lectors, ushers and extraordinary ministers of communion for their efforts to make celebration of Easter beautiful.

Happy Easter!

Live Jesus, Fr. Biju, MSFS

PARISH NEWS

It's time to order Cemetery Flowers

Forms to order flowers are located in the back of church. Prices are the same as last year. \$100 to order the urn, if needed and flowers. \$40 for just the flowers if you already have the urn. Return order forms as soon as possible.



PARISH NEWS continued



Reminder: Please drop your BOWL or BOX in the COLLECTION! Thank you for your generosity.



Birthright Baby Bottle Campaign Update

We wish to thank you for your participation in the 2022 "Baby Bottles for Birthright" campaign. St. Joseph Parish gave a total of \$485.98. Your generosity is appreciated!



PCCW Announcements

Second Collection this weekend - Apr 23/24

The ladies of the parish will be taking up a second collection for the works of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. The funds are used for education, seminars, and the charitable works of the organization. Thank you for your support.

High School Students Scholarship Opportunity

We are now accepting applications from parish members that will be graduating from High School this year. To apply, simply submit a transcript of your grades, a paragraph on your involvement in the parish & your future education plans, along with a photo if available. Applications are due 5/1/22 and should be sent to the parish office.

Next PCCW meeting is Mon., April 25th at 7 pm in the school hall. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend. This will be our May meeting as the usual date has a scheduling conflict.

Parish Breakfast—Sunday, May 1st—Choir Fundraiser

The PCCW will be holding a breakfast for parish members Sun. May 1st after the 8:30 mass. We will be having egg bakes, muffins, fruit, coffee, and milk. This will be a free will offering event with any proceeds going to the choir to help with the purchase of new choir books. Please join us for this social event.



DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS

Divine Mercy Sunday - April 24

The Deanery of the La Crosse Diocese has chosen the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse for the celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday. You are invited to make a pilgrimage for Divine Mercy Sunday on April 24. The schedule for the day is as follows: 9:30 AM Latin Mass, 11:00 AM Spanish Mass, 1:00 PM English Mass, 2:30 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 2:45 PM Divine Mercy Reflection by Cardinal Burke followed by a Family Consecration to the Divine Mercy, 3:00 PM Chaplet of Divine Mercy led by Cardinal Burke, 3:15 PM Benediction, 3:30 PM Blessing with first-class relic of St. Faustina. Confessions will be heard in English and Spanish from 9:15 AM - 3:30 PM. Cart shuttles will be available for pilgrims from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. For more information, please call the Shrine at (877) 799-4059.

DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS cont'd

Join us for a FREE showing of Fatima – The Movie – Apr 25-29

We are hearing a lot about Pope Francis' consecration of Russia and Ukraine to Mary's Immaculate Heart. Why did he do this? What are the benefits of this? To understand this consecration, you need to understand the Church-approved apparitions of Mary at Fatima in 1917 when over 70,000 people gathered in a field in Fatima, Portugal and witnessed the 2nd greatest miracle ever to be seen. Do you know the story of Fatima?

Fatima – The Movie will be shown 5 times. Come to the showing that best fits your schedule and please invite your friends and family to join you.

Monday, April 25 St. James the Less in Murphy Hall at 9:00 am AND 6:00 pm

Tuesday, April 26 St. Patrick's Parish in the Parish Hall - 6:30 pm

Thursday, April 28 St. Patrick's Parish in the Parish Hall- 9:00 am

Friday, April 29 St. Joseph the Workman, Cathedral in the Undercroft at 10:00 am

Aquinas Booster Club Chicken Q – Apr 27

April 27, 2022, 11:00am-6:00pm, Aquinas HS (Cass St Parking Lot)

Cost - \$12/meal. Stop by Aquinas High School on April 27th beginning at 11am to order walk-up meals or contact any of the Aquinas school offices to purchase tickets ahead of time. The meal consists of a 1/2 chicken, coleslaw, potato salad, and bun. Walk-up meals are limited so be sure to stop by around lunchtime.

Chicken-Que – Apr 28

St. Joseph Cathedral PCCW is hosting a Chicken-Que on Thursday, April 28th from 11:00 till 6:00 pm. Meal includes 1/2 grilled chicken, potato salad, baked beans and a roll. Cost is only \$10.00 per meal. Tickets are being sold at the Cathedral after Masses or by calling 608-769-7965. Use King St. entrance to Cathedral for pick up. No indoor dining.

Spring Luncheon – Apr 30

Please join us for lunch on April 30th from 11 AM – 1 PM at St. Mary Parish, 900 Central Ave, Coon Valley. Only \$7 per person. There will be door prizes and a music presentation on an Autoharp starting at 11:45 AM. Open to the general public, bring your friends and family!

Spring Rummage Sale - Apr 29

Mary, Mother of the Church, 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, will be holding a Spring Rummage Sale on Friday, April 29, 11 AM - 3 PM, \$6 a bag; and on Saturday, April 30, 8 - 11 AM, \$3 a bag. Some items priced individually.

Bus trips to the Fireside Dinner Theatre in Fort Atkinson - Apr 30

April 30 - A Mighty Fortress is Our Basement, June 18 - What Happens in Vegas, featuring an all-new live band show featuring Stave Watts and the Fireside Band. Cost is only \$100 per person. New feature - choice of one of three lunch entrees. Contact Arlene Young at 608-788-3440 for more information and to sign up.

Healthy Living with Diabetes Workshop—Starts May 9

Gundersen Lutheran Health System is offering a 6 week virtual workshop starting May 9 through June 20 on Mondays from noon until 2:30 PM. This is a researched and proven program to help you live healthy. Only \$30. Pre-register by calling 608-775-6870 or visit: Gundersenhealth.org/living-well.

KIDS CORNER

True or False:

When Jesus Came to the Apostles

1. When Jesus first came to the Apostles after His resurrection, He said "Peace be with you" twice. True or False?

2. When Jesus rose from the dead, you couldn't see the marks from the nails in His hands and feet any more. True or False?

3. The Apostles panicked and ran away when they saw Jesus because they thought he was a ghost. True or False?

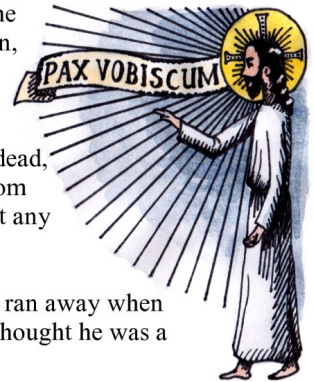
4. Jesus breathed on the Apostles and told them that they now had the power to forgive people's sins. True or False?



5. The Apostle Thomas was not with the others when Jesus first came to them after He rose from the dead. True or False?

6. Thomas believed that they had seen Jesus, so he wasn't surprised when Jesus came again a week later. True or False?

7. Jesus told Thomas to put his fingers in the nail-holes in His hands and put his hand in Jesus' side where the spear had gone in. True or False?



Answers: 1.T, 2.F, 3.F, 4.T, 5.T, 6.F, 7.T.

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

- 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 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.
- Consecration of Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.



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