



# ST. JOSEPH PARISH OF ST. JOSEPH RIDGE

W2601 State Road 33 • La Crosse • WI 54601

May 5, 2024 Sixth Sunday of Easter

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As you know, May 1st is the Feast of St. Joseph the Workman. We turn to him for his example and intercession in the context of this great month. The beautiful month of May honors, in splendid ways, humanity's goodness and virtue. Significantly, we express our esteem for mothers. First Holy Communion and graduations are also milestones celebrated with sacred pomp and procession in May.

This May, we have the particular grace of welcoming a new bishop to the Diocese of La Crosse. I will celebrate my final Mass as your Bishop on Pentecost. With gratitude and joy, I will remain in service to you and our diocese as Bishop Emeritus.

When I reflect on the past 14 years, the memories of our farmers at so many Rural Life Masses, my brother priests teaching, sanctifying and connecting their flock with Jesus, the hundreds of holy Catholic School teachers and their joyous wards, and so many more wash over me. I clearly see such blessings bestowed by the hand of God. We have accomplished much together in the vineyard, and I am so grateful.

At the installation Mass on May 20th, 2024, just days away, we will welcome the 11th Bishop of the Diocese of La Crosse, Bishop Gerard Battersby. He arrives with a wealth of experience as an Auxiliary Bishop in the Archdiocese of Detroit, having been in that role since 2017. We await his arrival with eager anticipation. The day of installation was appropriately and properly selected because it is the feast of Mary, Mother of the Church. ....

*May God watch over us and take care of us in the Diocese of La Crosse during all the years to come.  
St. Joseph the Workman. Pray for us. Amen. I remain yours, forever, in the service of Jesus and Mary,*

*(from 'There is a River' ~ Bishop Callahan's Blog)*

*~ Thank You Bishop William Patrick Callahan ~*



### PASTOR

Fr. Biju Chennala Kunjukutty, MSFS  
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### CONFESSIONS

-First Saturday after 8:30 am Mass  
-3:30—3:45 pm (before Saturday Mass) or by appointment

### PARISH OFFICE

Barb Mikshowsky.....608-788-1646  
Bulletin deadline: .....Wednesday  
sjrp2601@gmail.com  
Office hours vary, call or email with questions

### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

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

### 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 and would like to be visited

### Fr Biju also serves

**St. Peter's Parish, Middle Ridge**  
(608) 452-4680

Adoration: Wednesday...7:30-9:00 pm

Weekend Mass: Saturday.....8:00 pm

Sunday.....10:00 am

Weekday Mass: Wednesday.....8:00 am

Friday.....8:00 am

### WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

First Saturday Mass.....8:30 am  
  
Monday .....5:30 pm  
Tuesday.....Adoration.....5:00 pm  
                Mass.....5:30 pm  
Thursday.....8:30 am

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Dave Brown-Cemetery Rep  
Teresa Brown,  
Lori Clements -PCCW Rep  
Stan Clements  
Ann Degenhardt  
Terry Dickman-Finance  
                Council Rep  
Bob Kotek  
Bill Weber-Secretary  
Stacy Burns-CRE

### PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Mary Jo Hess-Secretary  
Terry Dickman  
Dave Brown-(Bldg & Grnds)  
                and Cemetery Rep  
Barb Braun  
Dan Steiger

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Coordinator:  
Stacy Burns

*'Thank you'  
for your  
time and  
talent to  
support our  
parish.*

### PCCW - Parish Council of Catholic Women

Lori Clements-President  
Mary Jo Hess-Treasurer  
Jill Murphy-Secretary  
Polly Hilby-Funeral Prep

### Cemetery Sexton Building & Grounds

Dave Brown 608-792-1006  
dbrown039@centurytel.net  
Rick Meyer

### MUSIC

Stacy Burns, Coordinator  
608-769-8828  
jsburns0093@gmail.com

### Accompanist

Leland Gregorich  
LuAnne Gregorich  
Mary Beth Smith

### Sacristan:

Sally Miller

*"Whoever serves me, the Father will honor." John 12:26*

~ PARISH INTENTIONS ~

**SATURDAY, MAY 4TH**

~ 8:30 am—† Mike Brown (D&TB)  
 ~ 4:00 pm - † Reiny & Darlene Kammel (Family)  
 Lector: Kathy Leis  
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

**SUNDAY, MAY 5TH**

~ 8:30 am – † Patty Silha (D&JD)  
 Lector: Donna Clements  
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

**MONDAY, MAY 6TH**

~ 8:30 am -† Lawrence Malzacher (RM)

**TUESDAY, MAY 7TH**

~ 5:00 pm—*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*  
 ~ 5:30 pm -† Madonna Bahr (Leis family)

**THURSDAY, MAY 9TH**

~ 8:30 am-† Jennifer and Kimmy Clements (MB)

**SATURDAY, MAY 11TH**

~ 4:00 pm - † George & Evelyn Miller (T&MP)  
 Lector: Donnie Weber  
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

**SUNDAY, MAY 12TH**

~ 8:30 am – Our Parish Family  
 Lector: Paula Silha  
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

~ PARISH CALENDAR ~

- **May 5**— Presentation of quilts to the Confirmation students at 8:30 am mass and continental breakfast following mass provided by PCCW
- **May 8**—6:00 pm Pastoral Council Meeting
- **May 12**—Mother’s Day (Roses will be available)
- **May 20**—6:30 pm—PCCW meeting
- **May 28**—7:00 pm—Finance Council Meeting
- **June 7**—”The Answer” Eucharistic Rally  
<https://diolc.org/the-answer/>

~ Ways to Enhance your FAITH ~

**\* Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Tuesday evenings at 5:00 pm until 5:30 pm Mass

~ 8 Ways to Pray During Eucharistic Adoration ~

- Read Spiritual Books
  - Ask for Intercession
  - Meditate
  - Offer a Holy Hour
  - Write a Prayer Journal
  - Read the Scriptures
  - Pray Spontaneously
  - Ask the Saints for help
- Spending time with our Dear Lord!!!*

**\* Anointing of the Sick** - Father Biju will be available for anointing of the sick after the first Saturday mass of each month or contact Fr. Biju directly if you or a family member would like to receive the sacrament.

**\* Confession**

First Saturday of each month after 8:30 am Mass or 3:30—3:45 pm before 4:00 pm Mass or by appointment . Please contact Fr. Biju to set up a time.



**\* Mass Intentions**

Please contact the Parish office phone #788-1646 or email [sjrp2601@gmail.com](mailto:sjrp2601@gmail.com) if you would like to schedule mass intentions. Or there are envelopes are in the back of church.

**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.

**Contributions for the past week**

Adult Envelopes(29) :	\$ 1,565.00
Plate collection:	\$ 386.00
Initial offering :	\$ 2.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 1,953.00</b>
DCCWenvelopes(8):	\$ 150.00

☞ Thank you Money Counters! ☜

2023-24 Goal:	\$21,915.00	
Pledged:	13,990.00	
Received:	\$13,530.00	
<b>Remaining Amount Due:</b>	<b>\$8,385.00</b>	

**Our goal has not been met for this year's Diocesan Annual Appeal which ends June 30th. Please consider donating.**

FROM THE PASTOR



THIS IS MY  
commandment  
THAT YOU Love  
ONE ANOTHER  
as I have loved you  
*John 13:12*

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

On this sixth Sunday of Easter, the beloved apostle of Christ, John, reminds us in his letter and the Gospel of the essence of love: "Love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God." He also reminds us, "not that we have loved God, but that He loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins."

Jesus gathers a community of followers not based on certain set of rules, but founded on friendship, on self-sacrificing love, on total giving. He says "love one another as I have loved you." St. John's words should be seen not only as the guide to eternal life but also as the recipe for a life of peace and harmony here on earth.

The secret of the life of Jesus was his contact with the Father. Again, and again, he withdrew to quiet places to be alone with the father. He knew what it meant to "abide" in the Father's Love. His disciples must do the same.

Jesus said, "Love one another as I have loved you." It is a challenge to reach out to others in love - "not to withhold" our love from others. We are called to give what we have received as gifts from the Lord. Let's learn to love as Jesus loves us.

With Mass on April 24th, we concluded the CCD academic year 2023-24. I would like to thank all the teachers for their commitment and love with which they carried out their responsibility. May you grow in love.

*Have a great weekend!*  
*Live Jesus ~ Fr Biju MSFS*

This is EPIC! *"the Answer"* Eucharistic Rally | June 7 |

Chris Stefanick is an internationally acclaimed author, speaker and television host who has devoted his life to inspiring people to live a bold, contagious faith. Chris, a father of six children, speaks in a lively, honest, and uplifting manner about the intersection of faith and everyday life. He will inspire you, as Chris is a man of God and speaks from his heart about his relationship with Christ. For further details about this amazing Eucharistic Rally, scan the QR code to the right or



Schedule of Events:

Gathering at La Crosse Center	welcome
10-11:00 am Eucharistic	1:25 pm Christ Stefanick
Processing—pilgrimage from	3-4:15 pm Immaculée Ilibagiza
Cameron Street Bridge to the La	4:45-5:30 pm Luke Spehar Concert
Crosse Center	5:30 pm Josh Rosa
1:00 am—Mass	7-7:30 pm Father Justin Kizewski
1:00 pm Opening, Bishop's	7:30-8:30 pm Holy Hour of Adoration

~ PARISH NEWS ~



Replacing  
of the  
Carpet  
in the  
Church



*Thank you*  
**To everyone  
who helped!**

PCCW News:

- High School Students Scholarship Opportunity

The PCCW is offering graduating high school seniors that will be attending college in the fall an opportunity to apply for a scholarship. To apply please submit a short essay describing your involvement in the parish and plans for future schooling, a transcript of their grades and photo if available. Please mail to parish office - W2601 St Rd 33 La Crosse, WI 54601 or put in the collection box at church. **Applications are due by May 12th.**

-Parish Gathering: Sunday May 5th after the 8:30 mass the PCCW will be hosting a continental breakfast of muffins, fruit, coffee/juice to celebrate our youth that have recently made their Confirmation.

-Roses for Mother's Day. Gift Mom a rose this Mother's Day. Roses will be offered after Masses Mother's Day weekend (May 11&12). All proceeds benefit Pro-Life Wisconsin's efforts to assist Wisconsin moms, dads, and families in need.

-Next PCCW Meeting—Monday, May 20th 6:30 pm. All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend.

Cemetery Flower Order

Forms to order flowers are located in the back of church. Prices are the same as last year. \$100 to order the urn and flowers, if needed. \$40 for just the flowers if you already have the urn. Return order forms by Sunday, May 5th.



~ DIOCESAN/Community NEWS ~

~ **A Minute with Jesus during the National Eucharistic Revival**

**A Minute with Jesus: Eucharist means thanksgiving**

When we receive Jesus, we want to receive Him sincerely and thank Him for the total gift of Himself to us - the greatest gift possible. After receiving holy Communion, we want to give heartfelt thanks to Jesus for this tremendous blessing. This thanksgiving is the only proper response, for through this gift of Himself in the celebration of the Eucharist our union with Jesus is augmented, our charity toward others is revived and more merciful, and we are strengthened to avoid future mortal sins. Let's pray this right now and every day this week:

*Jesus, help me to have a grateful heart, most especially to our Heavenly Father, to You and to the Holy Spirit.*

This week read how St. Peter speaks words of thanksgiving for all that God our Father has done for us through Jesus Christ in 1 Peter 1: 3-9

~ **St Joseph Ridge Community Blood Drive—May 6th 1:00—6:00 pm**

At the Town of Greenfield town hall. Walk ins are welcome but appointments are encouraged, to schedule online: [versiti.org/wi](http://versiti.org/wi) or call 877-232-4376. Thank you for the support.

~ **9-day Novena to the Holy Spirit:**

Friday, May 10 through Saturday, May 18, 2024

Join together as a family to pray a 9-day Novena from May 10 - 18 leading up to Pentecost, Sunday, May 19th. A prayer card and short reading for each day are available here: [diolc.org/catechesis/going-deeper-in-prayer](http://diolc.org/catechesis/going-deeper-in-prayer)

~ **Chicken Que—Mary Mother of the Church—Thursday, May 9,**

Dinners available for \$12.00, For ticket reservations, call 608-518-6145

~ **Healthy Living with Diabetes Workshop**

Gundersen Health System will be hosting this workshop on Wed., mornings for 6 weeks starting May 22. This workshop is designed to help adults with type 2 diabetes, pre-diabetes or for those caring for someone who has diabetes to learn self-management skills, healthy eating strategies and more. For more information, please call Vicky at 608-775-6870.

~ **Holy Trinity Chicken-Q and Bake Sale**

Wednesday May 15th - Serving 11:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

½ Chicken, Beans, Coleslaw, Roll \$11.00

Pick Up, Drive-Through, and Delivery.

Pre-Sales preferred, call (608)782-2028 Ext

Bake Sale will feature homemade breads, pies, bars, cookies and more!!

~ **Job Opening: Tuition & Enrollment Coordinator**

Aquinas Catholic Schools is looking to fill the full-time, year-round position of *Tuition and Enrollment Coordinator*. The individual in this position confidentially carries out the tuition billing, receivables, and collection processes of the school system. The person also manages the enrollment processes, and provides support to the school offices and families, in addition to serving as the designee for the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program.

~ **Organ Concert at the Shrine.** Visit the Shrine of our Lady of Guadalupe on May 11, 3:00 PM to 4:00 pm to hear the young and talented organist, Henry Dangerfield. His concert is free and open to the public. More information at [quadalupeshrine.org/events](http://quadalupeshrine.org/events)

~ **Healthy Aging Conference—Aging Strong** will be held on May 17, from 8 a.m. – noon, at the Radisson Hotel, La Crosse. This conference will explore what it takes to age with good health, including both physical and mental well-being. For more information, please contact Gundersen Health System Office of Population Health, (608) 775-4717 or (800) 362-9567, ext. 54717. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions.

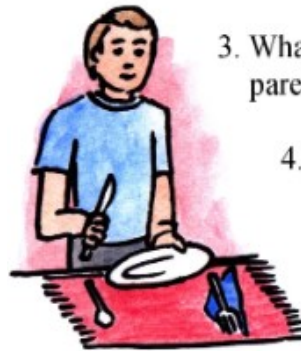
~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~

# Love One Another

Jesus wants us to love each other just like God the Father loves us. Can you think of some ways to show you love the people around you?



1. What can you do to show you love your parents?
2. How can you be loving to your brothers and sisters?



3. What can you do for your grandparents to show you love them?

4. How do you show your friends you love them?

5. What can you do to love someone that doesn't like you?

When someone is loving toward you, think of how that person is being like God the Father and try to be like them!



*With trust in God's goodness, let us offer our prayers*

- For Sharon Evenson as she recovers from the injuries sustained in a vehicle accident this past week.
- For those who are sick or suffering in any way, may the healing and strength of our Lord Jesus Christ come upon them and give them comfort and peace.
- That, as God's chosen people, we may accept and follow God's plan to generously share our time, talent, and treasure with others.
- For all struggling with depression or anxiety, may the Lord pour his grace upon them and grant them healing and comfort.
- All the military men and women who are supporting our freedom.
- For our families and loved ones in this community, may the Holy Spirit be our guide in every thought, word, and deed.
- For the elderly who are homebound or unvisited, may the Lord fill them with his presence and comfort them with friendship.
- For the intentions listed in our parish book of prayer.

To add a request call 608-788-1646 or email [sjrp2601@gmail.com](mailto:sjrp2601@gmail.com)

