



ST. JOSEPH PARISH OF ST. JOSEPH RIDGE

W2601 State Road 33 • La Crosse • WI 54601

June 16, 2024 ~ Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

PASTOR

Fr. Biju Chennala Kunjukutty, MSFS
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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

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

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

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

CONFESSIONS

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

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

PARISH OFFICE

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

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

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Friday.....8:00 am



Today's Mass readings speak to us of God's love and care for His children.

As our Father, God promises to care for us, help us to grow, guide us and show us His mercy.

Today is also a great day to ask St. Joseph to pray for you or a father in your life!

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

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Accompanist

Leland Gregorich
LuAnne Gregorich
Mary Beth Smith

Sacristan:

Sally Miller

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

~ PARISH INTENTIONS ~

SATURDAY, JUNE 15TH

~4:00 pm - † Don & Elaine Bina (MS)
 Lector: Bill Weber
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, JUNE 16TH

~ 8:30 am – † Donald Burns (J&SB)
 Lector: Sally Miller
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

MONDAY, JUNE 17TH

~ 5:30 pm - † Francis and Roxanne Schmidt (IS)

TUESDAY, JUNE 18TH

~ 5:00 pm—*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*
 ~ 5:30 pm - † Marie Meyers (R&DK family))

THURSDAY, JUNE 20TH

~ 8:30 am- † Herbert Clements (L&DC))

SATURDAY, JUNE 22ND

~4:00 pm - † Joseph & Clara Bahr (MB))
 Lector: Kathy Leis
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, JUNE 23RD

~ 8:30 am – † Our Parish Family
 Lector: Jim Weber
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers



~ PARISH CALENDAR ~

- **June 16**—Baptism of Jensen Briggs Matuska
- **June 20-21**—Priest Unity Days
- **June 22**—Ordination to the Priesthood
 Join in congratulating Deacon David Nowicki who is being ordained to the priesthood! Please pray for him and all priests!
- **June 22**—Wedding of Caden Servais and Olivia Key

Catholic SUMMER BUCKET LIST

- PRAY A ROSARY IN NATURE
- READ THE BIBLE AT THE BEACH
- TOUR A CATHEDRAL
- CREATE A PRAYER GARDEN
- VISIT A CEMETARY
- VISIT A SHRINE
- ESTABLISH A NEW PRAYER ROUTINE WITH YOUR FAMILY

Going on Vacation?

Enjoy your time away while keeping Holy the Sabbath.
 Find a Mass time by visiting: www.masstimes.org

~ FAITH Enrichments ~

*** 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 if you would like to schedule mass intentions. Or there are envelopes are in the back of church.

~ Contributions for the past week ~

Adult Envelopes(28) :	\$ 1,584.00
Plate collection:	\$ 442.00
Mission Appeal(4):	\$ 867.71
Total:	\$ 2,893.71

	2023-24 Goal:	\$21,915.00	
	Pledged:	15,265.00	
	Received:	\$14,895.00	
	Remaining Amount Due:	\$7,020.00	



FROM THE PASTOR



Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus used parables to convey God's message to both his contemporaries and future generations to us. The greatest

advantage of teaching in parables is that they are still as relevant today as they were 2000 years ago. In today's Gospel we hear about the parable of the kingdom. Jesus compares the beginning of God's kingdom to a mustard seed. This tiny seed, which fits in the palm of a hand, can grow tall into a large shrub.

God works in ways we do not understand. God's ways are not our ways, and He works slowly but surely to achieve His will in this world. The reign of God will grow to its fullness, despite all obstacles. Those who accept Jesus as their God and Savior will accept his rule in all areas of their lives with the help of the power of the Holy Spirit dwelling within them. It transforms them.

The Church had a tiny beginning. It began with a small group of ordinary people. With the work of the Holy Spirit Church has become like the greatest of all shrubs. The world-wide Church welcomes people of all races and nations into her folds, celebrating the marvel of growth! It still flourishes where there are words of love, acts of encouragement, deeds of charity, mercy and forgiveness.

Happy Father's Day to all fathers! May our good Lord bless our fathers!

Recently there was a letter from the diocese letting us know that there is going to be a change for the mass Stipend to \$20 (formerly \$10). It will go into effect on July 1, 2024.

Congratulations to Jensen Briggs Matuska as he receives the sacrament of baptism on Sunday.

Have a great weekend!

† God Bless †

Live Jesus ~ Fr Bijou MSFS



~ PARISH NEWS ~

Mission Appeal—Franciscan Missions (June 8th & 9th)

Thank you Fr. Percival Tayem, OFM for presenting to our parish!

It's not too late to contribute to the Missions. Just put your donation in an envelope labeled Franciscan Missions and put it in the offertory or mail it to the church office. Checks should be made payable to St. Joseph Parish. One check will be presented Franciscan Missions from our Parish. Again, thank you for your generosity.



Our Parish welcomes
Jensen Briggs Matuska
who is receiving the
Sacrament of Baptism on
Sunday, June 16th.

Congratulations Jensen and your family!

~ DIOCESAN NEWS ~

A Minute with Jesus: Receiving the Eucharist—The word Eucharist actually means thanksgiving

The Sacrament of the Eucharist is an action of thanksgiving to God. We want to thank our Heavenly Father for His works: creating the whole world and each one of us; sending His Son to redeem us through His Death and Resurrection; healing and purifying us through the grace of the Sacraments; and giving us the gift of Eternal Life with Him. At Mass, when we receive Jesus in the Eucharist, it is the most important time to give thanks.

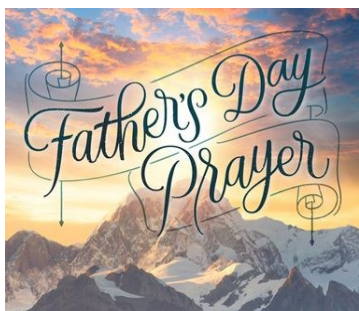


Let's pray this right now and every day this week:

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you"

(1 Thessalonians 5:16-18).

This week, read how Jesus gave thanks to God in Luke 22:14-20.



Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son Jesus, the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, his foster father. Bless all fathers and grandfathers as they care for their families. Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience, give them the ability to love in a way that reflects your love. Support them in the work they have to do, protecting those who look to them, as we look to you for love and salvation. Help us to love them in a way that would bring honor to You and them. Bless and heal all those wounded by the imperfections of their fathers and grant an eternal rest to our fathers you have called from this life to yourself, through Jesus Christ Lord. Amen

Happy Father's Day!

~ DIOCESAN/Community NEWS ~

~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~

~Religious Freedom Week June 22-29

Religious Freedom Week takes place from June 22, the Memorial of Sts. Thomas More and John Fisher, through June 29, the Solemnity of Sts. Peter & Paul. Join Catholics across the country to pray and act for the freedom to serve faithfully and with integrity. Learn more at usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek

**~New Pregnancy Resource Center in La Crosse!
Inaugural Fundraiser June 25**

Alliance Family Services serves women and families who find themselves unexpectedly pregnant and struggling. They walk alongside them throughout their pregnancy with prenatal care, material assistance, housing, and much more. Their first La Crosse fundraiser, "Stories of Hope," will be held June 25 at First Free Church in Onalaska, with an optional charcuterie social hour from 6-7 p.m., and the program from 7-8 PM. Tickets are free—registration is requested. Support the ongoing mission of rescuing the unborn and proclaiming the gospel of life! Register at alliancefamilyservices.org

~Dare to Follow: July 9-11, Mater Redemptoris in La Crosse: If you know of any young men who may have considered or should consider discerning the vocation of the priesthood, please personally invite them to attend this event. Registration information can be found at www.brand.page/daretofollow or contact Renee rorth@diolc.org May God bless you!

**~A Nature Walk With Francis and Clare:
Aug 16th 7-9 pm & Aug 17th 9am-4pm**



Presenter: Raymond List, Franciscan Spirituality Center, Using the theme of St. Francis' Canticle of Creation, you are invited to a walk of gratitude within nature. Following St. Clare's teaching, you will have an opportunity to develop a closer relationship with your natural surroundings through gazing upon a natural element, considering the expression of beauty through nature, contemplating how that beauty is mirrored within and imitating, or living out, that beauty in your daily life. You will be invited to reflect on the experience of Francis in nature as expressed in the Canticle and then make your own addition to the Canticle as a way of bringing the Franciscan heritage into modern life.

OVERNIGHT: \$175, includes private bedroom, breakfast and lunch on Saturday. COMMUTER: \$105, includes lunch on Saturday

❖ Stewardship Reflection ❖

We often go through life wanting to be in control. We try to solve all our problems as we think, "I can do it myself." We cling to our ideas by putting certain events, plans, or even day-to-day moments into a perfect little box, "This is the way I want it." We can even push back in moments of suffering by trying to find every possible way to escape it. We are "in control."

Imagine what life would be like if we surrendered a little more. It is easier said than done — but how freeing it would be. What if we opened our clenched hands to God and said, "Thy will be done"?

We would become free from attachment and more blessed than ever imagined. Only God can do all that He promised. We need Him. All we need to do is surrender. To help us on this journey of total surrender, try starting each day with a prayer of surrender,

"Lord, I give You this day and all that You have in store for me, my family, and friends."

With the guidance of the Lord, surely we will make it home to heaven.

A Kingdom of God Word-Find

"The KINGDOM of GOD is as if a MAN should SCATTER seed upon the GROUND, and should SLEEP and RISE NIGHT and DAY, and the SEED should SPROUT and GROW, he KNOWS not how. The EARTH PRODUCES of itself, first the BLADE, then the ear, then the full GRAIN in the ear. But when the grain is RIPE, at once he puts in the SICKLE, BECAUSE the HARVEST has come."

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Find the words in CAPITALS in this part of today's Gospel reading in the puzzle. Use the left-over letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

The Church helps our love for God to



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



- 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.
 - For 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