



St. Joseph Parish of St. Joseph Ridge

W2601 State Road 33, La Crosse WI 54601

August 4, 2024—18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

PASTOR

Fr. Biju C 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

Monday 5:30 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

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 Schedule:

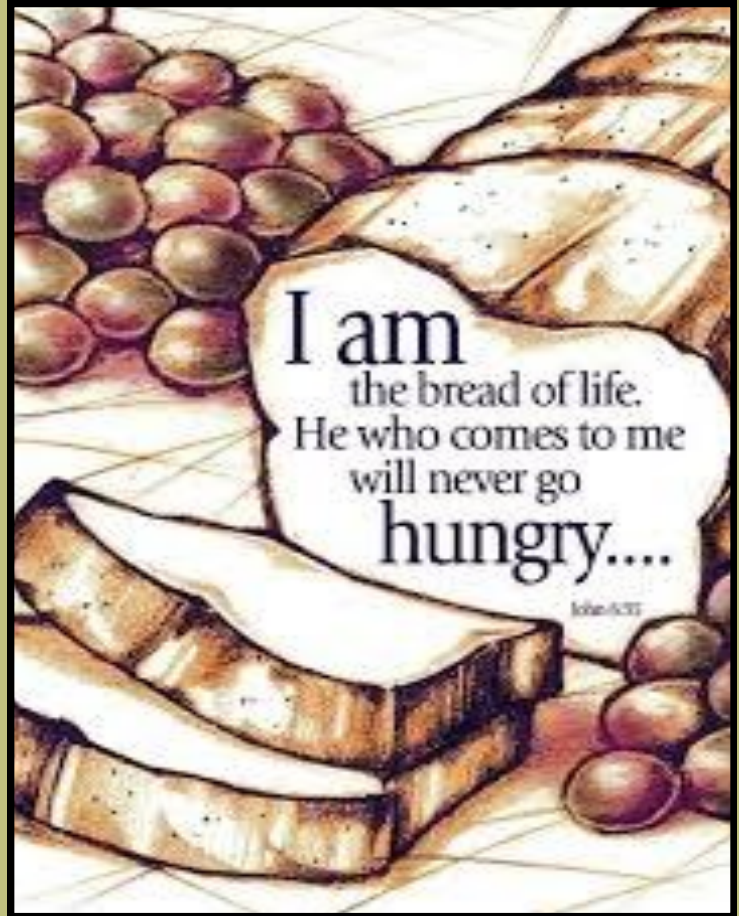
Saturday 8:00 pm

Sunday 10:00 am

Weekday Mass Schedule:

Wednesday 8:00 am

Friday 8:00 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

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, AUGUST 3RD

~8:30 am—† Kay Roesler (J&SB)
 ~4:00 pm—† John Thurk & Sara Rose Hougom (ST)
 Lector: Kathy Leis
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4TH

~8:30 am - †Reiny & Darlene Kammel (S&ML)
 Lector: Jim Weber
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

MONDAY, AUGUST 5TH

~5:30 pm -† Rudy & Lucy Kammel (R&BM)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6TH

~5:00 pm *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*
 ~5:30 pm -† Arnold & Jean Meyers (L&DC)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8TH

~8:30 am-† Leona Pittman (J&KS))

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10TH

~4:00 pm—† Kimmy Clements (MB)
 Lector: Kathy Leis
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11TH

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

~ PARISH CALENDAR ~

- **August 5**—11:00 am Solemn Pontifical High Mass
 Celebrant: Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke
- **August 7**—6:00 pm Pastoral Council Meeting
- **August 15**—The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- **August 26—30**—Fr Biju will be at a Retreat
 in New Orleans

~ FAITH Enrichments ~

* **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** Tuesday evenings
 5:00 pm - 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 in the back of church.

Mass Intentions Fee change

In accordance with a decision of the Bishops of Wisconsin, starting on July 1st, Mass stipend fees will increase from \$10 to \$20

~ Contributions for the past week ~

Adult Envelopes(30) :	\$ 1,694.00
Plate collection:	\$ 211.00
Total:	\$1,905.00

☞ Thank you Money Counters! ☞

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.

Dear God, please give me strength

when I am weak,

love when I feel forsaken,

courage when I am afraid,

wisdom when I feel foolish,

comfort when I am alone,

hope when I feel rejected,

and peace when I am in turmoil. Amen

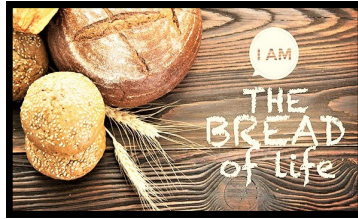


~ FROM THE PASTOR ~



Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst."



This Sunday we would hear Jesus tells us "I am the Bread of Life; he who comes to Me shall not hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst." (John 6:35) Following the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes, the enthusiastic multitude went again in search of Jesus. When they discovered that He and His disciples had already departed, they got into their boats and sailed for Capharnaum. According to St. John in today's Gospel it was there that the revelation of the Holy Eucharist took place. (John 6:24-35)

With the miracle of the previous day, Jesus had awakened the crowd's deepest hopes and longings. Thousands of people had left the comfort of their homes to come and hear Him. They wanted to make Him their king. But the Lord departed from them. Upon meeting them again, Jesus says to the people, Truly, truly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. St. Augustine comments: You seek Me for worldly motives, not for spiritual ones. How many people there are who seek Jesus solely for worldly ends!... Rarely does someone look for Jesus for the sake of Jesus. We want to be among those few. This attachment to earthly goods is not what Jesus is looking for in men. With great courage and an infinite Love, He presents to the people the ineffable treasure of the Holy Eucharist, in which He becomes Food for us.

We receive the same Christ in every Communion. When we receive Communion, we receive Christ Himself with His Body, His Blood, His Soul and His Divinity. He gives Himself to us in an intimate union which binds us to Him in a real way. Our life is transformed into His life. In Holy Communion Christ is not only God with us, but God in us.

The month of August is dedicated to devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Let us seek the grace to know and understand the Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to place our trust in our Blessed Mother's loving intercession!

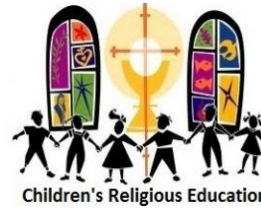
Have a blessed week!

~ Live Jesus ~

Fr Biju MSFS



~ PARISH NEWS ~



Children's Religious Education

Look for more information in the mail soon.

~ Happy August ~

Religious Education classes will begin on **September 18th**.

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We still need a teacher for 7th grade, if you are interested and have questions about it, please call Stacy Burns at 608-769-8828.

The time for 7th grade is 7:00 pm - 8:15 pm on Wednesdays.

~ DIOCESAN NEWS ~

A Minute with Jesus:

The Eucharist is called the Holy Sacrifice

A sacrifice is an offering of love for someone. Jesus rescued us and set us free from the bondage of sin by offering Himself through His painful sacrifice on the Cross. At each Mass, Jesus offers Himself to the Father for love of us. Jesus is not being "re-sacrificed" but the sacrifice of Calvary is being made present at each Mass. To express our gratitude and to open our hearts more deeply to Him, we can show our love by offering small sacrifices in union with Jesus: Our willingness to forgive after being hurt by someone; cutting our time short with TV to take time for prayer; visiting someone who is sick etc. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: *Thank You, Jesus, for loving me so much that You were willing*



to die in order to save me and set me free from the bondage of sin. This week, read how we are to imitate Jesus by walking in the way of love in St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians: "Walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved me and gave Himself up for me as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God" (Ephesians 5:2).

~A Profound Moment for the Whole Church - Watch Opening Ceremony: Eucharistic Congress

The 10th National Eucharistic Congress was a Catholic experience unlike any other, with a historic outpouring of God's grace. 60,000 participants of our Catholic family gathered to experience profound, personal renewal through the power of Christ's love. Like the first Pentecost, may the grace of the Holy Spirit strengthen each one of us in our belief, love and devotion for Jesus, truly present in the Holy Eucharist. Be moved deeply by watching The Opening Ceremony of the Eucharistic Congress at this link: (scroll to the bottom, in right corner) ondemand.ewtn.com/free/Home/Play/en/NEC24001

~Healing Service and Mass, Monday, Sept 9th 4:30—9:00 pm

Join us for a special Healing Service and Mass at Sacred Heart in Cashton. This is an opportunity for physical, emotional, and spiritual healing through prayer and the sacraments.

Location: Sacred Heart Church - Cashton

4:30 PM: Adoration (Praise/Worship, Rosary, Confessions)

5:30 PM: Holy Mass

6:00 PM: Group Prayer for Healing

7:00 PM: Individual Healing Ministry

Jesus Promised: "These signs will accompany those who believe... They will lay hands on the sick and they will recover." - Mark 16:17

All are welcome. Please come and experience the healing power of Christ.

One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

