



St. Joseph Parish of St. Joseph Ridge

W2601 State Road 33, La Crosse WI 54601

August 11, 2024—19th 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



"I AM THE LIVING BREAD

THAT CAME DOWN FROM HEAVEN"

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 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

MONDAY, AUGUST 12TH

~5:30 pm -† Ralph & Evelyn Mikshowsky (M&CM)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13TH

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

•THURSDAY, AUGUST 15TH *Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

~5:30 pm - † William & Ida Bahr (MB)
 Lector: Volunteer
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17TH

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18TH

~8:30 am - † Robert & Alice, Larry, Bill, and Patty Silha (D&JD)
 Lector: Sally Miller
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

~ PARISH CALENDAR ~

August 15—Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass at St. Peters—Wednesday (Aug 14th) 8:00 pm
 Mass at St. Joseph—Thursday (Aug 15th) 5:30 pm

- **August 20**—Pastoral Council meeting
- **August 26—30**—Fr Biju will be at a Retreat in Louisiana

~ 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

*** 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 to \$20

~ Contributions for the past week ~

Adult Envelopes(25) :	\$ 1,396.00
Plate collection:	\$ 236.25
Votive candles:	\$ 99.00
Assumption:	\$ 70.00
Total:	\$1,801.25



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.



Those who receive the Eucharist with eyes of faith can rejoice in Jesus' promise of eternal life.

~ FROM THE PASTOR ~



Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Gospel (Jn 6:41-51) describes Jesus' discourse in the synagogue at Capernaum after his miraculous feeding of the five thousand. During the discourse, Jesus reveals himself as the true "Bread of Life that came down from Heaven," to give life to the world. "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world". Thus humankind, which remained subjected to death, gain entry to immortality once more through Christ. By eating the flesh of Christ, the Savior of us all and drinking His blood, we have life in ourselves, we become one with Him, we remain in Him and He in us. Therefore, eucharist has become a life-giving blessing. *How many of us do believe?*

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday, August 15th, is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the oldest feast day of Our Lady. In 1950 Pope Pius XII declared the Assumption of Mary to be a dogma of the Church. It is a holyday of obligation this year. There will be **Mass**

on Wednesday (Aug 14th) at 8 pm at St Peters;

on Thursday (Aug 15th) at 5:30 pm at St Joseph.

On this feast day of Our Lady, we celebrate God's crowning of His work in the Blessed Mother as she ends her earthly life and enters eternity. The Assumption completes God's work in Mary since it was not fitting that the flesh that had given life to God himself should ever undergo corruption. This feast turns our eyes to heaven where we hope to follow when our earthly life is over. The Assumption looks to eternity and gives us hope that we, too, will follow Our Lady when our life is ended. As we celebrate this great feast lets offer ourselves to our blessed mother.

Happy feast of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the blessed Virgin Mary

~ Live Jesus ~

Fr Biju MSFS



~ PARISH NEWS ~



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.

Family Fun Night!

Our Family Fun night will be **Friday, November 8th from 6-9 PM**

Mark your Calendars

The plan is to get some bigger items to put on the raffle ticket, as well as a little cash. Who do you know that would be willing to donate? OR are you willing to donate an ice fishing package, bow package for hunting, meat package or something else that people would love to have? Also needed will be smaller donations for the silent auction, maybe baskets with a theme, like wine, chocolate, Christmas items, gift cards, etc. Even if it's something little, we can put it together with other items. We are open to all suggestions. Whatever ideas, items, etc. you are willing to share, please call or text Stacy Burns at 608-769-8828 before our next planning meeting, which is on Tuesday, August 20th at 6:30 pm. All are welcome to attend.

~ DIOCESAN NEWS ~

A Minute with Jesus:

The Eucharist is called Holy Mass

The word "Mass" comes from the Latin word "Missa." Missa is related to the word "mission," the root of the English word "mission." At Mass, we come to receive the Eucharist—the Real Presence of Jesus. He gives Himself to us out of love, to strengthen us in living out the Christian life. At the end of Mass, we are dismissed with the words, "The Mass is ended, let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord." Each of us is sent on mission, to show our love for God by loving and serving others and passing on the Catholic Faith to them. We want to help others to know the Truth – Jesus Christ – so that they also can find peace, which only He can give. Let's pray this right now and every day this week:

Jesus, please give me the courage to speak about my friendship with You in simple ways to others, when the opportunity arises. And let my actions speak louder than any words I say.

This week, read how we are to serve others in Hebrews 6:10. "Through love serve one another."



"Get up and eat or the journey will be too much for you!" 1 Kings 19:7

God knows that committing to a stewardship lifestyle is difficult. However, we were not designed to do it independently; we need God's help. Fortunately, God gave us the greatest gift of all: His son, Jesus.

Through the gift of the Eucharist, we unite our sacrifice with Jesus' sacrifice to do the will of God, Our Father.

We receive the strength and courage to be His missionary disciples.

~ DIOCESAN/Community NEWS ~

~**Art Fair at Blessed Sacrament** in La Crosse on Saturday, August 24th starting at 9:00 am.

~**Pro-Life Wisconsin's 2024 'Love for Life Gala'** at the Brookfield Conference Center on Saturday September 14th. Funds raised are for protecting all human life! The gala will feature keynote speaker Seth Dillon, CEO of the Babylon Bee. Doors open at 5:00pm, cocktail hour with open bar, games, and raffle from 5:30-6:30pm, and 6:30pm dinner program followed by live auction and keynote. Register by Monday August 26th at ProLifeWI.org/gala or call our office at 262-796-1111.

~**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

Please come and experience the healing power of Christ.

~**Come to Rural Life Day | Sept. 18, from 10 AM-2 PM | Schmidt Family Farm in Lone Rock:**

Join hundreds of the faithful for the 43rd Annual Rural Life Day at the Schmidt Family Farm on Wednesday, Sept. 18 from 10 AM-2 PM at 29281 Fairview Rd. in Lone Rock. Bishop Battersby will celebrate Mass at 10 AM, after which he will present awards recognizing parishioners and farm families, and bless animals, crops and machinery. Lunch will be served.

~**Gardens and Gazing on St. Joseph Ridge August 17th 5:30 pm to 9:00 pm**

at FSPA land on St. Joseph Ridge, A tour of the Villa St. Joseph gardens with a guided sunset hike and ridgetop stargazing will be offered by Mississippi Valley Conservancy in partnership with the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration (FSPA) and the La Crosse Area Astronomical Society. This popular annual event offers a family-friendly experience with the unique opportunity to visit the FSPA land and gardens and enjoy the views and night skies. REGISTER BY AUGUST 12, 2024.

Details, directions, and registration for this FREE event are on the Events page at www.mississippivalleyconservancy.org. With questions, contact Karen Solverson at karen@mississippivalleyconservancy.org or call 608-784-3606 ext. 8.

~**Pre-concert retreat with musician Carrie Newcomer!**



We are beyond excited to offer a rare opportunity to spend time with singer-songwriter Carrie Newcomer before her concert in town this fall!

Limited spots are available for The Beautiful Not Yet: Sustainable Hope Mini-Retreat (in-person), 9:30-11:30 am Thursday, November 14. Investment: \$60, includes lunch.

Using music, poetry, reflective writing and small- and large-group conversation, we'll explore the personal stories and practices that keep us resilient and help us stay centered.



~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~

Queen of Heaven Word-Find

Find the words in CAPITALS and use the letters left over to fill in the blanks at the end.



P E R F E C T C L
Q Q U L E E J A A
T U M O T H E R D
H E A V E N S E Y
R E R E A N U S P
O N Y P R O S F R
N M A R T Y R S O
E M Y A H H E A P
A H R Y O U R I H
T E L I S T E N E
B L E S S E D T T
A P O S T L E S S

When Our Lady's life was over, JESUS took her, body and soul, into HEAVEN. There He honours her as the Queen of Heaven and EARTH. She is the most PERFECT of all the SAINTS. MARY is the QUEEN of the APOSTLES, MARTYRS and PROPHETS. She rules beside her Son Jesus on His THRONE in Heaven.

But Our BLESSED MOTHER does not forget us. She is full of LOVE and CARES for us, and will always LISTEN when we PRAY to her. She is OUR greatest HELP and prays to God for us.

Here is a name that you can give Our LADY to remember how much she loves you:

ALWAYS
pray
and
NEVER
give up!

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

- * For all who are sick, may Christ who knew pain and suffering in his own life fill them with healing and hope.
- * For Luke Sawaya as he begins his journey to priesthood.
- * For all struggling with depression or anxiety, may the Lord pour his grace upon them and grant them healing & comfort.
- * For all the military men and women who are supporting our freedom.
- * That we generously use our God-given gifts to do the work God has placed us here on earth to do.
- * 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



Stewardship Prayer: That we may find the strength and courage to make our sacrifices to build up our Church.