



St. Joseph Parish of St. Joseph Ridge

W2601 State Road 33, La Crosse WI 54601

August 18, 2024—20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

PASTOR

Fr. Biju C Kunjukutty, MSFS

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bchennala@diolclergy.org

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

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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 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

MONDAY, AUGUST 19TH

~5:30 pm - † Myra Klos (E&AH)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20TH

~5:00 pm *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*
 ~5:30 pm - † Theresa Hess (PH)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22ND

~8:30 am - † Reiny & Darlene Kammel (family)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24TH

~4:00 pm - † Rudy Sr & Helen, and Robert Bahr (RM)
 Lector: Kathy Leis
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25TH

~8:30 am - Our Parish Family
 Lector: Donna Clements
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

~ PARISH CALENDAR ~

- **August 20**—Pastoral Council meeting
- **August 26—30**—Fr Biju will be at a Retreat in Louisiana
- **September 2**—Labor Day
- **September 18**—Religious Education Classes begin
- **November 8**—Family Fun Night!



~ 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 to \$20

~ Contributions for the past week ~

Adult Envelopes(28) :	\$ 1,376.00
Plate collection:	\$ 249.00
Total:	\$1,625.00

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.

	5-year Goal: (2023-2027)	\$140,000.00
	Pledged:	\$148,305.00
	Received:	\$67,532.50
Remaining Amount:		\$72,467.50

~ FROM THE PASTOR ~



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Of the four gospels, only the Gospel of John omits the Words of Institution of the Lord's Supper. But only John includes Jesus' extended teaching on Jesus as the Bread of Life (6:25-71). This is an important passage to meditate on and understand, since it sheds light on the meaning of the Lord's Supper. How he comes to us to nurture our soul. In the gospel we will hear Jesus declares, **'I am the bread of life.** He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty'.

That was a difficult teaching for the people who gathered around him. It seems, Jesus doesn't make it easy for those who hear Him. They are repulsed and offended at His words. But even when they begin to disagree, He insists on describing the eating and drinking of His flesh and blood. Many of Jesus' own followers abandon Him after this discourse.

Jesus tells them, "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." In the Eucharist we are made one flesh with Christ. We have His life in us and have our life because of Him. This is what Paul means in today's Epistle when he calls the Eucharist a "participation" in Christ's body and blood. We become in this sacrament partakers of the divine nature. 1 Pet 2:4. This is the mystery of the faith that Jesus asks us believe. And He gives us His promise: "whoever eats this bread will live forever". Eucharist will sustain you not just for a few hours, but into the life to come which is eternal life. Have a blessed week!

~ Live Jesus ~

Fr Bijou MSFS



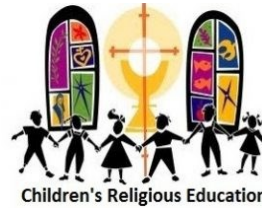
Seeking Jesus:

Growing Together in Small Groups

Every adult needs to be part of a small group to study the Bible or some component of the Catholic Faith in order to grow in their relationship with Christ, in an ongoing way. A list of excellent resources for the Eucharistic Revival are available here: diolc.org/parishioners. For those who have not yet participated in "Jesus and the Eucharist Series", it is excellent. For other resources on the Eucharist, scroll down further at the same link.

For an extended list of compelling resources, visit diolc.org/catechesis/bible-studies-and-small-group-resources

~ 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**



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:

At Mass, we want to focus on God

When we attend Mass, our intention should be to focus on God. This is our dedicated time to be with Jesus, where we speak with and listen to Him, as the Mass is the official public worship of God by the Church, as instructed in the Bible. Jesus encourages us to sincerely concentrate on Him and the events at the altar. It's easy to get distracted, but when that happens, instead of getting upset, say a simple prayer and gently and peacefully redirect your thoughts back to the Mass. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: *Jesus, help me to stay focused on You and what is happening at Mass every Sunday (or Saturday evening).*



This week, read how we are to give thanks to the Lord in Psalm 95:1-6

~Brat Fry for Casa Hogar

A brat fry is being held on Sunday August 18 at the Festival in the Village Shopping center for the Father Joseph Walliewski Legacy Fund to benefit Casa Hogar.

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

~Fall Social at St. Teresa of Kolkata September 8th

Fun activities for the children include bounce houses, games, corn pile, train rides, Bingo, corn hole and ladder ball. There will also be Lunch and a dessert table.

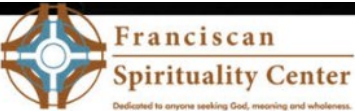
~ DIOCESAN/Community NEWS ~

~**Sauerkraut Supper** at St. Peters Catholic Church in Middle Ridge will be October 9th.

~**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. The evening will have Adoration (Praise/Worship, Rosary, Confessions), Holy Mass, Group Prayer for Healing, Individual Healing Ministry. 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. Join us as we joyfully thank God for the food that sustains our lives, the land on which it is grown, and the dedicated families who farm it.



~**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.

~**Organ Recital by Andrew McDonald, August 25th 3:00—4:00 pm**
at Shrine of Our Lady Guadalupe. Andrew McDonald works as a freelance teacher, sacred musician, and performer in the La Crosse area. He has extensive experience as a frequent collaborative pianist for local soloists and ensembles, in addition to his solo performances. Andrew currently holds a post at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, where he serves as a music assistant and organ scholar.

❖ Stewardship Reflection ❖
"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." John 6:56

This line from Scripture is what ultimately separates Catholics from our Protestant brothers and sisters. Jesus is present in the bread and wine consecrated at Holy Mass. It is His actual body and blood that we consume. This is the greatest gift that we can receive. The Eucharist shows us how great of love that Jesus has for each of us.

~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~

St. Paul Teaches Us...

Ephesians 5:15-20

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Try to find all the CAPITALS from today's reading. Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks at the end to find an important part of being a Christian.

BROTHERS and SISTERS: WATCH carefully how you **LIVE**, not as **FOOLISH** persons, but with **WISDOM**, making the most of

the opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not continue in **IGNORANCE**, but try to **UNDERSTAND** the **WILL** of the **LORD**. And do not get drunk on wine, in which lies debauchery, but be **FILLED** with the **SPIRIT**, addressing one another in psalms and **HYMNS** and spiritual **SONGS**, singing and playing to the Lord in your **HEARTS**, **GIVING THANKS** always and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to **GOD** the **FATHER**.



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 and Brother Matthew Kotek as he continues his religious
- * 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 through the gift of Holy Communion we reflect Jesus's love and mercy to others.