



St. Joseph Parish of St. Joseph Ridge

W2601 State Road 33, La Crosse WI 54601

September 1, 2024

PASTOR

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22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile." - Mk 7:14-15

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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

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

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

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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, AUGUST 31ST

~4:00 pm - † Rick Schermerhorn (J&PS)
 Lector: Donnie Weber
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST

~8:30 am - † Gerald Kneifl (Kneifl family)
 Lector: Dan Steiger
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND—LABOR DAY

~5:30 pm - † Lawrence Malzacher (RM)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD

~5:00 pm - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 ~5:30 pm - † Myra Klos (Family)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH

~No Mass—First Saturday of the month
 ~4:00 pm - † Ralph & Evelyn Mikshowsky (M&CM)
 Lector: Kathy Leis
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH

~8:30 am - Our Parish Family
 Lector: Sally Miller
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

~ PARISH CALENDAR ~

- September 7-11 ~ Fr. Biju out of town
- September 16 6:30 pm ~ PCCW meeting
- September 16 7:00 pm ~ Pastoral Council meeting
- September 17 7:00 pm ~ Finance Council meeting
- September 18 ~ Religious Education Classes begin
- November 8 ~ Family Fun Night!

*“Jesus, thank you for loving me,
 Forgiving me and never leaving me”*

~ STRENGTHEN OUR FAITH ~

- * **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**
 If you would like to schedule mass intentions, please contact the Parish office phone #788-1646 or there are envelopes in the back of church or email sjrp2601@gmail.com.

Mass Intentions Fee change
 In accordance with a decision of the Bishops of Wisconsin, starting on July 1st, Mass stipend fees are \$20

~ Contributions for the past week ~

Adult Envelopes(25) :	\$ 1,506.00
Plate collection:	\$ 239.00
Assumption:	\$ 5.00
Votive Candles:	\$ 86.05
Total:	\$1,836.05

☞ Thank you Money Counters! ☞

Keeping Clean

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells the Pharisees that having your soul clean from sins is more important than keeping your body clean!



But that doesn't mean that we should be dirty! God wants us to keep our bodies and our souls clean. We keep our bodies clean when we wash our hands or take a bath. Do you know how we keep our souls clean?



When someone does a big sin he or she needs to go to confession to get cleaned up. Confession cleans away our little sins too. Other things that take away small sins are going to Holy Communion, praying, and blessing ourselves with holy water.



~ FROM THE PASTOR ~



❖ Stewardship Reflection ❖

Today's readings call us to pause momentarily and consider how we respond to God's love for us daily.

Our Gospel recounts a dialogue between the Pharisees and Jesus. The Pharisees questioned why Jesus' disciples did not practice the ritual washing before eating a meal.

Jesus' response reminds us to ask ourselves 'why.' Why do we remain faithful to God's commands? Why do we pray or go to Mass? Why do we participate in the sacraments? Why do we love others?

Our faith, when lived out of love, has the power to transform us and those around us. It's not just about obligations, fear, or duty, but about the profound love that Jesus showed us and calls us to share.

St. James reminds us that every moment of each day is an opportunity to respond to God's infinite love for us with love and gratitude in return.

Suppose we approach our relationship with Jesus with this in mind. In that case, we begin to realize that the gift of the Mass is an opportunity to worship God, the sacraments are ways to draw us closer to Him, and His commandments are opportunities to love Him more faithfully.

If we approach our day-to-day moments with this in mind, we begin to see just how many blessings God has given us. Looking at life through the lens of gratitude helps us see each moment as a gift with endless opportunities to respond in love.

Gratitude is not just a feeling, but a way of life. It's how we, as Christian stewards, should live — recognizing our lives as a gift and an opportunity to love God in response to how He has loved us.

**Rural Life Day ~ Sept. 18,
from 10 AM-2 PM**

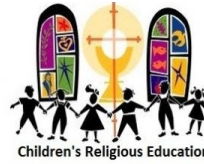
Join hundreds of the faithful for the Rural Life Day at the Schmidt Family Farm in Lone Rock (29281 Fairview Rd.)



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.



~ PARISH NEWS ~



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!

**Friday, November 8th
6:00 - 9:00 PM**



We are looking for Raffle-type items.. Who do you know someone 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.



~ DIOCESAN NEWS ~

A Minute with Jesus:

Jesus Wants to Remain within Us

The second part of the Mass is the Liturgy of the Eucharist. We know that Jesus wants to remain with us—to abide within us. We celebrate at Mass the enduring self-gift of Jesus Christ by which He fulfills His promise to remain with us always (unless we choose to separate ourselves from Him through serious sin). When we receive the Eucharist, we are united to Jesus. He dwells within our heart. This is why the Eucharist is called Holy Communion. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, please continue to "stay with me", to abide in me so that I can be strengthened as Your faithful follower. This week, read how after the Resurrection Jesus walked with two disciples, explained the Scriptures to them and then celebrated the Eucharist so that they could abide in Him in Luke 24: 13-35



~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.

~Mary Mother of the Church Chicken Que

Mary, Mother of the Church Parish, 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, will be holding a Chicken-Que on Thursday, September 12, from 11:00 - 6:00 p.m. for pick up and delivery. The price is \$12 and includes a half chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, homemade beans and a dinner roll. For pre-sale tickets (guaranteed) and deliveries, call (608) 518-6145. No minimum order and no delivery charge. Enter at Weston Street driveway.

~ DIOCESAN/Community NEWS ~


~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.

~Walking with Women, Praying with Scripture!
All women are welcome to attend. We practice the ancient exercise of lectio divina, engaging our five senses while reading the Gospels. This practice aides the faithful to experience a deeper encounter with Jesus in His Living Word. As a group, we desire to offer Christian community for women of all ages. We will be gathering in the Undercroft at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral beginning on **Thursday, September 19, at 6 p.m.** Please contact Mari Erickson or Amy Mulhern at walking9praying8@gmail.com for more information.

~Mental Health Wellness, Connection and Hope Support Group
Franciscan Spirituality Center, La Crosse
Thu, Sep 5, 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm; Facilitator: Therese Ann Roellich
This group is for anyone seeking mental health wellness, connection and hope. We gather weekly to listen to, and learn from, each other confidentially. We'll also share educational information about mental health. No one is required to speak or share their story. You can simply choose to listen if that feels best. Registration is not required. Attend any or all sessions as your schedule permits. Freewill offerings at the door are appreciated. For more information, please call Therese at 608-386-2965 or email herese.recovery.resources@gmail.com.



A Prayer For Labor Day

Lord on this Labor Day, we thank You for the blessing of work. We ask for strength to complete each day. We ask for rest when we are weary. We ask for Your guidance and hope for everyone seeking employment. We ask that You be with those whose faces we might never see but who work tirelessly each day for the good of all of us.

Amen.

"Come to me, all you who labor and are heavy burdened, And I shall give you rest."
Matthew 11:28-30

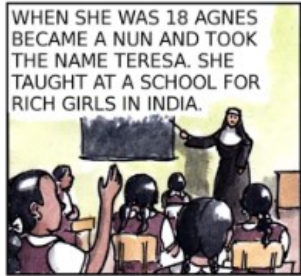
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~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~

Saint Teresa of Calcutta
September 5



AGNES GONXHA BOJAXHIU WAS BORN IN YUGOSLAVIA IN 1910. HER FATHER DIED WHEN SHE WAS 8. AT AGE 12 SHE KNEW GOD WANTED HER TO BE A MISSIONARY.



WHEN SHE WAS 18 AGNES BECAME A NUN AND TOOK THE NAME TERESA. SHE TAUGHT AT A SCHOOL FOR RICH GIRLS IN INDIA.



ON A TRAIN WHEN SHE WAS 36, SR. TERESA FELT GOD CALL HER TO SERVE THE VERY POOR. I want you to serve Me in the poorest of the poor.

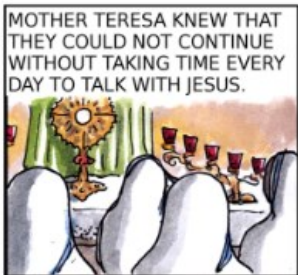


Today we will start learning how to read!


SHE GOT PERMISSION TO TAKE A NEW HABIT AND START A SCHOOL FOR POOR CHILDREN.



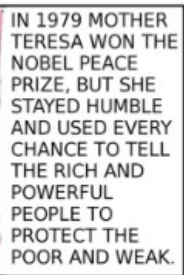
SOON OTHER WOMEN JOINED MOTHER TERESA TO HELP THE POOR AND DYING.



MOTHER TERESA KNEW THAT THEY COULD NOT CONTINUE WITHOUT TAKING TIME EVERY DAY TO TALK WITH JESUS.



Governments should also work to protect the poor and the unborn.



IN 1979 MOTHER TERESA WON THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE, BUT SHE STAYED HUMBLE AND USED EVERY CHANCE TO TELL THE RICH AND POWERFUL PEOPLE TO PROTECT THE POOR AND WEAK.

SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA DIED ON SEPTEMBER 5TH, 1997. WE CAN LEARN FROM HER TO DEFEND AND HELP THOSE WHO CAN'T HELP THEMSELVES, ESPECIALLY THE POOR AND UNBORN CHILDREN. WE ALSO LEARN FROM HER EXAMPLE THAT WE NEED TO SPEND TIME IN PRAYER WITH JESUS EVERY DAY.

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 and Brother Matthew Kotek as he continues his religious path
- * 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 not only hear God's word, but also learn to live it every day of our lives.