

*Pray, hope
and don't
worry*

Words to live by
from Padre Pio.

St. Joseph Parish of St. Joseph Ridge

W2601 State Road 33, La Crosse WI 54601

September 22, 2024—25th 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

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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



... He said to them,
"Whoever
RECEIVES one of
these little children
in MY NAME
receives Me; and
whoever RECEIVES
ME, receives not
Me but Him who
sent Me"
Mark 9:37

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

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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, SEPTEMBER 21ST

~4:00 pm - Our Parish Family
 Lector: Donnie Weber
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND

~8:30 am - † Leo & Shirley Servais (W&JG)
 Lector: Sally Miller
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD

Feast Day for St. Padre Pio

~5:30 pm - † Gerald Kneifl (Family)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH

~5:00 pm—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 ~5:30 pm - † Mary Ann Sedeveie (Leis family)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH

~8:30 am - † Jim Hesselberg (J&SB)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH

~4:00 pm - † Reiny & Darlene Kammel (Family)
 Lector: Kathy Leis
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH

~8:30 am - † Don & Elaine Bina (J&SA)
 Lector: Paula Silha
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

~ Contributions for the past week ~

Adult Envelopes(33) :	\$ 1,961.00
Plate collection:	\$ 378.00
Votive candles:	\$ 81.57
Total:	\$2,420.57

☞ Thank you Money Counters! ☞

~ PARISH CALENDAR ~

- September 25 ~ Religious Education Classes
- October 2 ~ Religious Education Classes
- October 9 ~ Sauerkraut Supper-St Peters/Middle Ridge
- October 12-13 ~ Diocesan Annual Appeal begins
- November 8 ~ Family Fun Night!

~ 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

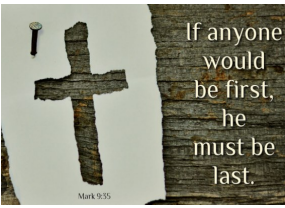
In accordance with a decision of the Bishops of Wisconsin, starting on July 1st, Mass stipend fees are \$20

ST. PADRE PIO
POWERFUL HEALING PRAYER

Heavenly Father,
 I thank you for loving me.
 I thank you for sending your son, our Lord Jesus Christ to the world to save me, and to set me free. I trust in your power and grace that sustain and restore me. Loving Father, please touch me now with your healing hands, for I believe that your will is for me to be well in mind, body, soul, and spirit. Cover me with the most precious blood of your son, our Lord Jesus Christ. From the top of my head to the soles of my feet. Cast anything that should not be in me. Root out any unhealthy and abnormal cells. Open any blocked arteries or veins, and rebuild and replenish any damaged areas. Amen.

Shimen Okaka

~ FROM THE PASTOR ~



**Twenty-Fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

St. Mark tells us in today's Gospel of how Jesus struggled to prepare

His disciples for His impending death and Resurrection. As they were passing through Galilee, He spoke to them in very clear terms: The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him; and after three days He will rise. (Mark 9:29- 36) The Lords' disciples were troubled by this news, for they were dreaming of an earthly kingdom. But they did not understand the saying, and they were afraid to ask Him. Despite the Master's warning, the disciples continued to debate the make-up of their future regime and who was the greatest. Upon their arrival at Capharnaum, Jesus asked them, what were you discussing on the way? Perhaps more than a little ashamed, they fell silent.

Jesus takes a little child present, sets him in the center and says to his disciples: "Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me, welcomes not me but the one who sent me." God came to us in the form of a child, totally dependent on others. Jesus in today's Gospel once again affirms his readiness to give up all power. His greatness lies in love and service. How much of that do we understand in our daily lives?

On Monday we celebrate the feast of Padre Pio (Padre Pio of Pietrelcina). A great saint of the 20th century. One of the things I most admire about Padre Pio is his extraordinary devotion to the Sacrament of Confession. For decades, he spent hours each day hearing confessions, often up to 10 or 12 hours at a time. Also, his love for the Eucharist. While praying before a cross, he received the stigmata on 20th September 1918, the first priest ever to be so blessed. Died 23 September 1968 in San Giovanni Rotondo, Foggia, Italy.

2024-2025 Diocesan Annual Appeal begins on October 12 - 13, 2024 with the theme "For We are God's Co-workers".

Soon you will be receiving the appeal mail packet. More information will be given as we approach near the date.

Have a blessed weekend!



Live Jesus, Fr Biju MSFS

~ PARISH NEWS ~

Family Fun Night!



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



We are looking for Raffle-type items or if you have questions, please call or text Stacy Burns at 608-769-8828.

~ DIOCESAN NEWS ~

A Minute with Jesus: Preparing to Receive Jesus

When we are at Mass, and preparing to receive Jesus in Holy Communion, our minds will sometimes wander. When we find ourselves distracted in this way, we want to simply return our eyes to the altar and listen with our hearts as the priest prays the words of Jesus, asking the Holy Spirit to change the bread and wine into His Body and Blood of Jesus. As we go forward to receive Jesus in Holy Communion, it is a good practice to repeat the following prayer: "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed" (Mt 8:8). Let's pray this right now and every day this week in preparation for next Sunday: "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed." (Mt 8:8)



This week, read Isaiah 26:3: "He does keep in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee."

~Pro-Life Witness – Join 40 Days for Life campaign in La Crosse:

From Sept. 25 to Nov. 3, you are invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – to stand and peacefully pray at a particular hour during a 40-day vigil on the sidewalk outside Planned Parenthood at 1201 Caledonia St., La Crosse. For more information and to sign up, please get in touch with Marie Allen by visiting 40daysforlife.com/en/lacrosse. The 40 Days for Life opening rally will be held at 4 pm on Sunday, Sept. 15, at Northside Community Church, 1300 Caledonia St., La Crosse. Topic: Post-abortion ministries in our area. All are welcome!

~St. Philip's Fall Festival Dinner (Soldiers Grove)—October 6, 2024

serving from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 pm. We will be serving Pulled Pork Sandwiches, coleslaw, chips, baked beans, homemade pie and ice cream. Price is \$10 for adults and \$5 children under 6. Mass will be held at 10:30 There will also be a bake sale and raffle tickets available. The raffle drawing will be held on Sunday, December 8 after the 10:30 mass.

57th Annual Sauerkraut Supper

St. Peters Catholic Church, Hwy 33, Middle Ridge

October 9th 4:00—7:30 pm (or until sold out)

Meal will include homemade kraut, pork ribs, Polish sausages,... Sit down supper and festivities. Carry outs also available



~ DIOCESAN/Community NEWS ~

~Fall Rummage Sale—Mary Mother of the Church-October 4th-5th

On Friday, October 4th, 11 AM - 3 PM, \$6 a bag; and on Saturday, October 5th, 8 - 11 AM, \$3 a bag. Some items are priced individually.

~Life Chain's 37th Year—October 6th 2:00-3:00 pm

Life Chain is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life individuals standing for one hour praying for our nation and for an end to abortion. It is a visual statement of solidarity by the Christian community that abortion kills children and that the Church supports the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception until natural death. Where: Corner of Losey Blvd & La Crosse St to King St and beyond.

~Annual Pancake Breakfast – Oct 13

St. Mary Parish, Coon Valley will hold their annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, October 13, 2024 from 7:30 AM – Noon. Meal includes: delicious stack of pancakes (from our own local Great American Pancake Co.) with local real maple syrup, eggs, sausage, cheese curds, applesauce, milk, orange juice and coffee! Also purchase a tasty treat to take home from the bake sale! \$10 for adults, \$5 children ages 6 -12, 5 and under free. New this year – Pancake topping bar! Your choice of maple syrup, blueberries, strawberries, chocolate syrup, sprinkles, whip cream and peanut butter (while supplies last)

~Gospel of Life—White Mass & Banquet Friday, October 18th

Bishop Battersby will celebrate the “White Mass,” at 6:00 pm at which the faithful honor and pray for Catholic healthcare professionals. A banquet will follow, with Bishop Battersby as the keynote speaker on “Prayer and the Eucharist: The Heart of Mission,” showing us how we can be equipped to proclaim the Life-giving Gospel of Jesus Christ in this challenging world. All are warmly invited to the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman for the Mass, as well as the banquet and talk to follow (\$25/person, \$15/student). To learn more and to register for the banquet, visit www.dioc.org/GospelofLife. Deadline: Oct. 11 – But space is limited, so register soon

~Join the 2024 “La Crosse Walk for Life” – Raise Funds for Alliance Family Services October 19th

The Walk for Life is an exciting time for pro-life families and individuals to come together and celebrate the medical, practical, emotional and spiritual support Alliance Family Services is providing FREE to women and families facing unplanned pregnancies. Learn how to register in advance for the Walk as a fundraising team (ideal) or as an individual by visiting alliancefamilyservices.org/walkforlife and scrolling down to the La Crosse link. Then come celebrate starting at 9 am on October 19th in the Blessed Sacrament School parking lot at 130 Losey Blvd S, where there will be check-in, prayer, the Walk, refreshments and fun!

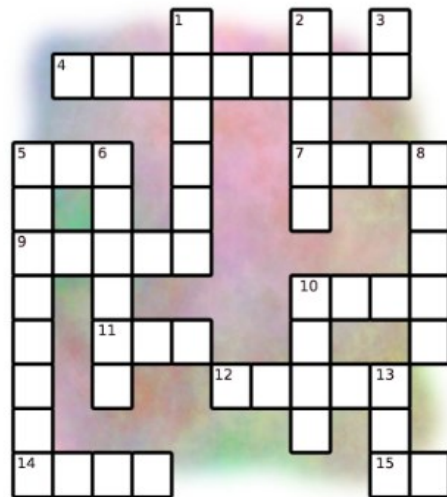
❖ Stewardship Reflection ❖

“If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.” MARK 9:35

Jesus teaches us that we are called to love one another. Love involves sacrifice. Sacrifice is a word that many of us don’t like to hear. We think it means that we must give up something that we want. However, the literal meaning of sacrifice is “to make holy,” from the words “sacer” = sacred and “facere” = to make. In other words, when we sacrifice, we make our lives holy by sharing our gifts in the service of God.

~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~

**Psalm
54
Cross-
Word**



Unscramble the words in today's Psalm to fit them into the puzzle.
a=Across d=Down

O God, by your name (ESAV 14a) me,
and by your (THGMI 2d) (FENDED 6d) my cause.

O God, (ERHA 7a) my (YREPRA 1d);
hearken (OT 15a) the (DROWS 12a) of my mouth.

For the haughty have (NERIS 8d) up against (EM 3d),
the ruthless seek my (FLEI 10a);
they (TES 13d) (NTO 11a) God before their eyes.

Behold, (DGO 5a) is my helper;
the (DOLR 10d) sustains my life.

Freely will I (EFFOR 9a) you (FICESACIR 4a);
I will praise your name, O Lord,
for its (NSSEGDOO 5d).



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 through our service and sacrifice, we may grow closer to Jesus and help others to know His love as well.