



Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels

October 2nd

St. Joseph Parish of St. Joseph Ridge

W2601 State Road 33, La Crosse WI 54601

September 29, 2024—26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

PASTOR

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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
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Office hours vary, call or email with questions

Fr Biju also serves
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(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
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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, 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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH

~5:30 pm - † Deceased members of the
 Nicholas & Mary Clements family (S&CC)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1ST

Feast of St. Terese of Lisieux (Little Flower)
 ~5:00 pm—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 ~5:30 pm - † Reiny & Darlene Kammel (S&ML)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3RD

~No Mass

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5TH

~8:30 am - † Matt Schams (J&SB)
Feast of St Faustina Kowalska
 ~4:00 pm - Our Parish Family
 Lector: Jim Weber
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6TH

~8:30 am - † Bill Patterson (SB)
 Lector: Donnie Weber
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

~ Contributions for the past week ~

Adult Envelopes(33) :	\$ 2,271.00
Plate collection:	\$ 205.00
Total:	\$2,476.00

~ PARISH CALENDAR ~

- **October 2** ~ Religious Education
- **October 9** ~ Sauerkraut Supper-St Peters/Middle Ridge
- **October 12-13** ~ Diocesan Annual Appeal begins
 This year's theme is rooted in 1 Corinthians 3:9:
"For We are God's Co-Workers."
- **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

A Simple Prayer

Lord,
 Make Me An Instrument of Your Peace
 Where there is Hatred...let me sow Love
 Where there is Injury.....Pardon
 Where there is Discord...Harmony
 Where there is Doubt.....Faith
 Where there is Despair.....hope
 Where there is Darkness.....Light
 Where there is Sadness.....Joy

O Divine Master,
 GRANT that I may not so much:
 seek to be Consoled
 as to Console;
 to be Understood as
 to Understand;
 to be Loved as to Love.
 FOR it is in Giving that we Receive;
 it is in Pardoning that we are Pardoned;
 in dying that we are born to
 Eternal Life.

written by St. Francis of Assisi, 12th century A.D.

~ FROM THE PASTOR ~



Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

This weekend we continue to read from the Gospel of Mark. We read that John the Apostle was scandalized by someone driving out demons in Jesus' name and not belonging to the Twelve Apostles or Jesus' followers. John may have expected Jesus to condone his arrogant behavior. However, Jesus rebuked John, saying, 'Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. For whoever is not against us is for us' (Mark 9:39-40)."

John had to learn to be open to the good done by those outside the community of the followers. It's a great truth that there are elements of truth and holiness outside the visible confines of the Church and these need to be appreciated and valued. Jesus emphasizes how his Father is generous toward all people and that no good humble act of service will be overlooked by God.

Rebuke of Jesus toward John resonates even today, and it is no longer just addressed to John but to all of us. God loves everyone. He asks us to broaden our narrow minds and accept the good works done in his name. Jesus challenges us to pay attention to our attitude and inner motivation. The true disciple will be the one who knows how to rejoice in good.

Oct 1st is the feast day of St Terese of the child Jesus. She is also called St Terese of Lisieux or Little Flower. In her autobiography the story of a soul urged all to follow the little way. She is the patroness of the missions.

Oct 4th is the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi. He was a deacon. Founded the Franciscan family. Received stigmata on 14th sept. 1224. Blessing of pets and other animals done on this day.



Oct 5th is the feast of St Faustina Kowalska. Apostle of divine mercy.

Have a blessed weekend!

Live Jesus, Fr Biju MSFS

~ PARISH NEWS ~

Cemetery Flowers



Monday, September 30th will be the last day that the flowers in the cemetery will be

watered. If you have flowers that you still want to be watered, please plan to do so on your own.

A Big **THANK YOU** to Stan and LaVerne Clements for watering the cemetery flowers this past summer. Their care is truly appreciated and keeps our cemetery looking beautiful!

~ DIOCESAN NEWS ~

A Minute with Jesus: The Eucharist strengthens our love for our neighbor



In reading the life of any saint, we see clearly that they "constantly renewed their capacity for love of neighbor from their encounter with the Eucharistic Lord" (Pope Benedict XVI's encyclical "God is Love"). When we receive Jesus in Holy Communion, He strengthens us with His Divine power to seek to live with charity toward every person that we meet. We cooperate with this power – His grace – by asking for His help as we encounter any situations, particularly difficult ones. In continuing to seek to live with love, we become more and more the person that God created us to be. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: *Jesus, as I receive You in Holy Communion, help me to see You in every person I meet and give me Your love for them in my heart.*

This week read 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 which concludes with: "These three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love."

~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, from 7:30 AM – Noon. Meal includes: delicious stack of pancakes 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.

~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

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 ~

~Blood Drive—St. Joseph Ridge ~ Monday, October 14 1-6:00 pm
 Have you ever donated blood? If you have or if you have thought about donating, you have the opportunity on Monday, October 14 at the Town of Greenfield town hall. You can make an appointment on the Versiti website (versiti.org/wi) or call 877-232-4376 or you can stop in on the 14th. Please consider. There is a great need!

~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 more 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!

~Holy Trinity Chicken-Que and Bake Sale Thursday, October 10, 11:00-5:30, 13th and Park Streets, La Crosse. 1/2 Chicken, Beans, Coleslaw and Roll \$11.00. Carryout, Drive Through, Delivery. Presales preferred—Call the Chicken Line at 608-782-2028 Ext. 2.

~Marian Parish Mission:
 Fr. Tim Oudenhoven is providing a parish mission for the Marian Messengers at St. James in La Crosse on October 6-8 to promote Marian Devotion and Evangelization through Our Lady Of Guadalupe. Please see the fliers in the back of church for more information.

Saint Therese of Lisieux

"The Little Flower"
October 1

THERESE MARTIN WAS BORN TO A MIDDLE CLASS FAMILY IN FRANCE IN 1873. HER MOTHER DIED WHEN SHE WAS FOUR, SO SHE WAS RAISED BY HER FATHER AND SISTERS.



THERESE WAS SHY AND OVERSENSITIVE UNTIL SHE WAS FOURTEEN. This is the last time we'll keep the presents a surprise.

Wow! I'm not crying! Jesus cured me!



THERESE DECIDED TO BECOME A CARMELITE NUN LIKE TWO OF HER SISTERS HAD.

I could serve God with them!



Your Holiness, I want to ask a favour!

BUT SHE WAS ONLY 15, SO SHE WASN'T ALLOWED UNTIL SHE ASKED THE POPE!



EVEN THOUGH SHE WAS YOUNG, THERESE WAS WISE AND DID EVERYTHING FOR GOD.

Jesus, I'll pretend I'm washing your clothes!



SHE WAS HUMBLE AND DID THE WORST JOBS AND ATE THE WORST FOOD FOR LOVE OF GOD.

That stinks! Get it out of here!



If only you knew how much she suffers!

BUT SOON ST. THERESE BECAME VERY SICK AND HAD TO STAY IN BED. SHE FELT THAT GOD HAD ABANDONED HER, BUT SHE KEPT HER FAITH. SHE DIED AT AGE 24.



BECAUSE SHE WAS A CLOISTERED NUN IN A CONVENT, SAINT THERESE KNEW THAT SHE COULD NOT DO ANY GREAT DEEDS FOR GOD. BUT SHE SAW ANOTHER WAY TO BECOME HOLY. BY THINKING OF HERSELF AS A LITTLE CHILD OF GOD AND DOING EVERY LITTLE THING FOR HIM, SHE BECAME A GREAT SAINT!

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~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~

"If it causes you to sin"
Word-Find

T W O R M Q T O S
 U B F C A U S E S
 F E E T H E L L I
 O T Y H A N D F N
 O T E R E C I M O
 T E R O T H N A T
 H R F W A E T I N
 G K I N G D O M T
 O O R S L A M E I
 D I E N T E R D N

See if you can find all the words from this part of today's Gospel passage that are in CAPITALS.

Use the left-over letters to fill in the blanks at the end.



Mark 9:42-48

...if your HAND causes you to SIN, cut it off; it is BETTER for you to enter life MAIMED than with two hands go INTO hell, to the unquenchable FIRE.

And if your FOOT causes you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life LAME than with two FEET to be THROWN into HELL.

And if your EYE CAUSES you to sin, pluck it out; it is better for you to ENTER the KINGDOM of GOD with one eye than with TWO eyes to be thrown into hell, where the WORM does not DIE and the fire is NOT QUENCHED.

It is better

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: Remembering that we will be judged by what we do for the least among us, may we give generously and joyfully to support all those in need.