

# St. Joseph Parish of St. Joseph Ridge

W2601 State Road 33, La Crosse WI 54601

September 8, 2024

## 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



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“He has done all things well.

He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

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Mark 7:37

## 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

## 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, SEPTEMBER 7TH**

~No 8:30 am Mass

~4:00 pm - † Ralph & Evelyn Mikshowsky (M&CM)

Lector: Kathy Leis

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH**

*Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

~8:30 am - Our Parish Family

Lector: Sally Miller

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH**

~ No Mass

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH**

~ No Adoration or Mass

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH**

~5:30 pm - † Joseph & Clara Bina (MB)

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH**

~4:00 pm - † Madonna Bahr (Leis family)

Lector: Bill Weber

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH**

~8:30 am - † Jim Hesselberg (BH)

Lector: Donna Clements

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

~ Contributions for the past week ~

Adult Envelopes(35) :	\$ 5,240.00
Plate collection:	\$ 291.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$5,531.00</b>

☞ Thank you Money Counters! ☜

**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.

~ PARISH CALENDAR ~

- **September 7-11** ~ Fr. Biju out of town
- **September 11 6:30 pm** Safe Environment meeting for Religious Education teachers
- **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

*“I am the light of the world, says the Lord; Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, But will have the light of life.”*

~ STRENGTHEN OUR FAITH ~

\* **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

**Tuesday: No Adoration ~ No 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 [sjr2601@gmail.com](mailto:sjr2601@gmail.com).

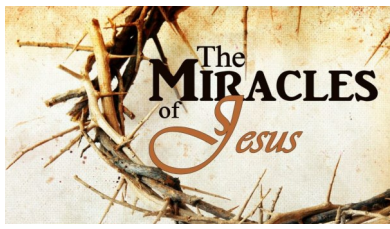
**Mass Intentions Fee change**

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



5-year Goal: (2023-2027)	\$140,000.00
Pledged:	\$148,355.00
Received:	\$67,810.00
<b>Remaining Amount:</b>	<b>\$72,190.00</b>

~ FROM THE PASTOR ~



**Twenty-third  
Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

This weekend we find Jesus in the district of Decapolis which was largely a gentile territory. Jesus' ministry was open to all, not just to the Jews. We read about a deaf man brought to Jesus for healing. Jesus took him aside, away from the crowd, touched him and healed him, using the words "Ephphatha!".

Hearing is an important activity in life. It links us with the outside world just as sight. Hearing loss is frustrating for those who have it and for their loved ones. It contributes to social isolation. One can also become Spiritually hard of hearing. That is when one become deaf to voices that cries out to us. The voice of God, conscience and other. Sometimes we conveniently stop listening. There is a danger in it. The ability to hear God speaking to you is essential to Christian life.

We all have times when the Lord should come to us and say "ephphatha" – be opened. We need the Lord to whisper ephphatha into our souls. The need for healing, for ephphatha never really stops. Jesus came to "open" to liberate, to enable us to fully live our relationship with God and with others. This word, "Ephphatha – Be opened," sums up Christ's entire mission. May our ears and heart be opened that we may discern his voice.

Thanks to the visiting fathers for helping us with this weekend Frs. Hilderbrand, Gerald (from the shrine) and Eugene Wolf.

*Live Jesus, Fr Biju MSFS*

**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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3rd Grade: Kathy Leis

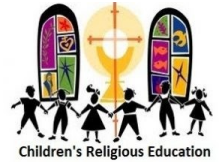
4th Grade: Grace Bayer

**6th/7th Grade: Open**

8th Grade: Lorie Liss

9th Grade: Terry Dickman

10th Grade: Ruben Mendoza



*Thank You for your time and talent*

*In providing catholic education to our youth!*

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.

**Family Fun Night!**

**Friday, November 8th**

**6:00 - 9:00 PM**

Mark your  
Calendars



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: We Respond with Thanksgiving after Receiving Jesus in Holy Communion**



Through the power of the Holy Spirit and the words of Jesus repeated by the priest, a miracle happens at every Mass. The substance of the bread and wine becomes the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus, even though the bread and wine still look the same. When we receive Jesus, we want to thank Him for this incredible Gift. Then we can speak with Him about anything that is on our hearts. We also want to listen to what He might say to us in the quiet of our hearts. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: *Jesus, I believe in you. Jesus, I hope in You. Jesus, I want to love You with all my heart. Jesus, I thank You for having come to dwell in me as I receive You in Holy Communion. I welcome You into my heart, embracing Your presence and asking You to "crowd out" whatever might be there that is not of You. And I desire to give You full reign as my Lord, my Savior and my King. Thank You for giving Your life for me on the Cross, loving me this much and allowing me to receive You into my heart in this present moment. And now that You are so close to me, please help me love You more and more and serve You by loving the people around me. Amen*

This week, read Psalm 107:1. "Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever!"

**~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.

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

~ DIOCESAN/Community NEWS ~

**~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](http://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!

**~'Silent City' September 21st 11:00 am—3:00 pm**  
 Silent City is a guided walking tour through the Catholic Cemetery (519 Losey Boulevard S.) featuring theatrical performances about the history and community impact of the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration. Tours leave every 15 minutes and last approximately 90 minutes. Tickets available at <https://www.lchshistory.org/silent-city-tickets>

**~Organ Recital - Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman– Sept 22**  
 The first in a series of three autumn organ recitals will be performed at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman, Sunday September 22 at 3:30 pm by David Lim, Lecturer of Music at the University of Wisconsin—River Falls. The recital will be about one hour in duration. Admission is free; a freewill offering will be accepted. Come hear this fine organist perform a varied and exciting program!

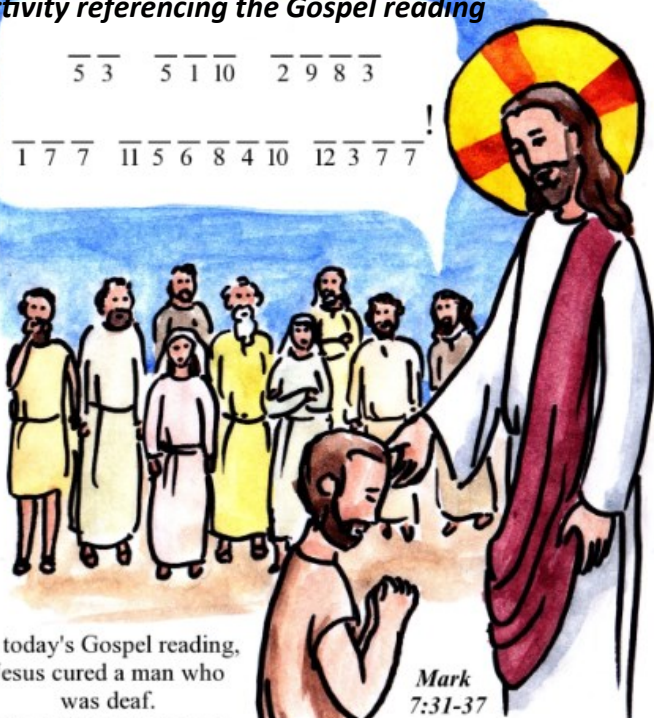
**~Mary Mother of the Church Chicken Que—September 12th**  
 11:00 - 6:00 p.m. for pick up and delivery. The price is \$12 . For pre-sale tickets (guaranteed) and deliveries, call (608) 518-6145.

**~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. Location: Sacred Heart Church - Cashton

**Activity referencing the Gospel reading**

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1 7 7    11 5 6 8 4 10    12 3 7 7



In today's Gospel reading, Jesus cured a man who was deaf. What did the man hear people saying when he could hear again?

Mark 7:31-37

Use the number code below to find the answer!

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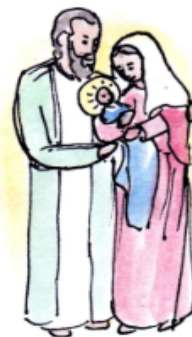
~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~

*Our Lady's Birthday*

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 O W Y J A N N O S E  
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 N T T C H D A A A R  
 W I T H O U T Y H E  
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 A G R M Y J E S U S  
 P U R E C H R I S T

See if you can find all the words in CAPITALS in the puzzle.

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



On September 8th we celebrate Mary's BIRTHDAY. She was CHOSEN by God to be the MOTHER of JESUS before she was even BORN. To PREPARE Mary to receive His SON, God made her PURE and WITHOUT SIN right from the first moment of her life.

JOACHIM and ANN were HOLY JEWS who were WAITING for the MESSIAH to come. God chose them to be the FATHER and mother of MARY, who would become the mother of CHRIST.



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**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](mailto:sjrp2601@gmail.com)



**Stewardship Prayer:** That we may grow stronger in our faith, realizing that God does not measure us by what we possess but rather by what we do for one another.