

October,  
The month of the  
**Holy  
Rosary**



# St. Joseph Parish of St. Joseph Ridge

W2601 State Road 33, La Crosse WI 54601

**October 6, 2024—27th 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**

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



**“Let the Children  
come to me:  
do not prevent  
them, for the  
kingdom of God  
belongs to such as  
these.**

**Amen, I say to  
you, whoever  
does not accept  
the kingdom of  
God like a child  
will not enter it.”**

**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  
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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, 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

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 7TH**

~5:30 pm - † Ralph & Evelyn Mikshowsky (family)

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8TH**

~5:00 pm—*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*  
 ~5:30 pm - † Madonna Bahr (family)

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10TH**

~8:30 am - † Herbert Clements (L&DC)

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12TH**

~4:00 pm - † Rick Schermerhorn  
 Lector: Kathy Leis  
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13TH**

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

~ Contributions for the past week ~

Adult Envelopes(27) :	\$ 1,489.00
Plate collection:	\$ 303.06
Votive candles:	\$ 164.50
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,956.56</b>

~ PARISH CALENDAR ~

- **October 9** ~ Sauerkraut Supper-St Peters/Middle Ridge
- **October 9** ~ Religious Education classes
- **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."*
- **October 16** ~ Religious Education classes
- **October 20** ~ World Mission Sunday
- **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](mailto: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



**Monday, October 7 th :**  
**Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary**

This memorial was instituted following the Christian victory over the Turks at the battle of Lepanto, on October 7, 1571, which occurred while the Confraternity of the Rosary was celebrating a solemn procession in the streets of Rome. Pope Pius V attributed the victory to The intercession of the Virgin, "Mary, succor of Christians," for which reason the memorial was celebrated for many years with the name "Our Lady of Victory."

**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.

~ FROM THE PASTOR ~



“they are no longer two,  
but one flesh”

**Twenty-Seventh  
Sunday  
in Ordinary Time**

We are living in a world dominated by a throwaway culture. We look after things as long as they are of some use to us. Unfortunately, this kind of attitude has even crept into human relationships, be it among family members, friends, or even between married couples. As a result, the relationships are no longer defined on the basis of love, care, commitment, and faithfulness but on the basis of usefulness, needs, and fulfilments. This could be one of the main reasons for the increasing number of marriage failures and divorces.

This weekend’s readings emphasize the permanent, complimentary, and reciprocal nature of the relationship that must prevail between married couples. The Gospel reading mentions that, “They are no longer two, but one flesh.” This also implies that married couples should be of one mind (thinking) and heart (decision making) in living out their marriage commitments. This would enable married couples to accept the vocation to perpetual commitment and responsibility. Marriage is a union based on committed sharing, forgiving, and sacrificial agape love. It requires many mutual adjustments, much generosity, and great good will to forgive and ask for forgiveness. Marriage requires sincere cooperation in training children, and raising them as practicing Catholic Christians; and it requires daily strength from God, obtained through personal and family prayers, and punctual participation in the parish liturgy. As a parish we need to reach out with Christian sympathy to the divorced and to troubled families. The parish community needs to accept them with respect, compassion, sensitivity, love and support—sharing the depth of their pain from a failed, or failing, marriage. Today we will pray that the good Lord will bless and guide all married couples to respect each other and to each live their married life in love and in fidelity.

57th Annual Sauerkraut Supper at St. Peters Catholic Church is on October 9th 4:00—7:30 pm

November 8th is the Family Fun Night at St Joseph from 6pm to 9. We need volunteers and participants for the success of both events. Less participation is always a concern. Please sign up for various help needed. Like to thank all those who have already signed up.

Have a blessed weekend!

*Live Jesus, Fr Biju MSFS*



~ PARISH NEWS ~

**Family Fun Night!**

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



The evening will offer many games of chance, basket raffles, and walk-around raffles for various items. There will be a cover charge of \$10.00 for the meal and beverages to be sold that night.



Also, we are asking each family to sell 10 raffle tickets. There are envelopes in back of church for each parish family. The Raffle tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 tickets for \$20.00.

There are posters in back of church. Please take accordingly and display these posters to help get the word out.



**Thank you to**  
Deb Kamrowski  
from Areadia for  
‘touching up’ the  
Stations statues.

Looks beautiful! Thank you for sharing  
your time and talent with our parish.



**Maintenance of the Rectory**

**New steps were setup along  
with some cement work  
on the sidewalk.**

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The old steps were unsafe  
and needed major repair.



~ DIOCESAN NEWS ~

**A Minute with Jesus: Jesus waits for us**

After Mass, holy Communion is reserved in the tabernacle. The red sanctuary candle in the front of the church is constantly burning to remind us that Jesus is present in the tabernacle in the sacred host. He waits for us to come and spend some time with Him, just as we would spend time with any friend. We can speak with Him about anything, and simply be quiet in order to listen to Him. It is helpful to bring a book like The “Divine Encounter” by Mark Hart to have something to help stay focused when distractions arise. This time with the Lord will help bring solace and peace as worries take on a proper perspective and we will gradually know that when we receive holy Communion, we are truly receiving Jesus. Let’s pray this right now and every day this week:

**Jesus, help me to set aside some time to spend with You in church so that You can strengthen my faith that You are truly present in holy Communion.**

This week, read how Jesus asked Peter and the apostles to spend time with Him in prayer in Matthew 26:40.

~ DIOCESAN/Community NEWS ~

~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.

~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.

~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.

~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.

~Aquinas Gold Gala - That 70's Party: Saturday, November 9
Registration is now open for the Gold Gala (That 70's Party). Find more information on our website, or buy tickets online at: https://events.readysetauction.com/aquinaschoolsfoundation/gala24

~ORGAN RECITAL—Cathedral, La Crosse—Sunday, October 20th
The second in a series of three autumn organ recitals will be performed at Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman on October 20 at 2:00 by Bruce Bengtson.



A Prayer for Life
O Jesus, you came that we might

have life—and have it in abundance. Together with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you form us in our mothers' wombs and call us to love you for all eternity.

As your most precious gift of human life is attacked, draw us ever closer to your Real Presence in the Eucharist. Dispel the darkness of the culture of death, for you are the light that shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it.

By the power of your Eucharistic Presence, help us to defend the life of every human person at every stage. Transform our hearts to protect and cherish all whose lives are most vulnerable.

For you are God, forever and ever. Amen.

~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~

Fill In The Missing Words!



Use the words at the bottom to fill in the blanks

The man gave \_\_\_\_\_ to all the cattle, all the \_\_\_\_\_ of the air, and all wild \_\_\_\_\_; but none of them proved to be the suitable \_\_\_\_\_ for the man.



So the Lord God cast a deep \_\_\_\_\_ on the man, and while he was asleep, he took out one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. The Lord \_\_\_\_\_ then built up into a woman the rib that he had taken from the man. When he brought her to the man, the man said: "This one, at last, is \_\_\_\_\_ of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called ' \_\_\_\_\_,' for out of 'her man' this one has been taken."



- PARTNER
BONE
WOMAN
ANIMALS
NAMES
GOD
BIRDS
SLEEP



Genesis 2:18-24



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 care for the planet and be better stewards of the earth's resources.