



St. Joseph Parish of St. Joseph Ridge

W2601 State Road 33, La Crosse WI 54601

October 13, 2024—28th 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



**"Good teacher,
what must I do to inherit eternal life?"**

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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Rick Meyer

MUSIC

Stacy Burns, Coordinator
608-769-8828
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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 12TH

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13TH

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14TH

~5:30 pm - † George & Evelyn Miller (T&MP)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15TH

~5:00 pm—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 ~5:30 pm - † Deceased members of the
 Henry & Catherine Leis family (S&CC)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17TH

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19TH

~4:00 pm - † Charles Pittman (J&KS)
 Lector: Paula Silha
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20TH

~8:30 am - † Rossi Weber (JW)
 Lector: Dan Steiger
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

~ Contributions for the past week ~

Adult Envelopes(26) :	\$ 991.00
Plate collection:	\$ 244.00
Votive candles:	\$ 76.00
Word & Song, Hosts:	\$ 700.00
Total:	\$2,011.00

~ PARISH CALENDAR ~

- **October 16** ~ Religious Education classes
- **October 20** ~ World Mission Sunday
- **October 23** ~ Religious Education classes
- **October 30** ~ 6:00 pm Pumpkin carving for Religious Education Classes
- **November 1** ~ All Saints Day
- **November 2** ~ All Souls Day
- **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

* **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.

Mass Intentions Fee change

In accordance with a decision of the Bishops of Wisconsin,

First Reading: Wisdom 7:7-11

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:12-13

Gospel Reading: Mark 10:17-30

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, Solomon prayed for wisdom and received all good things *in her company*. The Letter to the Hebrews says the word of God is *living and effective*, able to discern thoughts of the heart. In the Gospel, a man asks Jesus what he must do to inherit eternal life. Jesus tells him to sell what he has, give to the poor, and follow him.



1 CORINTHIANS 3:9

**Our Goal is
 \$23,335.00**

~ FROM THE PASTOR ~



**Twenty-Eighth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

The rich young man in today's Gospel, responding to the invitation of Jesus, seeks to go beyond the basics of his faith that he practiced from his youth to follow Jesus, but the price is too high for him. He is not yet ready to give up his wealth and prestige. It is so easy to get caught in the same trap as the rich young man. After all, what he had wealth, possessions, power and prestige are held up and respected in many cultures of our world. Many would label the rich young man as foolish to give up all the advantages he had always enjoyed to follow a preacher.

In contrast, the Apostles, who admittedly had less to give up than the rich young man, were more easily willing to give up all they had to follow Jesus. Yet, they also took a risk giving up their trades and a way of life that they knew and that had become comfortable for them in order to follow Jesus. Like the rich young man, they were drawn to Jesus, but unlike him, they were able to give up their families to follow Jesus.

Jesus continues to call us and the people of our world to follow Him, to take on His values and those of the Gospel, to prefer God to riches and pleasures. Manage possessions wisely, so that they do not gain control over our hearts.

World Mission Sunday is Oct. 19-20, 2024. "Go and Invite Everyone to the Banquet" Always celebrated on the second to last Sunday of October is World Mission Sunday. It is a special day that unites Catholics worldwide in prayer, solidarity, and support for the Church's mission efforts. This year's theme, chosen by Pope Francis, is rooted in the



Gospel of Matthew: "Go and Invite Everyone to the Banquet," reflecting the inclusive and urgent call to bring God's love to everyone. We will have a second collection for it on October 20th.

2024-2025 Diocesan Annual Appeal begins on this weekend. This year's theme is rooted in 1 Corinthians 3:9 "For We are God's Co-Workers" The theme highlights the collaborative relationship between God and us, the faithful, in building His kingdom. As we prepare the launch of this year's Diocesan Annual Appeal, soon you will receive the envelopes and other related information. Thank you for your generosity.



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.

~ DIOCESAN NEWS ~

A Minute with Jesus: Recognize God's love in that He sent His Son to give us the Eucharist

It's so important to remember that God is not just loving but He is LOVE itself. Our Heavenly Father reveals – shows us – that He is love and that He desires to share His love by creating us. He created each one of us out of love. Our Heavenly Father only wants to love us. We are able to recognize His love in that Our Father sent His only Son in order to give Himself to us in the Eucharist and to give His life for us on the Cross. Let's pray this now and every day this week:

Heavenly Father, thank you for Your love for me.

Read how St. John explains how we know that God is love: "Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us" (1 John 4: 7-12).

~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, eggs, sausage, cheese curds, applesauce, milk, orange juice and coffee. \$10 for adults, \$5 children ages 6-12, 5 and under free.

~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. Appointments are suggested and can be made 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!

~Day of Equipping—October 19th 9:30 am—3:00 pm

The Day of Equipping will help you welcome and discern the Holy Spirit's actions and equip you with the tools to use the gifts God has given you in Baptism and Confirmation. Bart Schuchts, the founder of Church on Fire, will be the speaker. The cost is \$25 per person and includes lunch and snacks. Click the following link for more information: cathedralsjworkman.org/church-on-fire-mission/

~ DIOCESAN/Community NEWS ~

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

~**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. The recital will be about one hour in duration. Admission is free; a freewill offering will be accepted. Come hear this distinguished organist perform a wonderful program!

~**Calling all couples who are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary in 2025 or 2026**
 Every year we are honored to do something special for couples who are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Each couple receives a packet and certificate, as well as an invitation to attend one of three celebrations that include Mass with the Bishop followed by a dinner. We are preparing for the anniversaries happening in 2025 and would like to get a head start on the 2026 anniversaries as well. Please contact your parish office to ensure your wedding date is listed in the parish's records.

~**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. More info alliancefamilyservices.org/walkforlife


Gather Your Family for 10 Minutes and Find Greater Peace


The rosary is a powerful prayer in which we can implore from God what is so badly needed today: the gift of peace and the strengthening of the family. The rosary is also a beautiful prayer in which we reflect on the lives of Jesus and Mary, and this reflection provides helpful guidance in making personal decisions.

7 Tips for Praying a Family Rosary

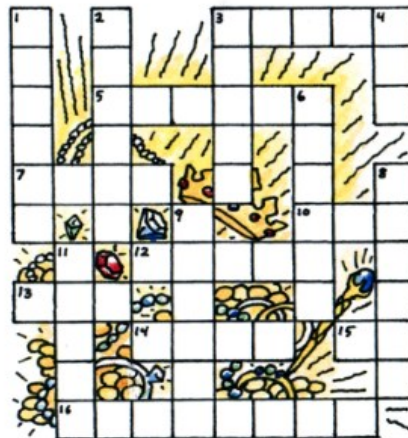
1. Baby steps for your babies (Start small!)
2. Make it interactive
3. Schedule it
4. Mix it up to keep things interesting
5. Be okay LISTENING to the Rosary
6. Remember the purpose
7. Be the example

During October, the month of the rosary, it is an especially important time to pray one decade of the rosary. For a downloadable prayer card on the rosary with pictures, a major point about each mystery, and the words of the prayers, visit <http://dioc.org/deeper>





~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~



Wisdom Cross-Word Puzzle

Wisdom 7:7-11

*Unscramble the words in CAPITALS and fit them into the puzzle!
 A=Across and D=Down.*


- 1 DEYPAR (8D), and prudence SWA (13A) given me; I pleaded and HET (4D) spirit of MSODWI (2D) came to EM (15A).
- I preferred her to scepter and ONTHRE (9D), and deemed ERSIHC (6D) nothing in comparison with her, nor did I liken any priceless gem to her; because all DLGO (14A), in view of her, is a little sand, and before her, VELSIR (5A) is to be accounted mire. Beyond health and comeliness I OELVD (3D) her, And I SECHO (12A) to have RHE (10A) rather than the HGLTI (3A), because the DORSPLEN (16A) of her never yields to sleep. Yet all DOOG (7A) NSGTIH (1D) together came to me in her company, and countless riches at her SDHNA (11D).

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 the families that were effected by the catastrophic damages of the recent hurricanes and storms in the southeast United States.
- * 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 are generous with all our gifts, especially those that mean the most to us.