



St. Joseph Parish of St. Joseph Ridge

W2601 State Road 33, La Crosse WI 54601

October 20, 2024—29th 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
Bulletin deadline: Wednesday
sjrp2601@gmail.com

Office hours vary, call or email with questions

Fr Biju also serves
St. Peter's Parish, Middle Ridge
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Adoration:

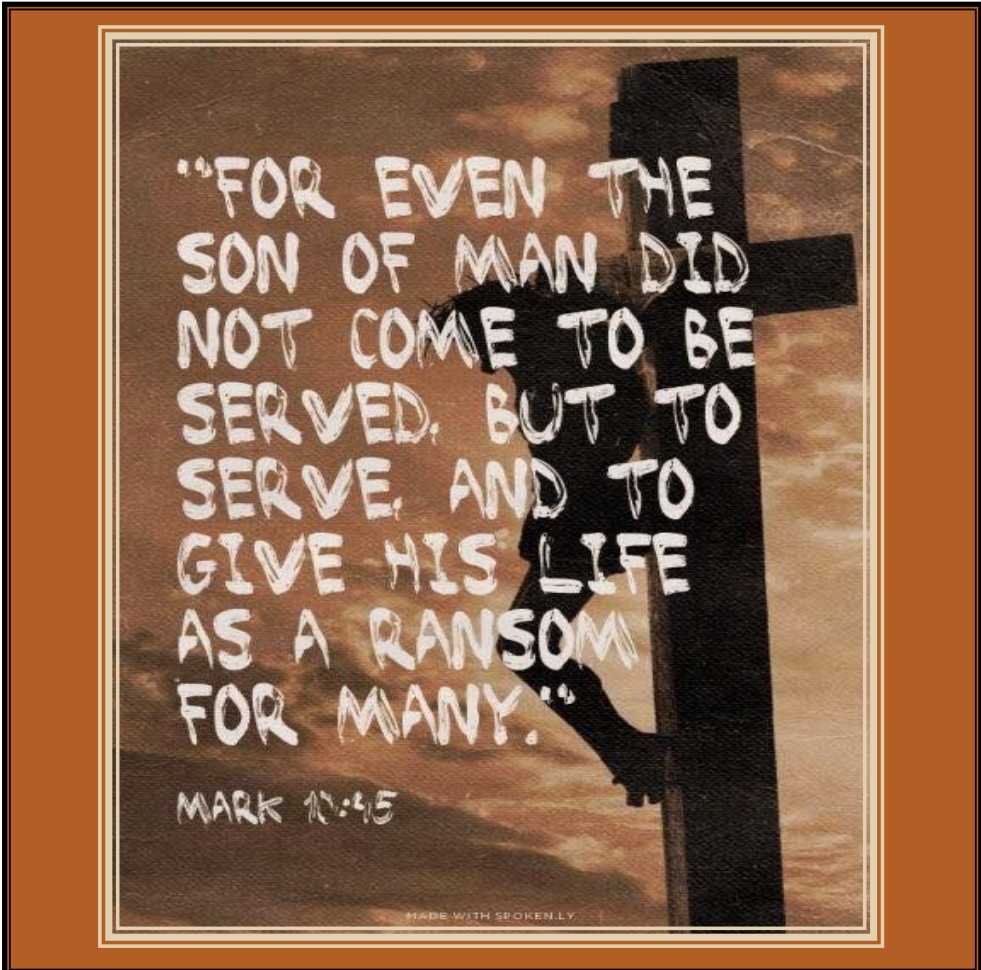
Wednesday 7:30-9:00 pm

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
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, 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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21ST

~8:30 am - † Myra Klos (IS) Note different time this week

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22ND

~5:00 pm—*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*
 ~5:30 pm - † Alice & Robert, Larry, Patty,
 and Bill Silha (D&JD)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24TH

~8:30 am - † Deceased members of Guanella
 and Strittmater families (CS)


SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26TH

~4:00 pm - † Earl Martin (RM)
 Lector: Kathy Leis
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27TH

~8:30 am - † Curtis Strittmater (CS)
 Lector: Jim Weber
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

~ PARISH CALENDAR ~

- **October 20** ~ World Mission Sunday
- **October 21** ~ 6:30 pm PCCW meeting
- **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 3** ~ Daylight Savings time ends (change clocks back an hour)
- **November 8** ~ Family Fun Night!

First Reading: Isaiah 53:10-11

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16

Gospel Reading: Mark 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah prophesies about the servant who justifies many through his suffering. In the Letter to the Hebrews, the author writes that we have a great high priest who sympathizes with our weaknesses. In the Gospel, Jesus says that the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve.

~ 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

~ Contributions for the past week ~

Adult Envelopes(38) :	\$ 3,916.00
Plate collection:	\$ 346.00
Total:	\$ 4,262.00



WE ARE THE DIOCESE

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL
2024-2025



1 CORINTHIANS 3:9

Our Goal is
\$23,335.00

~ FROM THE PASTOR ~



**Twenty-Ninth
Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

Money and power tempt human beings. Last Sunday, we saw how the rich youth chose to retain his wealth and reject following Jesus. Today's Scripture readings describe leadership as the sacrificial service done for others and offer Jesus as the best example. We get the prelude to it in the first reading. It's about the Messianic prophecy taken from the *Fourth Servant Song* in the second part of the Book of the Prophet Isaiah. It tells how the promised Messiah will save mankind by dying in atonement for our sins. Jesus has done this out of love for us, becoming the *Suffering Servant*, crucified as an offering for sin, interceding for us, and taking our punishment on Himself. The second reading reiterates the first reading. Taken from the letter to the Hebrews, St Paul tells us that, Jesus has offered a fitting sacrifice to God to ransom us, liberating us from enslavement to sin.

Contrary to this fact of salvation history and God's ways, James and John ask for key positions in the Messianic kingdom. Jesus challenged his followers to become great not by aspiring for the best places of honor but by serving others: *Whoever wishes to be great must be a servant.*

We are challenged to give our lives in loving service to others. The best place to begin the process of service by "self-giving" is in our own homes, our community and workplaces. When we sacrifice our time, talents, health, and blessings for the welfare of others we are serving others. By serving others we follow the footstep of our Master and Lord. Yes, often it's a struggle but it's the way that Jesus invites us to.



Have a blessed week

Live Jesus, Fr Biju MSFS

~ PARISH NEWS ~

Altar Cross



We wish to advise you that, the cross on the main altar of St. Joseph Church is missing and is believed to have been stolen. The theft would have happened sometime after Thursday's mass (8:30 am) on October 10 and before Saturday's mass (4:00 pm) on October 12th. The cross sat in the center of the main altar.

Anyone with information is asked to call the La Crosse Sheriff's Department or David Brown (608)792-1006

As a safety measure, the church will now only be open for schedule masses.

PCCW meeting - Monday, October 21st 6:30 pm

All women of the Parish are welcome to attend

Cemetery Cleanup:

If you have flowers or other decorations in the cemetery, please remove by November 1st. There is a wagon parked in the parking lot for any flower disposal. Thank you

~ DIOCESAN NEWS ~

A Minute with Jesus: Receiving the Eucharist is our Closest Union with Jesus on Earth

God will never stop loving me. Our heavenly Father speaks these words to me in the Bible: "My steadfast (unwavering, always ongoing) love shall not depart from you" (Isaiah 54:10). God proved His love for me in this way: "God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that whoever believes in Him may not die but may have eternal life" (John 3:16). God's boundless love includes Jesus establishing one Church and instituting seven sacraments so that we may be united with Him. The closest union we can have with Jesus on earth is receiving the Eucharist – His own body and blood. Let's pray this right now and every day this week:

Heavenly Father, help me to know how much You truly love me.

This week, read how nothing can separate us from the love of Jesus Christ except our own choice to reject His love in Romans 8:35, 37-38.

~World Mission Sunday—October 19th & 20th

The funds collected on World Mission Sunday are crucial to the formation of seminarians, religious sisters, and catechists, as well as Catholic schools and healthcare centers in over 1,150 mission territories. Your prayer and contributions are expressions of God's love and compassion, providing hope and help to the most vulnerable. Thank you for your generosity.

~Deanery Mission Weekend—Sunday Oct 20th & Monday Oct 21st

The Holy Spirit is alive and wants to share himself with us. Come, put yourself in a position to receive new life at the Deanery Mission hosted at the Cathedral on Sunday October 20th, 4 pm - 8 pm and Monday the 21st, 6 pm - 8 pm. Both nights include prayer time starting at 8 pm. Hear talks about healing and the love of God plus receive intercessory prayer that calls down the blessing of God upon you. Walk-ins welcome. Please come join us!



**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.

~ DIOCESAN/Community NEWS ~

~**St. Mary's Catholic Church—Caledonia**— will be hosting their **58th Annual Bazaar/Roast Beef Dinner on Sunday, October 27th** starting at 11:00 am. their 58th Annual Bazaar

~**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>

~**Aquinas HS Musical • CARNIVAL!**
• November 8 at 7:30 pm, • November 9 & 10 at 2:00 pm
• Performances held in the Aquinas High School Theatre
• \$10 / Ticket, • General Seating
Tickets can be purchased in the AHS office or at the door 30 minutes prior to each performance, • Cash or check ONLY

~**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.

~ **"The Family that Prays Together Stays Together"**
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.

During October, the month of the rosary, it is an especially important time to gather your family for 10 minutes each day 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 dioc.org/deeper. Your family will be strengthened and experience greater peace.

~**October is Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month**
Red Bird Ministries is a Catholic, pro-life/pro-family grief support ministry that focuses on bereaved families who have experienced child loss of any age and circumstance, including pregnancy loss through miscarriage and stillbirth, and after birth as an infant, child, adolescent or adult. While they operate as Catholics, their ministry serves anyone who has experienced the loss of a child. This October, in recognition of Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month, they offer practical ways to honor your precious babies. See their website for more information: <https://www.redbird.love/>

❖ Stewardship Reflection ❖

*"For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."
(MARK 10:45)*

If you held a mirror to your life, would it reflect God's love and mercy? If you are struggling with this, try changing your attitude from "I want more" to "Thank you, God, for everything you have given me; I have enough to share." This change in perspective will bring you joy through service to others. Pray daily to become less self-centered and to become more God-centered.

~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~

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

Isaiah 53
Word-Find



Try to find in the puzzle the words written in CAPITALS in today's first reading.
Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks at the end!

The Lord was PLEASED
to CRUSH him in INFIRMITY.

If he GIVES his life as an OFFERING for sin,
he shall see his descendents in a long LIFE,
and the will of the Lord will be accomplished
through him.

Because of his AFFLICTION
he shall see the LIGHT in FULLNESS of DAYS;
through his SUFFERING, my SERVANT shall
JUSTIFY many,
and their GUILT he shall bear.

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 may change our attitude from wanting more to being grateful and sharing more generously.