



St. Joseph Parish

of St. Joseph Ridge

W2601 State Road 33, La Crosse WI 54601

November 10, 2024—32nd 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



The Widow's
Offering

*"She
contributed
all she
had"*

Mark 12: 38-44

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, NOVEMBER 9TH

~4:00 pm - † Reiny & Darlene Kammel (Family)
 Lector: Jim Weber
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH VETERANS DAY

~5:30 pm - † Don & Elaine Bina (SR)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH

~5:00 pm—*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*
 ~5:30 pm - † Mary Ann Sedevie (Leis family)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH

~8:30 am - † Hegenbarth & Kammel families(family)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH

~8:30 am—† Jim Hesselberg (D&SS)
 Lector: Paula Silha
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

~ PARISH CALENDAR ~

- **November 13** ~ Religious Education Classes
- **November 18** ~ 6:30 pm PCCW meeting
- **November 19** ~ 7:00 pm Finance Council meeting
- **November 20** ~ Religious Education Classes
- **November 27** ~ No Religious Educ Classes
- **November 28** ~ Thanksgiving



~ EMBRACE YOUR 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(41) :	\$ 2,554.25
Plate collection:	\$ 625.00
Christmas flowers:	\$ 50.00
Raffle tickets sold:	\$ 1,535.00
World Mission collection:	\$ 15.00
All Saints Day:	\$ 498.00
Total:	\$ 5,277.25

	2024-25 Goal:	\$23,335.00
	Pledged:	\$ 11,340.00
	Received (23) :	\$ 10,825.00
	Remaining Amount Due:	\$ 12,510.00

First Reading: 1 Kings 17:10-16

Second Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28

Gospel Reading: Mark 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

.Our readings feature two widows who teach us about faithfulness. To have faith is not just to hold our breath and aimlessly wish for good outcomes. Rather, God calls us to a faith that is endless trust in him, knowing in our deepest heart that God loves and cares for us beyond measure.

~ FROM THE PASTOR ~



**Thirty Second Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

“The widow’s mite” would be a suitable headline for today’s readings. True generosity is portrayed through the lives of two widows, the most vulnerable people in society. In the First Reading a widow, in the middle of a great famine, shares the last of her resources with the prophet Elijah. Elijah’s trust and encouragement (“Do not be afraid”) strengthen her trust in God, and because of her generosity in sharing her last meal with Elijah she is rewarded with a supply of food that lasts throughout the famine.

Both of the readings illustrate the genuine self-sacrificing nature of giving. The widows gave to the extent of hurting! These acts of self-sacrifice by the very poorest and most vulnerable offer a beautiful foreshadowing of the genuine self-sacrifice of Jesus, whereby He gave His very life for our salvation.

We have a new Archbishop. Most Reverend Jeffrey S. Grob, Archbishop-Designate of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Pope Francis announced his choice for the 12th Archbishop of Milwaukee on November 4, 2024. Archbishop-Designate Grob is a Wisconsin native (Cross Plain) who has served as an auxiliary bishop for the Archdiocese of Chicago since 2020. Archbishop-Designate Grob’s installation as Archbishop of Milwaukee will be January 14, 2025. Please keep him and also the outgoing Archbishop Jerome E. Listewski.

Have a blessed week!



Live Jesus, Fr Biju MSFS

~ PARISH NEWS ~

Mass Intentions

If you would like a mass celebrated in memory of a loved one during the upcoming holiday season,

The following dates are available in December:

- Monday, December 2, Thursday, December 5,
- Thursday, December 12, Monday, December 16,
- Tuesday, December 17, and Monday, December 23

Reminder: Mass Intentions are now \$20.00 for each Mass

Thank you for your continued support!



Reminder for Food Donations:

Please bring any food donation to the back of church. These food items will be taken to a local food pantry to assist families in need.

~ DIOCESAN NEWS ~

A Minute with Jesus: God gives you freedom to choose.



Make the best choice to love Him above all things!

God is your Creator and only wants what is best for you. God created you to be His beloved son or daughter so that you may spend eternity with Him. We must remember! It is our choice: we want to be open and receive God’s love knowingly; or we can refuse it. God gives us this freedom to choose Him. Let us choose to receive God’s love by receiving the Eucharist – Jesus Himself. Let’s pray this right now and every day this week:

God, help me not to prefer anything more than You nor to substitute anything for You. Thank You for the grace that will always strengthen me to choose You above everything.

This week, read how we are to love God with all of our mind, heart, soul and strength in Mark 12:28b-3

~Coon Valley American Legion Chicken Q—Sunday November 10th

Serving begins at 11:00. Meal will be charcoal grilled chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, and milk/coffee. Proceeds go towards Veterans programs. Please come and support our Veterans!

~Help Catholic Charities - Love our Neighbors in Need:

Catholic Charities reaches out to our neighbors in so many ways:
-providing shelter to the homeless (La Crosse Warming Center opened November 1st)

- giving hope and support to moms before/after birth
- working with married couples looking to adopt, - (November is National Adoption Month)
- assisting the poor and people with disabilities.
- helping with Hurricane Helen and Milton relief



-Christmas assistance programs

Check out the **Catholic Charities website** www.cclse.org

~Wisconsin Bishops Issue Pastoral Letter on End of Life Decisions

On Nov. 2, the Feast of All Souls, Wisconsin’s bishops released the 4th edition of their pastoral letter on end of life decisions, [Now and at the Hour of Our Death](#). The letter provides guidance on many aspects of end-of-life planning and decisions, and it can be accessed at wisconsinatholic.org/parish-resources/endoflife/

A Prayer for Our Veterans

Father, bless our veterans and all who serve our nation defending our freedom. For those who bravely gave their lives grant them eternal rest. For those who are serving give them courage. For those who served, we offer our gratitude.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen

Veterans Day
Honoring All Who Served



~ DIOCESAN/Community NEWS ~

~**World Mission Sunday**—Thank you! Your generous response to the 2024 World Mission Sunday prayer and financial support is greatly appreciated. Our parish collected \$897.00 for the Missions!

~**Parish Adesse Calendar Raffle:**

St. Patrick Parish in Onalaska is excited to announce the start of the Adesse Calendar Raffle for 2025. Each ticket costs \$25 and a winner is picked for each day of the year, with prizes ranging from \$30 to \$500 awarded on each date. Winning tickets are put back into the drawing so that you have multiple chances to win. Adesse Tickets make for a great gift and are also a vital fundraiser for St. Patrick Parish. For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact Joan at 608.783.5535, ext. 2, or secretary@stpatsonalaska.com.

~**Advent Macramé Meditation (in-person) Sat., Nov 16th 9—Noon**



Franciscan Spirituality Center

Give yourself the gift of learning the art of macramé this Advent season to create a special wall hanging that weaves together tradition and mindfulness. Guided by Megan Pike, aka Macrame Mama WI, you will learn foundational macramé knots such as the lark's head, square and gathering knots. Beginners are welcome, and all materials needed to complete your project within three peaceful hours will be provided. Children ages 5 and older are welcome with a guardian. Cost—\$40.00

~**St Mary's Craft Show~ Saturday, December 7—Coon Valley**

Come join the fun and find that one of a kind gift for the Holiday Season from several local vendors and crafters. Open from 8:00 AM-2:00 PM at the Coon Valley Village Hall(108 Roosevelt St.). Concessions available throughout the show. Free admission! Visit our website: www.stmarycv.org/craft-show or contact Nancy Peters at 608-790-6034 Peters@mwt.net

~**Benefit Concert for "A Place of Grace"**

A benefit concert for A Place of Grace will be held Sunday, November 24 at 2 PM at San Damiano Chapel at Viterbo. Music will be provided by Prairie Smoke, Fr. Conrad Targonski and Polly Pappadopolos with an introduction by Tom Thibedeau. There is no admission but monetary and non-perishable food donations will be joyfully accepted.

★ **GOD BLESS OUR VETERANS!** ★

❖ **Stewardship Reflection** ❖

"I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she, out of her poverty, has put in everything she had, her whole living." (MARK 12:43-44)

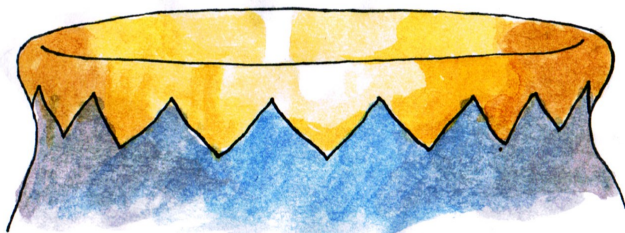
Jesus gets right to the point – we are all called to give money to support the mission of the Church, regardless of our circumstances. No gift is too small or insignificant! Giving money to support the mission of our local parish is a matter of our faith, just like praying and participating in parish ministries. When you make a financial offering, is it from your "first fruits," or what is

~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~

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Mark 12:38-44



In today's Gospel reading Jesus saw a poor woman putting everything she had into the Temple treasury. How much was it? Connect the dots to find out!

With trust in God's goodness, let us offer our prayers

ALWAYS pray and NEVER give up!

- * 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 and Will Sawaya as they 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.
- * That those who feel a call to and desire single blessedness, marriage, priesthood and religious life may find the courage to say yes to what God asks of them.
- * For all the military men and women who are supporting our freedom.
- * 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

Pray so big and so often that when God meets you in Heaven, He says, "you kept me busy"