



St. Joseph Parish

of St. Joseph Ridge

W2601 State Road 33, La Crosse WI 54601

November 17, 2024—33rd 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 Son of Man coming in the clouds
with great power and glory...*



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, 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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH

~5:30 pm - † Deceased members of the
 Gertrude Thesing family (S&CC)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH

~5:00 pm - *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*
 ~5:30 pm - † Reiny & Darlene Kammel (J&SB)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST

~8:30 am - † Mary Lampert (L&DC)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD

~4:00 pm - † Madonna Bahr (Leis family)
 Lector: Kathy Leis
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH

~8:30 am - Our Parish Family
 Lector: Jim Weber
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

~ PARISH CALENDAR ~

- **November 18** ~ 6:30 pm PCCW meeting
- **November 19** ~ 7:00 pm Finance Council meeting
- **November 20** ~ Religious Education Classes
- **November 27** ~ No Religious Education Classes
- **November 28** ~ Thanksgiving
- **Immaculate Conception to be celebrated on Monday, December 9th**



~ 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(28) :	\$ 1,380.00
Plate collection:	\$ 461.00
Fun Night donation:	\$ 100.00
Donation:	\$ 100.00
Total:	\$ 2,157.50

☞ Thank you Money Counters! ☜

	2024-25 Goal:	\$23,335.00
	Pledged:	\$ 13,773.00
	Received (29) :	\$ 11,525.00
	Remaining Amount Due:	\$ 11,810.00

First Reading: Daniel 12:1-3
Second Reading: Hebrews 10:11-14, 18
Gospel Reading: Mark 13: 24-32

No one knows when the world will end, but if we wait to prepare for it, it may be too late. When we ask for forgiveness and receive God's mercy, we are preparing and living for him. If we live for him, then we will live on forever when the Lord returns. Choosing not to live for him results in disgrace when the end comes. The Lord does not desire that for us – he loves us and wants us to be with him. It's a free, open, & generous invitation. Take hold of it!

~ FROM THE PASTOR ~



**Thirty Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

“The end of the liturgical year brings with it, gospel reflections on the end of creation and the Second Coming of Christ. The Prophet Daniel (12:1-3) and Jesus (Mark 13:24-32) both describe cosmic signs that God’s plan is nearing culmination. The cosmic signs described are *“the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken”*. Amidst this imagery of chaos and uncertainty, we find a powerful message of hope. Jesus assures us that even in the darkest times, there is hope. He says, *at that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory*. This promise reminds us that no matter how dire our circumstances may seem, Christ’s return will bring ultimate redemption and restoration.

In order to live out our life in expectation of the great day, we must cultivate a deep relationship with Christ through prayer, the Sacraments, and reading Scripture. By staying close to Jesus, we anchor our hope in His unchanging love and mercy. Let us embrace the virtue of hope, especially in times of uncertainty and trial. Let us remember that our hope is anchored in the sure promises of Christ, who will come again in glory. May our lives be a testament to this hope, bringing light and encouragement to all we encounter. May God bless you all and fill your hearts with His enduring hope.

I like to share with you an exciting news. I had a phone call from the bishop’s house on Tuesday. Rev. Bp. Gerard William Battersby will be celebrating mass with us at St Joseph Ridge on 5th of January 2025. I like to invite you all for the liturgy and spent time with our beloved bishop as he visits us. He will be visiting St Peter on another occasion.

Have a wonderful week!

Live Jesus, Fr Biju MSFS



Memorial of Saint Cecilia

Feast: November 22nd

Saint Cecilia probably lived in the second or third century, and tradition says she died about 177 AD. Cecilia was born in a wealthy Roman family and was a Christian by birth. Her family gave her in marriage to Valerius, a pagan nobleman. Later, Valerius was converted to Catholicism along with his brother, Tiburtius. These two brothers dedicated themselves to burying the Christian martyrs, which was illegal. They were arrested and sentenced to death for refusing to renounce their religion. Cecilia continued the work of converting people to the Christian faith and of burying the Christian dead, even though it was against the law. Hundreds were baptized through her witness and strength of faith. Her refusal to worship false gods and her burying of the dead lead to her arrest. Saint Cecilia was brought to trial and sentenced to death. Saint Cecilia was buried in the Catacomb of Saint Callistus. She is the patroness of Musicians and sacred Music. Her body was exhumed in preparation for the jubilee year in 1599 and found to be incorrupt. On this feast day I like to wish Happy fest to all the musicians of our parish who enrich our liturgy.

~ PARISH NEWS ~

PCCW News:

Meeting on Monday, November 18th 6:30 pm

the PCCW has a fundraising opportunity to provide the lunch at the auction at St. Joseph Equipment on Tues. Dec. 10th and would appreciate help with planning, prepping food ahead of time and serving the day of the auction.

If you can help in any way, please contact Lori Clements at 608-786-2927 or 608-780-5212

*Thank You to Everyone that participated
in our Parish's Family Fun Night.*

Congratulations to the Ticket Raffle winners:

- Mathews bow – Lisa Terzinski
- Fire table – Carol Clements
- \$200 – Margaret Bahr
- \$100 – Margie Schumacher
- \$50.00 – Maxine Dwyer

Thank you to the following people
for their wonderful donations:

- DNA Vintners, La Crosse Fireplace,
- St. Joe’s Country Market,
- Timmer,s 10 Mile Pub,
- David & Teresa Brown, Jay & Lori Clements,
- LaVerne & Donna Clements, Jolene & Dennis DeMaiffe,
- Terry & Barb Dickman, Scott & Angie Harmel,
- Darlene Kneifl, Marvin & Debbie LeJeune,
- Collin Radke family, Tom & Melissa Schaub,
- Ken & Paula Silha, Ken & Kay Steiger,
- Carole Strittmater, Bill & Brenda Weber,
- and anyone else who may have donated and is not listed.

*Thank you to the Pastoral Council and all
who work to enrich our Parish Community!*

~ DIOCESAN NEWS ~

A Minute with Jesus: Give Thanks for God’s Greatest Gift!

God’s greatest gift to you is the gift of His own Son. Jesus is your Savior and loves you unconditionally. Jesus desires to be with you always and therefore Jesus gives Himself to you in the holy Eucharist so that He can live in your heart. The holy Eucharist is Christ Himself. You know that Jesus is your greatest friend because He gives Himself to you completely in the holy Eucharist. It is helpful to remember that the word Eucharist means thanksgiving. Be thankful to our Heavenly Father in a much deeper way this Thanksgiving for the incredible gift of the Eucharist. Let’s pray this right now and every day this week:



*Jesus, thank You for giving Yourself to me
in holy Communion and being my closest friend.*

This week, prayerfully read how you are called to be thankful in Colossians 3:15.

~ DIOCESAN/Community NEWS ~

~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.

~St. Nicholas of Myra Celebration for Children

1:00 - 4:15 p.m. December 1, 2024

Saint Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, will visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse, WI on Sunday, December 1! Come for Mass at 1:00 p.m. and stay to meet Saint Nicholas. The day will conclude at 4:15 p.m. More information at www.GuadalupeShrine.org/events

~St. Nicholas Celebration: A Feast of Generosity

DECEMBER 6 (Friday, 5:30-7:30 p.m.): This family-friendly event honors traditions related to the beloved saint known for his generosity. Supper, treats, crafts, stories and a surprise visit are part of the festivities. In the spirit of the season, participants will have an opportunity to take gifts over to Mayo Clinic Health System. Donations appreciated. See Franciscan Spirituality website.

~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. Concessions available throughout the show. Free admission!

~Cathedral Christmas Bazaar~December 7

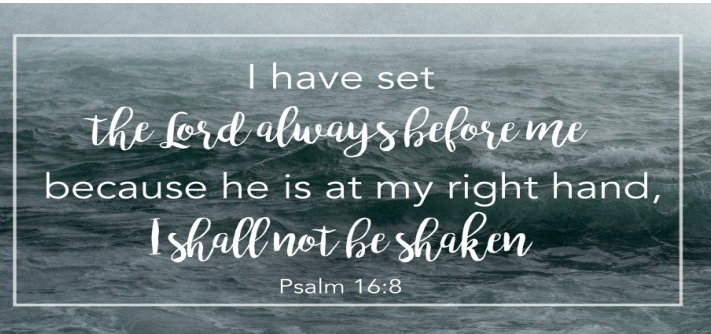
The Cathedral (530 Main Street, La Crosse) annual Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale will be Saturday, December 7th from 8 am - 2 pm in the church undercroft. There will be a wonderful selection of unique gift items, Christmas decor, hand made greeting cards and religious items. The bake sale will feature a fabulous selection of cookies, cakes, breads and candy.

~Mary, Mother of the Church Parish Cookie Walk & Craft Sale

on Saturday, December 14, in the parish hall located at 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, from 7:30 AM - 1:00 PM. Homemade cookies, candies, breads, pies, Scandinavian sweets, handcrafted items, Scrip gift cards and raffles are available for sale. Serving breakfast (featuring egg bakes and cinnamon rolls) and lunch (homemade soup and chili). Door Prizes every half hour.

~Holy Trinity Cookie Walk Saturday, December 14, 8:00 am-1:00 pm.

Large assortment of Christmas Cookies. Basket raffle drawing at 11 (need not be present to win). **ATTENTION CRAFTERS** - there are still some tables available for crafters to rent during the Holy Trinity Cookie Walk on Saturday, December 14th. Email us at htstannes@gmail.com for information!!



~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~

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Daniel's Prophecy Word-Find


What was Daniel talking about? Find all the words from the reading that are in CAPITALS. The leftover letters will give you the answer.

In those DAYS, I, DANIEL, HEARD this word of the LORD:
"At that time there shall ARISE MICHAEL, the GREAT PRINCE, guardian of your people; *Daniel 12:1-3*

it shall be a time unsurpassed in DISTRESS since NATIONS BEGAN until that time. At that time your people shall ESCAPE, EVERYONE WHO is found WRITTEN in the book.

"MANY of those who SLEEP in the dust of the EARTH shall awake; some shall LIVE FOREVER, others shall be an everlasting HORROR and disgrace.

"But the WISE shall SHINE brightly like the SPLENDOR of the firmament, and those who lead the many to JUSTICE shall be like the STARS forever.



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

Stewardship Prayer: That we continue to develop and nurture our gifts and give back with increase.