

St. Joseph Parish of St. Joseph Ridge

W2601 State Road 33, La Crosse WI 54601

January 12, 2025 ~ *Baptism of the Lord*

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
(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 Holy Spirit descended on Him in bodily form
like a dove. And a voice came from heaven,
“You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

- Luke 3:22 -

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

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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Accompanist

Leland Gregorich
LuAnne Gregorich
Mary Beth Smith

Sacristan:

Sally Miller

*‘Thank you’
for your
time and
talent to
support our
parish.*

“Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.” John 12:26

~ PARISH INTENTIONS ~

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11TH

~4:00 pm - † Gerald, Jean, & Rosie Kammel (M&LS)
 Lector: Cecilia Sawaya
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12TH

~8:30 am - Our Parish Family
 Lector: Paula Silha
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

*** No Weekday Masses ***

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18TH

~4:00 pm - † Therese Hess, Robert Dowiasch Sr (CB)
 Lector: Bill Weber
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19TH

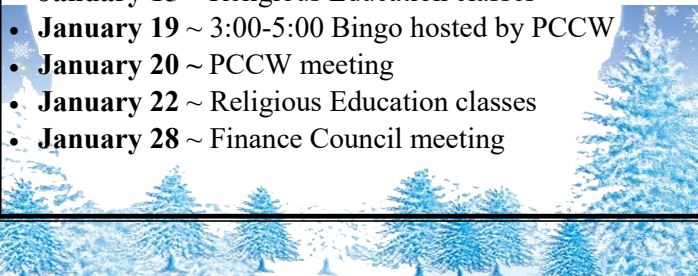
~8:30 am - † Gerald Kneifl (Kneifl family)
 Lector: Donna Clements
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

~ PARISH CALENDAR ~

• **January 6—22** ~ Fr Biju will be gone to India to visit family. Msgr Hundt will be celebrating the **weekend** masses. (There will be no weekday masses during this time.)

Thank You Msgr Hundt for celebrating mass at St. Joseph

- **January 15** ~ Religious Education classes
- **January 19** ~ 3:00-5:00 Bingo hosted by PCCW
- **January 20** ~ PCCW meeting
- **January 22** ~ Religious Education classes
- **January 28** ~ Finance Council meeting



~ EMBRACE YOUR FAITH ~

* Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday: No Adoration ~ No 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 (35) :	\$ 2,879.00
Plate collection:	\$ 409.00
Christmas Env(4):	\$ 250.00
Solemnity of Mary:	\$ 476.00
Initial offering(11):	\$ 66.00
Votive candles:	\$ 219.00
Total:	\$ 4,299.00

☞ Thank you Money Counters! ☞

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.

<p>1 CORINTHIANS 3:9</p>	2024-25 Goal:	\$23,335.00
	Pledged:	\$ 15,943.00
	Received (41):	\$ 13,990.00
	Amount Due By June 30th:	\$ 9,345.00

~ FROM THE PASTOR ~



Baptism of the Lord

Stewardship Reflection

As we celebrate this feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we can study His actions at the Jordan River as a powerful example of servant leadership. We see in Jesus a type of leadership characterized by humility and leading by example.

It's a paradox that the sinless Savior, who did not need a baptism of repentance, chose to be baptized. This act of humility, where Jesus made Himself one with his people, was a powerful demonstration of servant leadership. It was a way for Him to draw us closer, to create a relationship with us, and to open us to His teachings and influence.

As a servant leader, Jesus leads by example. He doesn't just tell the people they need to be baptized. He shows them how and does it Himself to teach them. To lead like Jesus, we must "walk the walk" and not just "talk the talk." As followers of Jesus, it is our responsibility to emulate his actions. If we want those we lead to be generous and hard-working, we must show them how to do this by demonstrating generosity and hard work ourselves. Immediately after His baptism, we witness a powerful affirmation of Jesus' leadership. The Father opens the heavens, sends the Holy Spirit upon Jesus in bodily form, and audibly declares, "This is my beloved Son with whom I am well-pleased." This divine affirmation reminds us that when we follow Jesus and emulate His servant-leadership, the Father will also be pleased with us.

Let us be grateful for our amazing God and be reminded that when we are grateful followers of Jesus and servant-leaders in imitation of Him, the Father will be well-pleased with us, too. Our gratitude is not just a pleasing gesture to the Father but a testament to our understanding of His grace and our commitment to His teachings.

~ PARISH NEWS ~

Sincere Sympathy

to the family of

Evelyn Rutz-Thornton

who passed away on Sunday, January 5th

Funeral Service will be Monday, January 13 at 11:00 am
with visitation starting at 9:30 am

Thoughts and Prayers for Evelyn and her family

Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon her. May the soul of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.



PCCW NEWS:

We will be hosting Bingo again this year

on

January 19th

3:00—5:00 pm

and February 16th



Mark your
Calendars

~ DIOCESAN NEWS ~

A Minute with Jesus:

Jesus' name means "God saves"

The angel told Joseph in a dream that this Child was to be called "Jesus, for He will save His people from their sin" (Matt 1: 21). Jesus saves us from our sins by dying on the Cross and then giving us His resurrected body in the Eucharist. The holy Eucharist is the Church's most precious treasure. What a gift, that we may have a life-giving encounter with Jesus, truly present in the Eucharist.

Let's pray this right now and every day this week:

*Jesus, thank You for coming into the world
to give us the greatest gift – Yourself in the holy Eucharist.*

This week, read the account of the angel appearing to Joseph in Matthew 1: 18-25



Bishop Battersby celebrated mass on January 5th

Thank you

~ DIOCESAN/Community NEWS ~

~Aquinas Catholic Schools

Enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year will be opening in January!
• Current family re-enrollment begins Monday, January 6, 2025
• NEW student enrollment opens Monday, January 20, 2025
Call (608) 784-8585 to schedule a tour! Aquinas Catholic Schools is a Christ-centered family devoted to nurturing students of all faiths through educational excellence in its vibrant Catholic tradition. Contact info@aquinasschools.org with any questions or visit www.aquinascatholicsschools.org/enrollment to get started.

~Catholic Charities Food Pantry Low

Our Food Pantry in La Crosse is getting low and we could use the following items:

Personal hygiene items: body wash, dish soap, laundry soap pods, toilet paper, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, conditioner.

Non-Perishable food items: crackers, peanut butter, instant oatmeal, sugary cereals, fruit cups, fruit in cans with pop tops, applesauce cups, applesauce in jars with covers, raisins, pop-tarts, beef stew with pop tops, juice bottled water, canned meats (chicken, tuna, ham, etc.), ready to eat food, granola bars, microwaveable meals, baked beans, pork n' beans, hearty soups with pop tops, small cans of coffee, Ramen noodles soups, pasta sauce, pasta

Men's new or gently used clothing: jeans (sizes 30-36), underwear, winter coats, belts, winter gloves, winter hats, long underwear, tennis shoes, winter boots.

Donations can be dropped off at 508 South 5th Ave, La Crosse, Monday-Thursday from 9 am – 4 pm.

We appreciate your support!

~ It's Not Too Late to Join In!

(Reminder) The Rosary in a Year Podcast: Renew Your Prayer

On January 1st, Father Mark-Mary Ames is launching The Rosary in a Year podcast with Ascension Press! You are most welcome to join for FREE as an opportunity to deepen your relationship with Christ and the Blessed Virgin as you understand the beauty and significance of the rosary. This will be a 10-minute daily podcast to hear about the basics, what it means to have a relationship with Jesus and Mary, the meaning of the prayers, understand better the different mysteries and how to meditate on the life of Christ to encounter Him. Download the prayer plan at AscensionPress.com/RosaryinaYear or alankford@diolc.org.

❖ Stewardship Reflection ❖
The Baptism of Our Lord

"John answered them all, 'I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming...he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit...'" - Luke 3:16

The Catholic Catechism states that *"Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God's will."* In other words, as baptized Catholics, there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him, and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.

Stewardship Prayer

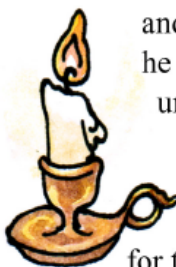
That we may fulfill our Baptismal call by giving ourselves entirely to God and answering His call to holiness.

~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~

Isaiah 42 Word Puzzle

Use the words at the bottom to fill in the blanks!

Here is my _____ whom I uphold,
 my chosen one with whom I am pleased,
 upon whom I have put my _____;
 he shall bring forth justice to the nations,
 not crying out, not _____,
 not making his _____ heard in the street.
 A bruised reed he shall not _____,
 and a _____ wick
 he will not quench,
 until he establishes justice on the earth;
 the coastlands will wait for his teaching.



I, the Lord, have called you
 for the victory of justice,
 I have grasped you by the hand;
 I formed you, and set you
 as a covenant of the people,
 a _____ for the nations,
 to open the _____ of the blind,
 to bring out _____
 from confinement,
 and from the dungeon,
 those who live in darkness.



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| PRISONERS | VOICE | EYES |
| SMOLDERING | SERVANT | LIGHT |
| SHOUTING | SPIRIT | BREAK |

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