

St. Joseph Parish of St. Joseph Ridge

W2601 State Road 33, La Crosse WI 54601

January 19, 2025 ~ *Second 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

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Office hours vary, call or email with questions

Fr Biju also serves
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(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 beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee
and so revealed his glory,
and his disciples began to believe in him.

John 2:11

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

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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 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

*** No Weekday Masses ***

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25TH

~4:00 pm - † George & Evelyn Miller (T&MP)
 Lector: Kathy Leis
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26TH

~8:30 am - Our Parish Family
 Lector: Jim Weber
 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 19** ~ 2:00—4:00 pm Bingo hosted by PCCW
- **January 20** ~ **PCCW meeting cancelled**—moved to Monday, February 10th
- **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 (38) :	\$ 3,240.00
Plate collection:	\$ 274.00
Solemnity of Mary(3):	\$ 45.00
Initial offering(4):	\$ 43.00
Total:	\$ 3,602.00

	2024-25 Goal:	\$23,335.00
	Pledged:	\$ 15,943.00
	Received (41):	\$ 14,235.00
	Remaining Amount Due By June 30th:	\$ 9,100.00

	5-year Goal: (2023-2027)	\$140,000.00
	Pledged:	\$148,405.00
	Received (61):	\$78,227.50
	Remaining Amount:	\$61,772.50

First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Gospel Reading: John 2:1-11

In the first reading, Isaiah speaks of God's care for Zion, and his promise of restoration and rejoicing. Zion will be like a cherished bride. In the second reading, Paul writes of the same Spirit producing different individual gifts. In the Gospel, Jesus attends a wedding feast at Cana and the wine [runs] short. He instructs the servers to fill jars with water, and when the water is drawn out to be tasted, it had become wine.

~ Stewardship Reflection ~



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

This weekend's Gospel reading from John brings to life the timeless story of the wedding feast at Cana, a pivotal moment when Jesus inaugurated His public ministry by performing His first miracle at His mother's behest.

Amid the feast, the Blessed Mother noticed that the wine had run out and pointed out the problem to Jesus. Then, she gave the servants instructions equally applicable to us modern-day stewards, saying, "Do whatever He tells you." Jesus gave the servants a simple and seemingly mundane task: fill some stone jars with water. They did what He told them to do. Jesus used their obedience to accomplish that simple task and perform His first miracle, turning the water into the choicest wine.

Our Lord didn't have to involve those servants in performing this miracle — He chose to. And today, 2,000 plus years later, He still chooses to include us in performing His miracles through our cooperation in using the gifts and talents He has given us. His inclusion of us is not a privilege but a testament to our value in His plan.

Let us heed our Blessed Mother's words. Let's take this week to reflect on our lives and actions to see if we are genuinely doing whatever He tells us and cooperating with God to use the gifts He has given us to benefit those around us. If we take this call seriously, He will perform miracles in our families and parish. Let this be our inspiration and our motivation.

Each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then, desire conceives and brings forth sin, and when sin reaches maturity it gives birth to death.

James 1:14



We all face temptation, but this powerful passage from James reminds us of the danger of letting our desires lead us astray. When unchecked, these desires can grow into sin, separating us from the life God desires for us. Take a moment to reflect: What desires might be luring you away from God's plan? How can you bring them to the Lord in prayer and surrender?

~ PARISH NEWS ~

PCCW NEWS: We will be hosting Bingo on



Sunday, January 19th

2:00—4:00 pm

Bingo cards will be \$1.00 each.

**All monies collected will be paid out.
Snacks & Soda available for purchase.**

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PCCW Meeting—Monday, Jan 20th (cancelled)

Next meeting will be February 10th 6:30 pm

All women of the parish are welcome to attend!

• • • **MASS INTENTIONS** • • •

The following dates are available in February and March for Mass Intentions:

February: 1 (8:30am), 4, 10, 11, 13, 17, 18, 20, 27

March: 1st (both 8:30 am & 4:00 pm),

March (cont.) 2, 3, 6, 10, 15, 17, 20, 25, 27, 31

If you would like a mass celebrated, please write the date and the person(s) name you would like the mass for on an envelope and put it in the offertory or send to St. Joseph Parish, W2601 State Rd 33, La Crosse, WI 54601
Reminder: Mass intentions are now \$20.00

~ DIOCESAN NEWS ~

A Minute with Jesus:

Why Does Jesus Want to Stay with Us Always?

You know that Jesus wants to stay with you always because He loves you unconditionally. The reason is because He wants to be with the person He loves. How do you know He loves you so much? Jesus gave His life for you by dying on the cross so that your sins can be forgiven. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: **Thank You Jesus that You want to be with me all the time.**



This week, read Psalm 139: 13-16 which speaks of how well God knows you and how close He is to you.

~ World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life:

Celebrated in Parishes February 1-2

In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on Feb. 2nd. This Feast is also known as Candlemas Day, the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples. Please pray for consecrated persons at Holy Mass in the Prayers of the Faithful and include a mention in your parish bulletin (samples are below). For more information: NRVC

~ DIOCESAN/Community NEWS ~

~January Pro-Life Initiatives, Prayers and Intentions:
 Though the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision declaring a right to abortion was overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court in 2022, many states' laws are hostile to preborn children. And so our pro-life prayers and efforts are just as important as ever. Learn more and find parish and personal resources from our U.S. Bishops at respectlife.org

"A GREAT PRAYER FOR LIFE IS URGENTLY NEEDED, A PRAYER WHICH WILL RISE UP THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. THROUGH SPECIAL INITIATIVES AND IN DAILY PRAYER, MAY AN IMPASSIONED PLEA RISE TO GOD, THE CREATOR AND LOVER OF LIFE, FROM EVERY CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY, FROM EVERY GROUP AND ASSOCIATION, FROM EVERY FAMILY AND FROM THE HEART OF EVERY BELIEVER."

Pope Saint John Paul II

January 22 is the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. It was on this day in 1973 the Supreme Court legalized abortion throughout the United States. Thankfully, this ruling was overturned in 2022. Give thanks, and pray, for the gift of life!

~Help those suffering from the wildfires in California
 As fast-moving wildfires continue to engulf neighborhoods in the Los Angeles area, Catholic Charities USA (CCUSA) has launched a dedicated disaster relief donation campaign. All funds raised will assist those displaced or suffering because of the fires. To donate, visit ccusa.online/fires.

~Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) Collection Jan. 25-26:
 Bishop Battersby is continuing the designation of the last weekend of Jan. (25-26) for the CCHD collection.

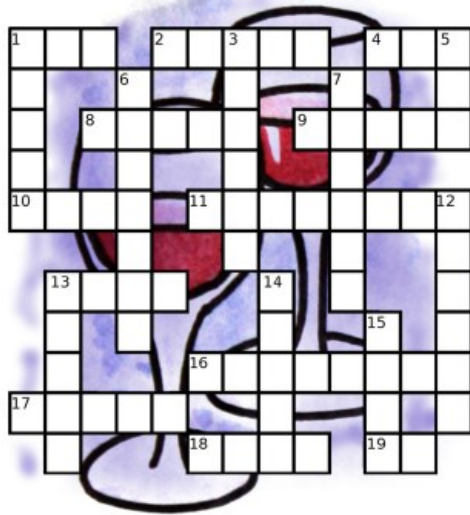
~St. Patrick Father-Daughter Dance
 Saturday, February 8 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the school gym
 Registration fees are \$30 per family and include dancing, games, snacks, and a photo station with instant pictures sent right to your phone! We would ask that registration forms be returned with payment (checks payable to St. Patrick PTO) by Monday, January 27.
 Proceeds benefit the PTO and classroom needs for the new school addition.

~Human Trafficking Prevention Month
 January is Human Trafficking Prevention Month. Learn more about the vast, tragic reality of human trafficking, and what you can do to make a difference, by visiting usccb.org/offices/migration-refugee-services/human-trafficking

~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.

~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~


The Miracle at Cana Crossword



ACROSS:
 1. How many water jars were at the wedding at Cana?
 2. "_____, what has this to do with us?" (Jesus' words)
 4. What had been water was _____ wine.
 8. Mary and Jesus were invited to the wedding _____.
 9. "Do whatever He _____ you." (Mary's words)
 10. Jesus _____ "Fill the jars with water."

11. Who filled the jars with water?
 13. They had run out of _____ at the wedding.
 16. "_____ else serves the good wine first, but you have saved it till now."
 17. _____ and His disciples were also at the wedding.
 18. Mary turned to Jesus _____ she saw there was no more wine.
 19. "____ whatever He tells you."

DOWN:
 1. Jesus did this first of His _____ in Cana in Galilee.
 3. The _____ of Jesus was at a wedding in Cana.
 5. Jesus _____ also there.
 6. They were guests at the _____.
 7. The water _____ wine.
 12. "Everyone else _____ the good wine first, but you have saved it until now."
 13. They filled the jars with _____.
 14. Cana in Galilee was _____ Jesus did His first public miracle.
 15. "You have saved the _____ wine until now."



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