

# St. Joseph Ridge Parish

W2601 State Rd 33 • La Crosse • Wisconsin • 54601

August 23, 2020

## PAROCHIAL ADMISTATOR

Fr. Biju Chennala Kunjukutty, MSFS...715-495-2338  
danielchennala@gmail.com

## WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

**(limited capacity 70 persons)**

Saturday.....4:00pm

Sunday.....8:30am

## WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

First Saturday Mass.....8:30am

Monday .....5:30pm

Tuesday..... 5:30pm

Adoration after Mass until 7:00 pm

Thursday.....8:30am

## CONFESSIONS

By appointment only

## PARISH OFFICE

Amy Stafslie, Admin. Assist.....608-788-1646  
Bulletin deadline: .....Wednesday  
sjrp2601@gmail.com

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Teresa Brown, Coordinator.....608-787-0883  
dbrown039@centurytel.net

## PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Mary Jo Hess (Secretary), Terry Dickman,  
Dave Brown (B&G and Cemetery Rep), Barb Braun  
and Dan Steiger

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Dave Brown (B&G and Cemetery Rep),  
Teresa Brown (RE Rep), Lori Clements (PCCW Rep),  
Stan Clements, Ann Degenhardt,  
Terry Dickman (Finance Council Rep),  
Bob Kotek, Sally Miller, Shirlee Miller and  
Bill Weber (Secretary)

## PCCW - Parish Council of Catholic Women

Lori Clements (President), Mary Jo Hess  
(Treasurer), Jill Murphy (Secretary)

## CEMETERY SEXTON

Dave Brown .....608-792-1006  
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## MUSIC

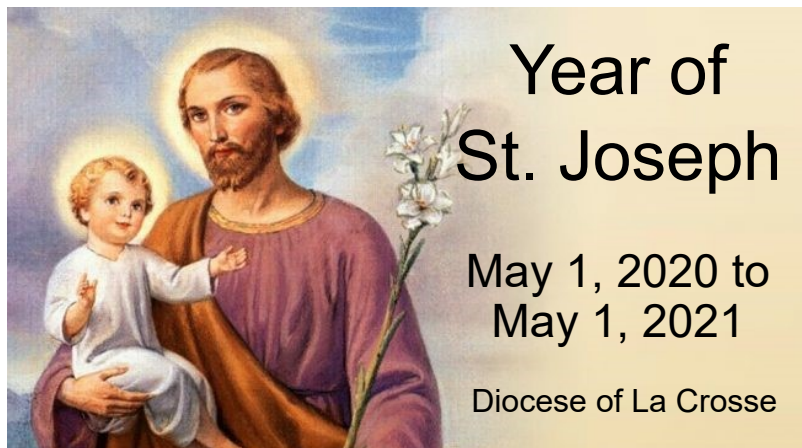
Stacy Burns, Coordinator.....608-769-8828  
jsburns0093@gmail.com  
Leland Gregorich, Accompanist

## CALL 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 & would like to be visited



*Twenty-first Sunday in  
Ordinary Time*



Year of  
St. Joseph

May 1, 2020 to  
May 1, 2021

Diocese of La Crosse

**PARISH INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY, August 22nd**

*Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
-4:00pm Mass -†Arnold & Jean Meyers

**SUNDAY, August 23rd**

*Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
-8:30am Mass -Our Parish Family

**MONDAY, August 24th**

*Weekday*  
-5:30pm Mass -†Fr. Varkey Velicka Kathu Joseph

**TUESDAY, August 25th**

*Weekday*  
-5:30pm Mass -†Bill Silha & deceased family members

**THURSDAY, August 27th**

*Weekday*  
-8:30am Mass -†Don Kammel

**SATURDAY, August 29th**

*Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
-4:00pm Mass -†George & Evelyn Miller

**SUNDAY, August 30th**

*Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
-8:30am Mass -†Rita Weber

**PARISH CALENDAR**

- **August 23** ~ Confirmation for 10th Grade Students during Mass
- **August 31** ~ 5:30 PM ~ NO Mass
- **September 27** ~ Our Annual Chicken Q ~ as a drive through this year, more information and presale tickets will be available soon.
- All Masses are now being held per the regularly scheduled time following safety guidelines, all are welcome to attend without notification to Fr. Biju, if we exceed the 70 person capacity we will reevaluate the reservation procedure.
- Church is open for **private prayer** from 10:00AM to 5:30 PM on Mon., Tues., and Thurs.

**Confessions**

Available by appointment. Please call or message Father directly.

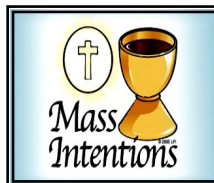


**READINGS ~ Week of August 23rd**

- Sunday: 1) Isaiah 22:19-23 2) Romans 11:33-36  
3) Matthew 16:13-20
- Monday: 1) Revelation 21:9b-14 2) John 1:45-51
- Tuesday: 1) 2 Thessalonians 2:1-3a, 14-17 2) Matt 23:23-26
- Wednesday: 1) 2 Thessalonians 3:6-10, 16-18 2) Matt 23:27-32
- Thursday: 1) 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 2) Matthew 24:42-51
- Friday: 1) 1 Corinthians 1:17-25 2) Matthew 25:1-13
- Saturday: 1) 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 2) Mark 6:17-29
- Next Sunday: 1) Jeremiah 20:7-9 2) Romans 12:1-2  
3) Matthew 16:21-27

**Mass Intentions**

We have openings for weekday intentions beginning Sept.14, 2020, First Saturdays beginning Oct. 3, 2020 and weekends beginning Jan. 31, 2021. For questions contact the parish office 788-1646 or sjrp2601@gmail.com.



**St. Peters, Middle Ridge**

**Adoration: Wed. 7:30-9:00 PM**  
**Mass Times: Sat. 8:00 PM and Sun. 10:00 AM**

**WILLS & ESTATES**

As you prayerfully execute your will or do estate planning, please consider keeping the St. Joseph Ridge Parish in mind. The most common and simplest way to include the parish include the parish in your last wishes is to include a bequest in your will or trust.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

If you are 70 ½ or older, you can do a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) of up to \$100,000 a year from your IRA directly to a charity. The distribution won't show up in your adjusted gross income and CAN count toward your required minimum distribution (RMD). The QCD allows you to be more strategic with your RMD.

Consult your tax advisor before making any decisions. If a QCD is for you, please consider Immaculate Conception Parish as your charity of choice.

**GIFT'S RETURNED TO GOD**

**Week of Aug 16th-18th envelope holders**

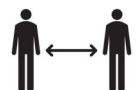


Adult Env.(19 Rec'd):	\$1,120.00
Assumption (4 Rec'd)	\$70.00
Adult Env. through (RRR) Program (1 Rec'd):	\$175.00
Offertory:	\$89.00

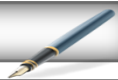
**Thank You!**

**Face Masks Required in Public as of Sat., Aug. 1st**

*wash your hands,  
wear a mask,  
socially distance.  
Stay Safe!*



FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN



Matthew 16:13-20

**"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."**

It is important to read today's Gospel and next week's Gospel as two parts of a single story. This week we hear Jesus ask his disciples about his identity. Simon Peter answers, identifying Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of God. He said "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God." Because of Simon Peter's response, Jesus calls him the "rock." He said, "And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it." Peter came to this knowledge, because of the relationship he shared with Jesus and what God was able to reveal in and through that relationship. How do we build up that relationship? The simple answer is by loving God. The only way to know God is to love God. Our minds will never fully grasp the mystery of God, but our hearts and souls can learn to love the mystery.

This week Rebecca Amundsen, Luke Clements, and Grace Dickman will be receiving confirmation. Congratulations! It's been probably decades that we had confirmation within our church walls. It's a great day of witness of faith for the local Church. I like to thank all those who were involved in their training. Thanks to Jim Weber for his dedicated service to the community.

Last week we had a meeting of Parish Pastoral Council and we have decided to go for a fund raising event; Chicken Q on 27<sup>th</sup> September. It would happen following the Covid protocol. Details will be forthcoming in the bulletin. We need your help to pre-sale the tickets. Thank you.

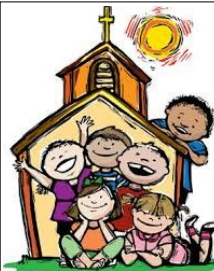
Live Jesus, Fr. Biju

**Options to support the Parish:**

- 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 at the church during private prayer time
- **Mail in** your weekly/monthly offering to parish office (W2601 State Rd 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 (if possible, use your envelope number as the account number).

PARISH NEWS

Religious Education



There has been a lot of discussion on how to proceed with the upcoming school year. Please look for a letter in the next few weeks and except a delayed start to the program. We do not want to overwhelm our children even more than they already have had with regular school. **We are in need of Teachers for 3rd grade and 8th grade.** If you have questions or concerns about anything, contact Teresa Brown 608-787-0883 or [dbrown039@centurytel.net](mailto:dbrown039@centurytel.net)

**Upcoming First Communion**

Please pray for **Zarina Noronha** who will receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion on August 28th during a private Mass. Zarina is the daughter of Richard and Michelle Noronha. Congratulations Zarina and welcome to the table of the Lord. Also, please pray for **Jaycie Hendrickson** who is preparing receive the Sacrament soon.



**Free Baldwin Upright Piano**

Bob Christopherson has a Baldwin upright piano he would like to give away free to a family in the parish. Please call him at 608-317-0766 if you are interested or have questions.

**Reunite ✦ Rebuild ✦ Rejoice**

The active phase of our Reunite, Rebuild and Rejoice Recovery Appeal is coming to a close. We are so grateful for those families who have already generously submitted their commitment card and for the success we have experienced. St. Joseph Ridge Parish is truly blessed!

We are excited to report that over the past several weeks, our parish family, whether in the church or at home, has joined together to share \$12,260.00 in one-time recovery gifts, coupled with others who chose to increase their offertory commitment over the coming year. Your commitment and support will help keep our mission to serve fortified and moving forward. Thank you for your commitment to Parish

If you have yet to make your commitment, we will continue to accept your cards in the parish office. We pray that every family will take a moment to prayerfully consider how they may share their gifts to serve the people of our faith community and beyond.

Our sincere thanks to all parishioners for their openness to our invitations and requests. Together, as we continue to physically Reunite as one community and Rebuild our parish, let us Rejoice in the Lord's goodness now and always!

**Word Among Us Booklets**

The Word Among Us is a booklet of meditations for Catholics based on the daily readings. It also contains a few inspirational articles. The September issue is now available for pickup at church. This months feature is "Be Holy, For I the Lord Am Holy. What Does Holiness Look Like Today?"

*Spiritually together while socially distant!*

**DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Live Stream Schedule at diolc.org/live**

Sunday Mass with Bishop Callahan – 9:30 am

Daily Mass (Monday-Saturday) from the Cathedral – 8:00am

**TV Mass Broadcasts within the Diocese of La Crosse:**

- La Crosse, Channel 19, at 9:30 a.m. Sunday.
- Mary, Mother of the Church – La Crosse – TV Mass Broadcast KQEG-TV at 4:00 Saturdays, 10:00 Sundays. Set your television to 23.1 (if you use an antenna), Charter channel 5, CenturyLink 4, or AcenTek 12

**Diocese of Winona-Rochester Broadcasts:**

- Channel 25/48 WLAX/WEUX Sunday at 7:30am

**Discouragement – All of us face this!** Attend this important Virtual Conference “Overcoming Spiritual Discouragement” with Fr. Timothy Gallagher, O.M.V. Fr. Timothy Gallagher, a world-renowned teacher and spiritual director, will present on “Overcoming Spiritual Discouragement” at a Virtual Conference on August 29th . The schedule will include 4 talks by Fr. Gallagher, beginning at 10 a.m. For further details, a downloadable brochure or to register online, go to [diolc.org/witness](http://diolc.org/witness). Cost is \$15 which includes Fr. Gallagher’s book shipped to your home.

**Attention: Leaders of Prayer** in Need of 4-Year Commission Renewal Parish Leaders of Prayer who were commissioned in 2015 or earlier will need their 4-year commission renewed this year. Normally this would be done through a daylong conference at the Diocesan Center, but in light of the pandemic they are asked to participate in the Saturday, Aug. 29 virtual Witnesses for Christ Conference featuring Father Timothy Gallagher, O.M.V. on "Overcoming Spiritual Discouragement." Go to [www.diolc.org/leaders-of-prayer](http://www.diolc.org/leaders-of-prayer) for instructions. If you are unable to participate on Aug. 29, email Christopher Ruff at [cruff@diolc.org](mailto:cruff@diolc.org) and other arrangements will be made.

**Explosion in Beirut – You Can Help** On August 4, a massive explosion rocked Beirut, Lebanon, injuring more than 5,000 and killing at least 137. Officials are still evacuating residents, while trying to grasp the cost in human life and misery. Along with Caritas Lebanon, Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is distributing emergency supplies, clearing rubble, and preparing medical and mental health teams for dispatch. Your donation can help. Visit [crs.org](http://crs.org) to learn how.

**First Saturday Devotions**

First Saturday Devotions are starting again at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Join us on Saturday, September 5 at 11:15 a.m. for a meditation on the Holy Rosary followed by the Holy Rosary at 11:45 a.m. and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 12:15 p.m. Confession will be available from 11:00 a.m. to 12:15 a.m. and also following Mass.

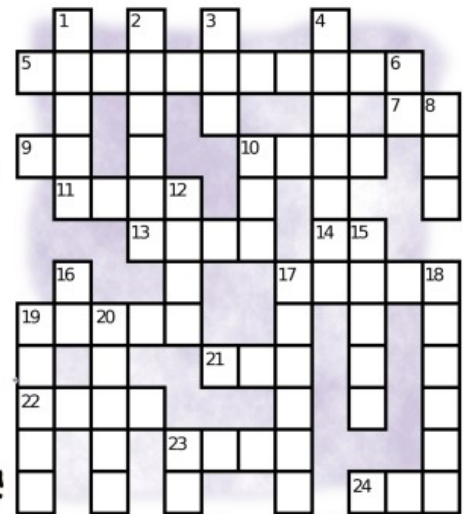
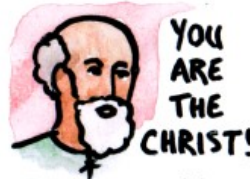
**Catholic Home Study Course for Adults**

Learn more about your Catholic Faith by studying at home and then joining this monthly facilitated study group. An informational meeting will be held on Saturday September 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in the Pilgrim Center Orientation Room. Call 608-782-0011 for more information.

**KIDS CORNER**

**"Who do you say that I am?" CROSSWORD**

See how well you know what happened in today's Gospel story!



- ACROSS**
5. "...the gates of the \_\_\_\_\_ will not prevail..."
  7. "...this rock I will build my Church..."
  9. "Whatever you bind on earth shall \_\_\_\_\_ bound in Heaven."
  10. "I will \_\_\_\_\_ you the keys of the kingdom..."
  11. "On this \_\_\_\_\_ I will build my Church."
  13. Jesus made Peter the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Church on earth.
  14. "Whatever you loose on earth will be loosed \_\_\_\_\_ Heaven."
  17. "\_\_\_\_\_ and blood have not revealed this to you..."
  19. "\_\_\_\_\_ asked them, "Who do you say that I am?"
  21. God \_\_\_\_\_ Peter in charge of His Church on earth.
  22. Jesus changed Simon's \_\_\_\_\_ to Peter.
  23. "Flesh and blood \_\_\_\_\_ not revealed this to you..."
  24. "...You are the Christ, the \_\_\_\_\_ of the living God!"
- DOWN**
1. \_\_\_\_\_ said, "You are the Christ..."
  2. "On this rock I will build my \_\_\_\_\_."
  3. "Blessed \_\_\_\_\_ you, Simon..."
  4. "...the gates of the netherworld shall not \_\_\_\_\_."
  6. "Who \_\_\_\_\_ people say that the Son of Man is?"
  8. "Flesh and blood have \_\_\_\_\_ revealed this..."
  10. "You are the Christ, the Son of the living \_\_\_\_\_!"
  12. "I will give you the \_\_\_\_\_ to the kingdom of Heaven."
  15. When will the gates of the netherworld prevail against the Church?
  16. \_\_\_\_\_ belong to the Church that Jesus started.
  17. The Heavenly \_\_\_\_\_ revealed to Simon who Jesus was.
  18. "...the keys to the kingdom of \_\_\_\_\_..."
  19. "Blessed are you, Simon, son of \_\_\_\_\_..."
  20. Peter's name before Jesus changed it.
  23. Jesus ordered the disciples to tell no one that \_\_\_\_\_ was the Christ.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

- For Paula Skoy-Evenson who is battling cancer.
- All those who are suffering from the Coronavirus and those who are working tirelessly to help the ill recover.
- All the military men and women who are supporting our freedom.
- All political leaders, may their decisions be made for the good of all citizens, born and unborn.
- Anyone fighting cancer, especially Rhonda McGowan diagnosed with multiple myeloma cancer.
- For Mora Mikshowsky and all children suffering with life threatening conditions and illnesses.
- For all Religious in our Diocese, especially Matt Kotek.
- The intentions listed in our parish book of prayer.

To add a request call 608-788-1646 or email [sjrp2601@gmail.com](mailto:sjrp2601@gmail.com)

Answers to Crossword: ACROSS: 5.Netherworld 7.on 9.be 10.give 11.rock 13.head 14.in 17.flesh 19.Jesus 21.set (or put) 22.name 23.have 24.son DOWN: 1.Peter 2.Church 3.are 4.prevail 6.do 8.not 10.God 12.keys 15.never 16.we 17.Father 18.Heaven 19.Jonah 20.Simon 23.he



## **St. Joseph Ridge Parish**

W2601 State Rd 33

La Crosse, WI 54601

Sunday, August 23, 2020

8:30 AM

Very Reverend William Dhein and  
Reverend Biju Chennala Kunjukutty

### **CONFIRMANDI 2020**

#### **Rebecca Suzanne Amundsen**

Confirmation Name: Martha

Parents: Richard and Susan Amundsen

Sponsor: Ruth Roesler

#### **Luke Nicholas Clements**

Confirmation Name: Sebastian

Parents: William and Dianna Clements

Sponsor: Mary Clements



#### **Grace Angeline Dickman**

Confirmation Name: Valentine

Parents: Terry and Barbara Dickman

Sponsor: Carla Dickman



Special thank you to: Very Rev. William Dhein and Fr. Biju Kunjukutty, Teresa Brown (Coordinator of Religious Education), Jim Weber (Catechist) the parents and sponsors, as well as the PCCW and our quilters, Maxine Jacobs and Diane Elsen for the beautiful Confirmation quilts.