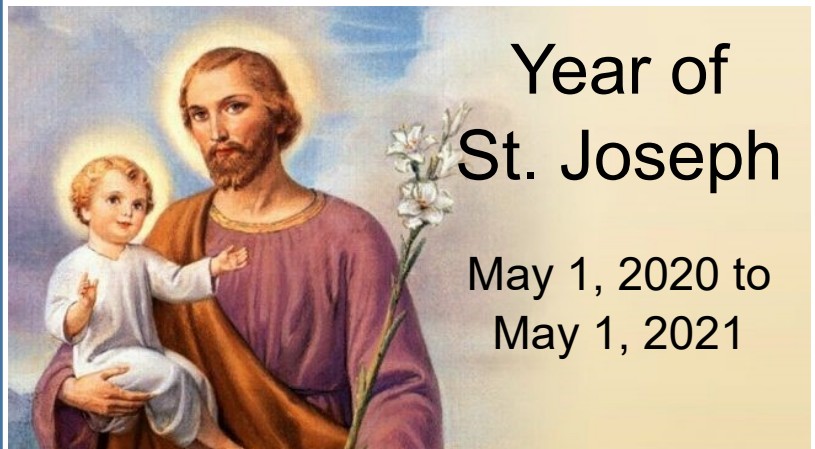


September 13, 2020



PARISH INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, September 12th

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
~4:00pm Mass ~†Anna Meyers

SUNDAY, September 13th

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
~8:30am Mass ~Our Parish Family

MONDAY, September 14th

Weekday
~5:30pm Mass ~†John, Bernice, Steven and Samuel Mashak

TUESDAY, September 15th

Weekday
~5:00 pm Adoration
~5:30pm Mass ~†Deceased members of the Al and Anna Mae Antony Family

THURSDAY, September 17th

Weekday
~8:30am Mass ~†Bernice Mashak

SATURDAY, September 19th

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
~4:00pm Mass ~†George and Evelyn Miller

SUNDAY, September 20th

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
~8:30am Mass ~†Joseph and Clara Bina

St. Peters, Middle Ridge

Adoration: Wed. 7:30-9:00 PM

Weekend Mass: Sat. 8:00 PM and Sun. 10:00 AM

Weekday Mass: Wed. and Fri. 8:00 AM

Mass Intentions

We have openings for weekday intentions beginning Oct 5, 2020, First Saturdays beginning Dec 5, 2020 and weekends beginning Mar. 21, 2021. For questions contact the parish office 788-1646



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 CALENDAR

- **September 12/13** ~ Holy Land second collection
- **September 14** ~ PCCW Meeting, 6:30 PM in the school hall.
- **September 27** ~ Our Annual **Chicken Q** ~ as a drive through this year, more information and presale tickets will be available soon.
- **September 30** ~ Religious Education Classes begin, grades 1-5 (6-7:00pm), grades 6-10 (7:15-8:30)
- **October 3/4** ~ resumption of Mass Obligation
- **October 4** ~ Installation of Fr. Biju as Pastor
- **October 7** ~ Religious Education Class, Grades 1-5 (6-7:00pm), grades 6-10 (7:15-8:30)
- **October 14** ~ No Religious Education Class, St. Peter Parish Annual Sauerkraut Dinner

Confessions

Available by appointment. Please call or message Father directly.



READINGS ~ Week of September 13th

Sunday: 1) Sirach 27:30-28:7 2) Romans 14:7-9
3) Matthew 18:21-35
Monday: 1) Numbers 21:4b-9 2) Philippians 2:6-11
3) John 3:13-17
Tuesday: 1) 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27-31a
2) John 19:25-27 or Luke 2:33-35
Wednesday: 1) 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13 2) Luke 7:31-35
Thursday: 1) 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 2) Luke 7:36-50
Friday: 1) 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 2) Luke 8:1-3
Saturday: 1) 1 Corinthians 15:35-37, 42-49 2) Luke 8:4-15
Next Sunday: 1) Isaiah 55:6-9 2) Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a
3) Matthew 20:1-16a

GIFT'S RETURNED TO GOD

Week of Aug 16th-182 envelope holder



Adult Env.(26 Rec'd):	\$1935.00
Adult Env. (RRR) (1 Rec'd):	\$200.00
Offertory:	\$73.00
Votive Lights:	\$67.21
Book Donations	\$5.00
Mission Coop:	\$200.00

Thank You!

Wash your hands,
wear a mask,
socially distance.



FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 18:21-35

"Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive?"

On Monday 14th Sept 2020 we celebrate the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. It celebrates two historical events: the discovery of the True Cross by Saint Helena, the mother of the Emperor Constantine, in 320 and the dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem around 335 AD. Exaltation of the Holy Cross, more than anything else, is a celebration and commemoration of great salvific act of God, His love, His forgave, His mercy. God has forgiven his people on the Cross. Often, we find it difficult to forgive. Peter asks Jesus how many times one ought to extend forgiveness to another. Jesus replies by extending Peter's proposal by an enormous amount; not just seven times should one forgive, but 77 times. Jesus' point is that forgiveness is not about quantity. It is participating in the mercy of God. It can transform our life. God is always ready to forgive but he cannot enter into an unforgiving heart as the door is closed against him. Nineteen years ago, this past Friday, the United States and indeed the entire world was dramatically changed as thousands of innocent people lost their lives in the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, Pentagon, and attempts upon other sites. I am sure such instances bring many unforgiving memories of life make our hearts heavy. We pray for forgiveness and healing. May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen

Shirlee Miller has stepped down from the Pastoral Council, we thank her for her service to the parish community.

Happy Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross!
Live Jesus, Fr. Biju, MSFS



Religious Education

Our first day of class is September 30, 2020. Registration forms have been sent out to the families, please return to the parish office ASAP so that we may prepare for class sizes appropriately. If you did not receive the information, please contact Teresa Brown 608-787-0883 or dbrown039@centurytel.net.

We are in need of Teachers for 3rd grade and 8th grade. If you are willing to help with either grade or even as a substitute, please let Teresa know ASAP. Your time and talents are much appreciated.



PARISH NEWS

Drive Through Chicken Q—Tickets and Meal delivery



Our drive through Chicken Q on Sunday, September 27th from 11:00AM to 2:00PM. We encourage all parishioners to help with the effort by selling "pre-sale" tickets to friends and family. **Tickets will be available for you to take and sell after weekend masses or by contacting our ticket sales coordinators Stan Clements (780-7710), Ann Degenhardt (452-3646) or Mary Jo Hess (788-1768) or the parish office.**

Deliver is available for parishioners who are homebound and not able to attend in person. Please let the tick sales coordinators know delivery is necessary at the time of ticket purchase or email the parish office no later than Sept. 24th.

PCCW Meeting and Dues

All the women of the parish are invited to attend the Parish Council of Catholic Women meeting on September 14th at 6:30 PM in the School Hall. Dues for the year are \$13.00 per family and can be put in collection or mailed to office- make checks out to St. Joseph PCCW please mark the envelope "PCCW"

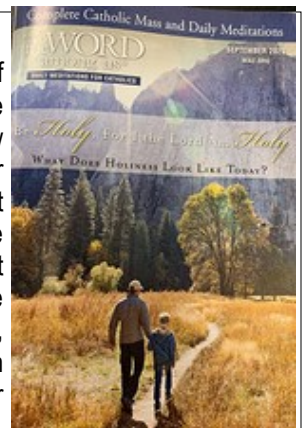
SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND

This year, due to the pandemic, taking up the Good Friday Collection dedicated to supporting Christians living in the Holy Land was not possible. Pope Francis has requested that this gesture of sharing be moved to the weekend of September 13, which is the Sunday closest to the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. On this feast we remember how far the love of the Son of God has come for us: giving his life on the Cross for our salvation and reconciling us to the Father and to each other. This gives birth to a new humanity founded on solidarity and love. If you would like to donate to the Holy Land, simply note that intention on your check or envelope and place your gift in the collection. There will be a 2nd collection next week. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY WITH THE SPECIAL COLLECTION.**



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 still available for pickup at church. This months feature is "Be Holy, For I the Lord Am Holy. What Does Holiness Look Like Today?" Free will offering accepted to offset the cost, but is not required. We will have them each month from Sept to Dec. 2020 for our spiritual reflection.



DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS

Kurbide Kraut and Sausage—St. Peter Parish

The 53rd annual Sauerkraut Supper will not occur as usual due to health and safety concerns for our workers and patrons. This year we will hold a drive thru featuring our famous kraut sausage. This alternative sausage sandwich will still give you the tastes of past suppers, only \$5 per sandwich. Containers of raw kraut available for an additional \$5. Drive thru on Wednesday, October 14th from 3:30-7 PM, or until sold out. On-line advanced orders will be available at our website: <https://saintpetersparish.net>

MMOC Chicken Q

Mary, Mother of the Church Parish, 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, will be holding a Chicken-Que on Thursday, September 17, from 11:00 - 5:30 for pick up and delivery only. The price is \$10 and includes a half chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, homemade beans and a dinner roll. For pre-sale tickets (guaranteed) and deliveries, call (608) 518-6145. No minimum order and no delivery charge. Enter at Weston Street driveway.

Growing in Your Relationship with Jesus Christ through Reading the Catechism in a year Sign up to read through the Catechism of the Catholic Church in the next 10 months. From year-to-year, there are always more than 100 people who will participate. We begin Monday, September 14th and end mid-June, with a week off for Thanksgiving and two weeks off for Christmas. A modest schedule of 15 paragraphs per night (roughly 3 pages) has been arranged that will take about 10-15 minutes of reflective reading, 5 nights a week for 38 weeks. It is worth the effort. If interested, email Ann Lankford at alankford@diolc.org and put "read the Catechism" in the subject line.

Holy Trinity Chicken-Q

Thursday, October 8, Serving 11:00 a.m. until gone. Drive through and delivery only - No Bake Sale - 1/2 Chicken, Coleslaw, Beans, Roll. Cost \$10. Pre-Sale orders preferred - Tickets available at the Rectory from 9:00-3:00 Monday through Friday. Chicken-Q Phone 608-406-5339

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

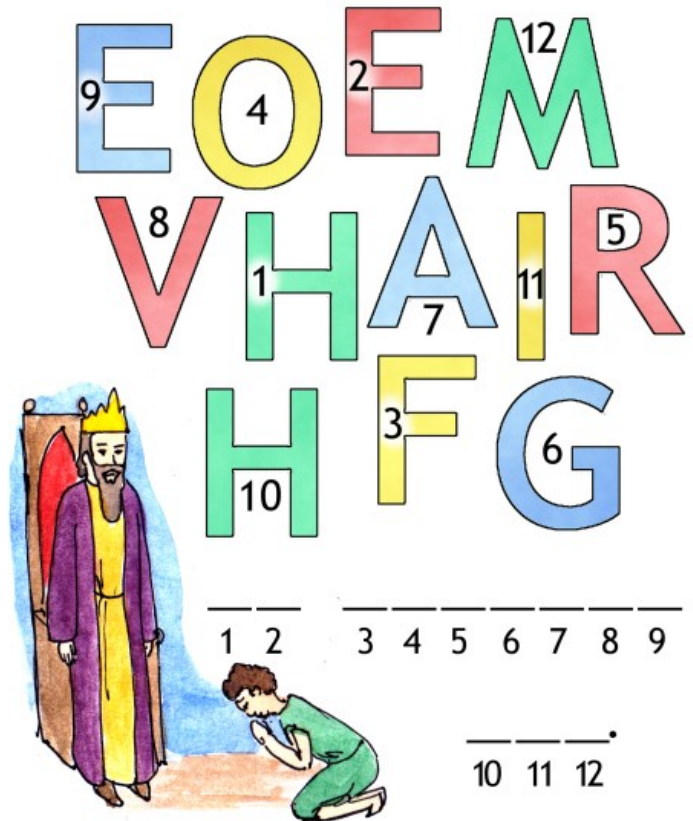
Diocese of Winona-Rochester Broadcasts:

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

KIDS CORNER

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 13th, 2020

*What did the king in today's parable do to the servant who owed him much but asked for forgiveness?
Use the numbers to sort the letters and find out!*



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

- For Paula Skoy-Everson 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