

*W2601 State Rd 33 • La Crosse • Wisconsin • 54601*  
*September 20, 2020*

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(limited capacity 70 persons)

Saturday.....4:00pm  
Sunday.....8:30am

First Saturday Mass.....	8:30am
Monday .....	5:30pm
Tuesday.....Adoration .....	5:00 pm
Mass.....	5:30pm
Thursday.....	8:30am

By appointment only

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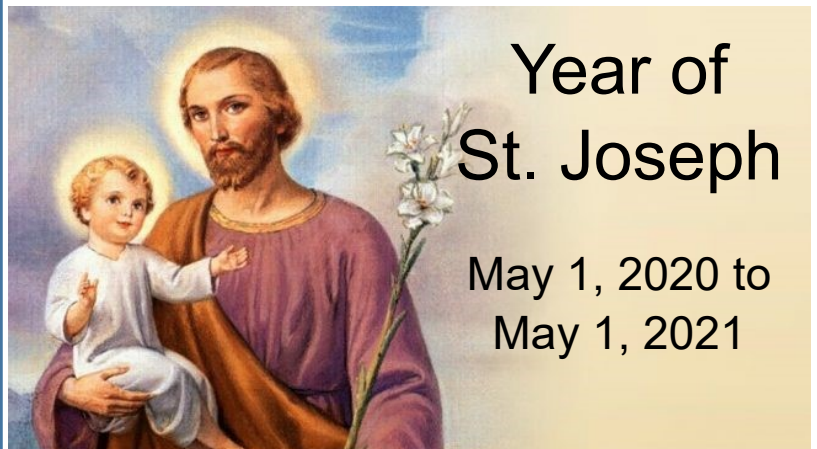
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Stan Clements, Ann Degenhardt,  
Terry Dickman (Finance Council Rep),  
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- Joining the Parish
- Weddings or Baptisms
- Anointing of the sick (**also call Fr. Biju cell phone**)
- If you are home-bound & would like to be visited



**PARISH INTENTIONS**

**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

**MONDAY, September 21st**

*Weekday*

~5:30pm Mass ~†Steven Mashak

**TUESDAY, September 22nd**

*Weekday*

~5:00 pm Adoration

~5:30pm Mass ~†Bill Silha and deceased family members

**THURSDAY, September 24th**

*Weekday*

~8:30am Mass ~†Mick and Agnes Lucey

**SATURDAY, September 26th**

*Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

~4:00pm Mass ~†Aloysius "Jim" Cavadini

**SUNDAY, September 27th**

*Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

~8:30am Mass ~Our Parish Family

**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



**PARISH CALENDAR**

- **September 23 ~ Catechist Meeting** in the school hall at 6:30 PM
- **September 27 ~ Our Annual Chicken Q** ~ 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM or until gone. Get your presale tickets now!
- **September 30 ~ Religious Education Classes** begin, grades 1-5 (6-7:00pm), grades 6-9 (7:15-8:30)
- **October 3/4 ~ resumption of Mass Obligation**
- **October 4 ~ Installation of Fr. Biju as Pastor**
- **October 4 ~ Confirmation Class** after the 8:30 AM Mass (until approximately 11:30 AM)
- **October 7 ~ Religious Education Class**, Grades 1-5 (6-7:00pm), grades 6-9 (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 20th**

Sunday: 1) Isaiah 55:6-9 2) Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a  
3) Matthew 20:1-16a  
Monday: 1) Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13 2) Matthew 9:9-13  
Tuesday: 1) Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13 2) Luke 8:19-21  
Wednesday: 1) Proverbs 30:5-9 2) Luke 9:1-6  
Thursday: 1) Ecclesiastes 1:2-11 2) Luke 9:7-9  
Friday: 1) Ecclesiastes 3:1-11 2) Luke 9:18-22  
Saturday: 1) Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:8 2) Luke 9:43b-45  
Next Sunday: 1) Ezekiel 18:25-28 2) Philippians 2:1-11 or 2:1-5  
3) Matthew 21:28-32

**GIFT'S RETURNED TO GOD**

Week of Sept 16th-182 envelope holder



Adult Env.(21 Rec'd):	\$1,275.00
Offertory:	\$80.60
Holy Land:	\$260.00
Assumption(1):	\$10.00
Mission Coop:	\$240.00
Chicken Q Ticket Sales:	\$1,010.00
RE Registration:	\$575.00

**Thank You!**

**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).

Wash your hands,  
wear a mask,  
socially distance.





## FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

### Twenty-fifth Week in Ordinary Time

***"Are you envious because I am generous?"***

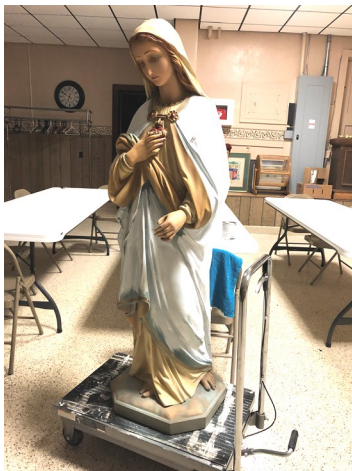
Last week we listened to the question of Peter how often must I forgive? To which Jesus answered "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." This answer of Jesus points to the fact that God's ways and reason are different from ours. Today we have another instance in the parable of the landowner and the workers in the vineyard, where the owner pays the same amount to all who came for work irrespective of hours each one put in. We may wonder how this can be possible. Secular wisdom would have a huge problem with this. In the parable, we find the fifth time in one day the owner of the vineyard went out and hired more workers. People were there without work. We can imagine the plight of those unemployed flock in the context of Covid -19 pandemic. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics as of June 2020, 17.8 million people were unemployed. I am sure some of the business will never come back. Life looks different.

This parable is a long metaphor whose aim is to provoke thought about life in the kingdom of heaven. This story of the landlord's generosity represents God's love and generosity towards each of us. The story shows us how God looks at us, sees our needs, and meets those needs. How much he wants us to be saved. He is exceptionally generous with us. I am sure you have had experience of the same. The land owner is not only generous at the end but also at different hours of the day as he makes efforts to hire those who had no work until in the evening, when presumably there were no remaining people in the marketplace. God comes in search of us. He knows our needs. He is generous. It's more than what our mind can comprehend. Be open to his invitation.

Remember to get tickets for Chicken Q we have only one more week left for the tickets to be sold.

I would like to thank Mary Hess for all that she is doing to restore the painting of the statue of our blessed mother. Thank you, Mary Hess, for making use of your talents for our parish community.

Live Jesus, Fr. Biju, MSFS



### Liturgical Ministries

Anyone who would be willing to be Mass usher or reader please contact Teresa Brown at email: [dbrown039@centurytel.net](mailto:dbrown039@centurytel.net), 608-787-0883, or if you are in the current rotation of helpers and wish to make changes to your status please let Teresa know. New schedules for Oct. 2020 is posted online and in back of church.

## PARISH NEWS

### Drive Through Chicken Q is Next Sunday!



Our drive through Chicken Q is next Sun., 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.** Delivery is available for parishioners who are homebound and not able to attend in person. Please let the ticket sales coordinators know delivery is necessary at the time of ticket purchase or email the parish office no later than Sept. 24th.

**Chicken Q Helper Signup** Please sign up in the back church to help out with the Chicken Q next weekend.

### PCCW Dues

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"

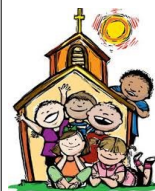
### New Living Faith Booklets

The October through December daily devotional books are now available for pick up in the back of church.

### 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 October issue is here and the theme is "The Greatest of These is Love."

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



**Grades 1-9:** First day of class is September 30.

**Confirmation Students (Grade 10):** First day of class is October 4th following Mass. Confirmation class will be held every other week on Sundays taught by Jim Weber.

**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](mailto: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.

**Catechist Meeting:** There will be a meeting for all catechists and anyone interested in becoming a teacher or a substitute teacher on **Wednesday, September 23rd at 6:30 PM** in the school hall. Please make every effort to attend as we will be preparing for class the following week.



## DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS

### Kurbside 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>

### Life Chain

Join others in solidarity in stating that "Abortion is wrong" on **Sunday, October 4, 2020 from 2:00-3:00 PM**, rain or shine. We will start at La Crosse St and extend down Losey Blvd as far as our participants will take us. If you have questions, please call Peggy Flottmeyer at 781-1779. Life Chain is a peaceful and prayerful public witness or pro-life individuals standing for one hour praying for our nation and for an end to abortion.

### 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

### Aquinas Catholic Schools Enrollment still available!

We still have spots for enrollment for the 2020-2021 school year! At Aquinas, students explore their passions, give back to their communities, grow in faith and prepare for a successful future. Our schools are open to families of all faiths, and we offer several tuition assistance programs. We offer in person face to face learning or virtual learning. To learn more or to start your enrollment process visit us at [www.aquinaschools.org](http://www.aquinaschools.org) or contact us at (608) 784-8585.

### Promoting Peaceful Relationships at Home Webinar

October 14, 2020, 1:00-2:30 pm CDT. Catholics for Family and Peace will be conducting a free webinar for Catholic leaders, catechists, parishioners, parents on how to promote peace in the home—a relevant topic for these times when so much of our lives is taking place at home. To register <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/promoting-peaceful-relationships-at-home-tickets-119489717963>

## KIDS CORNER

### Fill in the blanks:

Saint Paul tries to decide if it is better to live or die!

Use the words in the list to fill in the blanks, and then put the letters from the boxes into the spaces at the bottom.



Brothers and \_\_\_\_\_<sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_, Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me life is Christ, and \_\_\_\_\_<sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ is gain. If I go on living in the flesh, that means \_\_\_\_\_<sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ labour for me. And I do not know which I shall \_\_\_\_\_<sup>1</sup>\_\_\_\_\_. I am caught \_\_\_\_\_<sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ the two. I long to depart this life and be with Christ, for that is far better. Yet that I remain in the flesh is more necessary for \_\_\_\_\_<sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ benefit.

between  
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your  
fruitful  
choose

Like Saint Paul, we  
should be ready to  
either live or die for

1 2 3 4 5 6



### 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](mailto:sjrp2601@gmail.com)

**St. Joseph Ridge Parish**  
**Annual Report**  
**July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020**

**Statement of General Statistics**

~Catholic population of the parish – 459.  
~The percentage of people in the boundaries of the parish that are Catholic – 50%.  
~Catholic households in the parish – 191.  
~The number of envelope holders who give \$100 or more per year – 126.  
(this number is used for Diocesan calculations)

**Total cash balance of Parish, Works of Charity, and PCCW  
checking on July 1, 2019:**

**\$44,670.30**

**Receipts**

Adult Envelopes	\$102,761.00
Offertory Collections	10,437.00
Rent, Votive Candles, Miscellaneous	5,156.18
Net Profit of Parish Picnic	5,463.14
PCCW	6,230.75
Memorials	1,625.00
Total Interest Earned	2,803.82
Religious Education Tuition	2,130.00
Paycheck Protection Act	13,071.00
Diocesan Annual Appeal Rebate/Subsidy Grant	2,630.00
Works of Charity	250.00
Collections for Diocese and other flow through	<u>7,874.07</u>
<b>Total of all Receipts:</b>	<b><u>\$160,431.96</u></b>

**Disbursements**

Salaries – Parish Priest	\$24,716.52
Salaries – Other Clergy	1,360.00
Salaries – All Other	20,687.53
Professional Fees and Services	470.00
Payroll Taxes	1,924.57
Group Insurance and Retirement	15,858.00
Household Expenses	5,344.19
Office Supplies	3,510.11
All Utilities	16,424.49
Auto and Travel Allowances	4,100.68
Liturgical and Church Goods	6,040.26
Instructional Supplies, Texts	2,755.32
Janitorial Supplies	987.98
** Repairs and Maintenance	17,932.99
Property and Liability Insurance	5,260.00
Miscellaneous and Rentals Paid	140.00
Catholic Life	578.25
Diocesan Assessment/Quota	5,812.00
Aquinas Catholic Schools Subsidy	10,567.50
PCCW Expenditures (bathroom school remodel)	9,719.30
Less monies from St. Peter Parish for Priest Expenses	-18,118.23
Interest from Savings Acct	2,728.47
Distribution from Funds for Works of Charity Acct	104.94
Accounts payable from previous year (payroll taxes)	2,448.84
* Collections for Diocese and other flow through	<u>7,367.58</u>
<b>Total of All Disbursements:</b>	<b><u>\$148,721.29</u></b>

**Total cash balance of Parish, Works of Charity, and PCCW  
checking accounts on June 30, 2020:**

**\$56,380.97**



Beginning Balance	\$44,670.30
Receipts	160,431.96
Disbursements	148,721.29
Ending Balance	\$56,380.97

**\* Diocesan Collection Appeals and flow through  
(These are funds taken in and then disbursed)**

DCCW	\$80.00
World Mission Sunday	300.00
Mission Co-Op	581.00
Student Lent	0.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	411.00
Rice Bowl	59.19
Other Misc. (Good Friday, WI Right to Life, DAA, Brewers trip, etc.)	<u>5,936.39</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$7,367.58</u></b>

**\*\* Repairs and Maintenance**

Rectory Updates	\$5,185.44
Church Front Repair (first payment)	5,922.00
General Upkeep	<u>6,825.55</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$17,932.99</u></b>

**Total cash balance of Parish and PCCW savings accounts  
at the Diocese on June 30, 2020:**

**\$108,368.98**

**Spiritual Statistics – July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020**

2 Baptisms

0 Confirmed

0 Received Their First Holy Communion

1 Baptized Christian received into full communion (RCIA)

We did have solemn exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for periods of time  
throughout the year

Sunday Mass is at 8:30 AM and Saturday Mass of Anticipation is at 4:00 PM

1 Marriage where both parties are Catholic

0 Marriage of mixed religion

0 Parishioners in seminary studies

0 Parishioner preparing to be received into an institute of consecrated life – Religious

0 Parishioners participating in lay ministry programs

Times for hearing confessions are 3:30 PM on Sat. and 8:00 AM on Sun.  
or by appointment.

We had regularly scheduled penance services with individual confessions  
during Advent and Lent

About 20 parishioners received the Anointing of the Sick

3 Deaths in the parish

2 full burials, 4 cremation burials in the parish cemetery

4 Students from parish attend Catholic school system (K-8)

37 attend K-8 Public School

0 attend Catholic high School (9-12)

19 attend public high school (9-12)

36 Public grade school students (K-8) attended Rel. Ed. Classes

5 Public high school students (9-12) attended Rel. Ed. Classes