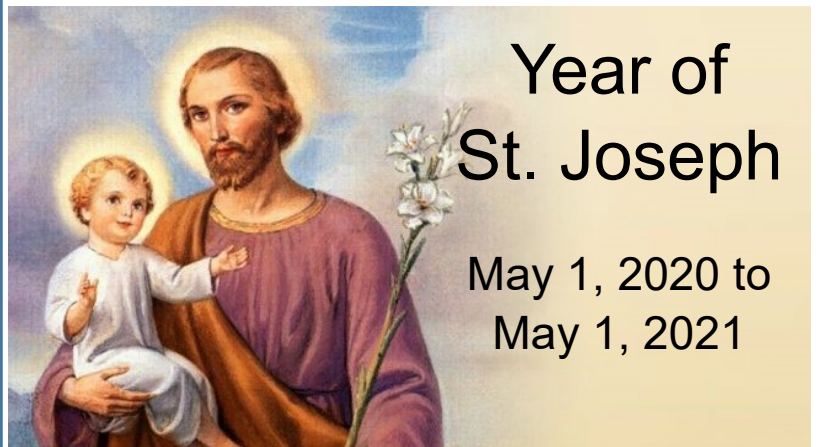


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October 18, 2020

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



PARISH INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, October 17th

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

~4:00pm Mass ~†George and Evelyn Miller

SUNDAY, October 18th

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

~8:30am Mass ~†Earl Martin

MONDAY, October 19th

Saints John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs

~5:30pm Mass ~†Nancy Kaiser

TUESDAY, October 20th

St. Paul of the Cross

~5:00 pm Adoration

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

THURSDAY, October 22nd

St. John Paul II

~8:30am Mass ~†Mick Lucey

SATURDAY, October 24th

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

~4:00pm Mass ~Our Parish Family

Altar Servers: John Mashak and Anna Biondo

Ushers: Bob Kotek and Joe Shikonya

Lector: Paula Silha

Eucharistic Minister: Kathy Leis

SUNDAY, October 25th

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

~8:30am Mass ~†Curtis Strittmater

Altar Servers: Eli Hundt and Hunter Raab

Ushers: Pat Hammel and Gary Hess

Lector: Dan Steiger

Eucharistic Minister: Sally Miller

Mass Intentions

We have openings for weekday intentions beginning Nov. 30, 2020, First Saturdays beginning Jan. 2, 2021 and weekends beginning Mar. 21, 2021. For questions contact the parish office 788-1646 or sjrp2601@gmail.com.



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

- **October 18** ~ World Mission Sunday during Mass
- **October 18** ~ Confirmation Class after Mass
- **October 21** ~ Religious Education Class, Grades 1-5 & 8 (6-7:00pm), grades 6,7&9 (7:15-8:30)
- **October 28** ~ Religious Education Class, Grades 1-5 & 8 (6-7:00pm), grades 6,7&9 (7:15-8:30)
- **November 1** ~ 2 AM—Daylight Savings Time Ends
- **November 1** ~ Confirmation Class after Mass
- **November 1** ~ All Saints' Day
- **November 2** ~ All Souls Day
- **November 4** ~ Religious Education Class, Grades 1-5 & 8 (6-7:00pm), grades 6,7&9 (7:15-8:30)
- **November 11** ~ Religious Education Class, Grades 1-5 & 8 (6-7:00pm), grades 6,7&9 (7:15-8:30)
- **November 15** ~ Confirmation Class after Mass

Confessions

Available by appointment. Please call or message Father directly.



READINGS ~ Week of October 18th

Sunday: 1) Isaiah 45:1, 4-6 2) 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b
3) Matthew 22:15-21
Monday: 1) Ephesians 2:1-10 2) Luke 12:13-21
Tuesday: 1) Ephesians 2:12-22 2) Luke 12:35-38
Wednesday: 1) Ephesians 3:2-12 2) Luke 12:39-48
Thursday: 1) Ephesians 3:14-21 2) Luke 12:49-53
Friday: 1) Ephesians 4:1-6 2) Luke 12:54-59
Saturday: 1) Ephesians 4:7-16 2) Luke 13:1-9
Next Sunday: 1) Exodus 22:20-26 2) 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10
3) Matthew 22:34-40

GIFT'S RETURNED TO GOD

Week of Oct 1th-182 envelope holders



Adult Env.(21 Rec'd): \$775.00
Offertory: \$113.00
Mission Sunday: \$10.00
Bequests and Memorials:\$500.00
RE Registration: \$62.50

Thank You!

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

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN**World Mission Sunday**

We celebrate World Mission Sunday on October 18th this year. In 1926, Pope Pius XI established an annual collection for the missionary work of the Church worldwide called "World Mission Sunday." World Mission Sunday, organized by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, is a day set aside for Catholics worldwide to recommit themselves to the Church's missionary activity through prayer and sacrifice.

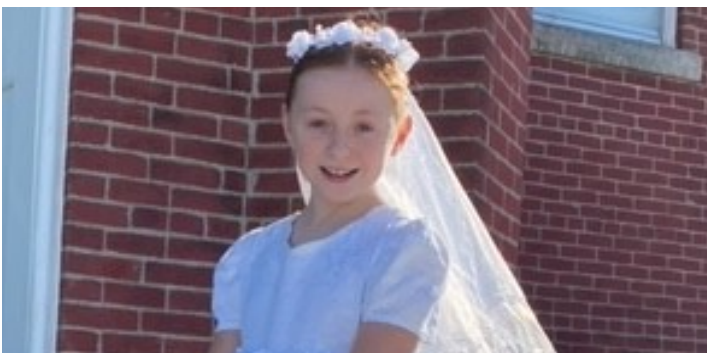
This yearly celebration reminds us that the call to bring the Gospel to others remains as necessary today as it was from our very beginnings in the first century in Palestine. For centuries dedicated men and women have taken up the call of Jesus to bring the Gospel to others. This call has led many people to sacrifice greatly in order to share their faith in bringing the message of Jesus to others.

We, here in the USA are the beneficiaries of dedicated priests, religious men and women, and faith-filled laity who brought the "Good News" of Jesus to our lands over the past few centuries. However, vocations to religious life and priesthood have diminished sharply in the past few years and yet the need to bring Christ to others is vitally important to the world in which we live. Pope Francis reminds us, "Many parts of the world are experiencing a dearth of vocations to the priesthood and the consecrated life. Often this is due to the absence of contagious apostolic fervor in communities which lack enthusiasm and thus fail to attract. The joy of the Gospel is born of the encounter with Christ and from sharing with the poor."

Your prayers and generous gift to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith this weekend will help the work of about 1110 mission dioceses, spanning over 160 countries of the world. It will certainly help the priests, religious and lay people throughout the mission areas like Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands, parts of Latin America and Europe as they proclaim the Gospel and serve the poor. We have been generous in the past years. I am sure we would share all that we can even this year. Let God be known.

May God bless your generosity for the missions.

Live Jesus, Fr. Bijou



First Communion, October 10, 2020
Congratulations Jaycie Hendrickson!

PARISH NEWS**Liturgical Ministries**

Anyone who would be willing to be Mass usher or reader please contact Teresa Brown at email: 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.

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."

World Mission Sunday—This weekend, Oct. 17/18

Today, on World Mission Sunday, we respond, "Here I Am, Send Me," to our baptismal call to mission, and we offer, at the Eucharistic celebration, our prayers and our generous financial support, through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, to continue the mission of Jesus. Today we are "sent" out to witness to mission in the world through our prayers and sacrifices for our brothers and sisters around the world. As little as...



- \$25 helps support a catechist for a month in remote Latin America
- \$75 provides for the work of religious Sisters caring for orphaned children in Africa
- \$100 assists families in sending their children to schools in Asia

As always, your prayers are your most treasured gift to the Missions. Your prayers and financial help, offered today, WORLD MISSION SUNDAY, support mission priests, religious Sisters and Brothers, and lay catechists who are Christ's witnesses to a world so in need of His healing, love, and peace.

Chicken Q

Sunday, September 27, 2020

Financial Report

Ticket Sales	<u>\$3,790.00</u>
Posters and Ticket Exp	\$107.10
Catering Expense	<u>\$2,178.00</u>
	<u>\$2,285.10</u>
Total Profit	<u>\$1,504.90</u>

DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS**Coats for Kids—Wrapping the Community in Warmth**

Donate new or gently used coats for infants through adults (larger ones in greater need—no trench coats), warm and waterproof mittens, gloves, stocking hats, boots and snow pants. Drop off at La Crosse, Onalaska, Holmen, West Salem, and Stoddard Kwik Trip stores from Oct. 5 through November 13th. Distribution to those in need by appointment only beginning the second week of November. Please call 608-782-0710 or online at www.cclse.org.

DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS (cont'd)

Pro-Life Rosaries with the Bishops of Wisconsin...

Beginning October 4th with Bishop William Patrick Callahan, join each of our five Wisconsin Bishops for a live-streamed Pro-Life Rosary from 7:30pm - 8:00pm on five consecutive Sundays. October is both Respect Life Month and the Month of the Holy Rosary, making it a providential time to pray with our Bishops to our Blessed Mother, Patroness of the Unborn, for an end to abortion and other offenses against human life and dignity. The closing Rosary will be led by Archbishop Jerome Listekci on November 1st, The Feast of All Saints, concluding with their invocation through the Litany of the Saints. For more details on this statewide pro-life prayer initiative, visit diolc.org/live. May God's grace be poured out upon our state, our nation, and our world.

Schedule of Pro-Life Rosaries Sundays, 7:30-8:00 PM

Oct. 18 – Bishop David Laurin Ricken, Diocese of Green Bay. The link for this event is: www.facebook.com/events/456493581893298/

Oct. 25 – Bishop James Patrick Powers, Diocese of Superior. The link for this event is: www.facebook.com/events/3090558687738830/

Nov. 1 – Archbishop Jerome Edward Listekci, Archdiocese of Milwaukee. The link for this event is: www.facebook.com/events/334174457652808/

Battle Ready Rally with Doug Barry:

Be prepared to care for and protect your family in time of natural disaster, emergencies, civil unrest, economic collapse, etc. all in line with the Catholic church teaching. Thursday October 22 starting at 6:30 pm at St. James the Less Catholic Church 1032 Caledonia St, La Crosse.

Holiday Bazaar, St. Mary's, Caledonia

October 25, Online silent action bidding starts at Tuesday, October 20th at noon <https://www.churchofstmary.net/> Drive-thru meal \$10—roast beef, potatoes, gravy corn and dinner roll 11 AM 'til gone.

New Freedom Transportation Program Needs Drivers

Have some extra time? Volunteer drivers are needed to provide rides for people with disabilities and the elderly. You will receive 57.5 cents per mile. Please call for more information and to get an application: 1-800-228-3287 ask for Bobbi.

Internal Auditor/Staff Accountant

The Diocese of La Crosse is looking for a detailed, self-driven Internal Auditor/Staff Accountant to join our team! As our internal auditor, you will be assisting the financial operations of the parishes within the Diocese of La Crosse. Using agreed upon procedures, you will review operations, ensure the guidelines and procedures of the diocese are being followed within each parish, develop and recommend changes to standardized guidelines/procedures for parishes. In addition, you will assist the Diocesan Finance Officer with monthly and annual reporting, year-end audit, and cash receipts processing. For Further Information: <https://diolc.org/jobs>

Night in Peru at Casa Hogar - Virtually

Friday, November 6, 2020, 6:30 p.m. <https://www.homeajpm.org/events>
We hope you can join us for a night filled with music, Peruvian food, house tours and of course some international smiles during our Night in Peru! Follow along with the sights, smells and sounds of Casa Hogar. To make the evening even more interactive, register and check out the links on the webpage listed! Make your own Peruvian Dish with recipes from Casa Hogar. Test your knowledge with Peruvian Trivia for a chance to win and enjoy music from the children of Casa Hogar.

KIDS CORNER

Sing 2 the Lord... a math puzzle

Figure out the answers to the math questions and use the answers to find the right words to fill in the blanks in today's Psalm.

Sing to the _____ a new _____;
4+4=_____ 1+4=_____

_____ to the Lord, all you _____.
4+2=_____ 6+3=_____

Tell his _____ among the _____;
3+4=_____ 1+1=_____

among all _____,
2+1=_____

his wondrous _____.
2+2=_____

2 nations	6 sing
3 peoples	7 glory
4 deeds	8 Lord
5 song	9 lands

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

Virtual Baby Bottle Campaign!

Pro-Life Wisconsin's Helping Both Program fills the gap for families and gives hope to moms in crisis pregnancies. Your generosity provides the financial resources to continue supporting families in need.

Donate at: www.prolifewi.org/donate

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR WORLD MISSION DAY 2020

Here am I, send me (Is 6:8)

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I wish to express my gratitude to God for the commitment with which the Church throughout the world carried out the Extraordinary Missionary Month last October. I am convinced that it stimulated missionary conversion in many communities on the path indicated by the theme: "Baptized and Sent: the Church of Christ on Mission in the World".

In this year marked by the suffering and challenges created by the Covid-19 pandemic, the missionary journey of the whole Church continues in light of the words found in the account of the calling of the prophet Isaiah: "Here am I, send me" (6:8). This is the ever new response to the Lord's question: "Whom shall I send?" (ibid.). This invitation from God's merciful heart challenges both the Church and humanity as a whole in the current world crisis. "Like the disciples in the Gospel we were caught off guard by an unexpected, turbulent storm. We have realized that we are on the same boat, all of us fragile and disoriented, but at the same time important and needed, all of us called to row together, each of us in need of comforting the other. On this boat... are all of us. Just like those disciples, who spoke anxiously with one voice, saying 'We are perishing' (v. 38), so we too have realized that we cannot go on thinking of ourselves, but only together can we do this" (*Meditation in Saint Peter's Square*, 27 March 2020). We are indeed frightened, disoriented and afraid. Pain and death make us experience our human frailty, but at the same time remind us of our deep desire for life and liberation from evil. In this context, the call to mission, the invitation to step out of ourselves for love of God and neighbour presents itself as an opportunity for sharing, service and intercessory prayer. The mission that God entrusts to each one of us leads us from fear and introspection to a renewed realization that we find ourselves precisely when we give ourselves to others.

In the sacrifice of the cross, where the mission of Jesus is fully accomplished (cf. *Jn* 19:28-30), God shows us that his love is for each and every one of us (cf. *Jn* 19:26-27). He asks us to be personally willing to be sent, because he himself is Love, love that is always "on mission", always reaching out in order to give life. Out of his love for us, God the Father sent his Son Jesus (cf. *Jn* 3:16). Jesus is the Father's Missionary: his life and ministry reveal his total obedience to the Father's will (cf. *Jn* 4:34; 6:38; 8:12-30; *Heb* 10:5-10). Jesus, crucified and risen for us, draws us in turn into his mission of love, and with his Spirit which enlivens the Church, he makes us his disciples and sends us on a mission to the world and to its peoples.

"The mission, the 'Church on the move', is not a programme, an enterprise to be carried out by sheer force of will. It is Christ who makes the Church go out of herself. In the mission of evangelization, you move because the Holy Spirit pushes you, and carries you" (*Senza di Lui non possiamo fare nulla: Essere missionari oggi nel mondo. Una conversazione con Gianni Valente*, Libreria Editrice Vaticana: San Paolo, 2019, 16-17). God always loves us first and with this love comes to us and calls us. Our personal vocation comes from the fact that we are sons and daughters of God in the Church, his family, brothers and sisters in that love that Jesus has shown us. All, however, have a human dignity founded on the divine invitation to be children of God and to become, in the sacrament of Baptism and in the freedom of faith, what they have always been in the heart of God.

Life itself, as a gift freely received, is implicitly an invitation to this gift of self: it is a seed which, in the baptized, will blossom as a response of love in marriage or in virginity for the kingdom of

God. Human life is born of the love of God, grows in love and tends towards love. No one is excluded from the love of God, and in the holy sacrifice of Jesus his Son on the cross, God conquered sin and death (cf. *Rom* 8:31-39). For God, evil – even sin – becomes a challenge to respond with even greater love (cf. *Mt* 5:38-48; *Lk* 22:33-34). In the Paschal Mystery, divine mercy heals our wounded humanity and is poured out upon the whole universe. The Church, the universal sacrament of God's love for the world, continues the mission of Jesus in history and sends us everywhere so that, through our witness of faith and the proclamation of the Gospel, God may continue to manifest his love and in this way touch and transform hearts, minds, bodies, societies and cultures in every place and time.

Mission is a free and conscious response to God's call. Yet we discern this call only when we have a personal relationship of love with Jesus present in his Church. Let us ask ourselves: are we prepared to welcome the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives, to listen to the call to mission, whether in our life as married couples or as consecrated persons or those called to the ordained ministry, and in all the everyday events of life? Are we willing to be sent forth at any time or place to witness to our faith in God the merciful Father, to proclaim the Gospel of salvation in Jesus Christ, to share the divine life of the Holy Spirit by building up the Church? Are we, like Mary, the Mother of Jesus, ready to be completely at the service of God's will (cf. *Lk* 1:38)? This interior openness is essential if we are to say to God: "Here am I, Lord, send me" (cf. *Is* 6:8). And this, not in the abstract, but in this chapter of the life of the Church and of history.

Understanding what God is saying to us at this time of pandemic also represents a challenge for the Church's mission. Illness, suffering, fear and isolation challenge us. The poverty of those who die alone, the abandoned, those who have lost their jobs and income, the homeless and those who lack food challenge us. Being forced to observe social distancing and to stay at home invites us to rediscover that we need social relationships as well as our communal relationship with God. Far from increasing mistrust and indifference, this situation should make us even more attentive to our way of relating to others. And prayer, in which God touches and moves our hearts, should make us ever more open to the need of our brothers and sisters for dignity and freedom, as well as our responsibility to care for all creation. The impossibility of gathering as a Church to celebrate the Eucharist has led us to share the experience of the many Christian communities that cannot celebrate Mass every Sunday. In all of this, God's question: "Whom shall I send?" is addressed once more to us and awaits a generous and convincing response: "Here am I, send me!" (*Is* 6:8). God continues to look for those whom he can send forth into the world and to the nations to bear witness to his love, his deliverance from sin and death, his liberation from evil (cf. *Mt* 9:35-38; *Lk* 10:1-12).

The celebration of World Mission Day is also an occasion for reaffirming how prayer, reflection and the material help of your offerings are so many opportunities to participate actively in the mission of Jesus in his Church. The charity expressed in the collections that take place during the liturgical celebrations of the third Sunday of October is aimed at supporting the missionary work carried out in my name by the Pontifical Mission Societies, in order to meet the spiritual and material needs of peoples and Churches throughout the world, for the salvation of all.

May the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Star of Evangelization and Comforter of the Afflicted, missionary disciple of her Son Jesus, continue to intercede for us and sustain us.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 31 May 2020, Solemnity of Pentecost

Franciscus