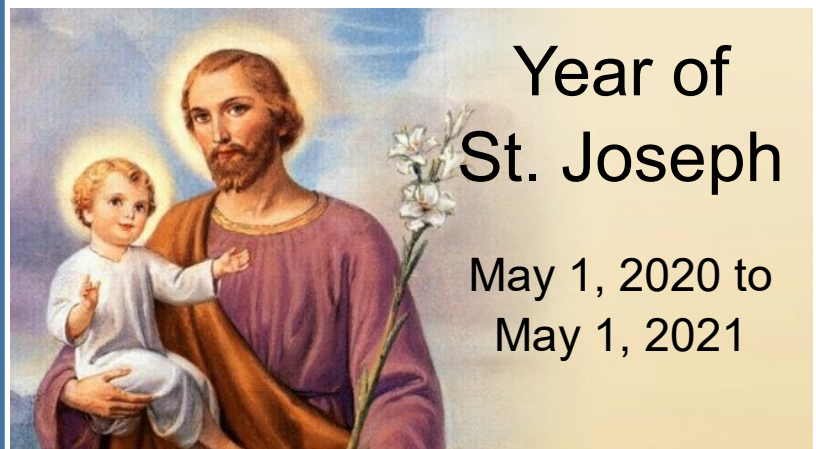


*November 15, 2020*



**PARISH INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY, November 14th**

*33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

-4:00pm Mass -†Terry and Darryl Miller

Ushers: Bob Kotek and Joe Shikonya

Lector: Bill Weber

**SUNDAY, November 15th**

*33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

-8:30am Mass -Our Parish Family

Ushers: Bill Patterson and Gary Hess

Lector: Darlene Hundt

**MONDAY, November 16th**

*St. Margaret of Scotland and St. Gertrude*

-5:30pm Mass -†John Mashak

**TUESDAY, November 17th**

*St. Elizabeth of Hungary*

-5:00 pm Adoration

-5:30pm Mass -†Ralph and Evelyn Mikshowsky

**THURSDAY, November 19th**

*Weekday*

-8:30am Mass -†Marian Roesler

**SATURDAY, November 21st**

*Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe*

-4:00pm Mass -†Shirlee Schams

Ushers: Andy Brown and Dave Brown

Lector: Teresa Brown

**SUNDAY, November 22nd**

*Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe*

-8:30am Mass -Miller Family

Ushers: Matt Servais and Marvin LeJeune

Lector: Sally Miller

**PARISH CALENDAR**

- **November 15** ~ Confirmation Class after Mass
- **November 18** ~ Religious Education Class, Grades 1-5 & 8 (6-7:00pm), grades 6,7 & 9 (7:15-8:30)
- **November 23-25** ~ **NO Mass**, Fr. Biju is on Retreat
- **November 26** ~ Thanksgiving Day, Mass 8:30 AM
- **November 25** ~ **NO Religious Education Class**, Thanksgiving week.
- **December 2** ~ Religious Education Class, Grades 1-5 & 8 (6-7:00pm), grades 6,7 & 9 (7:15-8:30)
- **December 8** ~ The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, *Holy Day of Obligation*
- **December 9** ~ Religious Education Class and Confessions. Grades 1-5 & 8 (6-7:00pm), grades 6, 7 & 9 (7:15-8:30)
- **December 16** ~ Religious Education Christmas Program and Party for all grades at 6:00 PM—Mandatory attendance

**Confessions**—Available by appointment.  
Please call or message Father directly.



**READINGS ~ Week of Nov. 15th**

Sunday: 1) Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 2) 1 Thess. 5:1-6  
3) Matthew 25:14-30  
Monday: 1) Revelation 1:1-4; 2:1-5 2) Luke 18:35-43  
Tuesday: 1) Revelation 3:1-6, 14-22 2) Luke 19:1-10  
Wednesday: 1) Revelation 4:1-11 2) Luke 19:11-28  
Thursday: 1) Revelation 5:1-10 2) Luke 19:41-44  
Friday: 1) Revelation 10:8-11 2) Luke 19:45-48  
Saturday: 1) Revelation 11:4-12 2) Luke 20:27-40  
Next Sunday: 1) Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 2) 1Corinthians 15:20-26, 28  
3) Matthew 25:31-46

**Mass Intentions**

We have openings for weekday intentions beginning Dec. 28, 2020, First Saturdays beginning Feb 6, 2021 and weekends beginning July 31, 2021. For questions contact the parish office 788-1646 or sjrp2601@gmail.com.



**GIFT'S RETURNED TO GOD**

Week of Nov 1st-182 envelope holders



Adult Env.(22 Rec'd): \$1610.00  
Offertory: \$110.25  
Christmas Flowers: \$25.00  
All Saints: \$20.00  
Mission Sunday: \$20.00

**Thank  
You!**

**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 St. Joseph Parish as your charity of choice.

**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).



**FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN**



**Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Hard to imagine that the Liturgical Year is coming to its close. The weekend gospel draws our attention to the end times. We hear the story of three servants who were entrusted with certain talents. Two of them were industrious. The one with five talents made another five; the one with two, another two. But the third one was afraid of losing in the game so he hid his talent away. He told his master "Master, I knew you were a demanding person...so out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground." The master trusted him while giving those talents but he did not. Thus, the one talent man stands center stage in the drama. The tragedy of the third servant in the parable is that, out of fear, he hid what had been entrusted to him, even though he had the ability to use it well.

Do you know that there are more one talent men and two talent men in the world than five talent men? The parable of the talents challenges us to do something positive, constructive and life-affirming with our talents here and now. We need to trust God enough to make use of the gifts and abilities we have been given. So, ask ourselves how we are using our particular gifts in the service of our Family, our Christian community, and the wider society. Can I see the bigger picture, God's picture while making use of my talents?

Soon, Thanksgiving Day will be here. This year Thanksgiving celebrations will be different for many families. Take time to appreciate and be grateful to the good God who has given us talents and life. We will be having Mass for Thanksgiving on Thursday morning November 26<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am at St Joseph Ridge. Before Thanksgiving Day, I will be in retreat from the 22nd to 25th. I will definitely keep all of you in my prayer.

Just this past week, the priests received a letter from Bishop Callahan giving permission to start masses on Christmas Eve as early as 2:00pm. This does give us some unique possibilities and in the very near future we will publish the schedule for Christmas. Please stay tuned.

Live Jesus,

Fr. Biju



**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**

**PARISH NEWS**

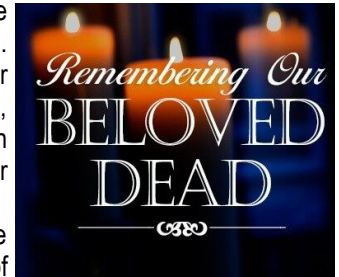
**New Lector Workbooks**

The workbooks for the new Liturgical Year have arrived. Lectors please pick up your copy in the Sacristy.

**Book of Remembrance in the month of November**

The permanent bound copy of the Book of Remembrance has arrived. If you would like to transfer your entry to the new book please do so, otherwise at the end of the month the names in the temporary binder will be transferred for you.

If you have not already done so, you may record the name(s) of loved one(s) who have passed into the Book of Remembrance. Everyone is invited to pray for them. The Book of Remembrance is located in the back of the church next to our Book of Prayer.



**2021 Parish Calendar**

The St. Joseph 2021 calendars are now available for pickup in the back of church. These beautiful calendars contain liturgical dates and Holy Days.



WE ARE THE DIOCESE	Diocesan Annual Appeal 2020-2021		
	11/13/2020	Total Pledged	Total Payments
	Pledged/Received	\$9,085.00	\$9,085.00
	Target Amount	\$20,615.00	\$20,615.00
	<b>Under Target</b>	<b>(\$11,530.00)</b>	<b>(\$11,530.00)</b>
	Number of families contributing: 21		
	Percent goal pledged: 44.07%/Received: 44.07%		

**The Importance of Thanksgiving**

During this season of Thanksgiving, let us become more aware, throughout each day, of the things for which we can be thankful, even in the midst of difficult circumstances. The following Scripture passages help us to know how to express our gratitude to God. Take a minute to stop and read these Bible verses aloud as you think about all the ways God has blessed you this past year!



- "And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him" (Colossians 3:17).
- "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:6-7).
- "Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever!" (Psalm 107:1).

## DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS

### 39th Annual La Crosse Community Thanksgiving Dinner

The **Festival of Sharing** - Annual Thanksgiving Dinner has been approved by the Health Department. Volunteers are needed to make this dinner possible. If you would like to help out or want more information on the dinner, please visit: <http://www.laxthanksgivingdinner.com>.

### We are gearing up for the 2021-22 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.aquinasatholicschools.org](http://www.aquinasatholicschools.org) or contact us at (608) 784-8585.

### How does God speak to me?

Have you ever wondered how God may be speaking to you? Perhaps you are waiting to hear a loud, booming voice come from the heavens to tell you what to do or which way to go. While this isn't completely out of the question, often God takes a much subtler approach. In 1 Kings, we have the account of the Prophet Elijah standing at the entrance of a cave, waiting for the Lord to appear. As he waits, he encounters a strong, violent wind, a powerful earthquake, and a consuming fire, yet God was not revealing Himself in any of those powerful examples. Finally, as Elijah waited, he heard a soft, quiet whisper. At that, he knelt to the ground and prayed. God often speaks to us, not in grand and impressive ways, but in the silence. When we can still our hearts, that's when we begin to hear His voice, calling us into relationship and to follow Him. Sometimes that invitation is to follow the Lord as one who lovingly serves others in the priesthood. If you or someone you know is interested in discovering more about this call to the priesthood, please contact me at: Fr. Nate Kuhn, Director of Vocational Recruitment for the Diocese of La Crosse, 3710 East Ave. S. PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602; or by phone at: 608.791.2667. God bless you!

### First Saturday Devotions

First Saturday Devotions are starting again at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Join us 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.



## KIDS CORNER

### 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time November 15th, 2020



*The first man here received five talents. The second received two and the third man one. When the master returned, how many did each man have? Colour them this way to find out:*



Colour the coins with faces gold.



Colour the coins with letters silver.



Colour the coin with dots bronze.

Answer: The first man had ten, the second had four and the third had one.

### 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)