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November 22, 2020

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

First Saturday Mass.....8:30am
Monday5:30pm
Tuesday.....Adoration5:00 pm
 Mass..... 5:30pm
Thursday.....8:30am

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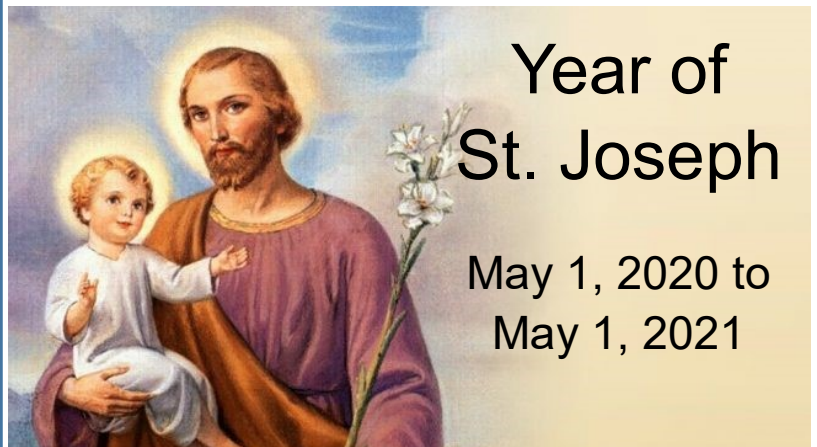
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- Joining the Parish
- Weddings or Baptisms
- Anointing of the sick (**also call Fr. Biju cell phone**)
- If you are home-bound & would like to be visited



“And the king will say to them in reply, ‘Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.’” - Mt 25:40



PARISH INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, November 23rd

St. Clement I, St Columban, Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro

-5:30pm Mass - NO MASS

TUESDAY, November 24th

St. Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions

-5:00 pm NO Adoration

-5:30pm Mass - NO MASS

THURSDAY, November 26th

Thanksgiving Day

-8:30am Mass -†George and Evelyn Miller

SATURDAY, November 28th

First Sunday of Advent

-4:00pm Mass -†Robert, Alice, Billy and Patty Silha

Ushers: Larry Mikshowsky and Rick Mikshowsky

Lector: Paula Silha

SUNDAY, November 29th

First Sunday of Advent

-8:30am Mass -Our Parish Family

Ushers: Jameson Rogala and Steve Miller

Lector: Jim Weber

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).

PARISH CALENDAR

- **November 23-25 ~ NO Mass**, Fr. Biju is on Retreat
- **November 25 ~ NO Religious Education Class**, Happy Thanksgiving!
- **November 26 ~ Thanksgiving Day Mass - 8:30 AM**
- **December 2 ~ Confessions** offered for all, beginning at 6 PM, additional priest will assist
- **December 2 ~ Religious Ed Class and confessions**
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 Ed Class and confessions**
Grades 1-5 & 8 (6-7:00pm), grades 6,7 & 9 (7:15-8:30)
- **December 23 ~ NO Religious Education Class**
- **December 24 ~ Christmas Eve Mass: 4 PM & 7 PM**

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



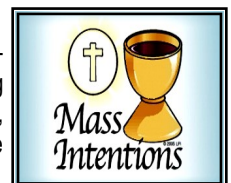
GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD.
In Everything Give Thanks!



Diocesan Annual Appeal 2020-2021		
11/13/2020	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Received	\$10,505.00	\$10,110.00
Target Amount	\$20,615.00	\$20,615.00
Under Target	(\$10,110.00)	(\$10,505.00)
Number of families contributing: 26		
Percent goal pledged: 49.04%/Received: 46.98%		

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 15th-182 envelope holder



Adult Env.(22 Rec'd): \$2227.00
 Offertory: \$106.00
 Votive Lights: \$48.25
 Christmas Flowers: \$100.00
 Book Donation: \$2.00

Thank You!

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN



Solemnity of Christ, the King of the Universe

Happy Feast to everyone. Today is the last Sunday of the liturgical year; the solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Originally, the feast of "Christ the King" was established in 1925 by Pope Pius XI. Next Sunday, November 29, we begin a new Church year with the season of Advent. We will see the purple of Advent, which is used to remind ourselves to prepare for the coming season of Christmas.

Today's Gospel is a culmination of themes that we have read in Mathew over the past few months: ethical actions, final judgements, rewards and punishments. Jesus shares the vision of the final judgement, describing himself as a king sitting on a throne. He is like a shepherd separating sheep and goats. Jesus groups people based on how they lived their lives. "Sheep" show love and concern for others. They feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, cloth the naked, care for the sick and visit the imprisoned. Acts of compassion in corporal works of mercy. "Goats" do the opposite, ignoring the people. Each group is judged for their actions or inactions. The final judgement reminds us that Christ is the king who is present amidst us among the poor, immigrants, sick, and imprisoned.

In Jesus we have a king who teaches us to love the other. To reach out to the other with compassion and we are judged on our acts of kindness done or ignored. To see in the other the face of God. As we come to the close of our liturgical year the Church encourages us that beginning from tomorrow, the days before Thanksgiving, be set aside for deeds of charity, for penance, and for prayers for economic justice. Remember the words of Jesus 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.' It is how we follow our King.

Wish you Happy Thanksgiving.

Live Jesus, Fr. Biju



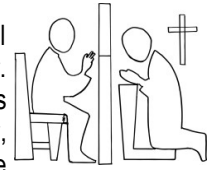
St. Peters, Middle Ridge

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

Advent Confession Opportunities

The Cathedral will not be holding their annual Advent open confession day this year. However, Fr. Biju will be offering Confessions here at St. Joseph Parish on Wednesday, December 2nd beginning at 6 PM with the assistance of another priest. There will be a second opportunity on December 16th at St. Peter Parish from 6-9 PM.



Word Among Us Booklets—Advent Issue

The beautiful Advent issue is here with daily meditations beginning on November 29th. Feel free to take a copy home with you today.

Christmas Mass—Liturgical Ministries Volunteers

We are offering 3 Mass times for Christmas this year. 4 PM and 7 PM on Christmas Eve and 8:30 AM on Christmas Day. If you are able to be a Eucharistic Minister, usher or lector, please call Teresa Brown at 608-787-0883 or email her at: dbrown039@centurytel.net to schedule a time.

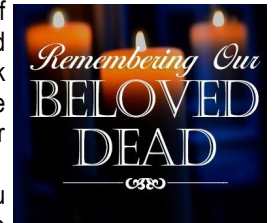
New Lector Workbooks

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.

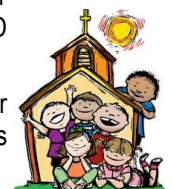


RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

At this time, classes will continue as scheduled, with proper social distancing in place.

Absences—parents, as a courtesy, please contact Teresa Brown or your child's teacher if the student is going to be absent. Teachers are volunteer and their time and effort to prepare lessons is invaluable. However, we understand that absences occur, please do not send your child if they are not feeling well or under quarantine due to contact with a COVID positive person.

Unfortunately, with the rise in COVID cases, for everyone's safety, the Christmas Program for this year has been canceled.



DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS



Advent Parish Mission

Prepare for the Birth of the Christ Child through the eyes of St. Joseph. See today's insert for details about the four presentations, one each week of Advent or visit diolc.org/advent

La Crosse Warming Center

This year has seen a lot of unexpected expenses - change in location, increased 2019-2020 season - increased staffing hours. We need your support. Please donate to our Homeless for the Holidays Appeal. Your donation will stay in this community, providing service to those who are experiencing homelessness! Our item wish list includes: Four Slice Toaster, Backpacks, Bottled Water, Breakfast & Soft Granola Bars, Winter/Waterproof Gloves & Boots, Hand & Foot Warmers, Cleaning Supplies, Men's & Women's New Underwear, Fruit and Applesauce Cups, Men's & Women's Thermal Underwear (Tops and Bottoms), Creamer/Sugar, Laundry Soap/Dryer Sheets. sVolunteers are needed also. Check us out at www.cclse.org or call 888-212-4357.

39th Annual La Crosse Community Thanksgiving Dinner

The **Festival of Sharing** - Annual Thanksgiving Dinner has been approved by the Health Department. Meals this year will be served on Thanksgiving Day from 11 AM to 2 PM for pickup at the La Crosse Center or deliver. To signup for delivery visit: <http://www.laxthanksgivingdinner.com>.

Cookie Walk

Holy Trinity Parish, 1333 SO 13th Street, La Crosse, will host a COOKIE WALK on Saturday, December 12 from 8:00 a.m.-Noon in Leo Hall. Boxed Christmas Cookies will sell for \$7 per pound. Cut-out Cookie Kits (1 dozen cookies, frosting, and sprinkles) will be available for \$10. Questions call Bonnie at 608-519-3016

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!

KIDS CORNER



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What does God say about His people in the first reading?
Use the code to find out some of what He said.

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Answer: I myself will pasture them.



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

ADVENT PARISH MISSION

Preparing for the Birth of the Christ Child through the Eyes of St. Joseph.

There will be four presentations, one for each week of Advent.

The length of the talks will be roughly 30-40 minutes and discussion questions will be provided. The purpose of the Parish Mission is to bring parishioners together to prepare for Christmas and to strengthen the community.

The title and presenter for each of the four weeks of Advent.

Week 1

St. Joseph: The Man Selected by God to be Closest to Mary and to Jesus.

– Msgr. Joseph Diermeier

Week 2

Joseph and Mary:
A Holy Love Story

– Msgr. Joseph Hirsch

Week 3

That Holy Night,
through Joseph's Eyes

– Fr. Woodrow Pace

Week 4

"Joseph, Son of David...You are
to Give Him the Name Jesus"

– Bishop William Patrick Callahan

Date: Sunday, Nov. 29; Dec. 6, 13, 20

Time: 7:00 PM

To view online please visit: diolc.org/advent

