

January 10, 2021

Diocese of
La Crosse

PARISH INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, January 9th

The Baptism of the Lord

-4:00pm Mass -†Thomas McGowan

Lector: Volunteer

Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, January 10th

The Baptism of the Lord

-8:30am Mass -Our Parish Family

Lector: Volunteer

Ushers: Volunteers

MONDAY, January 11th

First Week of Ordinary Time

-5:30pm Mass -†

TUESDAY, January 12th

Weekday

-5:00 pm Adoration

-5:30pm Mass -†Deceased members of the Philip

Hess, Sr. Family

THURSDAY, January 14th

Weekday

-5:30 PM Mass -†Caroline Martin and Caroline Dwyer

SATURDAY, January 16th

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

Lector: Volunteer

Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, January 17th

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

-8:30am Mass -†Alvina and Ike Clements

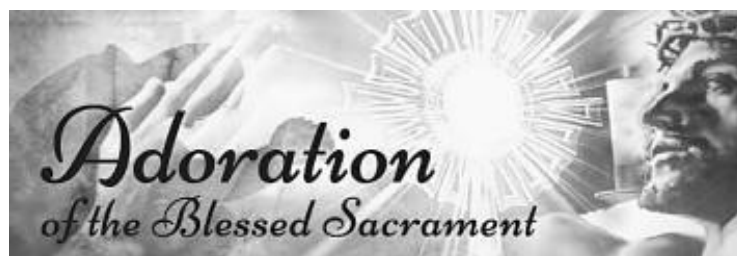
Lector: Volunteer

Ushers: Volunteers

PARISH CALENDAR

- **January 11** ~ PCCW Meeting 6:30 PM in School Hall, all women of parish are welcome
- **January 12** ~ Finance Council Meeting, 7 PM
- **January 13** ~ Religious Education Class, Grades 1-5 & 8 (6-7:00pm), grades 6,7 & 9 (7:15-8:30)
- **January 20** ~ Religious Education Class, Grades 1-5 & 8 (6-7:00pm), grades 6,7 & 9 (7:15-8:30)
- **January 27** ~ Religious Education Class, Grades 1-5 & 8 (6-7:00pm), grades 6,7 & 9 (7:15-8:30)
- **February 3** ~ Religious Education Class, Grades 1-5 & 8 (6-7:00pm), grades 6,7 & 9 (7:15-8:30)
- **February 10** ~ Religious Education Class, Grades 1-5 & 8 (6-7:00pm), grades 6,7 & 9 (7:15-8:30)
- **February 17** ~ **ASH Wednesday Mass 6:00 PM**, Religious Education Students mandatory attendance, no regular classes

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



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held each Tuesday from 5:00pm until Mass at 5:30pm.

HIS CHURCH
IS STILL HERE † IT STILL PROVIDES
IS YOU AND ME



Diocesan Annual Appeal 2020-2021		
1/8/2021	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Received	\$15,145.00	\$14,335.00
Target Amount	\$20,615.00	\$20,615.00
Under Target	(\$5,470.00)	(\$6,280.00)
Number of families contributing: 50		
Percent goal pledged: 73.47%/Received: 69.54%		

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.

GIFT'S RETURNED TO GOD

Week of Jan 3rd-182 envelope holders



Mass Intentions

We have openings for weekday intentions beginning Jan. 18 and First Saturdays, 8:30 AM beginning Feb 6. Saturday, 4:00 PM and Sunday, 8:30 AM Masses in 2021 are fully booked. For questions contact the parish office 788-1646 or sjrp2601@gmail.com.



Adult Env.(27 Rec'd):	\$781.00
Offertory:	\$104.00
Solemnity Env.(8):	\$155.00
Solemnity Offertory:	\$50.00
Initial Offering(5):	\$8.00
Easter Flowers(1):	\$50.00
CCHD(1) :	\$10.00

Thank You!

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN



The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

On this second Sunday of the New Year 2021 we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. As we celebrate this feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we also come to the completion of the Christmas season. We will return to green vestments and Ordinary Time tomorrow, Monday, January 11. The next change of seasons in the Church will be the beginning of Lent on February 17, Ash Wednesday.

Jesus didn't need to be baptized. But He descended into the river to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. Baptism makes us children of God. Today, the celebration of the feast reminds us of our own baptism. Many of the incidents which accompanied Christ's baptism are symbolical of what happened at our baptism. At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His baptism, Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our baptism we become the adopted sons of God.

Becoming a Catholic, being faithful to Jesus Christ, living the Commandments of loving God and neighbor is not accomplished by the mere pouring of the baptismal water. Baptism only begins a life-long task of growing in faith and love of God and neighbor. As we celebrate the feast of the baptism of the Lord, we are asked by the Church to reflect on how we might live our baptismal call each and every day of our life.



Live Jesus, Fr. Biju



PARISH NEWS

Census/Registration Update Coming Soon

At the end of January you will receive in the mail a census/registration update form. We will post in the bulletin when the forms are sent, please update and return in the envelope that will be provided. Thank you for your cooperation.

Christ Our Cornerstone Campaign

This weekend we bring to your attention the Christ Our Cornerstone campaign to restore the steeple and facilitate other restorations to our beloved St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral. The impact of the Cathedral is diocesan wide and beyond and stands as the iconic cornerstone of our faith which radiates as a place of prayer and worship to all our people. This structure, our faith in stone, was gifted to us by the hard work and sacrifices of generations past. It is now our time, our turn to honor our faithful patron St. Joseph the Workman and preserve this historic and magnificent Cathedral. In an unprecedented act of generosity, St. Ambrose Financial Services has offered to match \$2 for every \$1 generously pledged to this initiative up to \$3 million. That doesn't just double your gift to the Cathedral, it triples it!

Informational flyers with donation options may be found in the back of church or pledges can be made online at <https://cathedralsjworkman.org/cornerstone/> We thank you for your kind assistance in this historic endeavor. It is only together as one that we can truly do great things!

What is Liturgy?

The word "liturgy" comes from the Greek "leitourgia" meaning "a work on behalf of the people." Essentially it refers to the public, communal and official worship of the church. It is public, as a sign of our faith to the local community. It is communal, which means it isn't a prayer you do alone. It is official, which means the Church governs it. So an individual person does not invent liturgy.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church says: "The liturgy is the celebration of the mystery of Christ and in particular his paschal mystery. Through the exercise of the priestly office of Jesus Christ the liturgy manifests in signs and brings about the sanctification of humankind. The public worship which is due to God is offered by the Mystical Body of Christ, that is, by its head and by its members". It is Christ, therefore, who, on our behalf, is the primary priest of the Mass; he is the one who baptizes, who confirms, who ordains, who anoints, and who continues to pray the psalms as he did on earth. Our public worship is through Christ, with Christ and in Christ. He is the "minister (leitourgos) in the sanctuary and the true tent which is set up not by man but by the Lord" (Heb 8:2).

DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS

Speaker Series – January 7th

Dr. Petroc Willey will be speaking on the six ways that Christ is to be the center of all teaching, which is called Christocentricity. Petroc does this by way of Sacred Art. Dr. Willey is a gifted speaker, who makes everything understandable. He is a Director of the Catechetical Institute and a Professor of Catechetics. Further, he is a consultant for the Pontifical Council for the New Evangelization. This presentation will be well worth your time, and will give you a spiritual lift in the Christmas Season. There is no cost for the ZOOM presentation on Thursday, January 7th, 2-3 p.m., but registration is necessary. Send an email to Paula at pboyle@diolc.org All are welcome.

Thank You for Supporting your Church:

Thank you for continuing to make contributions to the Church. We cannot survive without your generous support!

- 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 Road 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).

DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS cont.

KIDS CORNER

Diaconate Discernment Retreat

Are you a man at least 35 years of age who feels a yearning to give yourself more radically to the service of God and the Church – preaching the Gospel, serving those in need, assisting at the altar? If you think God may be calling you to be a deacon, talk to your pastor about attending the Diaconate Discernment Retreat at St. Mary's Church in Altoona on February 27th, 2021. Then contact Deacon Bryan Hilts, Director of the Office for the Diaconate at bhilts@diolc.org. A new deacon formation class will begin in the fall of 2021 and attendance at the Discernment Retreat is a prerequisite.

January 30 – Pro-Life Virtual Afternoon of Reflection: "Walking with Mom's in Need" Some people accuse pro-lifers of caring only about the child in the womb and not women in need. Not true at all, as you will see from this virtual afternoon of reflection on January 30, 2021, with keynote speaker Bob Perron, Executive Director of JMJ Pregnancy Center in Orlando, FL. You will also hear about the fourteen Pregnancy Care Centers in the Diocese of La Crosse and what you can do to help one near you. More details coming soon!

March for Life – Jan. 29 in Washington, D.C. While the Diocese of La Crosse is not taking pilgrims to the March for Life this year, you can choose to participate in the March for Life in Washington, D.C. on Jan. 29. For more information, visit <https://www.prolifewi.org/marchforlife>.

Marriage Preparation Retreats

The La Crosse Deanery, which consists of 14 area parishes, will be offering Married Love: Two Becoming One, a marriage preparation retreat for engaged couples, on February 6, April 24, and July 10, 2021. These retreats will take place at Mary Mother of the Church Parish in La Crosse. Couples must register at least one month prior to the retreat. To register for a retreat, please email Mari at mnerickson95@gmail.com or leave a voice message at 608-518-7655.

Overcoming Challenges with Grit and Grace (Via Zoom)

January 16 • Saturday, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Presenters: Kao Kalia Yang, Lisa McCormick, Carolyn Bostrack and Sarah Johnson Investment: \$50. Featuring keynote speaker Kao Kalia Yang. This virtual retreat day also will include talks by three local women. Note: This event was rescheduled because of COVID-19. Previous registrations will be honored. If this new date doesn't work for you, please call 608-791-5295 to request a refund or to gift your registration to a friend.

Virtual Poetry Café (via zoom)

February 25 • Thursday, 6:30-8 p.m. Facilitator: Sarah Hennessey, FSPA Investment: \$5 Registration deadline: February 24 Bring your beverage of choice and your favorite poetry, either written by you or by another author, for a time of sharing and reflection. During this dark time of winter, poetry can bring a little light and hope

The Servant of God

*In today's first reading we hear about
God's faithful servant. Who is He?*

Use the words from the list to fill in the blanks. Then use the first letter of each word to fill in the blanks at the end!

Behold my servant, whom I ④ _____, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my ⑤ _____ upon him, he will bring forth ① _____ to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it ⑦ _____ in the ⑩ _____; a bruised ⑧ _____ he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not fail or be discouraged till he has established justice ⑨ _____ the ② _____; and the coastlands wait for his law. "I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have ⑪ _____ you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a ⑥ _____ to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who ③ _____ in darkness.

SPIRIT HEARD
IN TAKEN
REED JUSTICE
SIT UPHOLD
EARTH STREET
COVENANT



The Faithful Servant is:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11

Answers: 1. justice 2. earth 3. sit 4. uphold 5. spirit 6. covenant 7. heard 8. reed 9. in 10. street 11. taken

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.
- For those fighting cancer, especially members of our parish.
- 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

