



**PARISH INTENTIONS**

**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

**MONDAY, January 18th**

Weekday—Martin Luther Kin, Jr. Birthday (Observed)

-5:30pm Mass -†Jim Malin

**TUESDAY, January 19th**

Weekday

-5:00 pm Adoration

-5:30pm Mass -†Cecilia Robinson

**THURSDAY, January 21st**

St. Agnes

-8:30am Mass -†Ralph and Evelyn Mikshowsky

**SATURDAY, January 23rd**

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

-4:00pm Mass -Our Parish Family

Lector: Volunteer

Ushers: Volunteers

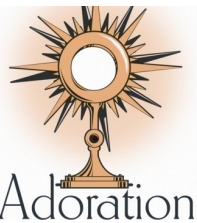
**SUNDAY, January 24th**

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

-8:30am Mass -†Joe Murphy

Lector: Volunteer

Ushers: Volunteers



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

**PARISH CALENDAR**

- **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 6/7** ~ World Day for Consecrated Life Celebrated
- **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, no regular classes
- **February 24** ~ Religious Education Class, Grades 1-5 & 8 (6-7:00pm), grades 6,7 & 9 (7:15-8:30)
- **March 3** ~ Religious Education Class, Grades 1-5 & 8 (6-7:00pm), grades 6,7 & 9 (7:15-8:30)

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



**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 10th—82 envelope holders



Adult Env.(24 Rec'd): \$1009.00  
 Offertory: \$105.00  
 Votive Lights: \$61.30  
 Initial Offering(1): \$2.00

**Thank  
You!**

WE ARE THE DIOCESE	<b>DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2020-2021</b>		
	1/15/2021	Total Pledged	Total Payments
	Pledged/Received	\$15,945.00	\$15,235.00
	Target Amount	\$20,615.00	\$20,615.00
	<b>Under Target</b>	<b>(\$4,670.00)</b>	<b>(\$5,380.00)</b>
	Number of families contributing: 52		
Percent goal pledged: 77.35%/Received: 73.9%			

**Mass Intentions**

We have openings for weekday intentions beginning Feb.1 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.

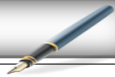


**Donations:**

Thank you for your continued generosity! Here are some ways to contribute:

- 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).

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN



BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD

Our Christmas celebration and the Christmas season are over, and we begin the Ordinary Time in Liturgy. This Sunday we hear St. John saying "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." John's vocation was to show the world the "Lamb of God." The two disciples of John heard what he said and followed Jesus. To their question, "Where are you staying?" Jesus tells them, "Come, and you will see." "Come and see..." it's a "vocation" –a call from God. This is a call to know Him more. This is the call which He has addressed to every one of us. Come and see, also know Him. It calls for a personal experience of Jesus as our Lord and Savior. How do we find it in our daily lives is a question for every follower of Christ? Go back to Bible where we will find Him speak. Our personal and family prayers, and our active participation in the Eucharistic celebration, through our brothers and sisters, many other ways unknown to us, He still comes to us even today.

As we begin the New Year 2021, there are a number of important events to remember. January marks the 158th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation signed by President Abraham Lincoln in 1863. On Monday, January 18 is a national holiday as we celebrate the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Wednesday, January 20 we will inaugurate our 46th President of the USA, Mr. Joe Biden. Let's remember to keep all our elected national, state and local government politicians in our prayers and not hesitate to remind them to work for the good of all people. Friday, January 22 has been designated, by the US Bishops' Conference as a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. January 22 is the 48th anniversary of the decision of the US Supreme Court regarding the legality of abortion. As Catholics we are called by our faith and belief in Jesus Christ to promote respect for all of life from conception to natural death. On January 24<sup>th</sup> we celebrate the Feast of St. Francis de Sales known as "The Gentleman Saint." He was born in Thorens of the Savoy region of France on August 21, 1567. He is the patron saint of writers and journalists. Also, the patron saint of Missionaries of St Francis de Sales to which I belong. So please keep us in your prayers, too.

Have a good week. Live Jesus, Fr. Biju

Christ Our Cornerstone Campaign

Steeple repair and other restorations to our beloved St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral are needed. 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!

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Census/Registration Update

With your contribution statement, all registered members, will receive a census/registration update form. Please update and return in the envelope that will be provided. Additional information and instructions about the form will be included. If you did not make a contribution in 2020 the census will be mailed to you. Thank you for your cooperation.

2020 Contribution Statements

Contribution statements will be available next weekend for pickup in the back of church, along with your Registration Update form. Any remaining statements will be mailed out on Friday, January 29th. If you do not feel comfortable attending Mass, feel free to pick up your statement during open prayer time. Thank you.

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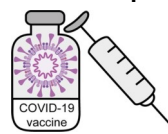
The Diocesan "Year of St. Joseph" has been extended to December 8, 2021

With the Apostolic Letter *Patris corde* ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis has proclaimed a "Year of Saint Joseph" from 8 December 2020, to 8 December 2021. This year recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. The Holy Father wrote *Patris corde* against the backdrop of the Covid-19 pandemic, which, he says, has helped us see more clearly the importance of "ordinary" people who, though far from the limelight, exercise patience and offer hope every day. In this, they resemble Saint Joseph, "the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence," who nonetheless played "an incomparable role in the history of salvation." For more visit: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2020-12/pope-francis-proclaims-year-of-st-joseph.html>



U.S. Bishops' Statement on Ethics of COVID-19 Vaccines

There are three COVID-19 vaccines that are either currently available (right now only for "emergency use"), or likely to be available in the coming months. They are from Pfizer, Moderna, and AstraZeneca. Neither Pfizer nor Moderna used morally compromised cell lines in producing the vaccine. A confirmatory test, however, employing the commonly used, but morally compromised HEK293 cell line (from kidney cells taken from an aborted child in the Netherlands in 1972) was performed on both vaccines. Thus, while neither vaccine is completely free from any connection to morally compromised cell lines, in this case the connection is very remote from the initial evil of the abortion. The AstraZeneca vaccine is more morally compromised. The HEK293 cell line was used in the design, development, and production stages of that vaccine, as well as for confirmatory testing. Where possible, then, the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are to be used instead. Where that is not possible or would mean significant delay, the AstraZeneca vaccine may be used, in the same way that the Rubella vaccine is used because there is no alternative. To read the full statement on the vaccines, visit [usccb.org/moral-considerations-covid-vaccines](https://usccb.org/moral-considerations-covid-vaccines)



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 –

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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.

First Saturday Devotions

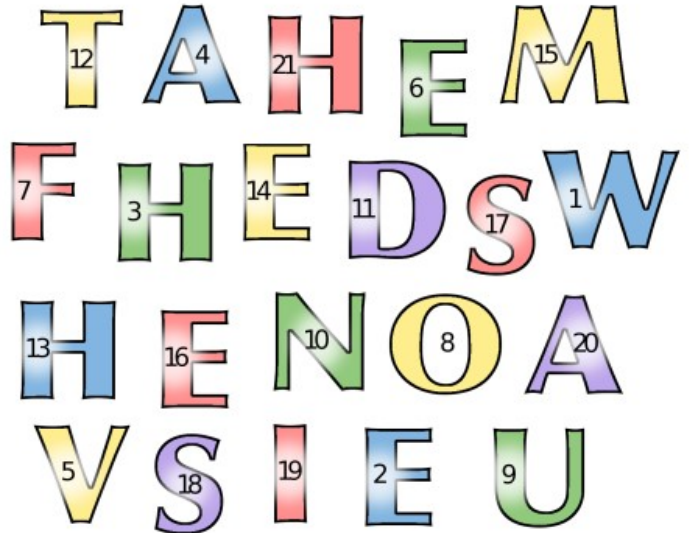
Please join us in observing First Saturday Devotions, as Our Lady requested at Fatima. These devotions will take place on Saturday, February 6, 2021, at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse. Devotions will begin at 11:15 a.m. in the Shrine Church with a meditation given by one of the Friars of the Immaculate on one of the mysteries of the Holy Rosary. This will be 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. We hope that you can take part in these special devotions, as requested by Our Lady at Fatima, to obtain peace for the world.

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!

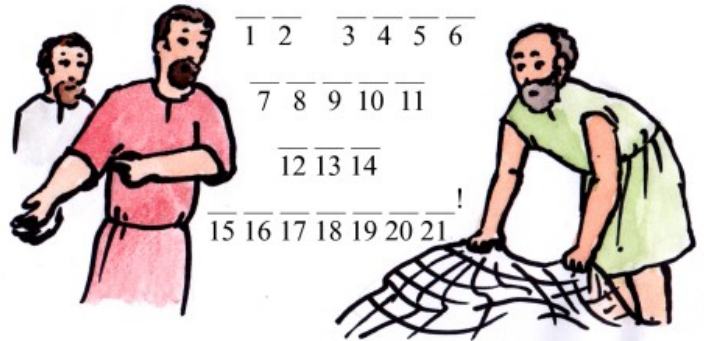
Marriage Preparation Retreats

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.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 17th, 2021



What did Andrew say to his brother Simon in today's Gospel reading? Fill the spaces with the letters in the right order to find out!



Answer: We have found the Messiah!

DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING INSTANCES OF CHILD ABUSE

The Diocese of La Crosse, through its policies and procedures, seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor or volunteer). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Mrs. Karen Becker, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Becker at 608.791.0179 or intakeagent@diolc.org. The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at: diolc.org/safeenvironment/reporting. Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local parish and on the diocesan website. If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, please contact Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at 608.791.2679 or tbrown@diolc.org.



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