

St. Joseph Ridge Parish

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March 14, 2021

PASTOR

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

(limited capacity 70 persons)

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

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

First Saturday Mass.....8:30am
Monday.....5:30pm
Tuesday.....Adoration.....5:00 pm
 Mass.....5:30pm
Thursday.....8:30am

CONFESSIONS

By appointment only

PARISH OFFICE

Amy Stafliien, Admin. Assist.....608-788-1646
Bulletin deadline:.....Wednesday
sjrp2601@gmail.com
Open most Tuesdays and Fridays

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Teresa Brown, Coordinator.....608-787-0883
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PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Mary Jo Hess (Secretary), Terry Dickman, Dave
Brown (B&G and Cemetery Rep), Barb Braun and
Dan Steiger

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Dave Brown (B&G and Cemetery Rep),
Teresa Brown (RE Rep), Lori Clements (PCCW Rep),
Stan Clements, Ann Degenhardt,
Terry Dickman (Finance Council Rep),
Bob Kotek, and Bill Weber (Secretary)

PCCW - Parish Council of Catholic Women

Lori Clements (President), Mary Jo Hess (Treasurer),
Jill Murphy (Secretary)

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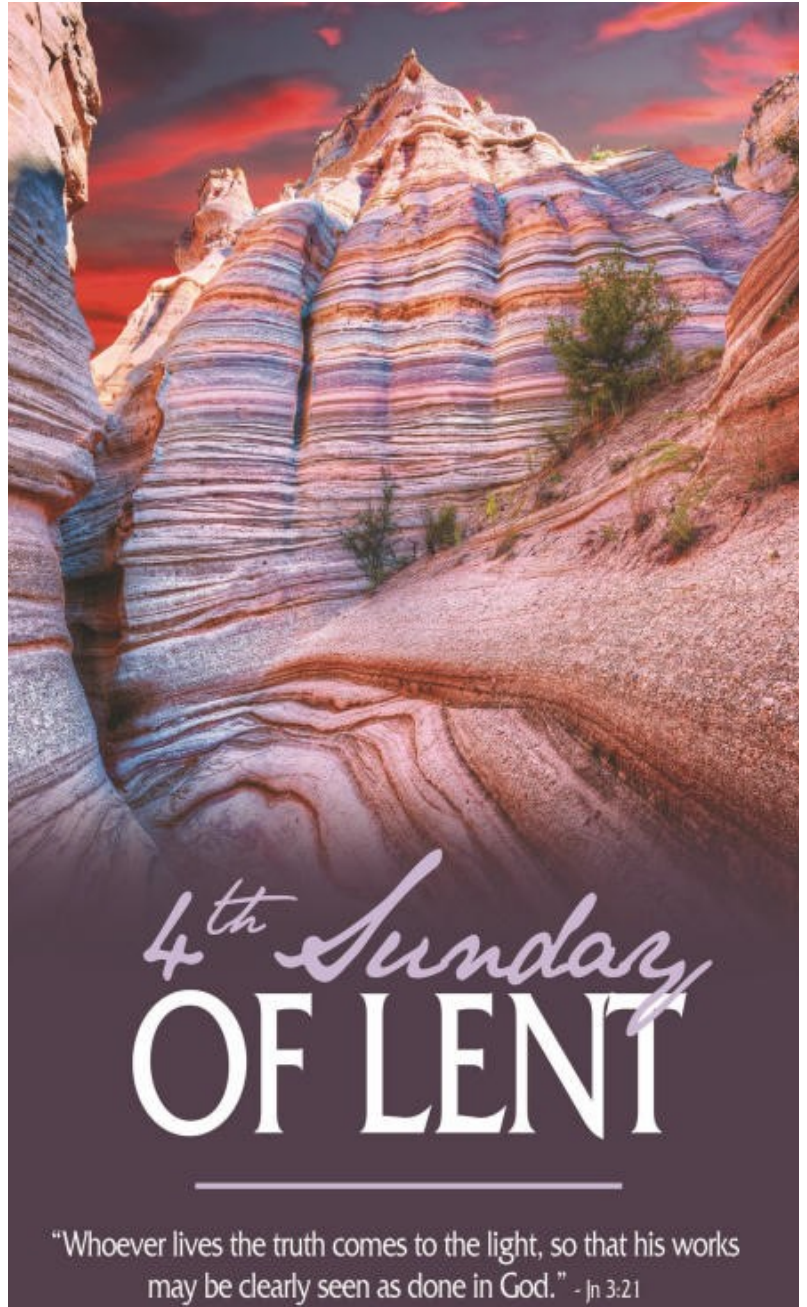
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Leland Gregorich, Accompanist

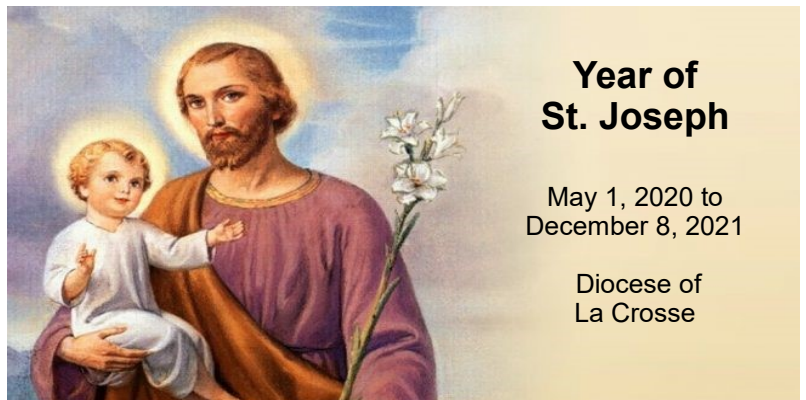
CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR:

- 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



4th Sunday
OF LENT

“Whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works
may be clearly seen as done in God.” - Jn 3:21



**Year of
St. Joseph**

May 1, 2020 to
December 8, 2021

Diocese of
La Crosse

PARISH INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, March 13th

4th Sunday of Lent

-4:00pm Mass -†Earl Martin

Lector: Volunteer Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, March 14th

3rd Sunday of Lent

-8:30am Mass -Our Parish Family

Lector: Volunteer Ushers: Volunteers

MONDAY, March 15th

Weekday

-5:30pm Mass -†Michael Brown

TUESDAY, March 16th

Weekday

-5:00 pm Adoration

-5:30pm Mass -Al Antony Family

THURSDAY, March 18th

St. Cyril of Jerusalem

-8:30am Mass -†Joan Urbanek

SATURDAY, March 20th

5th Sunday of Lent

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

Lector: Volunteer Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, March 21st

5th Sunday of Lent

-8:30am Mass -†Arnold and Jean Meyers

Lector: Volunteer Ushers: Volunteers

PARISH CALENDAR

- **March 13/14** ~ Blest Art to visit the Parish
- **March 14** ~ Daylight Saving-turn clock ahead, 2 AM
- **March 19-24** ~ Amy will be out of the office for admin needs, please contact Fr. Biju.
- **March 23** ~ Finance Council Meeting, 7 PM
- **March 24** ~ Religious Education Class and Grades 1-5 & 8 (6-7:00pm), grades 6,7 & 9 (7:15-8:30) **Confessions 6-9:00 PM**
- **March 31** ~ NO Religious Ed Class, Holy Week Confessions at St. Peter Parish, 6-9:00 PM
- **April 1** ~ *Holy Thursday, 7:00 PM*
- **April 2** ~ *Good Friday, 3:00 PM*
- **April 3** ~ *Holy Saturday, 8:30 PM*
- **April 4** ~ *Easter Sunday, 8:30 AM*
- **April 7** ~ Religious Education Class Grades 1-5 & 8 (6-7:00pm), grades 6,7 & 9 (7:15-8:30)

Confessions during Lent:

March 24th from 6:00-9:00 PM and at St. Peter Parish on March 31st from 6-9:00 PM or by appointment (for an appointment please call or message Fr. Biju 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



Adult Env.(41Rec'd):	\$2,065.00
Offertory:	\$139.00
Easter(1):	\$50.00
Easter Flowers(10):	\$360.00

Thank You!

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).

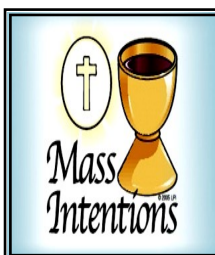


Lenten Devotion of the
STATIONS of the CROSS
On March 17th and 24th
7:00 PM at St. Joseph Ridge
7:30 PM at St. Peter

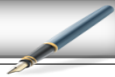
WE ARE THE DIOCESE	DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2020-2021		
	3/5/2021	Total Pledged	Total Payments
DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2020-2021	Pledged/Received	\$17,425.00	\$16,865.00
	Target Amount	\$20,615.00	\$20,615.00
WE ARE THE DIOCESE	Under Target	(\$3,190.00)	(\$3,750.00)
	Number of families contributing: 55		
Percent goal pledged: 84.53%/Received: 81.81%			

Mass Intentions—Weekday Openings

We have openings for weekday intentions for the next few months: **March: 22, 23 and 29. April 8, 15, 19 and 26. May 3, 10, 13, 17, 20, 24, 27, and 31.** We have open First Saturdays, 8:30 AM beginning May 1. 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.



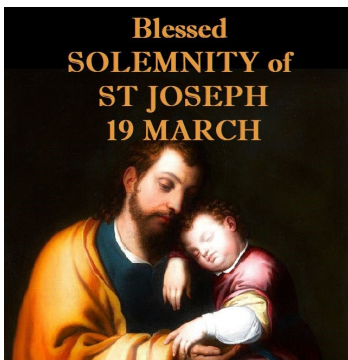
FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN



Fourth Sunday of Lent

Holy Week and the Easter season are quickly approaching. This weekend we celebrate the fourth Sunday of Lent. The Fourth Sunday of Lent is called Laetare Sunday. Laetare in Latin means rejoice. We are half-way through the season of Lent. Like Gaudete Sunday, Laetare Sunday provides a similar break about midway through a season which is otherwise of a penitential character. Before His passion and death while being with Nicodemus he tells "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life." Healing came to the snake-bitten Israelites by looking at the bronze serpent hanging on a pole, so life is given to those who look up with the eyes of faith upon the Son of man hanging on the cross. It's also a time to reflect about how much God loved us on the wood of the cross. Rejoice because the Lord continues to call us, and to draw us close to himself.

This year the Church has the joy of celebrating a special year in honor of Saint Joseph (December 8, 2020 - December 8, 2021). As the Spouse of the Mother of God and the Foster-Father of the Son of God, he had a unique responsibility to care for and protect the Holy Family. Consequently, he is also the Patron of the Universal Church. He protects and guides the Church, the Body of Christ, with the same paternal care he showed to Our Lady and the Lord Jesus. I wish everyone happy Feast on the Solemnity of St. Joseph on March 19 also happy Feast of St Patrick on March 17. May St Joseph and St Patrick bless everyone.



On 15th of March 2021, I completed 6 years of my presence in this great country. A day to remember with gratitude all the blessings which I have received from God. I take this time to thank every one for your love and cooperation which I have received during my ministry. May the Lord bless you.

Live Jesus, Fr. Biju

Lenten regulations are as follows:

1. Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent, and Good Friday.
2. In addition to abstaining from meat, Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, until they celebrate their 59th birthday, are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those who are bound to this regulation may eat only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

PARISH NEWS

Warmly Welcome Blest Art this weekend.

Purchasing Blest Art's beautifully hand crafted Christian items gives you the advantage of being able to reach out beyond our borders with uniquely, real, tangible and effective help. It is more than a hand-out as a collection plate would be, it is a hand-up for the Christians who want to live in peace and support their families with a centuries-old trade and way of life in the Holy Land. Your support for these craftsmen and hard-working Christian artists helps to ensure a viable Christian presence in the land where the gospel was first preached.



Seeking a Coordinator of Religious Education

Help Wanted

We are seeking a reliable person(s), in good standing with the Catholic Church, to head (or Co-coordinate) our Youth Religious Education Program, grades 1 through 10, beginning in the Fall of 2021. As the Coordinator(s) of Religious Education, you will exercise responsibilities mostly independent, while under the supervision of the priest. You will be responsible for direction, developing, and implementing an effective religious education program. Coordinator will assist in seeking out catechists and work with them to achieve a successful youth faith formation curriculum. If you are interested or would like more details, please contact Fr. Biju.

Church Furnaces

As this week marked the Anniversary of the COVID Pandemic, we at St. Joseph Parish have survived thanks to our united efforts. However, the two church furnaces that have served us well since 1988 are not fairing so well. We have repaired them numerous times over the past eight years, exceeding their lifespan. Unfortunately, one unit needs repair yet again, and we have decided to replace the units instead of continuing to repair them. After considering four bids, the least expensive bid was chosen (which also happened to have the best warranty). The cost for each furnace is \$3,275.00 for a total of \$6,550.00. The work will proceed as soon as possible.



If any of you are able to contribute financially to this project, please consider doing so. We pray God's grace, and our ability to share our financial gifts, will cover the cost of this project, and especially with other needs looming as the weather improves. Please feel free to contact the Father, Amy in the Parish Office, or any member of Parish Finance Council with any questions/contributions.



Census/Registration Update

As of this publication we have received 109 of 190 Registration Update forms. If you have not already done so, please return your form ASAP. Even if you feel all the information is correct, we would like you to return it as confirmation. Thank you!

DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS

Fish Fry– MMCO La Crosse

Friday, March 19. Drive-thru only. No pre-sales, 3:00-6:00 PM or until 600 dinners are served. Beer battered fish only, baked potato, roll & butter, tartar sauce. 2 pieces \$10.

Employment Opportunity:

Administrative Assistant for the Offices of Catechesis & Evangelization and Family Life/ Youth Ministry

Apply: [Employment Opportunities | Diocese of La Crosse](https://diolc.org/jobs) (diolc.org/jobs)

Lenten Day of Recollection-Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe

You are invited to attend a Lenten Day of Recollection on Saturday, March 20, that will include Mass (8:20 AM and 12:15 PM), Confessions (9:00 AM and throughout the day), three 30-minute spiritual conferences with Fr. Paul Check (9:30 AM), Fr. Joachim (11:00 AM), Fr. Elias (2:00 PM) and Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Come and stay as long as you would like. Lunch will be available in the Culina Mariana. Note: no reservations required. See flyer in the back of church or visit: diolc.org/lent or <https://guadalupeshrine.org/lenten-day-of-reflection-saturday-march-20/>

Father Joseph Walijewski Legacy Guild

Join us to celebrate Padre Jose and learn more about how he lives among us today. We will unveil a new video and share stories of his missions with the children in Peru at Casa Hogar! This event will be a lead in to Holy Week, which is always a special time to celebrate and remember Padre Jose in Peru and around the world.

Wednesday, March 24th at 7:00pm CST. Zoom Meeting: Please email ssceery@frjoesguild.org to sign up in advance.

Knights of Columbus Career Opportunity

The Knights of Columbus is looking for men seeking a career opportunity, representing their insurance program as a Field Agent. We offer a complete benefits package with this full-time position. One must be an eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus. For more information, please contact Tim Nowak, General Agent, at (920) 462-4100 or by email at timothy.knowak@kofc.org or check us out at www.kofcwi.org

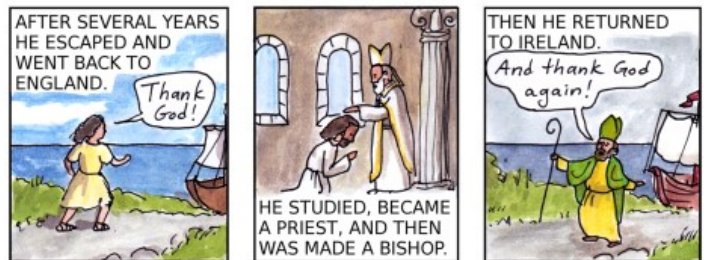


AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

KIDS CORNER

Saint Patrick March 17



SAINT PATRICK DIED IN IRELAND IN 461. BY THE TIME HE DIED ALMOST ALL OF IRELAND HAD CONVERTED TO CHRISTIANITY. SOON MISSIONARIES WERE GOING OUT FROM IRELAND TO BRING THE FAITH TO PEOPLE ALL OVER THE WORLD! PRAY THAT YOU WILL LOVE GOD AND BE ZEALOUS LIKE SAINT PATRICK!

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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