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March 21, 2021

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(limited capacity 70 persons)

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

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

By appointment only

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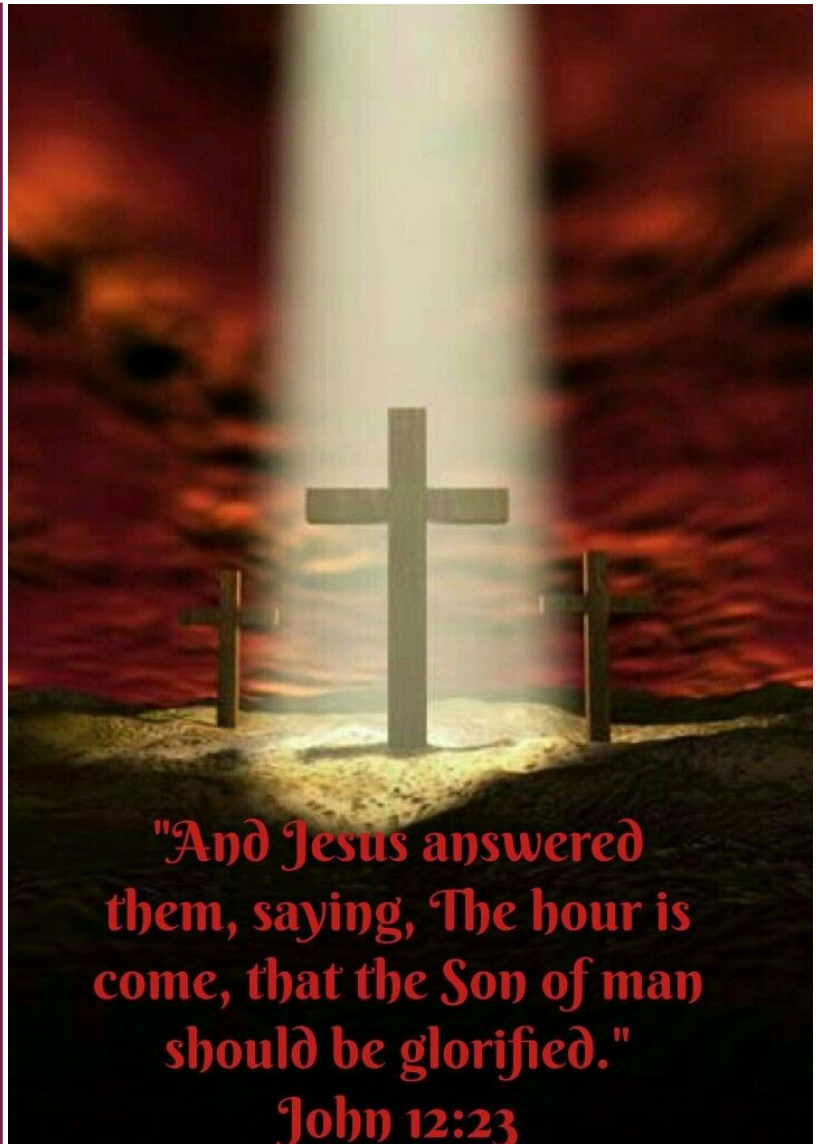
Dave Brown (B&G and Cemetery Rep),
Teresa Brown (RE Rep), Lori Clements (PCCW Rep),
Stan Clements, Ann Degenhardt,
Terry Dickman (Finance Council Rep),
Bob Kotek, and Bill Weber (Secretary)

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Jill Murphy (Secretary)

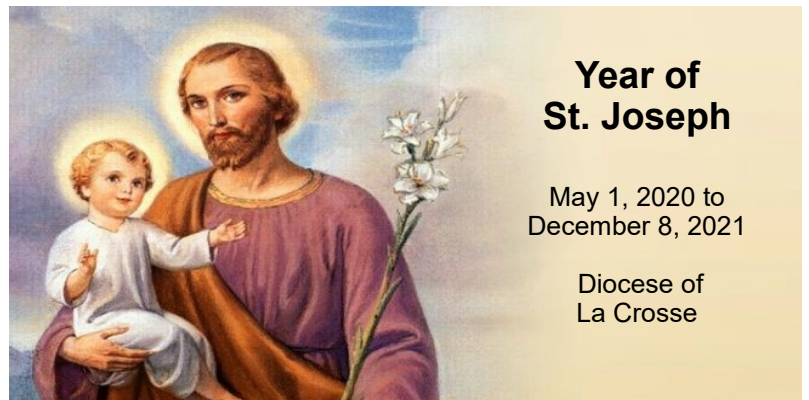
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- Joining the Parish
- Weddings or Baptisms
- Anointing of the sick (**also call Fr. Biju cell phone**)
- If you are home-bound & would like to be visited



Fifth Sunday of Lent



Year of St. Joseph

May 1, 2020 to
December 8, 2021

Diocese of
La Crosse

PARISH INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, March 22nd

Weekday

-5:30pm Mass -†

TUESDAY, March 23rd

St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

-5:00 pm Adoration

-5:30pm Mass -

THURSDAY, March 25th

The Annunciation of the Lord

-8:30am Mass -†Agnes Lucy

SATURDAY, March 27th

Palm Sunday

-4:00pm Mass -†George and Evelyn Miller

Lector: Volunteer Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, March 28th

Palm Sunday

-8:30am Mass -Our Parish Family

Lector: Volunteer Ushers: Volunteers



STATIONS of the CROSS

On March 24th

7:00 PM at St. Joseph Ridge

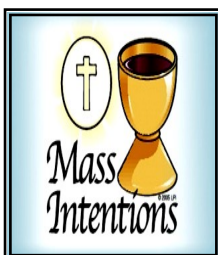
7:30 PM at St. Peter



Diocesan Annual Appeal 2020-2021		
3/5/2021	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Received	\$17,425.00	\$16,915.00
Target Amount	\$20,615.00	\$20,615.00
Under Target	(\$3,190.00)	(\$3,700.00)
Number of families contributing: 55		
Percent goal pledged: 84.53%/Received: 82.05%		

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.



PARISH CALENDAR

- **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)
- **April 14** ~ 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.(24Rec'd): \$1,700.00
 Offertory: \$102.00
 Easter Flowers(4): \$85.00

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).

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN



Fifth Sunday of Lent: John 12: 20-33

"The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified."

A year ago, most churches throughout the world had closed their doors to public worship in an unprecedented move to help stop the spread of the COVID virus. We had virtual Easter celebration. Never would I have imagined to have Holy Week without people in the pews. I hope and pray this year nothing will prevent us from gathering as one family to celebrate Easter in person. This weekend we celebrate the fifth week of Lent. As we approach the Holy Week, the readings give us the opportunities to reflect about the last days of the Lord. This weekend, we find Jesus announcing that His "hour" has come. Chapter 12 of John's Gospel is a preparation for the beginning of the passion narrative to follow. Jesus has just raised Lazarus from the dead—an important sign in John's Gospel, which inspired many people to believe in Jesus. This event also marks the turning point in Jesus' conflict with the Jewish authorities. John's Gospel tells us that the Sanhedrin met after this event and made plans to kill Jesus.

Following his triumphant entry into Jerusalem, Jesus says "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified." At the wedding in Cana Jesus said his hour had not yet come but in today's Gospel he says the "hour" has come. The hour of glory for Jesus is his passion and death, because when he is lifted up from the earth he will draw all men to himself (John 12:32). Using the metaphor of the grain of wheat, Jesus presented the idea that his dying would be beneficial. He says "unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit."

As we continue our journey through Lent and draw near Holy Week, let us ponder on Jesus, the grain of wheat that fell on the ground and died but yielded a rich harvest. As we die to ourselves during Lent through our penance, may we produce a rich harvest.

Live Jesus, Fr. Biju, MSFS

PARISH NEWS

Church Furnaces

As last 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 partially or fully, 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 at sjrp2601@gmail.com 608-788-1646, or any member of Parish Finance Council with any questions/contributions.



Seeking a Coordinator of Religious Education



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.

Census/Registration Update

As of this publication we have received 110 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!

CRS Rice Bowls and Student Mite Boxes

It's not too late to make an offering to Catholic Relief Services or the Missionary Childhood Association by using one of their boxes. Extra boxes are located in the back of church. You may return the boxes anytime during Holy Week by including them in the collection. Remember to add your name to the box so we may record your contribution.

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.



DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS

KIDS CORNER

National Child Abuse Prevention Month

The month of April each year is a time to raise public awareness of child abuse and neglect, and to recommit efforts and resources aimed at protecting children and strengthening families. For resources from the U.S. Bishops, visit <https://www.usccb.org/committees/communications/abuse-prevention-resources>.

Divine Mercy Sunday

The Promise: Our Lord's words to St. Faustina, "On that day (Divine Mercy Sunday), the very depths of My tender mercy are open. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment" (Diary #699). "I am giving them the last hope of salvation; that is, the Feast of my Mercy" (Diary #965). For more information on Divine Mercy, go to thedinemercy.org.

Divine Mercy Sunday Devotions will take place on Sunday, April 11, at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral, 530 Main Street, La Crosse, from 12 Noon – 3:15 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin at Noon. Confessions will be heard throughout the afternoon along with hourly recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. A Divine Mercy information video will be shown at 12:20 and 1:30 p.m. Devotions will conclude with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction at 3:00 p.m. Come when you can; leave when you must.

Employment Opportunity:

Administrative Assistant for the Offices of Catechesis & Evangelization and Family Life/ Youth Ministry Apply: (diolc.org/jobs)

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. 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.

Fifth Sunday of Lent March 21st, 2021



In today's Gospel reading Jesus says, "Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit."

Can you find your way from this grain of wheat to the new seeds at the top?



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