

PARISH INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, March 29th

Monday of Holy Week

-5:30pm Mass -†

TUESDAY, March 30th

Tuesday of Holy Week

-5:00 pm Adoration
-5:30pm Mass -Isadore (Ike) and Alvina Clements

THURSDAY, April 1st

Holy Thursday

-7:00 pm Mass -†Evelyn and George Miller

FRIDAY, April 2nd

Good Friday

- 2:30 PM Stations of the Cross
-3:00 pm Service

SATURDAY, April 3rd

Holy Saturday

-8:30pm Mass -†Robert, Alice, Patty and Bill Silha
Lector: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, April 4th

Easter Sunday

-8:30am Mass -Theresa Hess and Robert Dowiasch
Lector: Volunteer Ushers: Volunteers

PARISH CALENDAR

- **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** ~ Stations of the Cross, *2:30 PM*
Good Friday, 3:00 PM
- **April 3** ~ *Holy Saturday, 8:30 PM*
- **April 4** ~ *Easter Sunday, 8:30 AM*



Holy Week Live Stream Schedule

Holy Week streaming live from the La Crosse Cathedral diolc.org/live



- Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
- Friday at 12:10 p.m.
- Saturday at 8:30 p.m.
- Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

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 Mar 21st—182 envelope holders



Adult Env.(23Rec'd):	\$850.00
Offertory:	\$130.00
Votive Lights:	\$70.51
Furnace:	\$1,025.00
Memorials:	\$8,737.51
Easter Flowers(4):	\$190.00
Initial Offering(1):	\$2.00

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).

Confessions

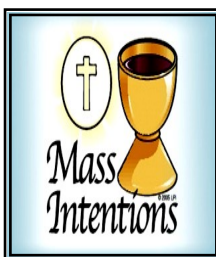
At St. Peter Parish on March 31st from 6-9:00 PM or by appointment (for an appointment please call or message Fr. Biju directly).



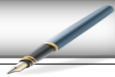
Diocesan Annual Appeal 2020-2021		
3/26/2021	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Received	\$17,425.00	\$17,055.00
Target Amount	\$20,615.00	\$20,615.00
Under Target	(\$3,190.00)	(\$3,560.00)
Number of families contributing: 55		
Percent goal pledged: 84.53%/Received: 82.73%		

Mass Intentions—Weekday Openings

We have openings for weekday intentions for the next couple months: **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



"Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD!"

With Palm Sunday or Passion Sunday, we enter the Holy week. On Palm Sunday, we remember Jesus entering Jerusalem to face rejection and eventual death. This week, we shall carry palm branches and sing Hosanna to the Son of David. As we carry the palm leaves to our homes, we declare our choice to accept Jesus as the King and the ruler of our lives and our families. During Holy Week, we prayerfully remember the events of Jesus' passion and death.

Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday are called the *Triduum*—three days that are the highlight of the Church year. On Holy Thursday we remember the institution of the Eucharist and the priesthood, as well as Jesus' commandment to love and serve Christ in one another. On Good Friday, we celebrate Christ's Passion and death and the final victory over death on Easter with its vigil, which is the mother of all vigils. We remember Jesus being betrayed, tried, judged, condemned, and crucified. We remember him dying on a cross. We remember the cross, sign of shame and punishment, becoming the symbol of sacrifice, healing, unconditional love, total giving, redemption and salvation. Let this be a Holy Week for every one of us.

This year as we celebrate the Holy Week and Easter in the context of Covid 19 keep in mind the health and wellbeing of everyone and pray for the same. I invite you to follow the regulations given by the diocese which includes social distancing, reasonable sanitization measures of surfaces, and wearing masks. We are informed at this time, unless local regulations direct otherwise, we may have 50 % of capacity for Masses and events. With our churches we may not be able to accommodate 50% capacity when socially distanced, but we will try to make use of all possible space available.

As we enter into the Holy Week, we have made some changes due to Covid protocol in our liturgy. On Palm Sunday, the ushers will distribute blessed palms as you enter the church building. On the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper washing of the feet is to be omitted. On Good Friday we will have *Stations of the Cross* at 2.30pm before the service. For the Veneration of the cross you may process forward single file, observing social distance, and venerate the cross by genuflecting or bowing (without touching or kissing it). On Easter Vigil, baptismal water would be blessed and you may take it home if desired.

I have happy news to share - we had the new furnaces installed in the church on St Patrick's Day. I thank all those who contributed towards the furnace purchases. May the good Lord bless your generosity. We have several projects lined up for this year which include switching to LED lights, painting of windows of the church, tuck pointing, rain gutters on church, and seal coating. Please keep these projects in your prayers. Once again thank you for your support.

Wish you blessed Holy Week to everyone.

Live Jesus, Fr. Biju



PARISH NEWS

Kenneth Hess Estate Donation

Most of our Parish remembers Kenneth Hess fondly as a gentle, honest man with a quiet manor and deep faith. When he passed away on January 2, 2019 his life Insurance policy was left to extended family to determine where the disbursement should be applied. Kindly, it was determined that Saint Joseph Ridge Parish should benefit from this, as this was his life-long parish.



The various needs and funds that the disbursement will be going towards are: furnace replacement, the Cemetery Fund, the Choir Fund, the CCD Program, the Casa Hogar Program, and Works of Charity. Thanks to Geraldine Hess for making the fund available to St. Joseph Parish. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and kind act of generosity. Thank you. May his soul rest in peace.

Good Friday Collection

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Please be generous! For your information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit: www.myfranciscan.org/good-Friday.

Building and Grounds Part-time Position

WE'RE HIRING! We are seeking a reliable person to help maintain our buildings and grounds. The qualified person will work mostly independent under the supervision of the priest. Responsibilities include general handy work, mowing and maintaining the lawn in the summer, sidewalk snow removal in the winter. Routine checks of the building structure and identifying any needed repairs along with any other duties assigned by the supervisor. Ability to make minor repairs if necessary. Knowledge, understanding, and application of the safety practices related to this position. Must be able to communicate effectively with the supervisor and other personnel. Please contact Fr. Biju or the parish office and submit resume and/or letter of interest to via email sjrp2601@gmail.com or mail to the parish at W2601 State Rd 33, La Crosse, WI 54601

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.

CRS Rice Bowls and Student Mite Boxes Collection

You may drop your box with any collection during Holy Week. Please be sure to add your name to the box so we may record your contribution.

PARISH NEWS continued

Thank you for the prayers

Paula Skoy-Evenson and family thanks you for your support and prayers during Paula's battle with cancer. She is much better now and it's partly because of your prayers and support. With thanks and gratitude, Paula and Family

MARK YOUR CALENDAR SAT. MAY 8TH 10:00 AM

Homemade Raised Glazed Donut Sale

The PCCW will be making and selling homemade raised glazed donuts at the school hall. Grab & Go sales beginning at 10AM until gone. Sign up to help sheet will be posted in the back of church in mid-April.



DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS

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

Jesus appeared to St. Faustina in the early 1930s. He told her that he would make her a missionary of his Divine Mercy to the world. As part of that mission, He gave her the prayers for the Divine Mercy Novena, a nine-day prayer that begins on Good Friday of each year and ends on the Sunday after Easter Sunday (Divine Mercy Sunday). What makes this novena unique is that Jesus himself composed it and each day a prayer can be offered for one specific group of souls such as children, priests and religious, lukewarm souls, fallen-away Catholics, and so on. Pray the Divine Mercy Novena (starting on Good Friday) in preparation for this feast. For more information on Divine Mercy, go to thedivinemercy.org.

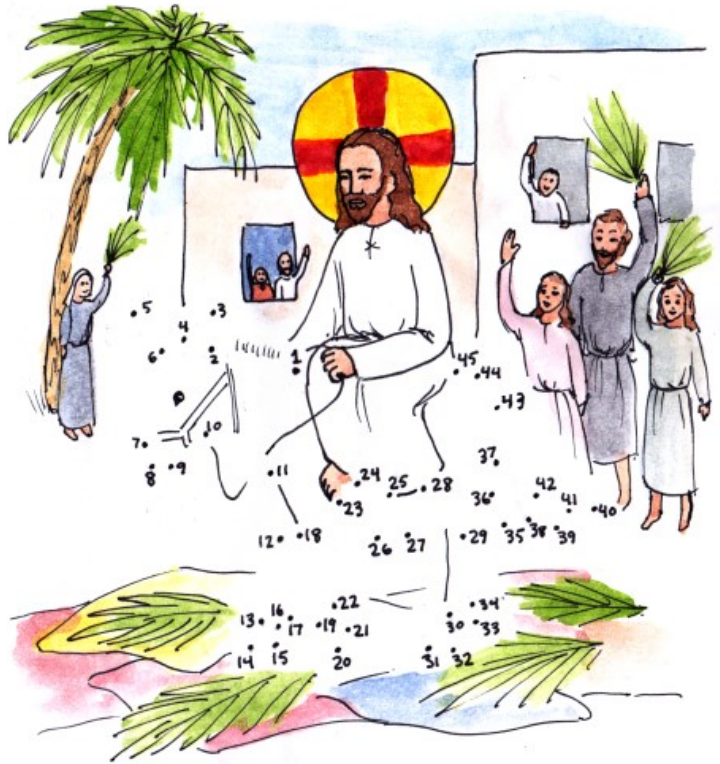
Divine Mercy Sunday Devotions will take place on Sunday, April 11, at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral, 530 Main Street, La Crosse, from 12 Noon – 3:15 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin at Noon. Confessions will be heard throughout the afternoon along with hourly recitation of the Chaplet 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.

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

Palm Sunday / Passion Sunday March 28th, 2021



A few days before He died on the Cross, Jesus came into Jerusalem while the people waved palm branches and shouted, "Hosanna!" He was riding on something that was a sign of peaceful times. What was it? Connect the dots to find out!



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

- 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



The Week that Changed the World.

Entering into Holy Week

The events of Holy Week changed the world and are, therefore, the holiest days of the year. The sacred liturgies observed during this week remember and make present again the passing of Jesus from death to new life—what is called the Paschal Mystery. You will want to go through the entire week with Christ, dying to selfishness and sin in order to rise to new life along with Him.

Palm Sunday

Time: *Sat. 4:00 PM, Sun. 8:30 AM*

Palm Sunday is the first day of Holy Week, which commences with the blessing of palms and the reading of the Gospel somewhere outside the nave. A procession into church, with people holding blessed palm branches and singing festive songs follows, in imitation of the triumphant entrance of Jesus from Bethany to Jerusalem. Immediately afterwards, the theme of triumph changes radically with the reading of the Passion narrative, devoted to the suffering of Christ, which He endured for love of you.

Preparation Days

Time: *Mon. Mass 5:30 PM
Tues. Adoration 5 PM, Mass 5:30 PM*

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of Holy Week are preparation days, both spiritually and physically, for the holiest days to come later in the week. It is a most appropriate time to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Wednesday of Holy Week is known as Spy Wednesday. This gets its name because this is the day on which Judas betrayed Jesus to the Sanhedrin. Because Judas is thought to be sneaky, his actions conjured up the image of a spy. The synoptic gospels all include an account of the betrayal – Matthew 26:12-14, Mark 14:10-12, Luke 22:3-6.

Holy Thursday

Time: *Mass 7:00 PM*

Holy Thursday begins the Sacred Triduum – which means three days. On this first day the Church commemorates the events surrounding the Last Supper and the institution by Christ of the Holy Eucharist. At the Last Supper Jesus

was with His Apostles celebrating the Passover, the annual memorial of the mystery of the Jews' escape from Egypt, and the "passing over" of the angel of death. The Passover was an exodus, or passage, from the oppression of slavery to spiritual freedom. On this night before His crucifixion, Jesus commanded that this Passover be celebrated in a new way as an unbloody representation of His sacrificial and saving death that would take place the next day on the cross. This was (is) the new Passover of the Lord in which we are freed from slavery to sin and death through our cooperation with His divine life of grace received in Holy Communion.

A solemn ritual of washing of feet takes place in imitation of Jesus who humbly served His Apostles by washing their feet. Jesus said, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you.... By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:34, 35)

At the end of Mass, consecrated Hosts are carried in procession to the side chapel of adoration. These Hosts will be received the next day in Holy Communion. After placing the Hosts in the tabernacle, an atmosphere of quiet watching with the Lord begins. This commemorates how Jesus went with His Apostles to the Garden of Gethsemane, and asking them (and you) to watch and pray with Him. Jesus prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup [of suffering] pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will it." (Matthew 26:39) "And being in agony He prayed more earnestly; and His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down upon the ground." (Luke 22:44) Remain with Jesus in His agony over what He knew He would endure for the sins of the world.

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DIocese of LA CROSSE, WI

Entering into Holy Week



Good Friday Time: *Stations 2:30 PM, Service 3 PM*

The second day of the Sacred Triduum is the Passion of the Lord, known as Good Friday, the commemoration of the death of Jesus on the cross outside the walls of Jerusalem. The theme of this day throughout history has been one of quiet sorrow and mourning for the crucified and dead Jesus. Consider spending the hours of 12- 3 p.m. in quiet prayer, giving up even a drink of water, as this was the time that Jesus hung on the cross and died at 3 p.m.

The emphasis of the liturgy on this solemn day is on Scripture readings and prayers, the veneration of the cross, and the reception of the Eucharist from the Hosts consecrated on Holy Thursday.

Holy Saturday Time: *Mass 8:30 PM*

The daytime hours of Holy Saturday continue the atmosphere of Good Friday, and have been observed as a time of quiet and fasting. The Easter Vigil on the evening of Holy Saturday is the night of all nights and the primary celebration of Jesus' Resurrection. The elaborate and beautiful ritual of the Easter Vigil has four clearly-defined parts: the service of light, the Liturgy of the Word, the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation and the reception of the risen Christ in Holy Communion.

The service of light begins with a darkened church. The priest lights the Paschal candle, the symbol of Christ's Resurrection. The Paschal candle is used to light small candles held by those in the congregation as all process into the church to the chant of "light of Christ."

The Exsultet is sung which recounts the saving action of Christ,

and it is followed by the readings of the Mass, several from the Old Testament, interspersed with responsorial Psalms and prayers. The Liturgy of the Word consists of as many as seven Old Testament readings that recapitulate God's saving action throughout history. The Gloria is then sung with the maximum amount of musical instruments, bells, and choir available to the parish. The Gospel is proclaimed that narrates eye witness accounts of those who encountered the risen Christ, stirring you to a deeper realization that He is alive! There are baptisms, bringing people to new life in Christ followed by confirmation, strengthening them to be bold witnesses for their faith in God. You will renew your own baptismal promises to live more fully as a committed disciple of Christ. The Liturgy of the Eucharist is celebrated with the greatest of joy, leading to our reception of the risen Christ in Holy Communion. This is a day to rejoice that the establishment of the Church and the celebration of the Sacraments are all made possible through the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Easter Sunday Time: *Mass 8:30 AM*

The theme of Easter morning continues the triumphant joy of the Easter Vigil. It remembers and celebrates the very foundation of Christianity: Jesus who is Lord is raised from the dead. You will want to share in this incredible joy by participating, as much as possible, in the holiest Week of the year.

