

# St. Joseph Ridge Parish

W2601 State Rd 33 • La Crosse • Wisconsin • 54601

April 18, 2021

## PASTOR

Fr. Biju Chennala Kunjukutty, MSFS...715-495-2338  
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## WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

(limited capacity 125 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 Stafslie, 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 (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)

## CEMETERY SEXTON

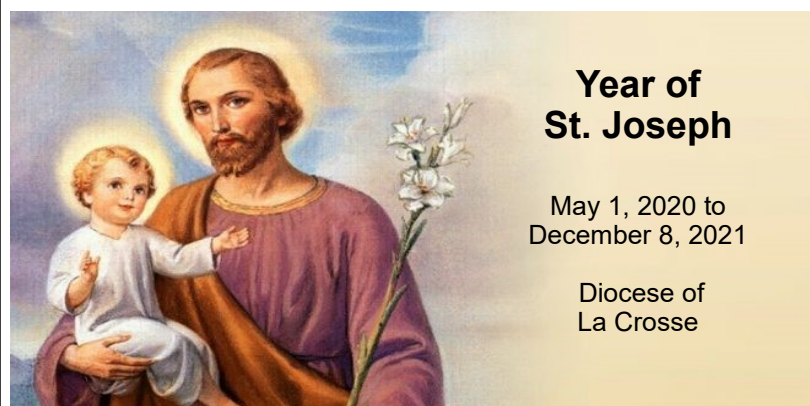
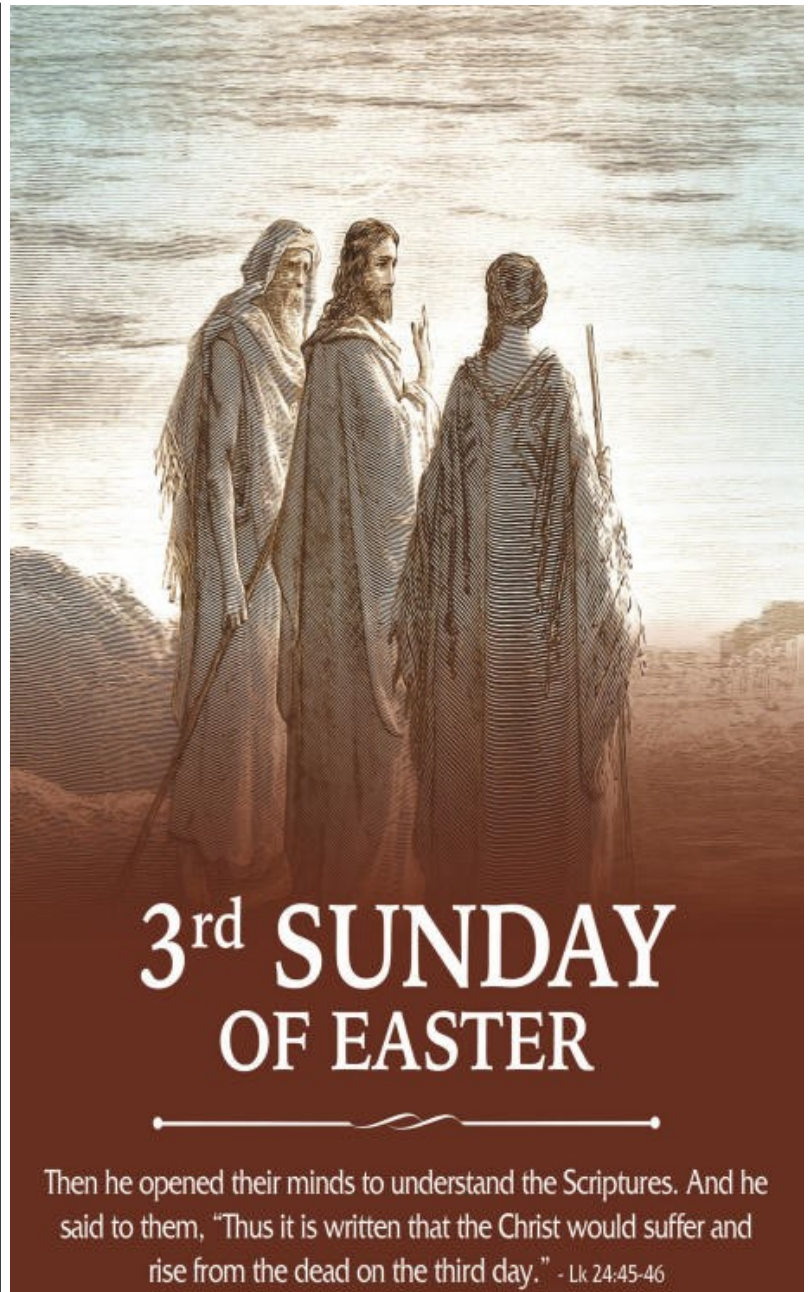
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## MUSIC

Stacy Burns, Coordinator.....608-769-8828  
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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



**PARISH INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY, April 17th**

*Third Sunday of Easter*

**-4:00pm** Mass -†Caroline Martin

Lector: Volunteer Ushers: Volunteers

**SUNDAY, April 18th**

*Third Sunday of Easter*

**-8:30am** Mass -Our Parish Family

Lector: Volunteer Ushers: Volunteers

**MONDAY, April 19th**

*Weekday*

**-5:30pm** Mass -†Margaret Lampert

**TUESDAY, April 20th**

*Weekday*

**-5:00 pm** Adoration

**-5:30pm** Mass -†Lawrence Malzacher

**THURSDAY, April 22nd**

*Weekday-Earth Day*

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

**SATURDAY, April 24th**

*Fourth Sunday of Easter*

**-4:00pm** Mass -†Earl Martin

Lector: Volunteer Ushers: Volunteers

**SUNDAY, April 25th**

*Fourth Sunday of Easter*

**-8:30am** Mass -†Joe Murphy

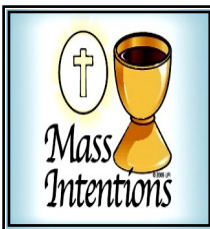
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**DID YOU KNOW?**

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.

**Mass Intentions—Weekday Openings**

We have openings for weekday intentions for the following dates: **June 8, 14, and 28. July 5, 13, 19, 20, 22, 26, 27, and 29.** We have open First Saturdays, **8:30 AM beginning June 5th.** 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](mailto:sjrp2601@gmail.com).



**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.

**PARISH CALENDAR**

- **April 21** ~ Religious Education Class, Grades 1-5 & 8 (6-7:00pm), grades 6,7 & 9 (7:15-8:30)
- **April 25** ~ World Day of Prayer for Vocations
- **April 26** ~ **NO MASS**, 5:30 PM
- **April 27** ~ Finance Council Meeting 7:00 PM
- **April 28** ~ Religious Education 6:00 PM for all students, closing Mass and party
- **May 2** ~ **First Communion** during Mass
- **May 4** ~ Pastoral Council Meeting 7:00 PM
- **May 8** ~ **Donut Sale** starting 10 AM til gone
- **May 9** ~ Mother's Day

**Confessions**

By appointment (please call or message Fr. Biju directly to set up a time).



**Diocesan Annual Appeal 2020-2021**

| 4/16/2021                                     | Total Pledged       | Total Payments      |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| Pledged/Received                              | \$18,435.00         | \$18,215.00         |
| Target Amount                                 | \$20,615.00         | \$20,615.00         |
| <b>Under Target</b>                           | <b>(\$2,180.00)</b> | <b>(\$2,400.00)</b> |
| Number of families contributing: 59           |                     |                     |
| Percent goal pledged: 89.43%/Received: 88.36% |                     |                     |

**GIFT'S RETURNED TO GOD**

Week of April 11th—182 envelope holders



|                      |           |
|----------------------|-----------|
| Adult Env.(30Rec'd): | \$1690.00 |
| Offertory:           | \$254.00  |
| Easter Envelopes(1): | \$50.00   |
| DCCW(1):             | \$10.00   |

**Thank You!**

**St. Peters, Middle Ridge**

Adoration: **Wed. 7:30-9:00 PM**

**Weekend Mass: Sat. 8:00 PM and Sun. 10:00 AM**

**Weekday Mass: Wed. and Fri. 8:00 AM**

**Donations:**

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
- **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**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

Two disciples were walking on the road to Emmaus. A stranger joined them, but they did not recognize him. He asked what they were talking about and they shared their story of disappointment and fear. Then they invited Him to stay and eat with them. Later, they "... recounted what had taken place on the way, and how Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of bread."

On the Third Sunday of Easter, we continue to hear Gospel accounts of Jesus' appearances to his disciples following his Resurrection. Today's reading, taken from the Gospel of Luke, follows immediately after the report of Jesus' appearance to his disciples on the road to Emmaus. This is the event being recounted by the disciples in the opening verse of today's Gospel..... "While they were still speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you."

Jesus greets his disciples with the word, "Shalom," God's peace. This is a most appropriate greeting. Peace is what they need more than anything else. As the disciples have witnessed the death of someone they loved, and they now fear for their own lives as well. Jesus wishes them Shalom. Then he shares a meal with his disciples and uncovers for them the significance of what was written about him in the Scriptures. He also mentions "that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem."

Peace, faith, meal and commissioning. Isn't that we celebrate at every Eucharist, too? We are given his peace, we are empowered in our faith, we are fed by his Body and Blood and we are sent out. As Jesus commissions his disciples to be witnesses to what Scriptures foretold, our celebration of the Eucharist commissions us to announce the good news of Jesus.

Have a good week. Live Jesus, Fr. Biju, MSFS

**Census/Registration Update**

As of this publication we have received 117 of 190 Registration Update forms. If you have not already done so, please return your form. Even if you feel all the information is correct, we would like you to return it as confirmation. Thank you!

**Choir at 4:00 PM Mass**

Interested in singing? Feel free to join us in the choir loft. No prerequisites necessary, just come on up before Mass.



**PARISH NEWS**

**Electric Griddles:** If anyone borrowed the 2 electric griddles that were in the school hall kitchen, please return them.

**Council Collection Sunday:** There will be a second collection the weekend of April 23-24. Monies collected will be sent to the La Crosse Diocesan Council of Catholic Women to help with costs of programs such as Embrace Your call to Holiness (a women's retreat), Project Milk, fight against human trafficking and Casa Hogar to mention a few. More info is on a flyer on the bulletin board in the back of church.

**PCCW Scholarship:** The PCCW is again offering scholarships to graduating seniors. To apply please complete a short essay on your involvement/service to your parish and future plans, include a transcript of your grades and a photo. Please send this info to the rectory by May 5th.



**Donut Sale Sign Up:** The sign up sheet for helping with the donut sale is up in the back of church. Please consider signing up. *"Unity is strength. Where there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved."* Mattie Stepanek

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**  
**SAT. MAY 8<sup>TH</sup> 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.



**HEED THE CALL—WE NEED YOU!**

**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.

**Help Wanted**

**Cemetery Flower Order**

Forms to order flowers are located in the back of church. Prices are the same as last year. \$100 to order the urn and flowers, if needed. \$40 for just the flowers if you already have the urn. Return order forms by Sunday, April 18th.



## DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS

## KIDS CORNER

**100% Catholic, 100% Boys, 100% Boarding:** St. Lawrence Seminary High School is an all-boys, Catholic boarding high school focused on college prep and spiritual depth. Located in Mt Calvary, WI since 1860, SLS students live, learn, work and pray together. Families invited to come visit April 23-24 or April 30-May 1 and to start the application online today! Call (920) 753-7570 or visit [www.stlawrence.edu/weekend-visit](http://www.stlawrence.edu/weekend-visit)

### Spring Rummage Sale

Mary, Mother of the Church, 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, will be holding a Spring Rummage Sale on Friday, April 30, 11 am - 3 pm, \$6 a bag; and on Saturday, May 1, 8 - 11 am, \$3 a bag. Some items priced individually.

### CVLC BLOOD DRIVE

The Coon Valley Lutheran Church will hold a blood drive on Monday, April 26th \*DATE CORRECTION\* from 1-6pm. All COVID-19 precautions are taken. If you would like to donate you can make an appointment by visiting [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or by calling Mike at 452-3472. Blood supplies are critically low at this time. With your donation you will receive free COVID-19 antibody testing.



### Chicken Que

Mary, Mother of the Church Parish, 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, will be holding a Chicken-Que on Thursday, May 13, from 11:00 - 6:00 p.m. for pickup and delivery only. The price is \$10 and includes a half chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, homemade beans and a dinner roll. For pre-sale tickets (guaranteed) and deliveries, call (608) 518-6145. No minimum order and no delivery charge. Enter at Weston Street driveway.

### Aquinas Booster Club Auction Saturday, April 24

Attend in person and or register to participate online. New this year is the Golden Ticket. We are selling 100 raffle tickets at \$100 each. One winner will be selected who will pick his or her top choice of 17 live auction items. Contact [aquinas.bc@gmail.com](mailto:aquinas.bc@gmail.com) to buy a ticket. Check out our auction items on our Facebook page

### Monday, April 19 at 8:00 a.m.:

Go to ACS homepage at [aquinascatholicsschools.org](http://aquinascatholicsschools.org) and click on the link to preregister for the Silent Auction and to start bidding!

### Saturday, April 24

5:30 p.m. - Attend in person at AHS or continue to bid virtually. All bidding is via online platform (bring your smart phones)

7:15 p.m. - Golden Ticket Winner is drawn

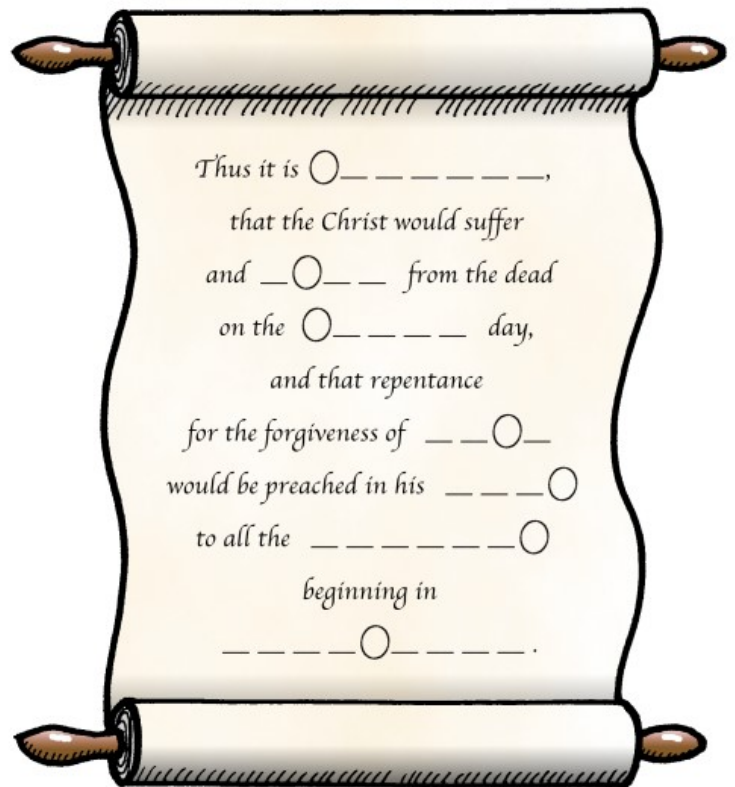
7:30 p.m. - Silent Auction Bidding Closes and Live auction starts for in-person bidding

**Earth  
Day**

April 22, 2021



Use the words from the list to fill in the blanks.  
Then use the letters in circles to fill in the blanks at the end.



Jesus wants you to be His  
\_\_\_\_\_ to the world!

JERUSALEM THIRD NAME  
WRITTEN NATIONS SINS RISE

Answers: written, witness, Jerusalem, nations, name, sins, third, rise.



### 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](mailto:sjrp2601@gmail.com)