

# St. Joseph Ridge Parish

W2601 State Rd 33 • La Crosse • Wisconsin • 54601

April 25, 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 Staflien, Admin. Assist.....608-788-1646

Bulletin deadline: .....Wednesday

sjpg2601@gmail.com

Open most Tuesdays and Fridays

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Teresa Brown, Coordinator.....608-787-0883

dbrown039@centurytel.net

## 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

Dave Brown .....608-792-1006

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## MUSIC

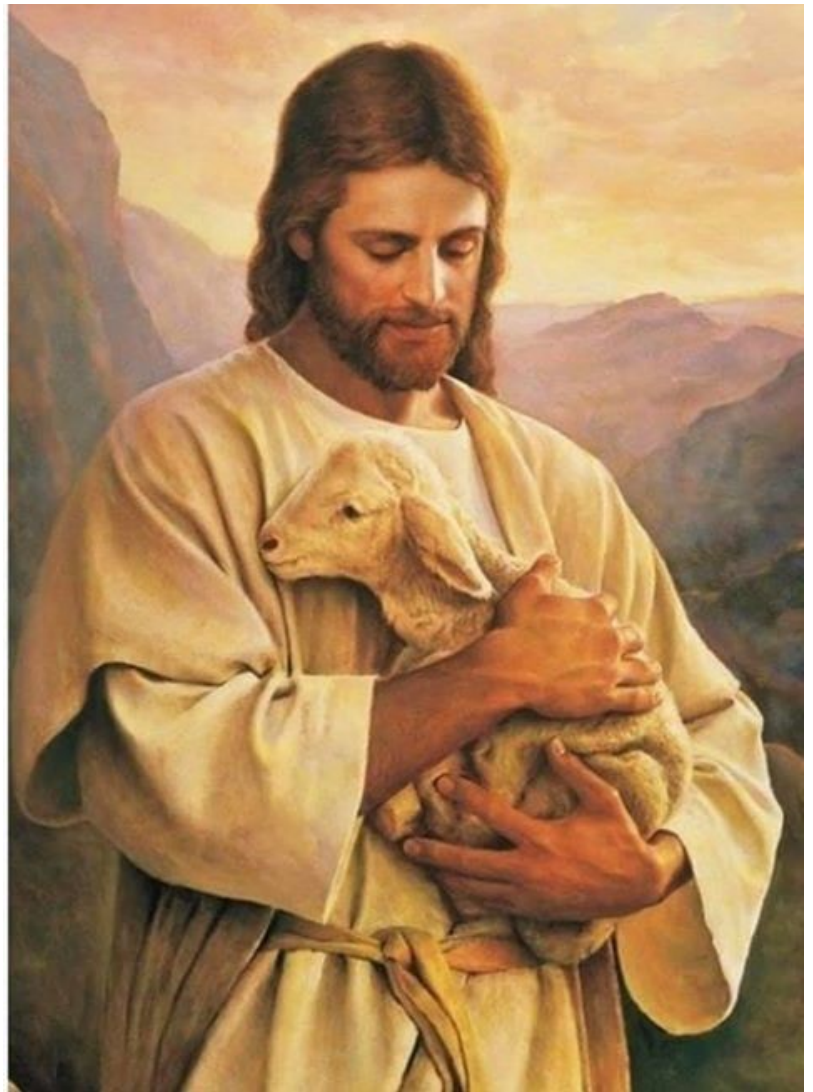
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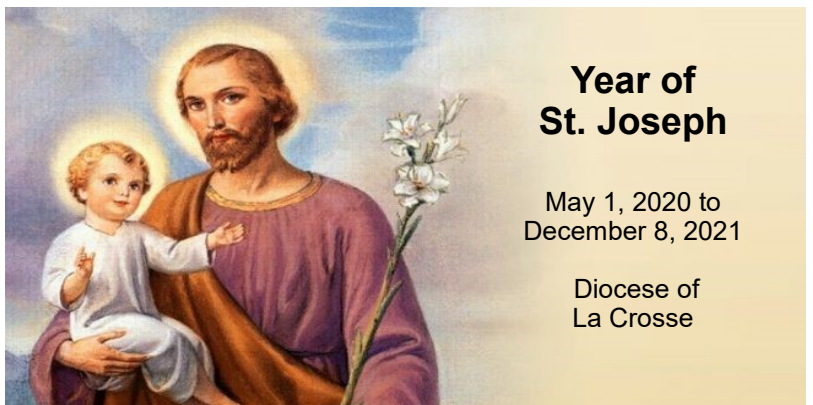
Leland Gregorich, Accompanist

## 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



*Fourth Sunday of Easter*  
*Good Shepherd Sunday*



**Year of  
St. Joseph**

May 1, 2020 to  
December 8, 2021

Diocese of  
La Crosse

**PARISH INTENTIONS**

**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

Lector: Paula Silha Ushers: Volunteers

**MONDAY, April 26th**

*Weekday*

-5:30pm Mass - NO MASS

**TUESDAY, April 27th**

*Weekday*

-5:00 pm Adoration

-5:30pm Mass -†Jim Malin

**THURSDAY, April 29th**

*St. Catherine of Siena*

-8:30 am Mass -†Arthur Lindner

**SATURDAY, May 1st**

*First Saturday-St. Joseph the Worker*

-8:30 am Mass -In honor of St. Joseph and a Special Intention

**SATURDAY, May 1st**

*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

-4:00pm Mass -†Clarence Meyers

Lector: Volunteer Ushers: Volunteers

**SUNDAY, May 2nd**

*Fifth Sunday of Easter-First Communion*

-8:30am Mass -†Carol and Frank Seebauer

Lector: Paula Silha Ushers: Volunteers

**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

**PARISH CALENDAR**

- **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
- **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
- **May 16** ~ Confirmation Practice 9:40 AM at the Cathedral followed by Mass at 10:30 AM
- **May 23** ~ **Confirmation** at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral, La Crosse



**Confessions**

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



Diocesan Annual Appeal 2020-2021		
4/23/2021	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Received	\$18,435.00	\$18,265.00
Target Amount	\$20,615.00	\$20,615.00
<b>Under Target</b>	<b>(\$2,180.00)</b>	<b>(\$2,350.00)</b>
Number of families contributing: 59		
Percent goal pledged: 89.43%/Received: 88.6%		

**GIFT'S RETURNED TO GOD**

Week of April 18th—182 envelope holders

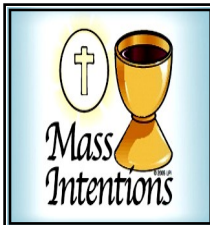


Adult Env.(30Rec'd):	\$1884.00
Offertory:	\$185.00
Easter Envelopes(2):	\$150.00
Initial Offering(1):	\$2.00
Votive Lights:	\$60.36

**Thank You!**

**Mass Intentions—Weekday Openings**

We have openings for weekday intentions for the following dates: **June 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.



**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.

**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 in the church donation box
- **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.



## FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

### "I am the good shepherd"

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is called Good Shepherd Sunday. The image of Christ as our Good Shepherd has always appealed to human nature. This weekend we hear, *"Jesus said, I am the Good Shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them."* The concern of a good shepherd for his sheep is part of the shepherd's job. The actions of the good shepherd to protect and save are based upon the relationship and love that develops between the shepherd and the sheep. The good shepherd knows the sheep and therefore acts out of love. He also says *"I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd."*

The sermon preached by our Savior nearly two thousand years ago is still echoing and re-echoing around the world; calling on his faithful flock to do all in their power to help those other children of God who are still outside the fold. Do not shut your ears to this call of Christ today. Give him a helping hand by helping your fellowman to see the light of the true faith.

Sunday of this weekend has been designated "World Day of Prayer for Vocations." I invite you to pray for those called by the Lord to serve as religious women & men, those called to priesthood or to the permanent diaconate. Also pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Next weekend is First Communion Weekend! Please keep in your prayers Lilian Burns, Kinsley Clements, and Colton Siebenaler, our First Communicants of 2021, as they receive Jesus on the first Sunday of May.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Live Jesus, Fr. Bijou



## HEED THE CALL—WE NEED YOU!

### 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. Bijou.

## PARISH NEWS



Next Sunday we welcome the following students to the table of the Lord. Please pray for them as they prepare for the Sacrament:

**Lilian Burns  
Kinsley Clements  
Colton Siebenaler**

### 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 from 10 AM until gone.



**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 this weekend, April 24-25. 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

### Your Feedback is Important

Bishop Callahan has initiated a **feasibility study**. This study has been initiated to address the short and long-term needs of the Catholic community of La Crosse. Approximately 1,650 families from around the Diocese will be randomly contacted to provide their input so that it may guide the bishop as to how to may proceed. Hearing from so many faithful Catholics should provide the information necessary to forge our path forward. I encourage you, should you receive an invitation to participate in the study, to please do so. Your input will have a direct impact on the decisions made for our future.

### 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!

**St. Joseph Ridge Parish  
Quarterly Income and Expense Report  
January 1 to March 31, 2021**

Income	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 23,465.00
Offertory Account	\$ 2,061.47
Capital Improvement Collection	\$ 1,800.00
Diocesan Collections	\$ 428.00
Other Church Support	\$ 1,713.27
Paycheck Protection Loan Forgiven	\$ 13,071.00
Bequests and Memorials	\$ 8,737.51
Interest earned	\$ 8.61
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 51,284.86</b>
Expense	
Salaries and Benefits	\$ 14,261.91
Diocesan Collection Disbursed	\$ 1,607.67
Rectory/Janitorial Expenses	\$ 308.93
Office Expenses	\$ 587.08
Utilities	\$ 4,230.51
Liturgical & Church	\$ 2,259.44
Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 3,162.02
Misc. Rentals, Etc.	\$ 50.00
Diocesan Quotas	\$ 677.00
School Subsidies	\$ 3,263.76
Payroll Taxes	\$ 449.60
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 30,857.92</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$ 20,426.94</b>

**DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS cont'd**

**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.

**KIDS CORNER**

**4th Sunday of Easter  
Good Shepherd Sunday  
April 25th, 2021**



*Help the sheep  
find the Good Shepherd  
and stay away from the hungry wolf!*

**DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS**

**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.

**St. Joseph Ridge Community Blood Drive  
Monday, May 3, from 2 - 6 PM.**

Town Hall, N1800 Town Hall Road, schedule appointments online: [bit.ly/givemay3](https://bit.ly/givemay3) or call 877-232-4376. All donors will receive a gift from Versiti, walk-ins also welcome.



**Habitat for Humanity Accepting Applications  
for Homeowner Program**

Applications will be accepted from May 6 - June 8. For more information visit: [www.habitatlacrosse.org](http://www.habitatlacrosse.org) or see the flyers posted in the back or church.

**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)