

# St. Joseph Ridge Parish

W2601 State Rd 33 • La Crosse • Wisconsin • 54601

May 2, 2021

## PASTOR

Fr. Biju Chennala Kunjukutty, MSFS...715-495-2338  
danielchennala@gmail.com

## 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

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

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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



## First Holy Communion

WELCOME TO THE TABLE OF THE LORD!

*Sacred Heart of Jesus, hear our prayer as Lillian, Kinsley, and Colton, receive their First Holy Communion. Grant them, our Lord, loving grace and help still their hearts with mindful prayer and worship as they receive the Sacrament, the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. May the Holy Spirit shine a guiding light throughout the course of their lifetime, always leading these blessed children one step closer to the Kingdom of Heaven... Amen*

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## Year of St. Joseph

May 1, 2020 to  
December 8, 2021

Diocese of  
La Crosse

**PARISH INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY, May 1st**

*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

-4:00pm Mass -†Clarence Meyers

Lector: Jim Weber Ushers: Volunteers

**SUNDAY, May 2nd**

*Fifth Sunday of Easter-First Communion*

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

Lector: Paula Silha Ushers: Volunteers

**MONDAY, May 3rd**

*SS Philip and James, Apostles*

-5:30pm Mass -†Art Linder

**TUESDAY, May 4th**

*Weekday*

-5:00 pm Adoration

-5:30pm Mass -†Ralph and Evelyn Mikshowsky

**THURSDAY, May 6th**

*Weekday*

-8:30 am Mass -†Al Antony Family

**SATURDAY, May 8th**

*Sixth Sunday of Easter*

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

Lector: Will Weber Ushers: Volunteers

**SUNDAY, May 9th**

*Sixth Sunday of Easter*

-8:30am Mass -Our Parish Family

Lector: Donna Clements Ushers: Volunteers



**St. Peters, Middle Ridge**

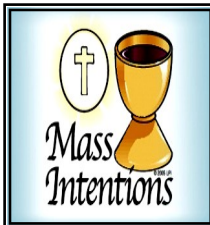
Adoration: Wed. 7:30-9:00 PM

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

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

**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.

**PARISH CALENDAR**

- **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
- **May 31 ~ Memorial Day**

**5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit." - Jn 15:1-2

**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 25th—182 envelope holders



Adult Env.(36Rec'd): \$2239.00  
 Offertory: \$165.00  
 DCCW Env..(9): \$155.00  
 DCCW Offertory: \$129.00

**Thank You!**

**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

### Fifth Sunday of Easter

#### I AM THE VINE, YOU ARE THE BRANCHES

You must have seen in the television news about India as the Covid cases are staggeringly high. Oxygen supplies remain critically low, crematoriums operating non-stop. Hospitals are overwhelmed. People are frustrated. A lot of pain and loss. Many have asked about my family. By the grace of God, they are doing well. Thanks for your concern and prayers. My brother and sister-in-law work at the hospitals please keep them in your prayers.

In the gospel of this weekend even as death is looming, Jesus tells his disciples at the Last Supper, "I am the true vine" (Jn 15, 1). "you are the branches... Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit." To abide or remain or be part of Jesus is to stay constantly connected to him. He says "cut off from me, you can do nothing" (Jn15, 5). This is an absolute truth; no believer can achieve anything of spiritual value outside of Christ. Jesus offers what must have been a familiar image to explain what it means to live in his love, and how we can "measure" the love that gives us life. Isn't it wonderful to know that He is our "life-line," the only way we can truly find life, be fruitful and give life to others.

This week Lillian Burns, Kinsley Clements, and Colton Siebenaler will receive the body and blood of Christ for the first time. They will be like branches ready to give fruits in abundance. Please keep them, their families and their teacher Kathy Leis in your prayers, too.

May 1st, is the Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker, the patronal feast day of our diocese. I wish you happy Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker. Month of May is also a month dedicated to the devotion to our Blessed Mother. May our Blessed Mother bless everyone with health and companionship.

Live Jesus, Fr. Biju

## 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-ordinate) 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.

## PARISH NEWS

Please pray for our First Communicants as they come to the Table of the Lord this Sunday. Congratulations to:



**Lillian Burns  
Kinsley Clements  
Colton Siebenaler**



Special thank you to the 2nd Grade Catechist Kathy Leis and CRE Teresa Brown



### Prayer for a Child's First Communion

Lord Jesus,

Bless the children coming forward to receive Holy Communion for the first time.

May this day be an initial step into a life-long love of the Eucharist.

Give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they turn to you for comfort, guidance, and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship.

Thank you for their innocence and goodness.

May their hands, extended in anticipation of your Body and Blood, inspire all of us to cherish this sacred sacrament.



### 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.

**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:** **"Individually we are but one drop. Together we are an ocean."** ~ Ryunosuke Satoro Your help is needed for the Donut Sale, please sign up in the back of church.

### Census/Registration Update

As of this publication we have received 123 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!

## DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS

### 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.

### 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.

### Franciscan CORE Youth Theology Institute at Viterbo University

Franciscan CORE 2021 will be June 13th - 18th in a hybrid format offering virtual gatherings and a one-day on-campus immersion into Catholic Social Teaching and the life of St. Francis of Assisi as a model of service we can offer in our own communities. Franciscan CORE invites rising 10th, 11th, and 12th students to discern their call to leadership and service for the Church and the world. Investment for this amazing experience is only \$50. Registration is open! Visit their website <https://www.viterbo.edu/franciscan-core> for more information and a link to register.

**Discover and Support the Work of Catholic Charities** Catholic Charities of the Diocese of La Crosse embodies the heart and hands of Jesus Christ to our neighbor in need. It does incredible work in addressing homelessness and poverty, providing crisis pregnancy and adoption services, assisting the elderly, people with disabilities and immigrants, rushing to aid our communities when disaster strikes, and so much more. Learn about its mission and services, and how you can volunteer or donate, by visiting [cclse.org](http://cclse.org).



Register as an organ, tissue and eye donor at [DonateLifeWisconsin.org](http://DonateLifeWisconsin.org) or at a Wisconsin DMV Service Center.

**MAY 1,  
2021**



**FEAST OF  
SAINT  
JOSEPH  
THE WORKER**

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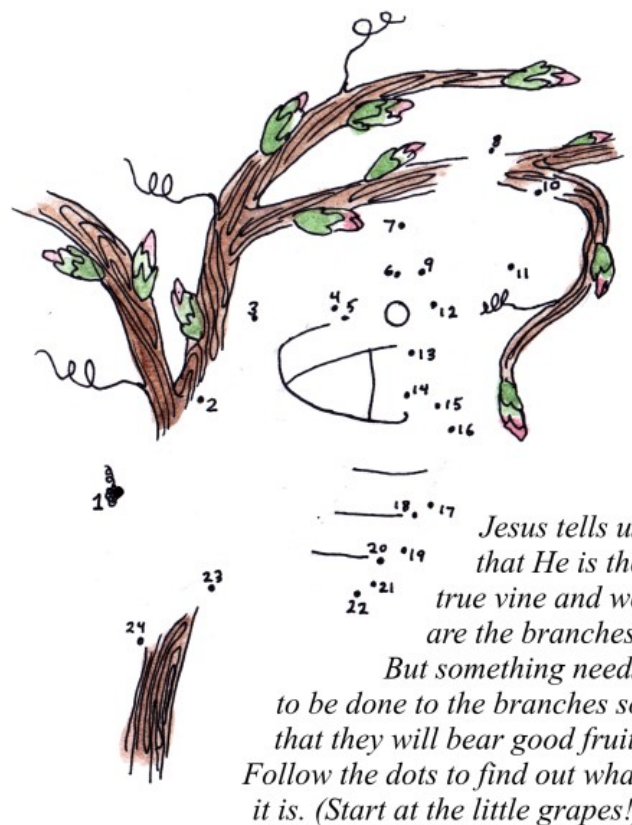
### 2021 Queen of the Americas Guild Conference

#### "Human Life and Its Cradle in the Family Formed by Marriage"

The 15th Annual conference at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse, Wisconsin will be held on July 30 & 31, 2021. The keynote address will be by His Eminence Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke, others on the panel of presenters include: Dr. Gianna Emanuela Molla, M.D., Fr. Gerald Murray, and Msgr. Fernando B. Felices Sanchez. Special concert by and Marty Rotella who will also serve as Mater of Ceremonies. For registration and information see the flyer in the back of church or visit: <https://queenoftheamericasguild.org/>

## KIDS CORNER

### Fifth Sunday of Easter May 2nd, 2021



### 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.

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