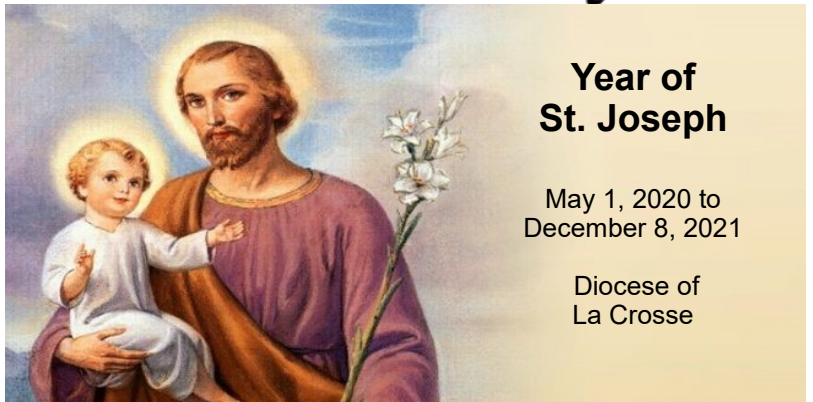


May 9, 2021



PARISH INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, May 10th

St. Damien de Veuster

-5:30pm Mass -†George and Meline Stakston and
Arvid and Richard Stakston

TUESDAY, May 11th

Easter Weekday

-5:00 pm Adoration
-5:30pm Mass -†Jim Malin

THURSDAY, May 13th

Easter Weekday

-8:30 am Mass -†Bill Borger

SATURDAY, May 15th

Ascension of the Lord

-4:00pm Mass -†George and Evelyn Miller
Lector: Kathy Leis Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, May 16th

Ascension of the Lord

-8:30am Mass -†Curtis Strittmater
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

- **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
- **August 9-13** ~ No weekday Mass, Fr. Biju on Retreat

Confessions

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



WE ARE THE DIOCESE	Diocesan Annual Appeal 2020-2021		
	5/7/2021	Total Pledged	Total Payments
	Pledged/Received	\$18,535.00	\$18,365.00
	Target Amount	\$20,615.00	\$20,615.00
	Under Target	(\$2,080.00)	(\$2,250.00)
	Number of families contributing: 60		
	Percent goal pledged: 89.91%/Received: 89.01%		

GIFT'S RETURNED TO GOD

Week of May 2nd—182 envelope holders

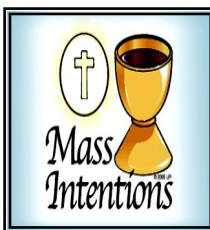


Adult Env.(21Rec'd): \$1465.00
April ACH(5th and 20th): \$670.00
Offertory: \$202.00
DCCW Env..(9): \$10.00
Votive Lights: \$79.71

Thank You!

Mass Intentions—Weekday Openings

We have openings for weekday intentions for the following dates: **July 5, 13, 19, 20, 22, 26, 27, and 29.** We have open First Saturdays, **8:30 AM beginning Sept. 4th.** 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**Happy Mother's Day!**

As we gather this weekend to celebrate the Sixth Sunday of Easter we also honor and pray this Mother's Day for our mothers, those living and those deceased. It was one hundred seven years ago, on May 9, 1914, that President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day. As he wrote in his proclamation, "... we proclaim this special day as a public expression of love and reverence for the mothers of our country." It's a day to honor the mothers. Motherhood is a vocation to love and care. As we begin the month of May (a month traditionally dedicated to the Virgin Mary) we are given an opportunity to recall the important part of Mary in God's plan, as the Mother of God. Mothers who wish to be true to their high calling need only look to the woman who became the greatest mother of all, Mary Mother of God. Born into humble surroundings, she was called by God to be the mother of the Son of God. She affirmed her obedience to the call of God and lived out her vocation throughout her entire life. She is the true model of motherhood.

As we celebrate Mother's Day 2021 let us try to do all we can to provide support for mothers and all women in creating an atmosphere of respect for them and all of God's people. At each of our Masses this weekend we will give a special blessing to mothers and those who show a mother's love to others. I am grateful for the hard work and dedication of the mothers in our parish. May God bless all those who have given birth to each of us who gather to worship this weekend.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who helped with preparation of donuts. Your time and talents are appreciated.

Last week with mass we concluded the CCD academic year 20-21. It was a year with a lot of uncertainties as we had constant lockdown and cases of Covid. Thanks to parents who sent their children for in-person class and also those who opted to teach them from their own homes. Last academic year was only possible with the help of our outstanding teachers and I thank them for all their sacrifices. I thank all of them for their commitment and love with which they carried out their responsibility. Thank you - Grace Dickman, Cathy Leis, Stacy Burns, Linda Meinking, Stacy Wieman, Teresa Brown, Terry Dickman, and Jim Weber. To be able to maintain our CCD program, I earnestly request the parents to step forward. Some of the teachers have retired with the end of this session, as they had been serving the community for many years. We need teachers and CCD Coordinator. Educating the young ones in faith is also the primary responsibility of parents. Please prayerfully consider helping the parish.

May God Bless you all.

Live Jesus, Fr. Biju

PARISH NEWS**Census/Registration Update**

As of this publication we have received 125 of 190 Registration Update forms. Reminders have been sent, if you misplaced your form please contact the parish office. Even if there are no updates to report, we would like the form returned. Thank you!



First Communion - May 2, 2021

Congratulations!

Lillian Burns, Colton Sielbenaler, and Kinsley Clements

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. Biju.

**Our 2020-2021 Catechists:**

Your care for our children and willingness to share your time and effort will have an eternal impact—THANK YOU! Grace Dickman, Cathy Leis, Stacy Burns, Linda Meinking, Stacy Wieman, Teresa Brown (catechist and CRE), Terry Dickman, and Jim Weber.

DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS

Project Rachel Offers Hope After Abortion

It is normal to grieve a pregnancy loss, including the loss of a child by abortion. It can form a hole in one's heart, a hole so deep that sometimes it seems nothing can fill the emptiness.

No one has to experience this alone. Project Rachel offers hope, help and healing. Visit www.hopeafterabortion.com for information and resources. For a list of pregnancy resource centers throughout the Diocese of La Crosse, visit www.dioc.org/respect-life.

MMOC 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.

Holy Trinity Chicken-Q

Thursday, May 27 at Holy Trinity, 1333 SO 13th Street, La Crosse, Serving 11:00 a.m. until Gone. Drive-through and Delivery only. ½ Chicken, Beans, Coleslaw, Roll \$10.00. Pre-sale tickets preferred – Tickets are available after weekend Masses, call 608-782-2028 Ext. 2 or stop at the Parish Office Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Formation in Theology of the Body

Pope St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body provides a road map to discovering our purpose in life and resonates with the deepest desires of the heart. Catechetical leaders, deacons, catechists, parents, grandparents and all those who serve youth, join us virtually on **Saturday, June 5th** to hear an overview of the Theology of the Body by Brian Butler, the author of Theology of the Body for Middle School and High School. Visit dioc.org/tob for further details and to register for \$10. Flyers and information also available in the back of church.

St. Joseph Cathedral Chicken-Que

St. Joseph Cathedral PCCW, 530 Main St. La Crosse will be holding a Chicken-Que on **Friday, June 11, 2021** from 11 am - 6 pm, for pick-up only. The price is \$10 and includes a half chicken, potato salad, baked beans and a roll. Tickets will be available after weekend Masses or by calling 608-769-7965. Please enter via King St. and proceed to canopy for pick-up.

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.

Religious Freedom Week: June 22-29

Once again, the U.S. Bishops have declared June 22-June 29 Religious Freedom Week. We are all called to defend the God-given right of religious liberty, which faces grave threats in the U.S. and abroad. Join us, as we pray, reflect, and take action on religious freedom. Visit the website <https://dioc.org/social-concerns/religious-freedom-week/> for more information.

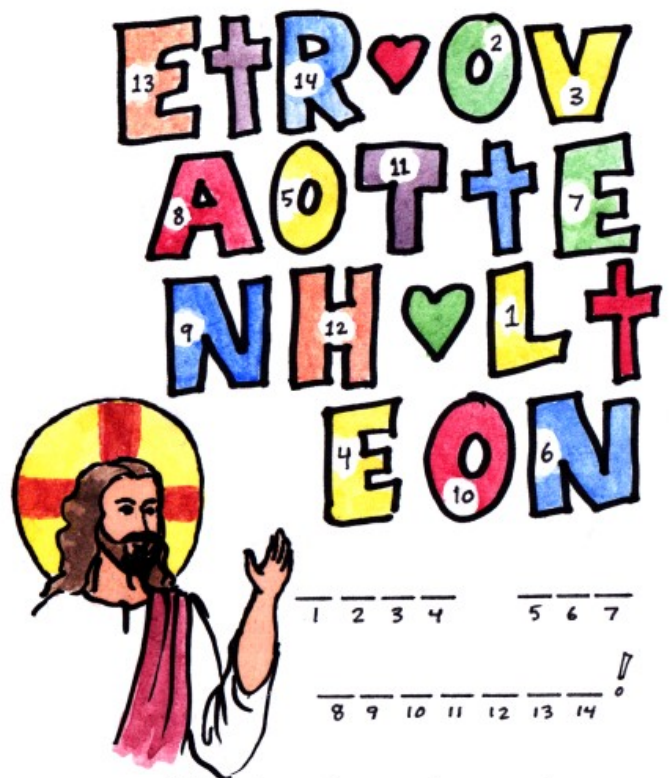
DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS cont'd

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. Frenando 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://queenoftheamericaguild.org/>

KIDS CORNER



*What does Jesus ask us to do
in today's Gospel reading?
Put the letters in the spaces that match
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