

St. Joseph Ridge Parish

W2601 State Rd 33 • La Crosse • Wisconsin • 54601

May 16, 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

Monday5:30pm

Tuesday.....Adoration5:00 pm

Mass.....5:30pm

Thursday.....8:30am

CONFESSIONS

By appointment only

PARISH OFFICE

Amy Stafslin, 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)

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Dave Brown608-792-1006

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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

“After the Lord
 Jesus had
 spoken to them,
 he was taken
 up into heaven
 and he sat at
 the right hand
 of God.”

– MARK 16:19 –

The Ascension of the Lord



**Year of
St. Joseph**

May 1, 2020 to
December 8, 2021

Diocese of
La Crosse

PARISH INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, May 17th

Easter Weekday

-5:30pm Mass -†Robert Dowiasch

TUESDAY, May 18th

St. John I

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

THURSDAY, May 20th

St. Bernadine of Siena

-8:30 am Mass -†LaVerne Schaller

SATURDAY, May 22nd

Pentecost Sunday

-4:00pm Mass -†John, Bernice, Steve and Sam Mashak
Lector: Kathy Leis Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, May 23rd

Pentecost

-8:30am Mass -†Our Parish Family
Lector: Donna Clements Ushers: Volunteers

St. Peters, Middle Ridge

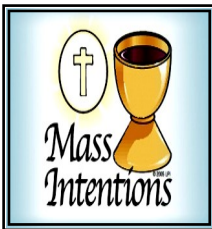
Adoration: Wed. 7:30-9:00 PM

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: **July 13, 26, 27, and 29. August 23, 26, 30, and 31.** 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.

PARISH CALENDAR

- **May 16** ~ Confirmation Practice 9:40 AM at the Cathedral followed by Mass at 10:30 AM
- **May 18** ~ Finance Council Meeting 7:00 PM
- **May 23** ~ Confirmation at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral, La Crosse
- **May 31** ~ Memorial Day
- **August 9-13** ~ 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	Diocesan Annual Appeal 2020-2021		
	5/11/2021	Total Pledged	Total Payments
	Pledged/Received	\$18,535.00	\$18,460.00
	Target Amount	\$20,615.00	\$20,615.00
	Under Target	(\$2,080.00)	(\$2,155.00)
	Number of families contributing: 60		
	Percent goal pledged: 89.91%/Received: 89.55%		

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



Adult Env.(34Rec'd): \$2075.00
Offertory: \$207.00
Capital Improvements(1): \$375.00

Thank You!

*correction—last week it was reported the DCCW received 9 envelopes for a total of \$10 when in fact it was one envelope

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

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord.
Mk. 16:15-20

Forty days after Jesus' resurrection we celebrate His ascension. We profess it in our creed when we pray, "He ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father." This is our faith. Before He ascends into Heaven, Jesus tells the apostles to remain in Jerusalem for the arrival of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost, which occurs ten days after the Ascension and fifty days after the resurrection, is considered to be the birthday of the church.

The last thing Jesus said to the Apostles before the ascension was, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8). The Greek word here for "witness" is *marturion*, the same word used for "martyr." Few of us are called to be literally martyred, but we are all called to the slow martyrdom of a daily death to self in the process of letting Jesus be known.

With the ascension of Jesus, His work on earth is now complete, but the task of bearing witness to Him and making disciples is never done, not until He returns at the end of time. That is the task the Apostles began to do, starting with prayer in the upper room as they awaited the promised Holy Spirit. Clothed with the power of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, the Apostles and disciples of Jesus began to preach and teach about him to Jews and to Gentiles. They began to do what the Lord Jesus asked them to do: bear witness and make disciples. That task is not just theirs; it belongs to all of us, too. As we celebrate this Ascension Day 2021 perhaps, we should look into our own hearts and ask, "How am I proclaiming the Gospel to others?" How can Jesus be made known?

Have a good week! Live Jesus, Fr. Biju

PARISH NEWS

Confirmation—Sun. May 23rd

Our 10th grade students will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at St Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse next Sunday. Please pray for them as they prepare, and send them blessings as they take the next step to being admitted as a full member of the Church.



Elijah Hundt
Jack Murphy

Welcome

Colin Dickman is the newest employee here at St. Joseph Ridge Parish, filling the position of lawn care specialist. Colin has been a member of the parish his entire life and you may hear him playing the trumpet in the choir on Sundays. Along with his employment here, he also works for Primerica and Walmart as a delivery driver. Colin enjoys disc golf in his spare time and playing jazz gigs around the La Crosse area. Please warmly welcome Colin.

50th Anniversary Celebration

If there are any couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary any time in 2021, please contact the parish office. The Bishop plans to have a special celebration on July 13th to commemorate the occasion.



Census/Registration Update

As of this publication we have received 128 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!

HEED THE CALL—WE NEED YOU!

To have a program, we must have a coordinator!



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. This is a paid position. If you are able to fulfill this roll or would like more details, please contact Fr. Biju.

Our Deepest Sympathy to the Family of:

Rosella "Rosie" Kammel

who passed away on
May 10, 2021

"If I rise on the wings of the dawn, If I settle on the far side of the sea, Even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast." Psalm 139:9-10



Donut Sale - May 8, 2021

Thank you for supporting the PCCW—Profit \$741.00

DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS

DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS cont'd

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.

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.

A Virtual 50th Jubilee Anniversary Celebration

There will be a special Mass with Bishop Callahan held via live-stream at 1:00 pm on **Sunday, July 11** from the Cathedral. You will be able to view the live stream or recording by visiting dioc.org/marriage on and after July 13.

How does God speak to me?

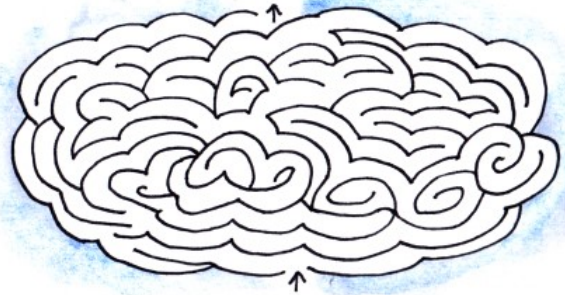
Have you ever wondered how God may be speaking to you? Perhaps you are waiting to hear a loud, booming voice come from the heavens to tell you what to do or which way to go. While this isn't completely out of the question, often God takes a much subtler approach. God often speaks to us, not in grand and impressive ways, but in the silence. When we can still our hearts, that's when we begin to hear His voice, calling us into relationship and to follow Him. Sometimes that invitation is to follow the Lord as one who lovingly serves others in the priesthood. If you or someone you know is interested in discovering more about this call to the priesthood, please contact me at: Fr. Nate Kuhn, Director of Vocational Recruitment for the Diocese of La Crosse, 3710 East Ave. S. PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602; or by phone at: 608.791.2667. God bless you!

KIDS CORNER

Forty days after Jesus rose from the dead he went up a hill with His followers and disappeared through the clouds and went up into Heaven.

Jesus had promised to send a Comforter to them after He left them.

Can you find your way through the cloud maze?



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