

St. Joseph Ridge Parish

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May 23, 2021

PASTOR

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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 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)

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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

Pentecost Sunday

Come, Holy Spirit,



fill the hearts of your
faithful and kindle in
them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit,
and they shall be created.
And You shall renew
the face of the earth.



**Year of
St. Joseph**

May 1, 2020 to
December 8, 2021

Diocese of
La Crosse

PARISH INTENTIONS

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: Sally Miller Ushers: Volunteers

MONDAY, May 24th

The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

-5:30pm Mass -†Howard Olson

TUESDAY, May 25th

St. Bede the Venerable, St. Gregory VII, St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi

-5:00 pm Adoration

-5:30pm Mass -†Jim Malin

THURSDAY, May 27th

St. Augustine of Canterbury

-8:30 am Mass -†Steven Mashak

SATURDAY, May 29th

The Most Holy Trinity

-4:00pm Mass -†Clarence, Theresa, Pauline and
Patty Gotz

Lector: Donnie Weber Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, May 30th

The Most Holy Trinity

-8:30am Mass -†John Stokes, III

Lector: Donna Clements Ushers: Volunteers

St. Peters, Middle Ridge

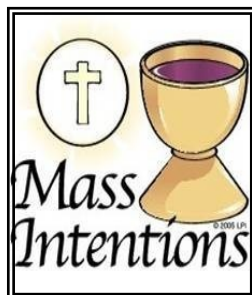
Adoration: Wed. 7:30-9:00 PM

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

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

Mass Intentions

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

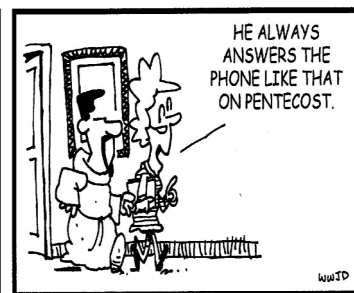
- **May 23 ~ Confirmation** at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral, La Crosse
- **May 24 ~ Marian Presentation** at St. Peter Parish 6:30 PM by Fr. Tim Welles
- **May 31 ~ Memorial Day**
- **August 9-13 ~ Fr. Biju on Retreat**

Confessions

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



PENTECOST



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

Week of May 16th—182 envelope holders



Adult Env.(17Rec'd):	\$795.00
Offertory:	\$159.00
Sol. Of Mary(1):	\$10.00
DCCW(1):	\$10.00
Ascension (1):	\$20.00
Easter(1):	\$10.00

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

**Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.
And kindle in them the fire of your love.**

Happy Pentecost! The celebration of the Solemnity of Pentecost brings the Easter Season to an end. The Feast of Pentecost reminds us of God sending the Holy Spirit upon Jesus's disciples after his resurrection and ascension, the birthday of the church. The book of Acts of the Apostles describes how the disciples were gathered together in one place on the day of Pentecost. I often wonder what it would have been like to be there, in that house, sitting in the room with the Apostles; to be able to experience and witness what the Apostles saw and see how this experience dramatically changed them. "And suddenly from Heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them and a tongue rested on each of them. And they were filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them the ability." Acts 2:2-4. It is the Holy Spirit that has changed the lives of the Apostles.

Pentecost is not just a historical event that happened long ago, but the releasing of the power of the Holy Spirit to bring forth the presence of Christ Jesus into our world today, using all of us, the disciples of Christ Jesus, to live out the teachings of Christ Jesus. The work of the Holy Spirit is amazing. Throughout the world there are over 1.2 billion Catholics. That's a lot of brothers and sisters in the faith. Over 40% of Catholics live in Latin America. The fastest increasing area for growth in the Catholic Church is in Africa. Catholics continue to be the largest single denomination in the USA. Its all because of the power of the Holy Spirit, "soul of the Church."

This week we also received new guidelines for the Public Celebration of Masses, Effective May 18, 2021 from the diocese. Here are some extracts from the guidelines.

- 1) Out of concern and safety for others, anyone with fever or flu-like symptoms should not attend Mass.
- 2) We have removed the ribbon from one section of the pews, the other section barriers would remain in place for those for whom distancing remains an important safety measure.
- 3) Wearing face coverings and maintaining social distance is highly encouraged for unvaccinated persons.
- 4) Holy water fonts would be filled, please use them at your discretion.
- 5) We can have Eucharistic ministers, altar servers, greeters, ushers, and other volunteers to assist at the Mass.
- 6) The Sign of Peace will continue to be omitted.
- 7) Communion will continue to be given to the faithful under the form of bread alone. Communion is encouraged to be received in the hand.
- 8) Hand sanitizer would be available for those who wish to use it.

Live Jesus, Fr. Biju

PARISH NEWS

***BE SEALED WITH THE
GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT***

OUR CONFIRMADI!

*Elijah Charles Hundt
Jack Jeffrey Murphy*



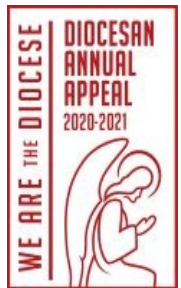
To be Confirmed this Sunday 10:30 AM at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral, La Crosse by Bishop William Callahan

Marian Presentation

Fr. Tim Welles will be at St. Peter's on Monday, May 24th at 6:30 PM to give a presentation on Mary, Mother of God. Subjects to be covered are: Marian Devotion, Mary & Bishop Sheen, Mary & Mother Seton and Explaining Marian Devotion to non-Catholics. Please plan to attend and bring a friend!!!

**The Annual Appeal year-end is quickly
approaching - 6/30/21**

All payments must be postmarked by 6/30/21 in order to get credit for this appeal year. Any payments received after 6/30/21 will be applied toward next year's appeal. Thank you to all the families and individuals who have generously responded! **WE HAVE 5 WEEKS TO MEET THE OUTSTANDING BALANCE OF \$1,630.00.** If you have not yet participated, please consider making a contribution. Let us be excited about the good things accomplished through our generosity! If we do not meet our goal, the parish will have to pay it from the General Fund; however, any overages will be returned directly to the parish and are not counted toward future Appeals or quotas by the Diocese.



Ways to donate to the Annual Appeal:

Send payments to: Diocese of La Crosse, Attn: Annual Appeal,
PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. PLEASE make
sure that your donation is **clearly marked** is for **St. Joseph
Parish (496), St. Joseph's Ridge, OR**

Drop a check in the weekly collection made out to the **Diocese of
LaCrosse** and the Parish will mail it for you, **OR**

Donate online at: <https://diolc.org/donate-online/> under
"PARISH" choose **2020 (496)**.

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!

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.



PARISH NEWS continued

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.



DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS

Perennial Plant and Craft Sale

Location: W2887 Kloss Rd, La Crosse, WI , 2 miles North of St. Joseph's Ridge off Hwy M.

100+ different varieties—Huge plants—Low prices. Bird houses—chairs—decorative rocks with Hens & Chicks—signs and more. See the flyer in back for more details. **Sale is on Thurs. May 27th from 3-8 PM, Fri. May 28th from 12-6 PM and Sat. May 29th from 8AM-12 PM**

HOSTED By: Lois Schams, Sherry Hougom 608-792-1045 and Barb Braun 608-792-9096

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.

GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE sponsored by Knights of Columbus La Crosse Council 839 will be on Thursday, May 27 from 12:30 pm to 5:30 pm at Cathedral - Undercroft. To donate, please visit: redcrossblood.org and enter Sponsor Code: Cathedral or CALL 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767). To volunteer, please contact Charlie Peters (612-760-6192 or cjpeters2011@gmail.com). Thank you and may God Bless you.

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 diolc.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

DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS cont'd

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.

KIDS CORNER

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PAMPHYLIA
EGYPT
LIBYA
CYRENE
ROME
JEWS
CRETANS
ARABS

On Pentecost Sunday, when the apostles went out of the upper room, there was a great crowd in Jerusalem for the Jewish feast. So they began to tell the people the good news of Jesus. See if you can find the names of all the different kinds of people who were in the city listening to them.

All these people heard the apostles speaking in their

_____!



Answer: Native Language.

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