

PARISH INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, May 31st

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

-**6:00 PM** Mass -†Nancy Kaiser

TUESDAY, June 1st

St. Justin

-**5:00 pm** Adoration

-**5:30pm** Mass -†Ray and Audrey Korn

THURSDAY, June 3rd

St. Charles Lwanga and Companions

-**8:30 am** Mass -†Robert Strittmater

SATURDAY, June 5th

First Saturday-St. Boniface

-**8:30 am** Mass -†For the dying and all the souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, June 5th

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

-**4:00pm** Mass -†Ralph and Evelyn Mikshowskey

Lector: Kathy Leis Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, June 6th

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

-**8:30am** Mass -†Deceased members of the Philip Hess, Sr. Family

Lector: Volunteer Ushers: Volunteers

PARISH CALENDAR

- **May 31 ~ Memorial Day Mass** pushed back 30 minutes to **6:00 PM**
- **June 14 ~ No Mass**
- **June 26/28 ~ Mission Coop Weekend**
- **June 29 ~ Finance Council Meeting 7:00 PM**
- **August 9-13 ~ Fr. Biju on Retreat**

Confessions

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



Diocesan Annual Appeal 2020-2021		
5/27/2021	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Received	\$19,035.00	\$19,010.00
Target Amount	\$20,615.00	\$20,615.00
Under Target	(\$1,580.00)	(\$1,605.00)
Number of families contributing: 61		
Percent goal pledged: 92.34%/Received: 92.21%		

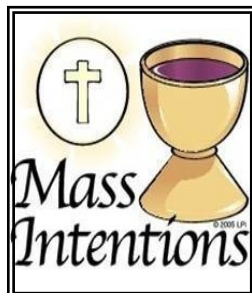
DID YOU KNOW?

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.

Mass Intentions

We have openings for weekday intentions for the following dates: **July 13, 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.



GIFT'S RETURNED TO GOD

Week of **May 23rd—182 envelope holders**



Adult Env.(29Rec'd):	\$1,580.00
Offertory:	\$200.00
Ascension (7):	\$105.00
Votive lights:	\$28.50

Thank You!

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

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Happy feast to everyone. Today the Church celebrates the great mystery of the Trinity. This mystery of the Holy Trinity is at the heart of our Christian faith. We proclaim it as we trace the sign of the cross or while the priest greets at the beginning of the Mass, "the grace of our Lord



Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all" (2 Corinthians 13:14). Also, in many other occasions too, we honor the Godhead. It is a mystery. As we know, mystery is by definition not able to be explained fully. The Trinity has over the centuries been a mystery to believers and non-believers alike. The doctrine of the Trinity includes three truths of faith. First, the Trinity is One. We do not speak of three gods, but of one God. Each of the Persons is fully God. They are a unity of Persons in one divine nature. Second, the Divine Persons are distinct from each other. Father, Son, and Spirit are not three appearances or modes of God, but three identifiable persons, each fully God in a way distinct from the others. Third, the Divine Persons are in relation to each other. The distinction of each is understood only in reference to the others. The Father cannot be the Father without the Son, nor can the Son be the Son without the Father. The Holy Spirit is related to the Father and the Son who both send him forth. (cf. U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults, USCCB edition © 2006, pp.52-53).

This weekend we also celebrate Memorial Day. Originally a day to remember those who died during the Civil War, the holiday eventually included a remembrance of all who died in service to our country and later all deceased veterans. Now it has become a day to visit cemeteries and remember all deceased relatives and friends. As we celebrate this day let us also remember that there is no better way for Catholics to do this than by participating in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and praying for the departed. We have Mass here on Memorial Day at 6pm.

Have a blessed weekend! Live Jesus, Fr. Biju

Census/Registration Update

As of this publication we have received 129 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!

PARISH NEWS

Confirmation with Bishop William P. Callahan

May 23, 2021

Congratulations Jack Murphy and Elijah Hundt!



MEMORIAL DAY PRAYER

Heavenly Father, On this Memorial Day, we pray for those who courageously laid down their lives for the cause of freedom.

May the example of their sacrifice inspire in us the selfless love of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Bless the families of our fallen troops, and fill their homes and their lives with your strength and peace.

Embolden us to answer the call to work for peace and justice, and thus, seek an end to violence and conflict around the globe.

We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen

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

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 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.

SUMMER ORGAN RECITAL SERIES

The Cathedral of Saint Joseph the Workman in La Crosse, Wisconsin, is pleased to announce the schedule of distinguished performers on its 2021 Summer Organ Recital Series. All recitals are on Sunday afternoons at 3:30 and are approximately one hour in duration. Admission is free; a freewill offering will be accepted. During construction, enter the building from the parking lot entrance.

June 13—Dr. Brent Nolte, music department chair at Ohio Christian University in Circleville, Ohio.

July 18—James Brian Smith, music educator, founding artistic director of the Chicago Boy Choir, and former associate organist at Holy Name

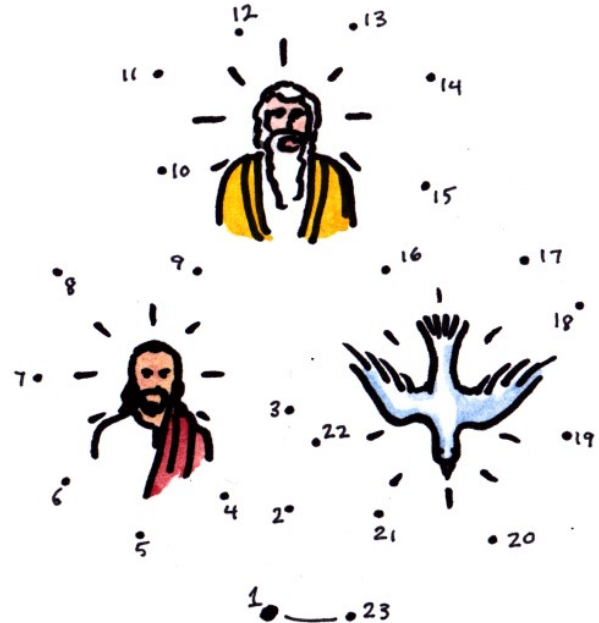
DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS cont'd

Cathedral in Chicago.

August 8—Dr. Stephen C. Price, organ faculty at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana.

KIDS CORNER

Feast of the Most Holy Trinity Sunday May 30th, 2021



There are three Persons in God: The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. But there is still only one God! Saint Patrick taught the Irish people about the BLESSED TRINITY by showing the people something else that is three-in-one. What is it? Connect the dots 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



“Theology of the Body” St. John Paul II’s Roadmap to Happiness

Would you like a roadmap to a fulfilling life and a heavenly destiny?

Well, back in the 1980’s Pope St. John Paul II gave us an extraordinary one. Calling it the “Theology of the Body,” he unfolded that map bit by bit through weekly audiences over the course of five years. Because of his philosophical mind and vocabulary, the Pope’s map needed some ‘decoding’ for the average person. We have that now, thanks to the dedication of people like author Brian Butler, who will be presenting a virtual conference on “Formation for Theology of the Body: Unlocking the Meaning of Our Humanity,” on Sat., June 5, 10:00 am - 3:30 pm.

Before I explain how you can register for this conference, let me tell you why it is so valuable.

You see, *every Catholic school in the diocese, and every parish religious education program, has been asked by Bishop Callahan to form our young people using the Theology of the Body through a curriculum whose primary author is Brian Butler. That makes the June 5 virtual conference a golden opportunity for parents, grandparents and any interested adult to gain key insights from the author himself on what their children are being taught.*

But there’s more. Several of us in charge of diocesan offices see the Theology of the Body as a central thread in all our efforts of

formation, at every level. We are working and planning to weave it into everything we do.

Why? Because it has a powerfully inspiring message that God created us in a burst of His infinite Love, that He wired us for relationship with Him and with each other, that we become who God created us to be when we live a life of self-giving love, and that by His grace we can experience a freedom and contagious joy that lights up the world.

The Theology of the Body has been especially helpful in teaching people the positive Catholic vision of human sexuality. To our culture that looks at sex as a commodity, it declares that women (and men) are always to be respected and loved, and never to be objectified and used. And in this age of gender confusion, its profound insights into the God-given uniqueness and complementarity of man and woman are a healing balm.

Pope John Paul II showed a marvelous ability to speak to the human heart in a way that is real and relatable, addressing both our fears and our yearnings. That is why our young people are responding to it with such enthusiasm. It resonates with their experience and gives hope and meaning to their lives.

But the Theology of the Body does much more than help us understand sexual morality. It considers all the ways the body expresses the person – our gaze, a smile or a frown, our tone of voice, our manners and

posture, our touch. These bodies of ours are not “containers” for our souls, nor are they “accessories” that we can manipulate as we wish.

No, our bodies are *us*, central to our very identity. They will be raised up on the last day and we will be embodied forever. Our bodies speak a language. Think of a closed fist vs. an open hand, a shove vs. an embrace. Jesus took on a body and He “spoke” with it. He wept in grief at the tomb of Lazarus. He made a whip in righteous anger and overturned the tables of the moneychangers in the Temple. He fed his people, first with loaves and fishes and then with His very Body and Blood. He opened His arms upon the Cross. He rose in glory and ascended bodily into Heaven.

We live and move and express ourselves through our bodies. This is what Pope St. John Paul II understood so keenly and wanted us to take seriously, in our age that fails to respect the body and thus also fails to respect the person that the body represents.

So, join Brian Butler on June 5 as he shares vital insights into this treasure from Pope John Paul II that is having such a powerful impact in our Catholic schools and parishes. It will speak to your heart, too!

By Christopher Ruff

Virtual Conference Cost: \$10/person.
To register, visit diolc.org/tob.



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