

St. Joseph Ridge Parish

W2601 State Rd 33 • La Crosse • Wisconsin • 54601

June 6, 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 Stafslie, Admin. Assist.....608-788-1646

Bulletin deadline:Wednesday

sjrp2601@gmail.com

Open most Tuesdays and Fridays

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Position is **VACANT** currently seeking a

Coordinator of Religious Education

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 Brown608-792-1006
dbrown039@centurytel.net

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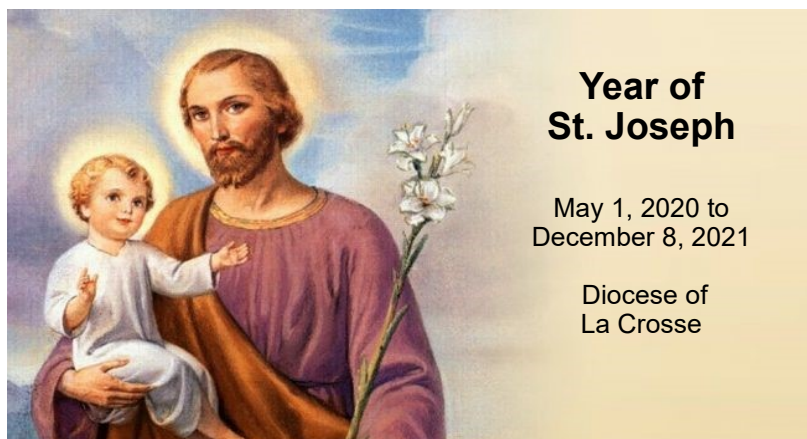
Stacy Burns, Coordinator.....608-769-8828

jsburns0093@gmail.com

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



PARISH INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, June 5th

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

-4:00pm Mass -†Ralph and Evelyn Mikshowsky

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

MONDAY, June 7th

Weekday

-5:30 PM Mass -†Caroline Martin

TUESDAY, June 8th

Weekday

-5:00 pm Adoration

-5:30pm Mass -†Alvina and Ike Clements

THURSDAY, June 10th

Weekday

-8:30 am Mass -†Tony Guanella

SATURDAY, June 12th

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

-4:00pm Mass -†Caroline Dwyer and Caroline Martin

Lector: Jim Weber Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, June 13th

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

-8:30am Mass -Our Parish Family

Lector: Donnie Weber Ushers: Volunteers

St. Peters, Middle Ridge

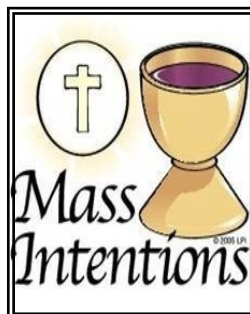
Adoration: Wed. 7:30-9:00 PM

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 27 and 29, August 26 and 31, Sept 6, 9, 13, 14, 16, 21, 27, 28, and 30.** 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

- **June 14** ~ No Mass
- **June 24-25** ~ Priest Unity Days
- **June 26/28** ~ Mission Coop Weekend
- **June 29** ~ Finance Council Meeting 7:00 PM
- **June 30** ~ Deadline for Diocesan Annual Appeal (please mail one week prior to allow for processing)
- **July 4** ~ Independence Day
- **July 5-9** ~ Parish Office closed, Amy on PTO

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.

GIFT'S RETURNED TO GOD

Week of May 30th—182 envelope holders



Adult Env.(27Rec'd):	\$1,122.00
Offertory:	\$174.63
Ascension (2):	\$30.00
May ACH:	\$690.00

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

Corpus Christi

Happy Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, our Lord and God! What a Gift we celebrate today! We commemorate God's greatest gift to mankind, the person of Jesus Christ. God gives us His Son, and then Christ gives us Himself. The gift of all gifts. This feast proclaims God's real presence in our midst in the Eucharist. Eucharist is not a symbol, not a representation, but the actual body and blood of Jesus Christ. Eucharist is a life-altering and life-transforming gift. It's redeeming.

The feast of Corpus Christi was first celebrated in Liege, Belgium in 1246. Pope Urban IV extended the feast to the entire Church in 1264. Only the Eucharist has the ability to connect, sustain, strengthen, and properly orient us, not only on the road of this life but the road to life eternal. Knowing this, when life gets challenging, unsettling, and difficult, we can rely on and cling to this gift we have in the Real Presence of Christ. This actual encounter with God celebrates God's unconditional love for us and grounds us to the truth of who we are in a way nothing else is able to do. Because through the Eucharist we are bonded together. Gift, gift-giver, and receiver meld into one in this sacrament of sacraments.

The gift of Jesus as bread was and continues to be a challenge to all followers of Jesus. Some surveys say that as many as 80% of Catholics do not believe that the Eucharist is really the Body and Blood of Christ. At the same time there are miracles of Eucharist happens even today. Only our faith will make us believers. One translation of the hymn Tantum Ergo of Saint Thomas Aquinas says: "Senses cannot grasp this marvel; faith alone must compensate."

Have a good weekend!

Live Jesus, Fr. Biju, MSFS



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

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

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 Cathedral in Chicago.

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

All are cordially invited to attend these exciting and varied performances of delightful organ music on the Cathedral's magnificent 71-rank Noack organ

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

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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://diolc.org/social-concerns/religious-freedom-week/> for more information.

Live Stream Chrism Mass—June 24

Please join Bishop Callahan and the priest and deacons of the Diocese in a live stream of the annual Chrism Mass, delayed from during Holy Week, beginning at 10 AM from St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral. Please see diolc.org/live.

Ordination to the Priesthood-June 26

We will celebrate the ordination of Deacon Erick Mashak (St. John the Baptist Parish, Cooks Valley), Deacon Timothy Reither (St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Chippewa Falls), and Deacon Arturo Vigueras (St. Peter Parish, Stevens Point) to the priesthood. Please join Bishop Callahan and the clergy of the Diocese via livestream at diolc.org/live at 10 AM.

Married Love: Two Become One Retreat, La Crosse

July 10, 2021 from 7:25 AM to 3 PM at MMOC on Weston St. Contact Mari Erickson at laxmpretreat@gmail.com or 608-518-7655. Cost is \$75 per couple.

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/>

Witnesses for Christ Virtual Conference Saturday, August 7

We invite all Catechetical Leaders to gather with their catechists, parents and interested adults on Saturday, August 7th for our annual Virtual Conference. Dr. Petroc Willey will be the keynote presenter for the interactive sessions and will provide a great deal for preparing to teach in the fall. Petroc is a gifted teacher as his deep relationship with Christ shines out in a profound way. Go to diolc.org/witness for further details and to register. Flyers and information also available in the back of church.



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Body and Blood of Christ Word-Find

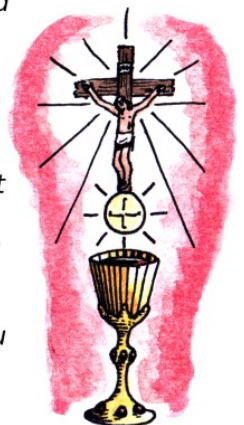


See if you can find all the words written in CAPITALS.

Use the left-over letters to fill in the blanks to make a little prayer you can say at Mass!

At the **LAST SUPPER**, after he had **GIVEN** thanks, **JESUS** took **BREAD** and said, "Take and **EAT**. **THIS** is my **BODY**." Then, taking the chalice of **WINE**, he said, "Take this, all of **YOU**, and **DRINK** from it. This is the **CHALICE** of my **BLOOD**, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be **POURED** out for you and for **MANY** for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in **MEMORY** of me."

That was the first **MASS**. When you go to **HOLY COMMUNION**, you really receive the **Body**, **Blood**, **SOUL** and **DIVINITY** of **CHRIST**, who is **GOD**!



Answer: My Lord and My God.

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