

# St. Joseph Ridge Parish

W2601 State Rd 33 • La Crosse • Wisconsin • 54601

June 13, 2021

## PASTOR

Fr. Biju Chennala Kunjukutty, MSFS...715-495-2338  
danielchennala@gmail.com

## WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

(limited capacity 125 persons)

Saturday.....4:00pm

Sunday.....8:30am

## WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

First Saturday Mass.....8:30am

Monday .....5:30pm

Tuesday.....Adoration .....5:00 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 Brown .....608-792-1006  
dbrown039@centurytel.net

## MUSIC

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

jsburns0093@gmail.com

Leland Gregorich, Accompanist

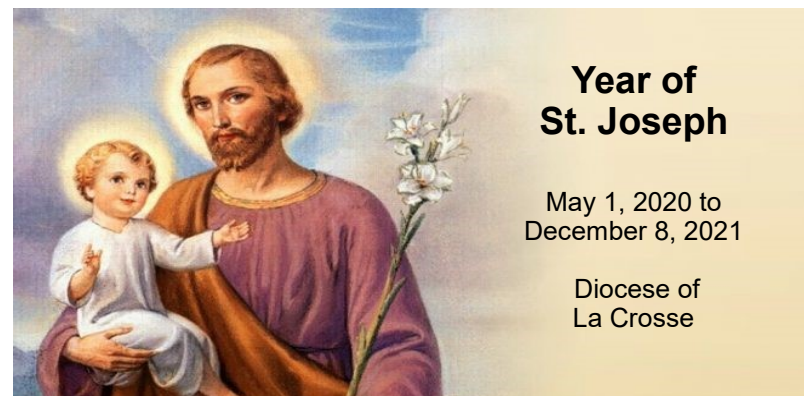
## CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR:

- 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



## 11<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants."- Mk 4:30-32b



## Year of St. Joseph

May 1, 2020 to  
December 8, 2021

Diocese of  
La Crosse

**PARISH INTENTIONS**

**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

**MONDAY, June 14th**

Weekday

-5:30 PM Mass - NO MASS

**TUESDAY, June 15th**

Weekday

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

**THURSDAY, June 17th**

Weekday

-8:30 am Mass -†Irene Wisland

**SATURDAY, June 19th**

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

-4:00pm Mass -†Joseph and Clara Bina  
Lector: Kathy Leis Ushers: Volunteers

**SUNDAY, June 20th**

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time-Father's Day

-8:30am Mass -George and Evelyn Miller  
Lector: Paula Silha Ushers: Volunteers

**St. Peters, Middle Ridge**

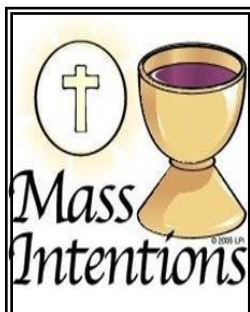
Adoration: Wed. 7:30-9:00 PM

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

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

**Mass Intentions**

We have openings for weekday intentions for the following dates: **Sept 6, 9, 13, 14, 16, 21, 27, 28, and 30. Oct 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](mailto: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 26/27** ~ 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. Bijou directly to set up a time).



Diocesan Annual Appeal 2020-2021		
6/11/2021	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Received	\$19,735.00	\$19,710.00
Target Amount	\$20,615.00	\$20,615.00
<b>Under Target</b>	<b>(\$880.00)</b>	<b>(\$905.00)</b>
Number of families contributing: 63		
Percent goal pledged: 95.73%/Received: 95.61%		

**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 June 6th—182 envelope holders



Adult Env.(27Rec'd):	\$1,580.00
Offertory:	\$159.00
Votive Lights:	\$78.22
DCCW (1):	\$13.00

**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**

**Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

After Lent, the Easter season, and three Sundays of feast days—Pentecost, Most Holy Trinity, and Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ—the Church returns to Ordinary Time. This Sunday's Gospel from Mark carries a significant message regarding faith and the Kingdom of God. Today's Gospel Reading consists of two parables about seeds. In the first, Jesus tell us a man scatters seed which over time sprouts and develops. Then when the grain is ripe, the man harvests his crop. The second parable focuses on the tiny mustard seed which develops into a tree. Though small at its planting, it germinates and sprouts and grows into a big tree with branches for shelter for birds of the air. In these images the potential fruit is not evident in the seed's appearance, but comes about according to God's plan and in a way that is mysterious to us. After planting hundreds of acres, the farmer can only wait, he cannot make the seed grow. It's not until the rows begin to appear that he knows the promise of a crop. It's the same with our faith - with its germination and maturing. God's grace with our humble efforts will bring our life of faith to fruition. A favorite motto of St. Teresa of Calcutta was, "do small things with great love." This is how it works in the kingdom of God. God can do tremendous things if our heart is open to Him.

We are almost close to the fiscal year end and we still have not met the Diocesan Annual Appeal. We are almost there, but not yet. Please remember that this Appeal supports the education of seminarians, support personnel for parish and school administration, and replaces 14 collections for national and global ministries formerly taken up in the course of each year. Please consider helping us meet our goal in the support of the wider church.

On June 14, 2021 each household in the diocese will receive a letter from Bishop Callahan. The letter will announce that the dispensation of the Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation in the Diocese of La Crosse will be lifted beginning on with the weekend of June 26-27, 2021. Please watch for this notice, and read it for more information.

Live Jesus, Fr. Biju

"REMEMBER THE MUSTARD SEED"

**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.



**Pray for Our Farmers**



The recent dry, hot weather has posed a serious threat to farmers in our region. Please remember them daily in your prayers, that they will have the moisture and other needed conditions for a successful growing season and harvest.

**DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS**

**The Story of Patrick Peyton**

Father's Day reminds us of the importance of a Dad's role in the family. Most importantly Dads are called to be the leader in family prayer. Come join us for a movie that highlights both fatherhood and family prayer. PRAY: THE STORY OF PATRICK PEYTON is a documentary about a poor Irish immigrant who came to America in 1927 with dreams of becoming a millionaire. But God and the Blessed Virgin Mary had other plans for Patrick, and after he was ordained a priest, Father Peyton spent his life reminding the world that "The Family That Prays Together Stays Together." At its peak, Father Peyton's Family Rosary campaign was drawing crowds of over 2 million people to pray the Rosary. **PRAY: THE STORY OF PATRICK PEYTON will be showing at Mary, Mother of the Church in the Parish Hall, Monday, June 21 (1:30 pm and 6:30 pm), and Tuesday June 22 (8:30 am, 1:30 pm and 6:30 pm).**

**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

## DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS cont'd

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

### Live Stream Chrim Mass—June 24

Please join Bishop Callahan and the priest and deacons of the Diocese in a live stream of the annual Chrim Mass, delayed from during Holy Week, beginning at 10 AM from St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral. Please see [diolc.org/live](https://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 Viguera (St. Peter Parish, Stevens Point) to the priesthood. Please join Bishop Callahan and the clergy of the Diocese via livestream at [diolc.org/live](https://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 [lxmpretreat@gmail.com](mailto:lxmpretreat@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"

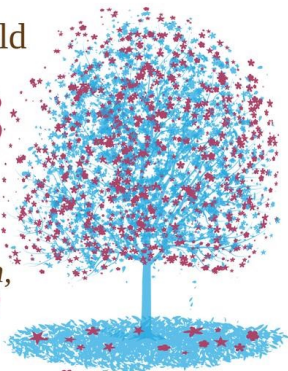
The 15th Annual conference at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse, Wisconsin will be held on **July 30 & 31, 2021**. The keynote address will be by **His Eminence Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke**. For registration and information see the flyer in the back of church or visit: <https://queenoftheamericasguild.org/>

### 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](https://diolc.org/witness) for further details and to register. Flyers and information also available in the back of church.

And all the trees of the field  
shall know that I am the  
**LORD;**  
I bring low the high tree,  
and make high the low tree,  
**dry up the green tree,**  
and make the dry tree flourish.  
*I am the lord; I have spoken,*  
**and I will do it."**

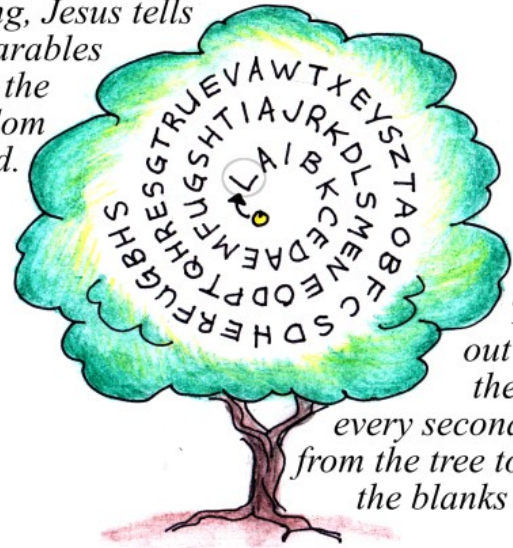
Ezekiel 17:24



## KIDS CORNER

### 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time June 13th, 2021

*In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells two parables about the Kingdom of God.*



*To find out one of them, use every second letter from the tree to fill in the blanks below.*

The Kingdom of Heaven is

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When it grows up it becomes

\_\_\_\_\_

Answer: ...like a mustard seed...the greatest of shrubs.



### 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](mailto:sjrp2601@gmail.com)