

PARISH INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, June 21st

St. Aloysius Gonzaga

-5:30 PM Mass -†Paul and Dorothy Hess

TUESDAY, June 22nd

St. Paulinus of Nola, SS John Fisher and Thomas More

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

THURSDAY, June 24th

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

-8:00 am Mass -†Ron Guanella

SATURDAY, June 26th

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

-4:00pm Mass -Our Parish Family
Lector: Jim Weber Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, June 27th

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time-Father's Day

-8:30am Mass -†Deceased members of the Al and Anna
Mae Antony Family
Lector: Sally Miller Ushers: Volunteers

St. Peters, Middle Ridge

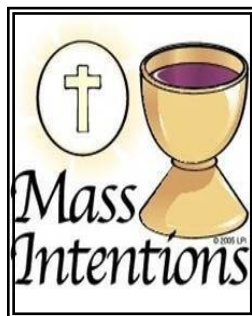
Adoration: Wed. 7:30-9:00 PM

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, 13, 14, 16, 21, 27, 28, and 30. Oct 4, 5, 11, 12, 14, 18, 21, 25, and 26.** 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.



PARISH CALENDAR

- **June 24-25** ~ Priest Unity Days (PUD)
- **June 24** ~ Mass at 8:00 AM due to PUD
Chrism Mass, 10 AM livestreamed from the St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral, La Crosse
- **June 26/27** ~ Mission Coop Weekend, welcome Fr. Honore Kombo
- **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, for administrative needs contact Fr. Biju
- **July 30-Aug 1** ~ Fr. Biju away on Mission Appeal
- **August 8** ~ Welcome help out priest Fr. Paul Check
- **August 9-20** ~ Fr. Biju on Retreat and vacation

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		
		6/18/2021	Total Pledged	Total Payments
	Pledged/Received		\$19,735.00	\$19,735.00
	Target Amount		\$20,615.00	\$20,615.00
	Under Target		(\$880.00)	(\$880.00)
	Number of families contributing: 63			
Percent goal pledged: 95.73%/Received: 95.73%				

GIFT'S RETURNED TO GOD



Adult Env.(32Rec'd): \$1,600.00
Offertory: \$157.00

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

“Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?”

The episode in today's Gospel is about Jesus rebuking the wind and quieting the sea. Jesus was in the stern, asleep, waves were breaking over the boat. The disciples wake Jesus up, they ask "Do you not care that we are perishing?" Do you not care? These are people whose lives have already been radically changed, by their encounter with Christ. They have left everything to follow him; they have witnessed miracles and healings and have experienced first-hand Jesus' love, and yet they still doubt his care. What do you feel? Jesus asks them, "Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?" With God life never dies. The God who calmed the seas for the disciples will calm the storms in our life, too. Remember, even in the midst of waves and wind, God never stops caring.

Later this week the priests of our diocese will be gathering in La Crosse for Priest Unity Days. On Thursday, June 24, Bishop Callahan will celebrate the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral. The Chrism Mass is usually celebrated during Holy Week, but has been delayed until now because of gathering restrictions due to the pandemic. Priest Unity Days will conclude on Saturday, June 26, with the ordination of three new priests: Timothy Reither from St. Charles Parish Chippewa Falls, Eric Mashak from Cooks Valley, and Arturo Viguera from Stevens Point. Unfortunately, attendance at both the Chrism Mass and the ordination Mass is restricted this year, but both can be viewed on the diocese's YouTube channel.

A happy and blessed Father's Day to all fathers, grandfathers, Godfathers, foster fathers and step-fathers. We ask God's blessing upon you. Pray that God may keep you healthy. Pray that you be blessed with the Spirit of love that they may grow in holiness and draw their family ever closer to you.

Live Jesus,
Fr. Biju

PARISH NEWS

Mission Co-op next Weekend - June 26-27, 2021

Father Honoré Kombo from the Democratic Republic of Congo will speak at all the Masses in our Parish on the weekend of June 26-27, 2021 on behalf of his Diocese of Kikwit in the Congo as part of the Mission Co-op. The Diocese of Kikwit has recently celebrated its Centenary of Evangelization (2012-2017). Building on milestones of over 100 years of Evangelization, they take on the challenges to continue the work of the Mission today. Father Kombo will give the missionary appeal in support to the pastoral work of 194 Diocesan Priests, to help equip 5 most important diocesan hospitals with medicines and other basic health supplies, and to give children from very poor families an opportunity for education. A second collection will be taken up for that purpose. Please make checks out to the parish. Thank you for your generous response to his appeal for the Church's Mission in the Congo!



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.

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

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).



The righteous man walks in his integrity; His children are blessed after him.

PROVERBS 20:7

DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS cont'd

Update from Bishop

Bishop Callahan would like to update everyone on the recent request from the WI Attorney General to the 5 dioceses of our state. The letter may be viewed at: <https://diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Ltr-of-June-16-2021-WI-Attorney-General-request.pdf>. Hard copies of the letter are in the back of church. Additional hard copies available upon request.

Update on Cathedral Work

The restoration work continues, with much of the exterior Oolitic Limestone being removed. The Lannon Limestone is being inspected and tuck-pointed. You can watch daily progress through either of the two live construction cams at cathedralsjworkman.org. Monsignor Gilles offers commentary and close up explanations on his [Minutes with Monsignor](#) video series on YouTube.

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.

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 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.

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.

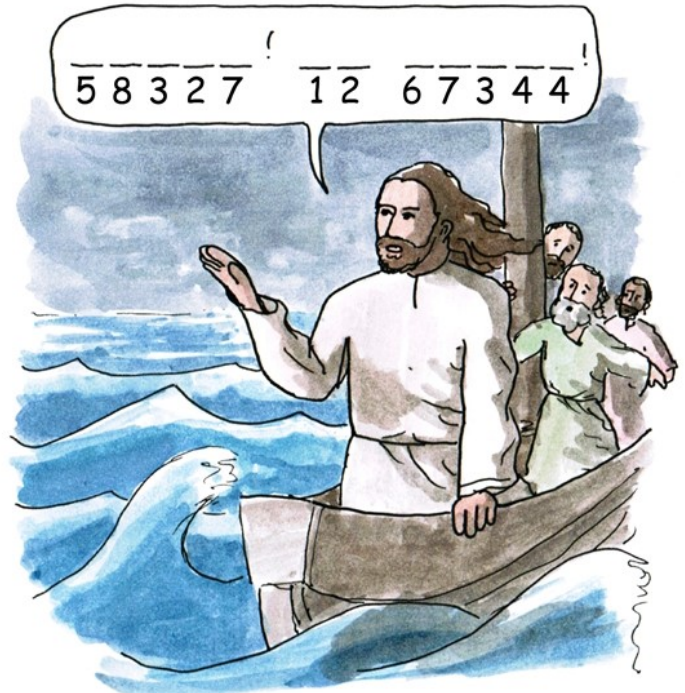
July 18—James Brian Smith, music educator, founding artistic director of the Chicago Boy Choir, and former associate organist at Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago.

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

KIDS CORNER

June 20th, 2021



In today's Gospel reading Jesus fell asleep in the boat with the apostles when a big storm came up. The apostles were frightened and woke Him. Jesus stood up and said something and the storm and the sea obeyed Him.

What did he say? Use the code to find out!

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TRUSTING GOD IN THE STORM

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



RELIGIOUS
FREEDOM
WEEK

Only in Truth Do We Find Freedom

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness" (John 8:12).

"Everyone who commits sin is a slave of sin... If you remain in my word...you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free" (John 8:31-32, 34).

Do you want to be free? Of course you do, but what does that mean?

As we celebrate Religious Freedom Week this June 22-29, the question is worth pondering.

If we take our cues from the Gospel passages above, authentic freedom is aligned with truth and the light of Christ. The enemy of true freedom is whatever hides in darkness and falsehood, egged on by the evil one, whom Jesus calls "a liar and the father of lies" (John 8:44).

Back to the Beginning

Let's flash back to where it all started, to the Garden of Eden. God creates man and woman and tells them they can eat of the fruit of all the many trees in the garden, except one – the "tree of the knowledge of good and evil." The point of this divinely inspired account is that God places a limit on man, a reminder that he is a creature, and only God is God.

Along comes the devil, tempting man to think that God is holding out on him, depriving him. God had warned that eating of this tree, breaking this limit, would lead to death. The devil scoffs, tells them that not only will

they not die, but they will become like gods. So they eat of it, unleashing on the human race the deadly consequences of their pride and disobedience.

Redeemed, but the Drama Continues

Jesus, the Son of God, comes into human flesh to undo the damages of sin. By humbling himself, concealing his divine glory, He makes up for our proud grasping. By dying, He restores us to life. He shows us what it looks like to walk in the light, free from the grip of sin. He proclaims the Beatitudes as the fulfillment of the Ten Commandments. He speaks the truth.

But in this drama that will continue until Jesus comes again in glory to judge the living and the dead, Satan keeps repeating his deadly formula, trying to seduce us with his lies, trying to make us slaves of sin.

A Courageous Witness to Truth

Tanner Cross, a Christian physical education instructor at a public school in Virginia, is a bold witness to truth. At a May 25 school board meeting, he spoke out against the county public schools' proposed transgender-affirming policies, which would require teachers and staff to call students by their preferred pronouns and allow them to engage in school activities according to their gender identity, as opposed to their biological sex, including team sports.

Tanner cited a recent **60 Minutes** report which featured more than 30 young people who had 'transitioned'

and now regretted how easy it was to go to a doctor and have life-altering, irreversible changes made to their bodies, with little push-back and few questions asked.

Cross said in his speech, "I love all of my students but I will never lie to them regardless of the consequences. I'm a teacher but I serve God first and I will not affirm that a biological boy can be a girl and vice versa."

The school reacted to Cross's words by placing him on leave, but then on June 8, a judge ordered that he be reinstated, ruling the discipline was a violation of his freedom of speech.

Courage and Compassion Needed

We are facing increasing challenges to our religious freedom to affirm God-given truths, as we confront our culture's seductive falsehoods. Transgenderism is a heartbreaking example of this trend, requiring from us a compassionate yet truthful and courageous response. For excellent resources on issues of faith, gender and personal identity visit personandidentity.com.

For more information on topics related to religious freedom, and on how you can make your voice heard when it comes to legislation such as the so-called "Equality Act," visit diolc.org/religious-freedom.

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Ministries & Social Concerns



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