

**W2601 State Rd 33 • La Crosse • Wisconsin • 54601**  
**July 4, 2021**

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(limited capacity 125 persons)

Saturday.....4:00pm  
Sunday.....8:30am

First Saturday Mass.....	8:30am
Monday .....	5:30pm
Tuesday.....Adoration .....	5:00 pm
Mass.....	5:30pm
Thursday.....	8:30am

By appointment only

Amy Stafslie, Admin. Assist.....608-788-1646  
Bulletin deadline: .....Wednesday  
sjrp2601@gmail.com  
Open most Tuesdays and Fridays

Position is **VACANT** currently seeking a  
**Coordinator of Religious Education**

Mary Jo Hess (Secretary), Terry Dickman, Dave Brown (B&G and Cemetery Rep), Barb Braun and Dan Steiger

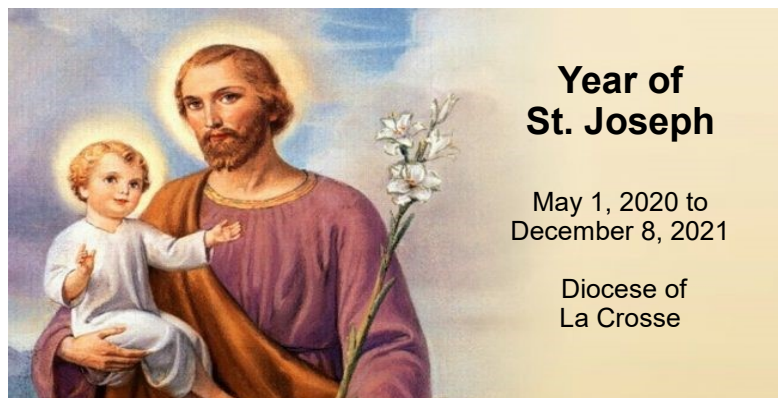
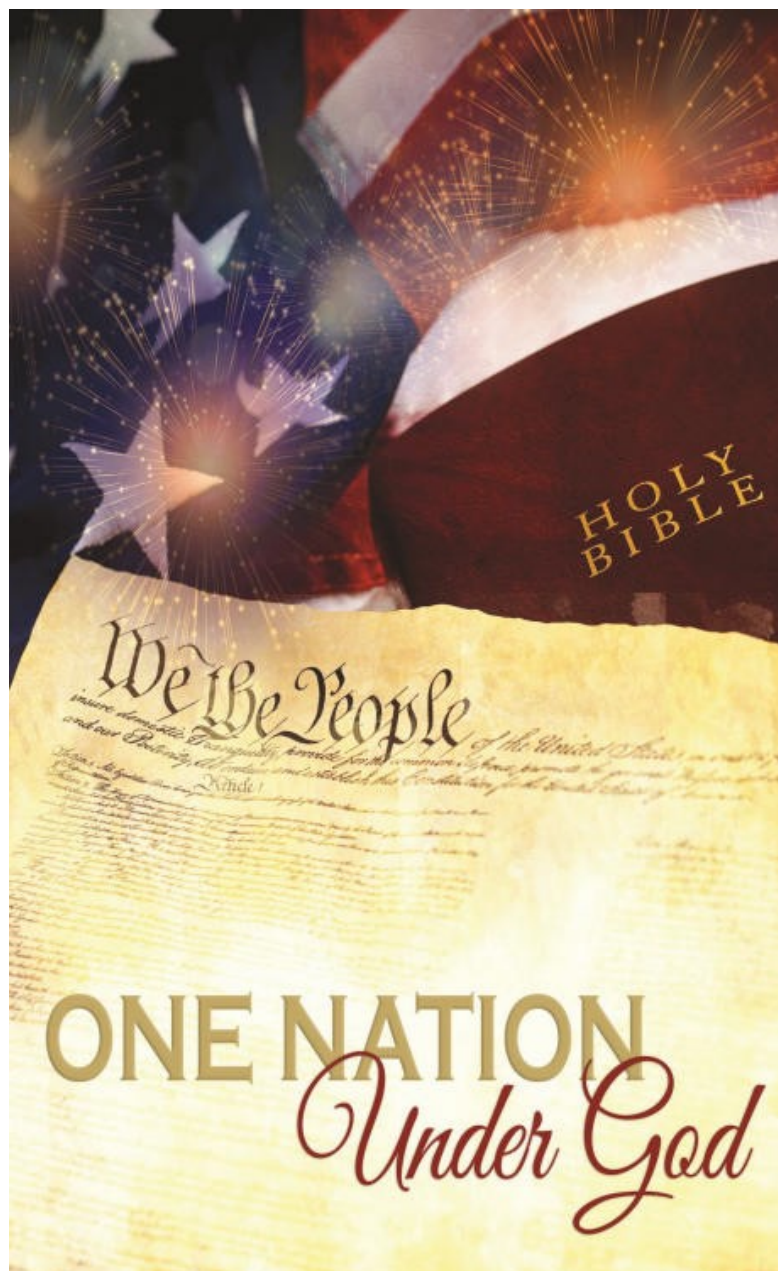
Dave Brown (Cemetery Rep), Teresa Brown (RE Rep),  
Lori Clements (PCCW Rep), Stan Clements, Ann De-  
genhardt, Terry Dickman (Finance Council Rep),  
Bob Kotek, and Bill Weber (Secretary)

Lori Clements (President), Mary Jo Hess (Treasurer),  
Jill Murphy (Secretary)

Dave Brown .....608-792-1006  
dbrown039@centurytel.net

Stacy Burns, Coordinator.....608-769-8828  
jsburns0093@gmail.com  
Leland Gregorich, Accompanist

- 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, July 3rd**

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

-4:00pm Mass -†Deceased members of the Philip Hess, Sr. Family

Lector: Bill Weber Ushers: Volunteers

**SUNDAY, July 4th**

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

-8:30am Mass -†Allen and Joe Gerke

Lector: Paula Silha Ushers: Volunteers

**MONDAY, July 5th**

St. Anthony Zaccaria and St. Elizabeth of Portugal

-5:30 PM Mass -†Virginia Bowe

**TUESDAY, July 6th**

St. Maria Goretti

-5:00 pm Adoration

-5:30pm Mass -†James Malin

**THURSDAY, July 8th**

Weekday

-8:30 am Mass -†Ralph and Evelyn Mikshowsky

**SATURDAY, July 10th**

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

-4:00pm Mass -†Robert, Patty, Alice, and Bill Silha

Lector: Kathy Leis Ushers: Volunteers

**SUNDAY, July 11th**

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

-8:30am Mass -Our Parish Family

Lector: Donnie Weber Ushers: Volunteers

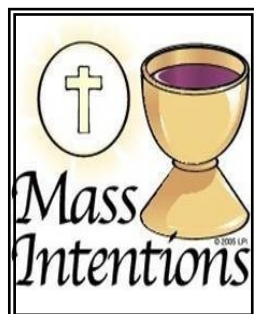
**Confessions**

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



**Mass Intentions**

We have openings for weekday intentions: **Oct 4, 18, 21, 25, and 26. Nov 2, 4, 8, 9, 11, 15, 16, 18, and 30. Dec 2, 6, 7, 13, 16, 20, 23, 28, and 30.** We have open First Saturdays, **8:30 AM beginning Oct 2nd.** 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.



**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.

**PARISH CALENDAR**

- **July 5-9** ~ Parish Office closed, Amy on PTO, for administrative needs contact Fr. Biju
- **July 15~Pastoral Council Meeting**-7 PM School Hall
- **July 30-Aug 1** ~ Fr. Biju away on Mission Appeal, welcome Fr. William Kulas
- **August 8** ~ Welcome help out priest Fr. Paul Check
- **August 8-20** ~ Fr. Biju on Retreat and vacation
- **August 9** ~ No weekday Mass
- **August 10** ~ Weekday Mass offered by Msgr. Hundt
- **August 11** ~ 10th Anniversary of the installation of Bishop William P. Callahan at the Diocese of La Crosse
- **August 12**~ No weekday Mass

*God Bless*  
**AMERICA**  
**HAPPY 4TH OF JULY**

Diocesan Annual Appeal 2020-2021			
	6/29/2021	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Received		\$21,065.00	\$21,065.00
Target Amount		\$20,615.00	\$20,615.00
<b>Over Target</b>		<b>\$450.00</b>	<b>\$450.00</b>
Number of families contributing: 66			
Percent goal pledged: 102.18%/Received:102.18%			

**GIFT'S RETURNED TO GOD**

Last Week in Giving—182 envelope holders



Adult Env.(27Rec'd): \$1,420.00  
 Offertory: \$138.00  
 Mission Coop Env(9): \$880.00  
 Mission Coop Offertory: \$429.00  
 ACH for June: \$680.00

**Thank You!**

**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.



**FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN**

**Understanding God's Ordinairiness**

The Gospel of this weekend immediately follows upon last week's stories of the raising of Jairus' daughter and the healing of the woman with a hemorrhage. It sets the context of our Gospel readings for the next two weeks in which Jesus will extend the work of his ministry to his disciples. He comes to his native place, Nazareth, the people are amazed by what they hear, but they also cannot comprehend how someone they know so well might move them so powerfully. We have a hard time understanding God's ordinairiness. This Gospel tells us that Jesus is hampered from performing miracles in Nazareth because of the people's lack of faith.

This weekend we are celebrating the Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle (July 3) and our nation's Independence (July 4). As we celebrate this 245th Independence Day, feel blessed to be in this great nation, the land of the free and the home of the brave. Prayers for peace and prosperity. *St Thomas the apostle's name occurs in all the lists of the Synoptists (Matthew 10:3; Mark 3:18; Luke 6, cf. Acts 1:13), but in St. John he plays a distinctive part. First, when Jesus announced His intention of returning to Judea to visit Lazarus, "Thomas" who is called Didymus [the twin], said to his fellow disciples: "Let us also go, that we may die with him" (John 11:16). Again, it was St. Thomas who during the discourse before the Last Supper raised an objection: "Thomas saith to him: "...Lord, we do not know where You are going; how do we know the way?" (John 14:5). But more, St. Thomas is remembered for his doubt when the other Apostles announced Christ's Resurrection to him: "Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the place of the nails, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe" (John 20:25); but eight days later he made his act of faith, drawing down the rebuke of Jesus: "Because thou hast seen me, Thomas, thou hast believed; blessed are they that have not seen, and have believed" (John 20:29). He is the patron of builders, India and Pakistan. My home state in India is one of the places where, we believe he established communities beginning from 52 -72 AD.*

On July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 through the beautiful mass celebrated by Most Reverend William Patrick Callahan, D.D., Bishop of La Crosse, has merged St. Leo the Great Parish in West Salem and St. Mary Parish in Bangor into St. Teresa of Kolkata Parish. Congratulations and prayers to Reverend Arulsamy Raja Kennedy and parishioners.

2020-21 Diocesan Annual Appeal Year ended on June 30, 2021. I was so happy that we made our goal this year. *Thanks to all who generously contributed.* Wishing all of you a Happy 4th of July and a Blessed Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle.

Live Jesus,  
Fr. Biju

**PARISH NEWS**

**Nancy J. Kaiser—Celebration of Life**

This **Saturday, July 3rd from 2:00-8:00 PM** at the St. Joseph Lion's Ridge Park. All are welcome to join the family to share memories, stories, to laugh, to cry, and to remember the person who is so greatly missed. Nancy was called to the Lord on September 2, 2020.

**Living Faith Devotionals**

The July-Sept booklets are now available in the back of church.

**Mission Co-op Weekend**

Thank you for supporting the Diocese of Kikwit in the Congo as part of the Mission Co-op.



*Thank  
You!*

**Diocesan Annual Appeal Ended June 30, 2021**

We reached our goal! Thank you to the 66 families/individuals who contributed.

**Our Deepest Sympathy to the Families of:**

**Nancy J. Kaiser**

who passed away on  
September 2, 2020

A private funeral Mass will be held this week and she will be laid to rest at St. Peter Cemetery.

*and*

**William "Bill" M. Servais**

who passed away on  
July 20, 2020

A private funeral Mass will be held later this week and he will be laid to rest in the St. Joseph Ridge Cemetery.

Please keep Nancy, Bill, and their families in your prayers.

*"If I rise on the wings of the dawn, If I settle on the far side of the sea, Even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast." Psalm 139:9-10*



**DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS**

**PRAY: The Story of Patrick Peyton**

Grab your family and join us for a Catholic movie called PRAY at St. Patrick's Parish in the Parish Hall (1031 Main St, Onalaska). Sometimes it's good to be reminded of why we pray together as a family and who best to tell you the reason than the priest who coined the phrase "The Family that Prays Together, Stays Together", Fr. Patrick Peyton. Come listen to his story and walk away desiring to pray together as a family. There is no charge and all are welcome so bring your family and/or a friend. **Popcorn and soda will be provided free of charge at all showings. Show Times:** Wednesday, July 7, 3:00 pm and 6:30 pm and Thursday, July 8, 9:00 am, 1:30 pm and 6:30 pm

**Heroic Men Website**

If you haven't done so, check out the Heroic Men website: <https://heroicmen.com/>. It is a 100% free Catholic streaming platform designed especially for men who want to discover (or re-discover) the truth,

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beauty and goodness of the Catholic faith. Offering more than 100 feature-length films, TV shows, documentaries and short films, Heroic Men seeks to source the best Catholic media available and bring it all to you, all in one place.

### 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](mailto:laxmpretreat@gmail.com) or 608-518-7655. Cost is \$75 per couple.

### Enrollment is Now Open for the 2021-22 School Year

**Aquinas Catholic Schools** is a Christ-centered family devoted to nurturing students of all faiths through educational excellence in its vibrant Catholic tradition. Aquinas offers flexible options for financial aid, scholarships, and bus routes to support students and families from all walks of life. Alumni have gone on to succeed in various industries and their accomplishments continue to make Aquinas proud. Enroll today for grades 3P-12TH grade! To learn more or to schedule a visit with one of our principals please call (608) 784-8585 or visit [www.aquinascatholicschools.org](http://www.aquinascatholicschools.org)

### Summer Organ Recital Series

The Cathedral of Saint Joseph the Workman in La Crosse, Wisconsin, is pleased to announce the schedule of 2021 Summer Organ Recital Series. All recitals start at 3:30 PM and run an hour long. 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.

### 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

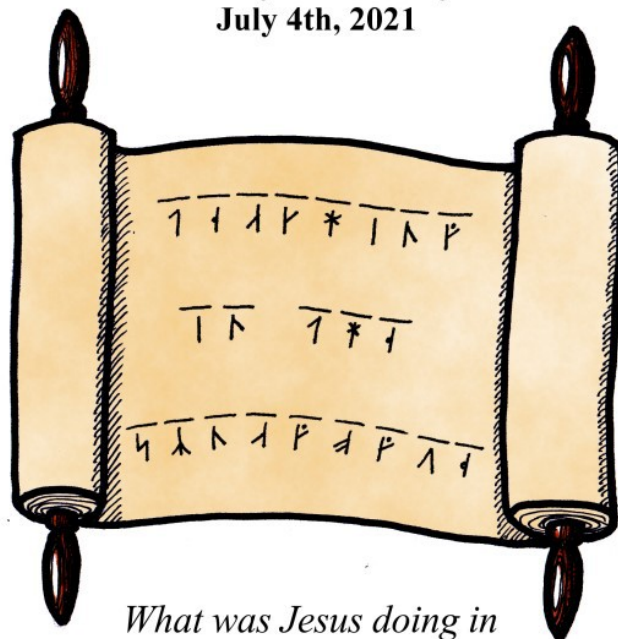
We invite all Catechetical Leaders to gather with their catechists, parents and interested adults on Saturday, August 7th for our annual Virtual Conference. Dr. Petroc Willey will be the keynote presenter for the interactive sessions and will provide a great deal for preparing to teach in the fall. Petroc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

### VA Caregiver Support

If you are a family member or friend providing care for a Veteran who is living with the effects of war, disabled, chronically ill, or aging, wears here to support you with resources, tools, answers, and a listening ear. We are here to support you. Call 1-855-260-3274 toll free or visit [www.caregiver.va.gov](http://www.caregiver.va.gov)

## KIDS CORNER

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 4th, 2021



*What was Jesus doing in today's Gospel reading?  
Use the secret code to find out!*

A C E G H I N O S T U Y  
A I P \* I A P A I

Answers: Teaching in the synagogue.



### 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

### 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)