

PARISH INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, July 24th

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

-4:00pm Mass -†George and Evelyn Miller
Lector: Bill Weber Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, July 25th

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

-8:30am Mass -Our Parish Family
Lector: Donna Clements Ushers: Volunteers

MONDAY, July 26th

SS Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

-5:30 PM Mass -Bill and Shirley Patterson Family,
living and deceased

TUESDAY, July 27th

Weekday

-5:00 pm Adoration
-5:30pm Mass -†Rosie and Gerald Kammel

THURSDAY, July 29th

St. Martha

8:30 am Mass -†Sharon Freit

SATURDAY, July 31st

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

-4:00pm Mass -†Brent Clements
Lector: Jim Weber Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, August 1st

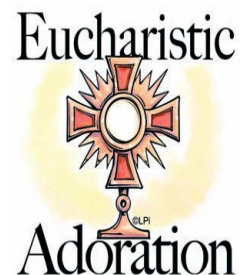
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

-8:30am Mass -†Paul and Dorothy Hess
Lector: Dan Steiger Ushers: Volunteers

PARISH CALENDAR

- **July 30-Aug 1** ~ Fr. Biju away on Mission Appeal, welcome Fr. William Kulas
- **August 4** ~ Fund Raising Meeting/Pastoral Council all interested are welcome to attend, 7 PM , in the school hall
- **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
- **August 14/15**~Welcome help out priest Msgr. Hundt Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- **August 16-20** ~ NO weekday Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held each Tuesday from 5:00pm until Mass at 5:30pm.



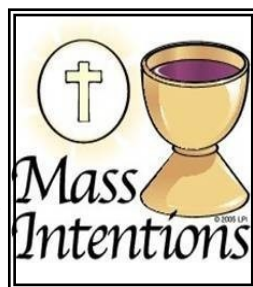
Confessions

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



Mass Intentions

We have openings for weekday intentions: **Nov 16, 18, and 30. Dec 2, 6, 7, 13, 16, 20, 23, 28, and 30.** We have open First Saturdays, **8:30 AM beginning Dec 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.



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.

GIFT'S RETURNED TO GOD

Last Week in Giving—182 envelope holders



Adult Env.(30Rec'd):	\$1,099.00
Offertory:	\$379.00
ACH for June:	\$680.00
DAA Rebate:	\$450.00

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



John 6:1-15

“They all ate and were satisfied, and they picked up the fragments left over – twelve wicker baskets full.”

Through most of Lectionary Cycle B, our Sunday Gospel readings are taken from the Gospel of Mark. Our Lectionary, however, leaves Mark's Gospel for John over the next several weeks. This week's scripture, St John chapter 6, begins a series of Eucharistic discourses. This chapter is sometimes called the "Bread of Life Discourse." In John's Gospel, Jesus' multiplication of the loaves and the fishes is presented as a sign of Jesus' authority, divinity, and allusion to the Eucharist. John's description of this event also anticipates the Messianic banquet of heaven, as the crowd reclines and all hungers are satisfied with abundance. Jesus interprets the meaning and significance of this miracle as a sharing of his Body and Blood. He has left us a memorial of his eternal presence in the Eucharist which nourishes and sustains our soul and binds us together in Him.

Every celebration of the Eucharist reminds us of love of God and our gratitude towards his love. Just like Jesus transforms a young boy's offering of five barley loaves and two fish, in the offertory at Mass, we present the fruits of our labors, represented by bread and wine. These gifts, given to us first by God as grain and fruit, are returned to God in our offering of thanksgiving. God in turn transforms our gifts, making this bread and wine the very Body and Blood of Jesus.

Recently in the light of media news about Catholics and Eucharist the U.S. bishops meeting at their spring general assembly approved a plan to draft a text focusing on the meaning of the Eucharist in the life of the church. Exploring "The Eucharist, A Mystery to be Believed," "The Eucharist, A Mystery to be Celebrated" and "The Eucharist, A Mystery to be Lived." Hope it would help in our faith journey to realize that in the Eucharist we receive Christ himself.

Have a great weekend!

Live Jesus, Fr. Biju

I AM ...

The **BREAD** of life

John 6:1-15

PARISH NEWS

Maintaining Our Parish Facilities

We have several building maintenance projects coming up. The finance council has been working hard to getting quotes and guiding Father to make the best decisions possible for our facilities.



The following projects are in the works:

- ◆ Repair closet in Rectory (lath and plaster was replaced with drywall, completed by volunteers)
- ◆ Sealcoating the parking lot next to the church (to be completed soon by NGPaving)
- ◆ Repair the drywall in the church bathroom
- ◆ Replace the church exterior exit doors each side of the Altar
- ◆ Paint the exterior trim on the church windows
- ◆ Replace the gutter system on the church and install a snow rail on the ramp side
- ◆ Tuck-pointing the brick on the church bell tower
- ◆ Tuck-pointing the foundation and brick of the Rectory

New Coordinators

We welcome and thank **Stacy Burns and Paula Silha** for stepping forward to help coordinate our Religious Education Program. They will be reaching out to the parents soon, watch the bulletin for more RE updates.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Fundraising Meeting

All are welcome to join Fr. Biju and the Pastoral Council on August 4th at 7 PM to discuss fundraising options such as our past parish picnics and chicken-ques.

DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS

Grandparents Day – July 25th

Pope Francis has established throughout the Church the celebration of the World Day for Grandparents and Elderly beginning in 2021 on the fourth Sunday of July, near the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. Sunday, July 25th will be the celebration of the First World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. The theme chosen by the Holy Father for this World Day is "I am with you always" (cf. Mt 28:20) which is a way of expressing the closeness of the Lord and the Church to every older person, especially in these challenging pandemic times. "I am with you always" is also a promise of closeness and hope that young and old can mutually share. Not only are grandchildren and young people called upon to be present in the lives of older people, but older people and grandparents also have a mission of evangelization, proclamation, and prayer, and of encouraging young people in their faith

National Natural Family Planning Awareness Week

To have, To hold, To honor. Natural Family Planning Awareness Week is July 25th-31st. In following the path of marriage, husband

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and wife love and honor each other for as long as they shall live. The Diocese of La Crosse offers NFP classes virtually and face to face in 3 different methods. To find a class or learn more go to diolc.org/nfp.

A testimonial on the benefits of NFP connecting to the year of St. Joseph can be found at <https://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/natural-family-planning/what-is-nfp/couples-stories/upload/Be-Her-Joseph-500-words.pdf>

La Crosse Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

Seeing what women could accomplish as a group, the Bishops of the United States over 100 years ago asked them to organize into a fighting force for the Church. Since then thousands of Councils of Catholic Women have raised millions of dollars and run countless ministries, missions, and service projects, both at home and abroad. The mission is simple: to train women in spirituality, leadership, and service. Find out how you can be part of this active, enriching group. Go to [Facebook@La Crosse Diocesan Council of Catholic Women](https://www.facebook.com/LaCrosseDiocesanCouncilofCatholicWomen).

Summer Organ Recital Series

The final recital at Cathedral of Saint Joseph the Workman in La Crosse, Wisconsin, is **August 8** by Dr. Stephen C. Price, organ faculty at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana. It begins at 3:30 PM. Free will offering accepted, please use parking lot entrance.

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.

Be Part of an Amazing Adventure in Faith

Join the Lay Formation Institute! Registration is now open for the next two-year Lay Formation cycle that begins in fall of 2021. Draw closer to Christ and deepen your knowledge of the Faith in a joyful community of learners! See complete information, schedule and application form at diolc.org/layformation. Discuss with your pastor and contact the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns at ministries@diolc.org or call (608) 791-0161.

Depressed Anonymous Support Group

Mondays, 5:30-6:30 at Franciscan Spirituality Center office 500 Second St. S, Suite 201, La Crosse. This is a 12-step group for those dealing with depression to generate positive energies, form friendships and find support. If you are interested in participating contact Gayle, 608-406-7990.

Pregnancy Resource Centers – Pro-Woman, Pro-Life

If you or someone you know is experiencing a crisis pregnancy, there are many pro-life pregnancy care centers around the diocese. For a complete listing, visit diolc.org/respect-life

KIDS CORNER



Loaves and Fishes Word-Find



See if you can find all the words in CAPITALS. Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

When Jesus saw that a large CROWD was coming to him, he said to PHILIP, "Where can we BUY enough food for them to eat?" He said this to TEST him, because he knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Two hundred days' wages worth of BREAD would not be enough for each of them to have a LITTLE." ANDREW said to him, "There is a boy here who has five BARLEY loaves and two FISH; but what good are these for so MANY?" Jesus said, "Tell the people to sit down." Now there was much GRASS in that place. So the men SAT down, about five THOUSAND in number. Then JESUS took the loaves, gave THANKS, and distributed them to those who were seated, and also as much of the fish as they WANTED. When they had EATEN their FILL, he said to his disciples, "GATHER the PIECES left over, so that nothing will be wasted." So they collected them, and filled TWELVE BASKETS with fragments of the loaves, left by those who had eaten.



Jesus _____ the bread and fish.

Answer: multiplied.

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