

St. Joseph Ridge Parish

W2601 State Rd 33 • La Crosse • Wisconsin • 54601

August 1, 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

First Saturday after Mass or by appointment

PARISH OFFICE

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Coordinators: Stacy Burns and Paula Silha

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, 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

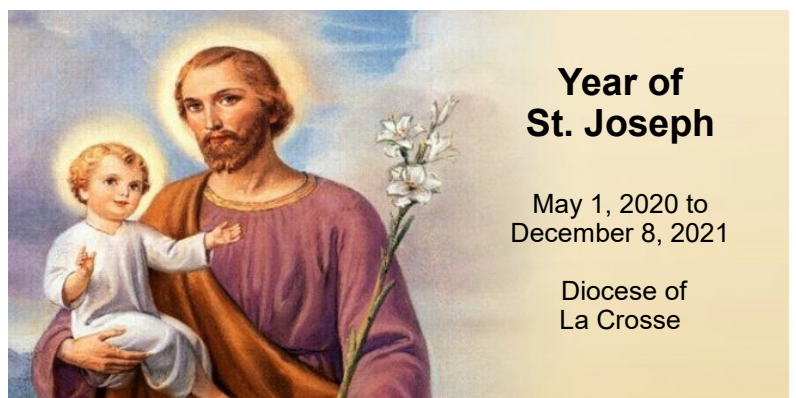
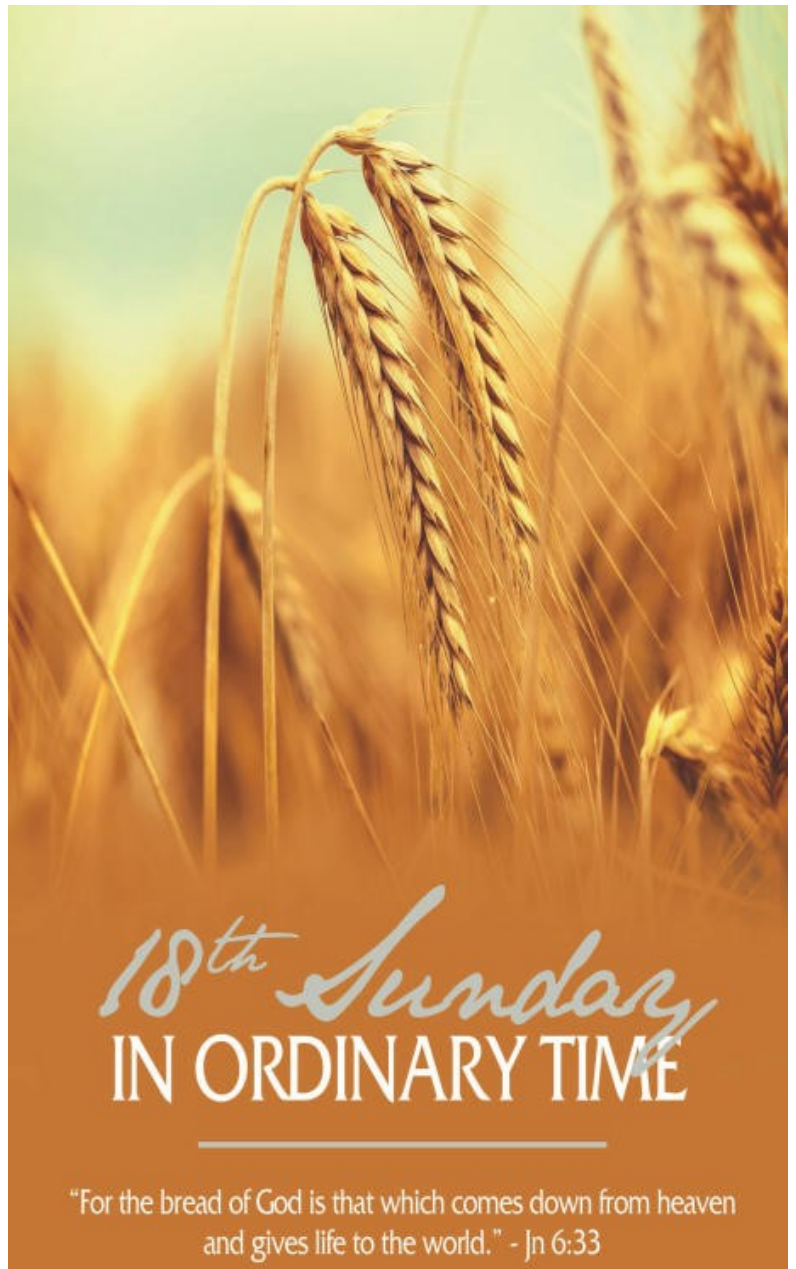
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Leland Gregorich, Accompanist

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, July 31st

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

-4:00pm Mass -†Brent Clements

Lector: Jim Weber Ushers: Volunteers

Communion Minister: Stan Clement

SUNDAY, August 1st

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

-8:30am Mass -†Paul and Dorothy Hess

Lector: Dan Steiger Ushers: Volunteers

Communion Minister: Stacy Burns or Volunteer

MONDAY, August 2nd

St. Eusebius of Vercelli, St. Peter Julian Eymard

-5:30 PM Mass -†Steve Thompson

TUESDAY, August 3rd

Weekday

-5:00 pm Adoration

-5:30pm Mass -†Paul and Dorothy Hess

THURSDAY, August 5th

The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major

8:30 am Mass -†William and Ida Bahr

SATURDAY, August 7th

1st Sat.-St. Sixtus II and Companions, St. Cajetan Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 am Mass -†Annie and Jean Meyers

SATURDAY, August 7th

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

-4:00pm Mass -Our Parish Family

Lector: Bill Weber Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, August 8th

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

-8:30am Mass -†Carol and Frank Seebauer

Lector: Sally Miller Ushers: Volunteers

PARISH CALENDAR

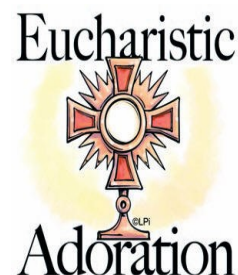
- **July 30-Aug 1** ~ Fr. Biju away on Mission Appeal, welcome Fr. William (Bill) Kulas
- **August 4** ~ Fund Raising Meeting/Pastoral Council all interested are welcome to attend, 7 PM , in the school hall
- **August 8** ~ Welcome help out priest Fr. Paul Check
- **August 8-20** ~ Fr. Biju on Retreat 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

Confessions

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

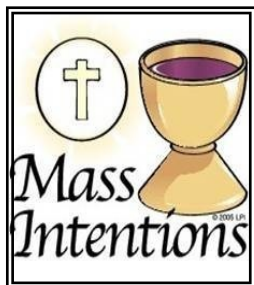


Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
is held each Tuesday from 5:00pm until Mass at 5:30pm.



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



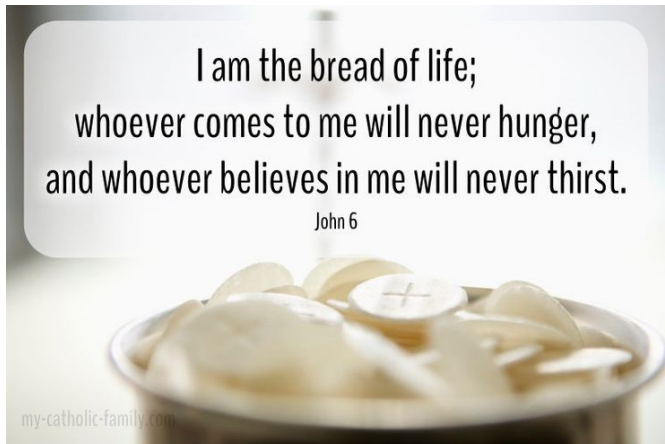
Adult Env.(Rec'd):	\$1360.25
Offertory:	\$190.00
Votive Lights:	\$62.50

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



Hunger and thirst. Wouldn't it be nice if you were never hungry or thirsty again? What's fascinating is that Jesus uses these very natural human experiences to teach us about Himself. He uses natural hunger and thirst to teach us that we long to be satisfied spiritually. And there is only one way to satiate these spiritual longings...through Him.

Last Sunday, we heard the story of Jesus feeding thousands of people with five barley loaves and two fish. Jesus demonstrated his care and concern for the physical needs of his community. In today's Gospel, we see Jesus tending to the spiritual needs of the community, offering himself as spiritual nourishment. Jesus affirms that belief in him will cure spiritual hunger and thirst, and he makes a clear reference to the story of the manna sent from heaven to the people of Israel.

Jesus compares himself to this manna from heaven, calling himself the bread from heaven, sent by the Father to sustain and nourish: "For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." Belief in Jesus offers spiritual fullness. As the bread of life, Jesus proclaims that he fulfills the spiritual needs of everyone. Jesus the bread of life is the visible, tangible sign of His abiding presence and love for all of us. Let's love the lord who comes to us in the Eucharist quenching our thirst and satisfying our spiritual hunger.

This weekend we welcome Fr. Bill Kulas as he celebrates the Holy Eucharist.

Have a wonderful week!

Live Jesus,
Fr. Biju

PARISH NEWS

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 parish picnic and more.

Father has a new email!

Please update your records, Fr. Biju's new email address: bchennala@diolclergy.org

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.

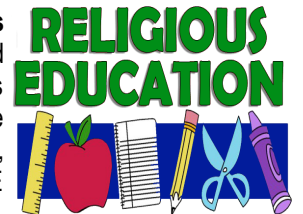


The following projects are in the works:

- ◆ 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.



DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS

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).

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

DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS cont'd

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.

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.

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.

15th Annual Ridgefest

Celebrate the Ridge History Park on Sunday September 19, 2021 from 11 AM- 4 PM with a classic car, truck & tractor show, live polka music, food & beverages, silent auction & bake sale, Farmers market, horse & wagon rides, Barrel train & kites for the kids and a petting zoo. Fun for the whole family!

Join us for Rural Life Day – Sept. 22

The Diocese of La Crosse will hold its 40th annual Rural Life Day on Wednesday, September 22, hosted by Carla Kostka and her son, Barry, at their Castle Rock Organic Farms, S12360 Young Road in Osseo. Come celebrate the farmers in our midst, who benefit us all by their good stewardship of the land. The day begins with 10 a.m. Mass celebrated by Bishop William Patrick Callahan, followed by awards, recognitions, the blessing of crops and machinery, and a meal catered by members of St. Raymond of Peñafort Parish. For a flyer or brochure, visit www.diolc.org/rural-life. For more information, contact Deacon Bob Zietlow, Rural Life Committee Liaison, rzietlow@diolc.org.

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 and click on "Pregnancy Help."



KIDS CORNER

**18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 1st, 2021**



Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

In today's first reading the people of Israel were starving in the desert. When Moses prayed to God He sent them food. What was it? Sort out the letters by their numbers to find out!

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13

Answer: manna and quail.

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