

St. Joseph Ridge Parish

W2601 State Rd 33 • La Crosse • Wisconsin • 54601

August 8, 2021

PASTOR

Fr. Biju Chennala Kunjukutty, MSFS...715-495-2338
bchennala@dioclergy.org

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 Degen-
hardt, 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

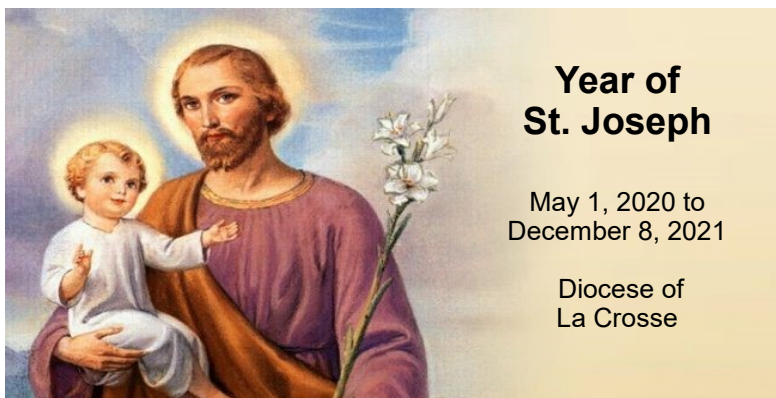
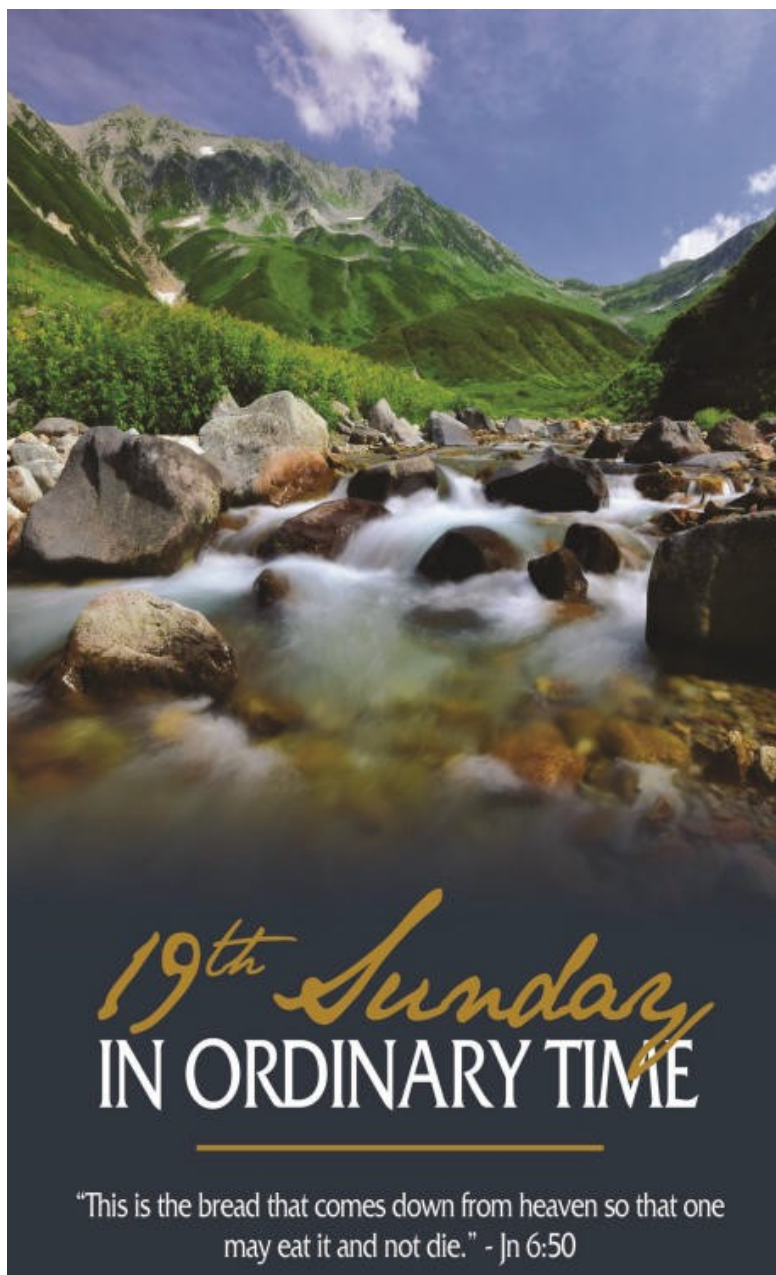
Dave Brown608-792-1006
dbrown039@centurytel.net

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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



PARISH INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, August 9th

St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

-NO MASS

TUESDAY, August 10th

St. Lawrence

-**5:30pm** Mass -†50th Anniversary Paul and Sally Gerke

THURSDAY, August 12th

St. Jane Frances de Chantal

-NO MASS

SATURDAY, August 14th

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

-**4:00pm** Mass -50th Wedding Anniversary Stan and Carol Clements

Lector: Donna Clements Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, August 15th

Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

-**8:30am** Mass -†Alvina and Ike Clements

Lector: Paula Silha Ushers: Volunteers

St. Peters, Middle Ridge

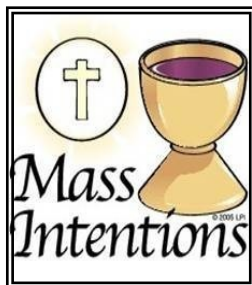
Adoration: Wed. 7:30-9:00 PM

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

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Mass Intentions

We have openings for weekday intentions: **Nov 18, 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.

PARISH CALENDAR

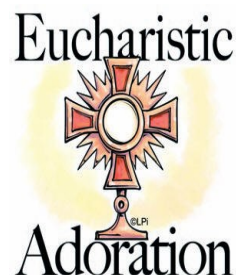
- **August 8** ~ Welcome help out priest Fr. Paul Check
- **August 8-20** ~ Fr. Biju on Retreat and vacation
- **August 9** ~ NO weekday Mass
- **August 10** ~ Weekday Mass offered by Msgr. Hundt
- **August 11** ~ 10th Anniversary of the installation of Bishop William P. Callahan at the Diocese of La Crosse
- **August 12** ~ NO weekday Mass
- **August 14/15** ~ Welcome help out priest Msgr. Hundt Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- **August 16** ~ PCCW Meeting, 6:30 PM in school hall
- **August 16-20** ~ NO weekday Mass
- **September 23** ~ Fundraising/Pastoral Council Meeting, 7:00 PM in school hall
- **November 1** ~ All Saints' Day

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.



GIFT'S RETURNED TO GOD



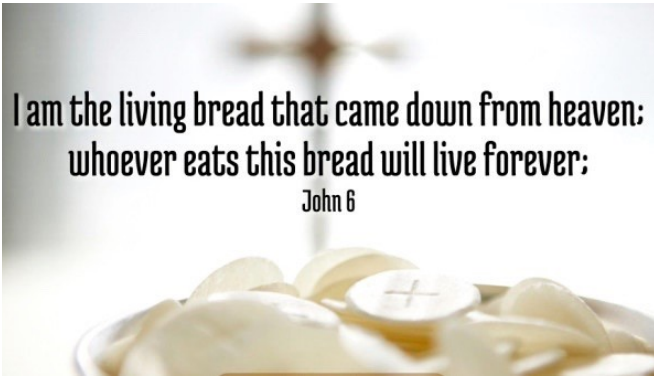
Adult Env.(25Rec'd):	\$1,445.00
Offertory:	\$131.00
Initial Offering:	\$2.00

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



I am the living bread that came down from heaven:
whoever eats this bread will live forever:

John 6

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34; Eph 4:30-5:2; Jn 6:41-51

The last two Sundays, we reflected about Jesus feeding a multitude of people with five loaves and a couple of fish and the discussion that followed. The readings of this Sunday from the "Bread of Life discourse" provides us another opportunity to continue our reflection on the gift of the Holy Eucharist. Gospel begins with a report that the Jews complained about Jesus' claims regarding his identity. They knew his family, and they knew he was the son of Joseph. They could not comprehend what Jesus meant when he said "I am the bread that came down from heaven."

It requires faith to accept and believe in Jesus the bread of life, just like the Jews we do sometimes struggle with the aspect of faith. But Jesus clearly tells us through the gospel that it is He himself, the Incarnate Son of God, who is the new and perfect manna, literally "come down from Heaven." Those who believe will have eternal life. this is the central element of our Eucharistic theology. He promises that the bread of life will bring eternal life to those who partake of it. He offers himself for the life of the world.

The people arguing with Jesus in today's Gospel are missing the point; they are failing to see what God is offering them in Jesus. Can we believe that in the sacramental way we take Jesus into our lives – through the Eucharist? We eat this bread in faith, as a real way of being united with Christ to receive life.

I will be away for the retreat in Texas. I will keep all of you in my prayers.

Thanks to the anonymous donor who has helped with the partial payment of the sealcoat. Please keep the other upcoming projects in your prayers. Congratulations to the following couples as they celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversaries: Paul & Sally Gerke and Stan & Carol Clements. Prayers for God's blessings on good health and long life.

Have a great week!

Live Jesus, Fr. Biju

PARISH NEWS

Visiting Priests

Please warmly welcome Fr. Paul Check this Sunday, August 8 and next weekend, Msgr. Robert Hunt who will be helping out while Fr. Biju is away on retreat/vacation.

Father has a new email!

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

Parish Facilities Projects

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 (*completed* this last week 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

DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS

St. Mary's Annual Craft Show-Crafter Registration Now Open!

We are currently accepting crafters for our 20th Annual Craft Show on December 4, 2021 in Coon Valley, WI. Visit our website: www.stmarycv.org/craft-show for registration application and information or contact Nancy Peters at 608-790-6034 or email Peters@mwt.net.

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.

St. Patrick's Summerfest-Aug 20-22

Friday (bring/grill your own steak & potato bar, Trap Shoot from 6 PM to dark) and Saturday (family activities, food stand, bingo, adult games, live music, raffles and 8 PM Mass) activities will be held at the Eagles Club picnic grounds (on Hwy 21 on NE side of Sparta). Sunday activities will be at the St. Patrick's School (the popular Baked Chicken Dinner, live specialty auction raffle drawing) See the poster in the back of church for more details or visit: <https://facebook.com/SummerfestSparta/>

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

DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS cont'd

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.

Save the Date! Men of the Cross Conference:

"Walking with St. Joseph" We are very excited to announce this conference will be held in person on Saturday, October 23, 2021 at the Holy Cross Diocesan Center in La Crosse, WI. More details will be coming out very soon!

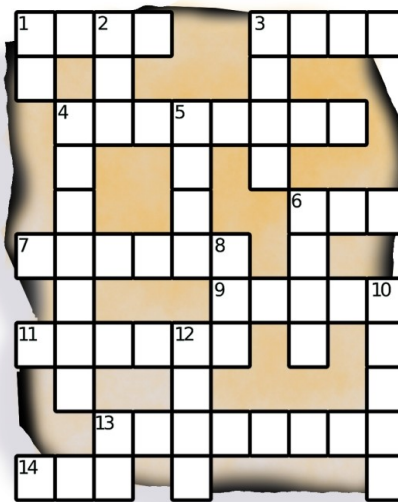
Family Life and Men of the Cross Facebook Pages

We hope to increase our communication and outreach to the people of the Diocese. One way to do this is through social media, specifically Facebook. We have combined our "Marriage and Family Life" and "Youth and Young Adult Ministry" Facebook pages into one page called "Diocese of La Crosse Family Life," which can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/diolcfamilylife>. There is also a Facebook page for the men of the Diocese called "Men of the Cross," found at <https://www.facebook.com/MenOfTheCrossWI>. Please Follow, Like, and Share these pages.



KIDS CORNER

Psalm 34 Cross-Word



**ANSWERED
TO
ASHAMED
FOR
SAINTS
WHO
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NAME
LORD
LOOK
WANT
FEAR
GOOD
MAN
THOSE
SEE
REFUGE
NO
TROUBLES**

My soul makes its boast in the _____ (3D);
let the afflicted hear and be glad.
O magnify the LORD with me,
and let us _____ (9A) his _____ (1A) together!
I sought the LORD, and he _____ (4A) me,
and delivered me from all my fears.
_____ (3A) _____ (13D) him, and be radiant;
so your faces shall never be _____ (4D).
This poor _____ (2D) cried, and the LORD heard him,
and saved him out of all his _____ (13A).
The angel of the LORD encamps
around _____ (10D) _____ (14A) fear him,
and delivers them.
O taste and _____ (8D) that the LORD is _____ (12D)!
Happy is the man who takes _____ (11A) in him!
O _____ (6D) the LORD, you his _____ (7A),
_____ (6A) those who fear him
have _____ (1D) _____ (5D)!

A=Across D=Down

Answers: Across: 1.name, 3.look, 4.answered, 6.for, 7.saints, 9.exalt, 11.refuge, 13.troubles, 14.who. Down: 1.no, 2.man, 3.lord, 4.ashamed, 5.want, 6.fear, 8.see, 10.those, 12.good, 13.to.

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