



**PARISH INTENTIONS**

**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

**MONDAY, August 16th**

*St. Stephen of Hungary*

-NO MASS

**TUESDAY, August 17th**

*Weekday*

-NO MASS

**THURSDAY, August 19th**

*St. John Eudes*

-NO MASS

**SATURDAY, August 21st**

*The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**-4:00pm** Mass -†Ralph and Evelyn Mikshowsky

Lector: Kathy Leis Ushers: Volunteers

**SUNDAY, August 22nd**

*The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**-8:30am** Mass -Our Parish Family

Lector: Donna Clements Ushers: Volunteers

**St. Peters, Middle Ridge**

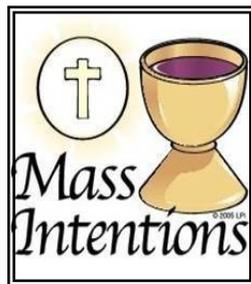
Adoration: Wed. 7:30-9:00 PM

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](mailto: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 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 1** ~ Catechist Meeting, 6 PM - school hall
- **September 8** ~ First night **Religious Education Class**
- **September 23** ~ Fundraising/Pastoral Council Meeting , 7:00 PM in school hall
- **November 1** ~ All Saints' Day

**FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

*In giving birth you kept your virginity; in your Dormition you did not leave the world, O Mother of God, but were joined to the source of Life. You conceived the living God and, by your prayers, will deliver our souls from death.*



**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.**

**Eucharistic Adoration**



**GIFT'S RETURNED TO GOD**



Adult Env.(25Rec'd):	\$1,045.00
Offertory:	\$113.00
Votive Lights:	\$72.04
Capital Improves:	\$500.00

**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



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Happy feast to everyone.

August 15th we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the oldest feast day of Our Lady. There is also uninterrupted tradition about Mary's death and Assumption starting from the first century. On 1 November 1950, in the Apostolic Constitution Munificentissimus Deus which in Latin: The most bountiful God. Pope Pius XII declared the Assumption of Mary as a dogma of the Catholic Church: he declared, "By the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, of the Blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and by our own authority, we pronounce, declare, and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma: that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory. She is blessed because "The Mighty One has done great things for me" It was a blessing for humanity. She was chosen to be the mother of Jesus, filled her with His Holy Spirit, created her "full of grace," embodiment of all virtues, and God allowed her to become Co-redemptories and given her as our Mother.

All the feast days of Mary mark the great mysteries of her life and her part in the work of redemption. The central mystery of her life and person is her divine motherhood, celebrated both at Christmas and a week later (Jan. 1) on the Feast of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. The Immaculate Conception (Dec. 8) marks the preparation for that motherhood, so that she had the fullness of grace from the first moment of her existence, completely untouched by sin. The Assumption completes God's work in her since it was not fitting that the flesh that had given life to God himself should ever undergo corruption. The Assumption is God's crowning of His work as Mary ends her earthly life and enters eternity. The feast turns our eyes in that direction, where we will follow when our earthly life is over. The Assumption looks to eternity and gives us hope that we, too, will follow Our Lady when our life is ended.

May the blessed mother bless you and your family. Have a great week.

Live Jesus, Fr. Biju



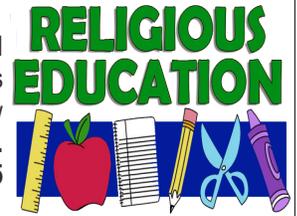
PARISH NEWS

Visiting Priest

Please warmly Msgr. Robert Hunt who will be helping out this weekend while Fr. Biju is away on retreat/vacation.

RE CLASSES

School is right around the corner and with that Religious Education. Papers are being mailed within the next few days. First night of classes is Wed. Sept. 8, 2021. Grades 1-5, 6:00 – 6:55 pm and Grades 6-9,7:00 – 8:15 pm



We are in need of teachers for Grades 1; 3; 4; 6; 7 and 8. Please call Stacy Burns as soon as possible if interested. 608-769-8828.

Teacher meeting will be Wednesday, September 1st at 6 PM in the school hall.

Our Deepest Sympathy to the Family of:

Geraldine "Geri" Hess

who passed away on August 6, 2021 and was laid to rest this past week.

"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



Father has a new email!

Please update your records, Fr. Biju's new email address: [bchennala@diolclergy.org](mailto:bchennala@diolclergy.org)

Fr. Biju enjoying his Retreat in Texas



**DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS cont'd**

**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](http://www.stmarycv.org/craft-show) for registration application and information or contact Nancy Peters at 608-790-6034 or email [Peters@mwt.net](mailto:Peters@mwt.net).

**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/>

**Chicken-Que - Sept. 9**

Mary, Mother of the Church Parish, 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, will be holding a Chicken-Que on Thursday, September 9, from 11:00 - 6:00 p.m. for pick up and delivery only. The price is \$10 and includes a half chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, homemade beans and a dinner roll. For pre-sale tickets (guaranteed) and deliveries, call (608) 518-6145. No minimum order and no delivery charge. Enter at Weston Street driveway.

**40 Days for Life Campaign Kick-Off Rally—Sept. 12 in La Crosse**

Come learn about 40 Days for Life and take the opportunity to sign up to be part of the prayerful, pro-life witness. Dan Miller, director of Pro-Life Wisconsin, will be an inspirational speaker at this kick-off rally, which will start at 2:00 pm at Black River Beach Neighborhood Center, 1433 Rose Street La Crosse, WI 54603. Refreshments will be available. This fall's 40 Days for Life campaign in La Crosse will run from Sept. 22-Oct. 31 on the corner of 7th Street and South Avenue. 40 Days for Life is a world-wide effort open to people of all faiths who wish to see an end to the injustice of abortion.

**15th Annual Ridgefest - Sept. 19**

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.dioc.org/rural-life](http://www.dioc.org/rural-life). For more information, contact Deacon Bob Zietlow, Rural Life Committee Liaison, [rzietlow@dioc.org](mailto:rzietlow@dioc.org).

**KIDS CORNER**

*Queen of Heaven Word-Find*

*Find the words in CAPITALS and use the letters left over to fill in the blanks at the end.*



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When Our Lady's life was over, JESUS took her, body and soul, into HEAVEN. There He honours her as the Queen of Heaven and EARTH. She is the most PERFECT of all the SAINTS. MARY is the QUEEN of the APOSTLES, MARTYRS and PROPHETS. She rules beside her Son Jesus on His THRONE in Heaven.

But Our BLESSED MOTHER does not forget us. She is full of LOVE and CARES for us, and will always LISTEN when we PRAY to her. She is OUR greatest HELP and prays to God for us.

Here is a name that you can give Our LADY to remember how much she loves you:

Answer: Queen of my heart.

**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)