



**PARISH INTENTIONS**

**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

**MONDAY, August 23rd**

*St. Rose of Lima*

**-5:30pm** Mass -†Sara Rose Hougom

**TUESDAY, August 24th**

*St. Bartholomew, Apostle*

**-5:00pm** Adoration  
**-5:30pm** Mass -†Sara Rose Hougom

**THURSDAY, August 26th**

*Weekday*

**-8:30am** Mass -†Sharon Freit

**SATURDAY, August 28th**

*The 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**-4:00pm** Mass -†George and Evelyn Miller  
Lector: Paula Silha Ushers: Volunteers

**SUNDAY, August 29th**

*The 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**-8:30am** Mass -†William, Rosie, Frank and Dennis Lejeune  
Lector: Donna Clements Ushers: Volunteers

**St. Peters, Middle Ridge**

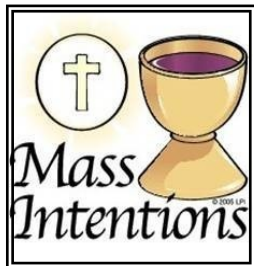
Adoration: Wed. 7:30-9:00 PM

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

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**Mass Intentions**

We have openings for weekday intentions: **Dec 2, 6, 9, 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 28 and 29** ~ Special emergency second collection for Haiti relief in the wake of the massive earthquake and tropical storm.
- **August 31** ~ Finance Council Meeting, 7 PM in school hall
- **September 1** ~ **Catechist Meeting**, 6 PM - school hall
- **September 8** ~ First night **Religious Education Class** (Grades 1-5, 6-6:55 PM; Grades 6-10, 7:00-8:15 PM)
- **September 15** ~ **Religious Education Mass**, 6 PM for all students, parents and catechists.
- **September 22** ~ Religious Education (RE) Classes (Grades 1-5, 6-6:55 PM; Grades 6-10, 7:00-8:15 PM)
- **September 23** ~ Fundraising/Pastoral Council Meeting, 7:00 PM in school hall
- **September 29** ~ Religious Education (RE) Classes (Grades 1-5, 6-6:55 PM; Grades 6-10 7:00-8:15 PM)
- **October 6** ~ RE Classes (Gr 1-5, 6-6:55 PM; Gr 6-10, 7:00-8:15 PM)

**Confessions**

First Saturday after Mass or 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**

Last Week in Giving—182 envelope holders



Adult Env.(27Rec'd):	\$1,360.00
Offertory:	\$246.00
Assumption(5):	\$115.00
Memorials:	\$270.00

**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



**Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)**  
**Jos 24;1-18; Ps 34; Eph 5:21-32; Jn 6:60-69**

*'We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God.'* (Jn 6:69)

This weekend in the Gospel, we continue to hear reactions to Jesus calling himself the bread of life and comparing himself to manna from heaven. Many of the Jews would not accept that Jesus was one with the Father—that he was God. For some, Christ's divinity was a leap greater than they were ready to make. His message had not yet penetrated into their hearts. So, when he explained how he would give himself to them in the Eucharist, they drew back.

Christ's invitation to accept his truth and his love is always just that: an invitation. He doesn't force himself on us. After this discourse on the Eucharist, many of Christ's disciples left and no longer accompanied him. As he had invited them to follow him freely, so were they free to go. But Peter who believed in Jesus tells him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." Peter here affirms his desire to continue to follow Jesus, recognizing that his words lead to eternal life.

Jesus recognizes the difficulty and complexity of the Gospel, as he challenges how people think, live, and believe. Many people, when confronted with these difficulties, opt out. It is hard even for us to accept certain teachings of Jesus. Opting out means they refuse receiving the fullness of life that Jesus promises. As I listen to Jesus asking me "Do you also wish to go away?" I hear the pain in his question. How do I reply?

Have a great week!

Live Jesus, Fr. Biju

**Fr. Biju traveling through Tennessee with Fr. Jacob, Fr. Francis, and Fr. Thomas MSFS.**



PARISH NEWS

*Thank You!*

We want to thank the choir members and Leland for the beautiful singing and music that you did for our 50th Wedding Anniversary last Saturday. All of you made our Mass celebration very special! Thank you so much.

*Stan and Carol Clements*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**RE Registration**

**Registration forms** have been mailed to families, please return them as soon as possible for planning purposes. If you did not receive a form or are new to the parish, a few forms will be available in the back of church.



**We are in need of teachers for Grades 6, 7, and 8.** Please call Stacy Burns as soon as possible if interested. 608-769-8828. Thank you to those who have stepped up so far.

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

**First night** of classes is **Wed. Sept. 8, 2021.** Grades 1-5, 6:00 – 6:55 pm and Grades 6-10, 7:00 – 8:15 pm

DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS

**Chairperson Needed for Baby Bottle Campaign**

Birthingright of La Crosse is seeking an individual or couple who are willing to chair our Baby Bottle Fundraiser. This is a significant fundraising activity for Birthingright. Person(s) must be well organized and detail oriented. For more information contact Betty at 608-788-7619. To learn more about Birthingright of La Crosse, visit: <https://birthingright.org/lacrosse>

**Praise In The Valley—Gospel Concert - Aug 29**

Come and enjoy a country gospel concert with 5 acts including our very own KATHY FLOCK featuring her song A Better Place on Sunday August 29th from 1:00-5:00 pm. The concert will be held 5 miles south of Rockland on County Road J, watch for the signs. Refreshments are available. Please bring a lawn chair and join in the fun & great music!!

**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.

**DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS cont'd**

**KIDS CORNER**

**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.

**Fall Rummage Sale—Sept. 17-18**

Mary, Mother of the Church, 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, will be holding a Fall Rummage Sale on Friday, September 17, 11 am - 3 pm, \$6 a bag; and on Saturday, September 18, 8 - 11 am, \$3 a bag. Some items priced individually.

**15th Annual Ridgifest - 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).

**Married Love: Two Become One Retreat-Oct 2 (Marshfield)**

8 AM-7 PM Retreats are being held at different parishes. To find out what parish this retreat is being held at, contact Alanna Hart at [hart\\_alanna@yahoo.com](mailto:hart_alanna@yahoo.com) or call 715-650-7310. cost is \$80 per couple.

**Help Haiti – Devastated by Earthquake**

A powerful 7.2 magnitude earthquake struck Haiti early Saturday morning, and tropical depression Grace is threatening further devastation. Timing is critical, and your gift can help provide essential relief, likely to include clean water, sanitation, shelter and emergency supplies, giving immediate aid to families affected. Catholic Relief Services is on the ground helping, and you can contribute at [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org).

**Save the Date! Men of the Cross Conference - Oct. 23**

"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!

**The Apostles Stay with Jesus  
Word Puzzle**

*John 6:60-69*

Unscramble the letters to fill in the blanks.  
Use the letters in circles to fill in the blanks at the end.



Jesus said to the

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"Do \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ [UOY] also wish to go away?"

\_\_\_\_\_ <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ [NMIOS] Peter

\_\_\_\_\_ <sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ [WSNAREED]

<sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ [MIH], "Lord, to whom shall we

<sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ [OG]? <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ [OUY] have the

\_\_\_\_\_ <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ [DRWOS] of

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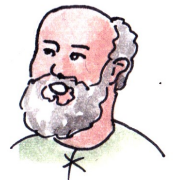
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have \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ [MCOE] to know that you

are the

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

8 9 10 11 12



Answers: twelve, you, Simon, answered, him, go, you, words, eternal, life, believed, com. HOLY ONE OF GOD.

**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)