

St. Joseph Ridge Parish

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August 29, 2021

PASTOR

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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 Stafslie, 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

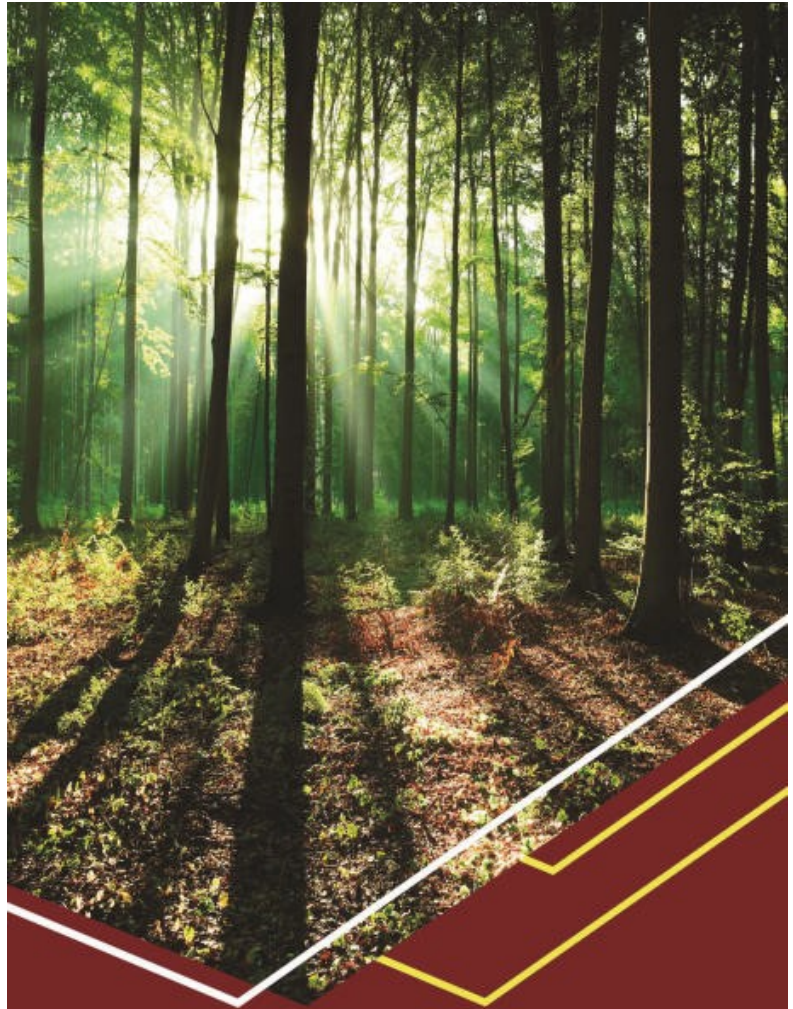
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 Leland Gregorich, Accompanist

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



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile." - Mk 7:14-15



Year of St. Joseph

May 1, 2020 to
 December 8, 2021

Diocese of
 La Crosse

PARISH INTENTIONS

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: Volunteer Ushers: Volunteers

MONDAY, August 30th

Weekday

-**5:30pm** Mass -†Arnold and Jean Meyers

TUESDAY, August 31st

Weekday

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

THURSDAY, September 2nd

Weekday

-**8:30am** Mass -†Lawrence Malzacher

SATURDAY, September 4th

First Saturday - Blessed Virgin Mary

-**8:30am** Mass -†Sharon Freit

SATURDAY, September 4th

The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

-**4:00pm** Mass -†Ralph and Evelyn Mikshowsky
Lector: _____ Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, September 5th

The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

-**8:30am** Mass -†Steve Thompson
Lector: _____ Ushers: Volunteers

PARISH CALENDAR

- **August 28 and 29** ~ Special second collection for Haiti relief in the wake of the massive earthquake and tropical storm (make checks payable to the parish).
- **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

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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

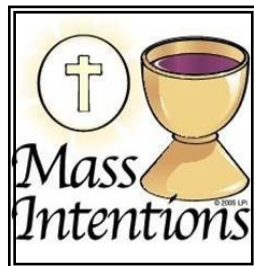
is held each Tuesday from 5:00pm until Mass at 5:30pm.

Eucharistic Adoration



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.



GIFT'S RETURNED TO GOD

Last Week in Giving—182 envelope holders



Adult Env.(31Rec'd):	\$1,135.00
Offertory:	\$225.18
Assumption(3):	\$70.00
Other Support:	\$1000.00
RE Registrations:	\$325.00

Thank You!

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.

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



Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

This Sunday, our lectionary returns to Mark's Gospel after a number of Sundays in which we heard the Bread of Life discourse from the Gospel of John. In the gospel this weekend, we find Jesus and his disciples were criticized because they had failed to complete the ritual washing before eating. Jesus told them that it was insufficient to cling to mere human traditions while ignoring God's law. Jesus called them to a conversion of heart, mind, and attitudes and not for clean hands and clean words on the lips. Jesus teaches us today that inner purity, the holiness which the law is supposed to create, cannot be achieved by mere external observances. The cleansing of heart does not happen by mere washing of hands. It is inner conversion, change of attitudes, and dispositions in response to God's call for conversion that brings about purity of heart. Christianity is a religion of the heart, not of laws.

As announced last weekend we are taking up a second collection in both churches for the people of Haiti, the most impoverished nation in the western hemisphere. As you all know the natural calamity has devastated the people of Haiti. The death toll from the quake, which happened on August 14 with magnitude of 7.2, destroyed lives and property. As on Wednesday's report, about 2,207 people died 12,200 were injured. More than 53,000 homes were destroyed. Bishops of the country have requested Parishes to support the humanitarian aid to suffering people of Haiti. So our special collection this weekend is in support of the suffering people of Haiti. Thank you for your generosity. Pray also for people in Afghanistan fleeing and US service members and others killed in the attack recently in Kabul.

We will be beginning the Religious Education program for this academic year next month. A lot of planning and meetings have taken place. I like to thank all the Catechists and CREs for all that you do to keep the program going. May the good Lord bless your efforts in imparting the faith to the little ones.

Thanks to all those who helped with the preparation of Mass while I was out for retreat. I had a wonderful time of renewal. Prayed for all of you. I am back safe and sound. Thank you for your prayers for me to get my green card, which extends my stay in United States. Now I can plan on visiting my parents. Thanks you and God bless you.

Live Jesus, Fr. Biju

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RE Registration

Please return registrations as soon as possible so we may plan appropriately. 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

PARISH NEWS



Parking Lot Update

The church lot has a fresh look! Seal coat and paint completed.

DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS

Chairperson Needed for Baby Bottle Campaign

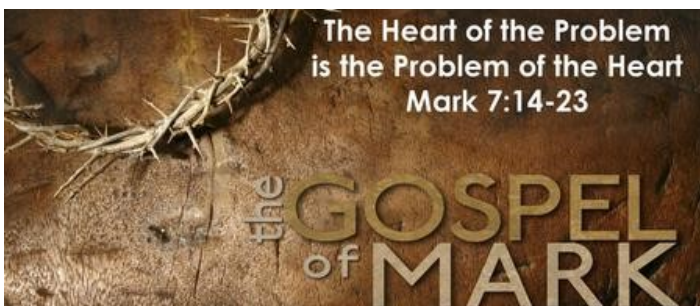
Birthingright of La Crosse is seeking an individual or couple who are willing to chair our Baby Bottle Fundraiser. This is a significant fundraising activity for Birthingright. Person(s) must be well organized and detail oriented. For more information contact Betty at 608-788-7619. To learn more about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

Blue Mass – Onalaska

On Sunday, September 12th, St Patrick Parish (1031 Main St. Onalaska) will celebrate its 3rd annual **Blue Mass** during our regularly scheduled 10:30 Mass. This Mass recognizes the sacrifices of first responders throughout our area. All parishioners and local citizens are welcome. **If you are a law enforcement officer, a fire fighter, an emergency medical services professional, or a 911 dispatcher, or if you know a First Responder, please encourage them to attend in uniform or other appropriate attire** at the 10:30 Mass on September 12th. **Responders do NOT need to be Catholic to participate.** Any first responders wishing to participate should please inform our Liturgy Planner, Steven Nott, liturgyplanner@stpatsonalaska.com or at 783-5535.

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 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. The day begins with 10 a.m. Mass celebrated by Bishop William Patrick Callahan. Visit www.dioc.org/rural-life. For more information, contact Deacon Bob Zietlow, Rural Life Committee Liaison, rzietlow@dioc.org.

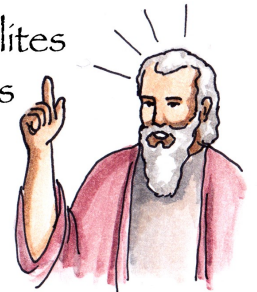
Afghan Refugee Assistance Needed-Catholic Charities

Items are needed quickly, and monetary donations will allow us to go out and buy the supplies and get them to the Refugees as soon as possible. Monetary donations can be made through our [website](http://www.catholiccharities.org) or can be dropped off at our office located at 3710 East Avenue South in La Crosse, Mondays through Fridays from 9:00 am-11:00 am and 1:00 pm -3:00 pm. We greatly appreciate the support to be able to help those coming into our country feel welcomed. Don't hesitate to get in touch with me if you have any additional questions. Callie Smith, Catholic Charities, Donor Relations Coordinator 608.519.8004 or email me at csmith@cclse.org

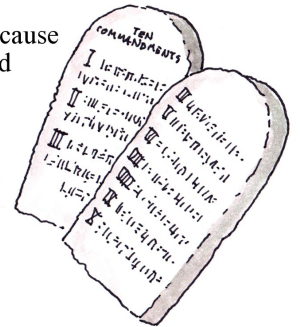
KIDS CORNER

Moses Tells the Israelites to Follow God's Laws
True or False

How much do you know about God's commandments for the Israelites? See if you know which of these are true and which are false:



1. Moses only taught some of the people of Israel that they had to obey the commandments that God gave them. True or false?
2. The people had to obey God's laws if they wanted to live in the land that He was giving them. True or false?
3. Moses said that they were not allowed to add to God's law, nor take away from it. True or false?
4. If the people obeyed God's commandments then all the other nations would see that they were wise. True or false?
5. The laws that God gave the people of Israel were unfair. True or false?
6. God gave His people laws because He cared for them and wanted what was best for them. True or false?
7. We should obey God's commandments because they tell us how to live well. True or false?



Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

Answers: 1.false, 2.true, 3.true, 4.true, 5.false, 6.true, 7.true.

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