

PARISH INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, September 4th

The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

-4:00pm Mass -†Ralph and Evelyn Mikshowsky
Lector: Donna Clements Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, September 5th

The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

-8:30am Mass -†Steve Thompson
Lector: Jim Weber Ushers: Volunteers

MONDAY, September 6th

Labor Day

-5:30pm Mass -†Rita Loechler

TUESDAY, September 7th

Weekday

-5:00pm Adoration
-5:30pm Mass -†Virginia Bowe

THURSDAY, September 9th

Weekday

-8:30am Mass -†Rosie Kammel

SATURDAY, September 11th

The 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

-4:00pm Mass -†Robert, Patty, Alice and Bill Silha
Lector: _____ Ushers: Volunteers

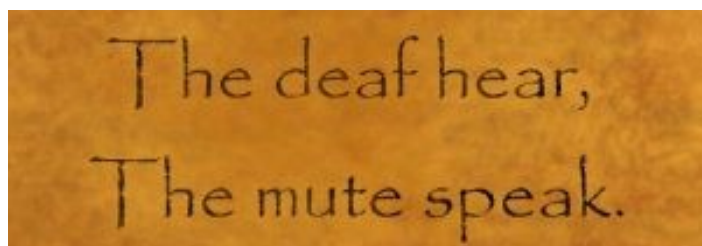
SUNDAY, September 12th

The 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

-8:30am Mass -Our Parish Family
Lector: _____ Ushers: Volunteers

PARISH CALENDAR

- **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)
- **October 13** ~ RE Classes (Gr 1-5, 6-6:55 PM; Gr 6-10, 7:00-8:15 PM)
- **October 20** ~ RE Class (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).



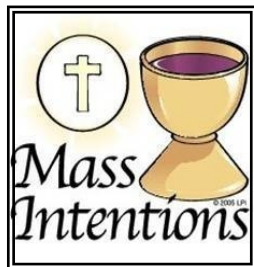
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held each Tuesday from 5:00pm until Mass at 5:30pm.

Eucharistic Adoration



Mass Intentions

We have openings for weekday intentions: **Dec 6, 16, 20, 23, 28, and 30.** We have open First Saturdays, **8:30 AM beginning Feb 5th.** 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):	\$1,550.00
Offertory:	\$133.00
Votive Lights:	\$85.41
Book Donation:	\$ 1.00
Haiti Relief:	\$720.00
RE Registrations:	\$350.00

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



"Ephphatha!"

Happy Labor Day weekend! Since 1894, the first Monday in September has been observed as a federal holiday to honor workers in the USA. Originally established to honor the nation's working people, this holiday has come to be seen as the end of the summer season, too. On this weekend, I invite you to take time to say thanks and pray for all workers who struggle each day to care for us directly or indirectly. The Mass on Monday is at 5:30 pm at St. Joseph. Prayers for every student too, as they begin a new school year this month.

This weekend we find Jesus in the district of Decapolis which was largely a gentile territory. Jesus' ministry was open to all, not just to the Jews. We read about a deaf man brought to Jesus for healing. Jesus took him aside, away from the crowd, touched him and healed him, using the words "Ephphatha!" Fulfilling the prophecy in today's first reading, "Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared." In the ritual for the baptism of infants, the priest touches the ears and mouth of the baby, saying: "May the Lord Jesus, who made the deaf to hear and the mute to speak, grant that you may soon receive his word with your ears and profess the faith with your lips, to the glory and praise of God the Father." It reveals the compassionate heart of Jesus beyond all kinds of elements which separates people from one another.

This weekend we also celebrate the feast of a saint who was known for her compassion. September 5 is the Feast of St. Teresa of Calcutta. She was born on August 26, 1910. In 1928, she joined the sisters of Loreto. From 1929 to 1937, Agnes lived in the convent in Darjeeling, India until she professed her final vows. Agnes was given the name Teresa in honor of St. Teresa of Lisieux. In 1946, while she was on the train traveling to a retreat in Darjeeling, she heard a call from the Lord to leave the Sisters of Loreto and establish a new order in which she would bring Him to the "poorest of the poor." Mother Teresa followed His call, and in 1950, the new congregation of the Missionaries of Charity was officially erected as a religious institute for the Diocese of Calcutta. She cared for the untouchables, those who were sick and dying on the streets. By 1997, her members numbered nearly 4,000 in 600 foundations and 123 countries. She died in Calcutta on September 5, 1997. Pope Francis canonized Mother Teresa on September 4, 2016.

Thank you for your generous contribution towards the people of Haiti. Prayers for all those who travel this weekend.

Have a good Labor Day weekend! Live Jesus, Fr. Biju



PARISH / RE NEWS

We are in need of one more teacher for Grade 8. Please call Stacy Burns as soon as possible if interested. 608-769-8828. Thank you to those who have stepped up so far:

- 1st Grade, Sherry Hougom
- 2nd Grade, Kathy Leis
- 3rd Grade, Becca Amundsen
- 4th Grade, homeschooled
- 5th Grade, Stacy Burns
- 6th Grade, Mary Reek
- 7th Grade, Ann O'Donnell
- 8th Grade, **Vacant**
- 9th Grade, Terry Dickman
- 10th Grade, Jim Weber



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

School Cleaning Volunteers Needed—Sept. 6

With the school having been vacant all summer, it is in need a good cleaning before Religious Education Class begins. Please join in as **"many hands makes light work!"** this Monday at 3:30 PM. Some tasks that need to be complete include:



windows washed, chalk boards wiped down, all table and chairs wiped down, vacuum, dusting and bathrooms cleaned. If possible, please bring a bucket and rags. Thank you for sharing your time!

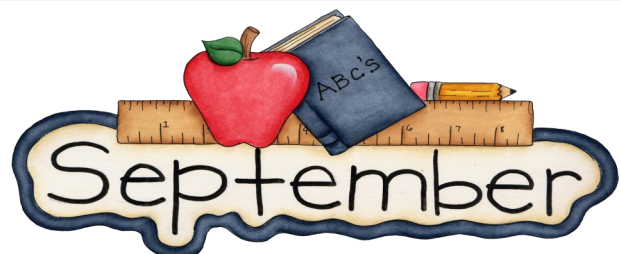
Seeking Prayer Sponsors

We would like sponsors to pray for each grade of our Religious Education program. As a sponsor, we ask that you pray for the teacher, the students, and the families. Maybe spend a few minutes a day praying for this class or saying a rosary on Wednesday evenings at either 6 or 7 PM, when the class meets. If you are willing to be a prayer sponsor please contact Paula Silha at: (home) 608-788-7748 or (cell) 608-386-1183 so we can organize the volunteers and ensure all the classes are covered.



Why should we pray for others?

- ⇒ We should pray for others because prayer really helps people
- ⇒ We should pray for others because Jesus and the Holy Spirit intercede for people
- ⇒ We should pray for others because it increases our love for each other
- ⇒ We should pray for others because it brings glory to God



DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS cont'd

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.

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 Ridgetfest - 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!

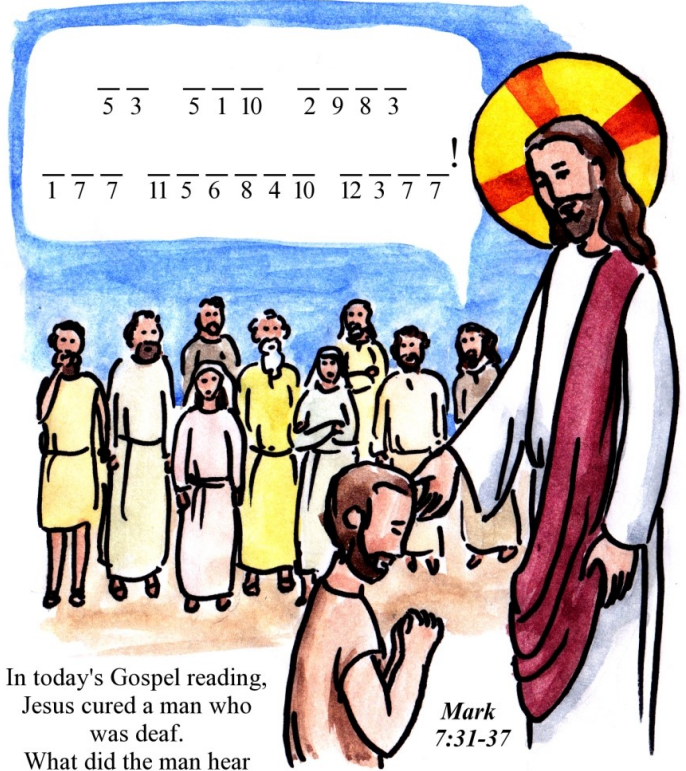
Join us for Rural Life Day – Sept. 22

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, zietlow@dioc.org.



KIDS CORNER

**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 5th, 2021**



In today's Gospel reading, Jesus cured a man who was deaf. What did the man hear people saying when he could hear again?

Mark 7:31-37

Use the number code below to find the answer!

A D E G H I L N O S T W
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

Answer: He has done all things well!

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