

St. Joseph Ridge Parish

W2601 State Rd 33 • La Crosse • Wisconsin • 54601

September 19, 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

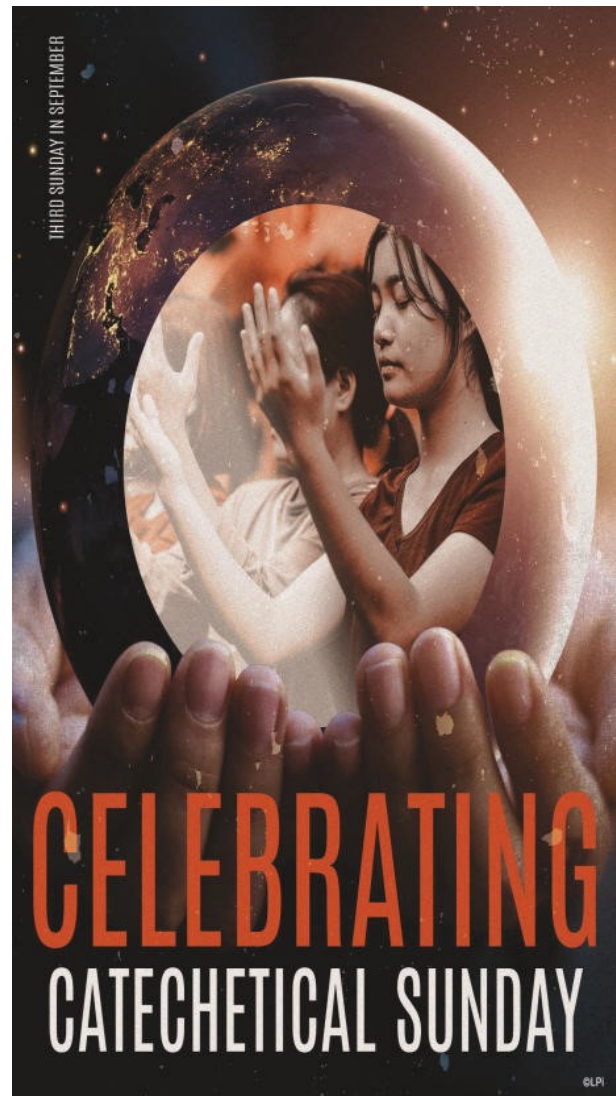
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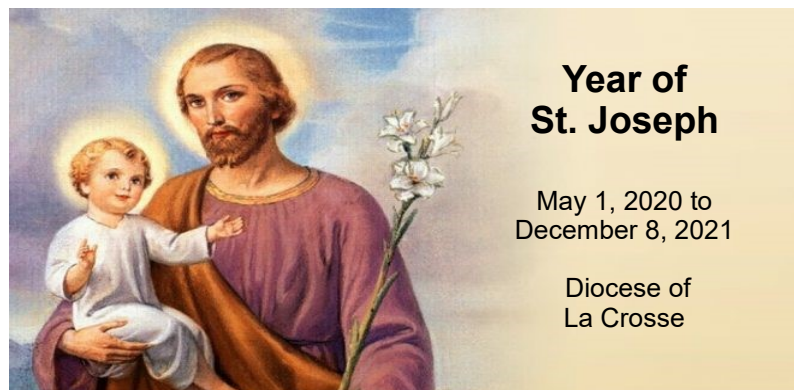
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jsburns0093@gmail.com
Leland Gregorich, Accompanist

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



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Year of
St. Joseph

May 1, 2020 to
December 8, 2021

Diocese of
La Crosse

PARISH INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, September 18th

The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

-**4:00pm** Mass -†Joseph and Clara Bina
Lector: Kathy Leis Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, September 19th

The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

MONDAY, September 20th

SS Andrew Kim Tae-gon and Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions

-**5:30pm** Mass -†George and Evelyn Miller

TUESDAY, September 21st

St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

-**5:00pm** Adoration
-**5:30pm** Mass -†Rita Loechler

THURSDAY, September 23rd

St. Pius of Pietrelcina

-**8:30am** Mass -†Mike and Agnes Lucey-62nd Wedding
Anniversary

SATURDAY, September 25th

The 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

-**4:00pm** Mass -Our Parish Family
Lector: Jim Weber Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, September 26th

The 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

-**8:30am** Mass -†Deceased members of the Al and Anna
Mae Antony Family
Lector: Sally Miller Ushers: Volunteers

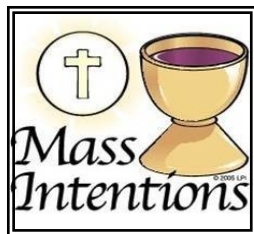
Confessions

First Saturday after Mass or by appointment
(please call or message Fr. Biju directly to set up
a time).



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-



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.

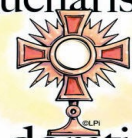
PARISH CALENDAR

- **September 21** ~ Annual Corporate Board Meeting
10:30 AM.
- **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 4** ~PCCW Meeting, 6:30 PM in School Hall
- **October 6** ~ RE Classes (Gr 1-5, 6-6:55 PM; Gr 6-10,
7:00-8:15 PM)
- **October 10** ~ Volunteer Appreciation Night, 5PM in
the School Hall
- **October 13** ~ RE Classes (Gr 1-5, 6-6:55 PM; Gr 6-10,
7:00-8:15 PM)
~ St. Peter Parish-Sauerkraut Supper, 4-8 PM



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.(29Rec'd):	\$1,585.00
Offertory:	\$242.40
Memorials:	\$1,000.00

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



**Catechetical Sunday
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

September 19th, we celebrate Catechetical Sunday with the entire Church. This week we especially want to recognize our Faith Formation Catechists who began their mission of teaching. Also, catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all Catholics to rededicate themselves to the mission of handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel as a community of faith. We are all called to help pass on the faith and commit to be life-long learners. I invite you to pray for all the Religious Education staff. Please take the RE classes seriously as it is going to have an impact in the children's lives and in the life of the church. I would also remind the parents to send your students regularly to class. Let our children grow up knowing God and church.

In today's gospel, Jesus foretells his imminent suffering, death and resurrection. Unfortunately, instead of reflecting on what Christ was saying, his disciples were busy quarrelling secretly over who was the greatest. Of course, their argument was aimed at the earthly government they imagined that Christ had come to establish. Having arrived at Capernaum, Jesus asks his disciples about the argument they had while they were journeying. Jesus then summons the Twelve and teaches that those who would be first in God's kingdom must be servants of all. By using a child as an example for us today, Jesus teaches that we have to become like children in order to be great, whereby we are to live our lives in humble service to God and to one another.

Have a great week!

Live Jesus, Fr. Biju



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Thank you to everyone who attended Mass last Wednesday evening to celebrate the beginning of another school year. This coming Wednesday will be regular scheduled times. **We are still in need of a few prayer sponsors for classes.** If interested, please sign up in the back of the church or contact Paula Silha for more information, 608-386-1183 OR 608-788-7748.

PARISH NEWS

New Issue of the Living Faith Daily Devotionals

The October to December issue is now available for pickup in the back of church.

Hometown Proud

The latest issue of the Catholic Life Magazine features our very own Brother Matthew Kotek in the article titled "A Vocation in Education." Brother Matthew is the son of Robert and Michelle Kotek. Be sure and check it out. You may also view it at: <https://catholicmagazines.org/magazine-archive/catholic-life/lc0921>



DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS

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.

The 16th Annual American Cancer Society Sole Burner

Sat. Sept. 25, 2021, at the Chaseburg Village Park, 401 Depot St. Registration will be at 11 AM and the "Best Ever Chicken" drive through chicken-que starting at 11 AM also. Activities include vendors, a health fair, a live dessert auction, silent auction, bucket raffle, wine cork raffle, Home Depot Kids event, bounce house, face painting, live music, raffle drawing, a variety of soups, and much more. Contact Eric Ostrem at 608 - 452-3135 or Linda DeGarmo at 608-452-3367 or grannydegarmo@yahoo.com for more information. To join a team or donate go to acsmove.org/Chaseburg.

St. Joseph Community Blood Drive

Monday, Oct 4th from 1-6 PM at the St. Joseph Ridge Town Hall, N1800 Town Hall Road. Walk ins are welcome but appointments are encouraged, to schedule online: bit.ly/giveoct4 or call 877-232-4376. Thank you for the support.

Join pro-life Wisconsinites for the first-ever March for Life Wisconsin on Saturday, October 2, 2021! We will gather at noon at the Wisconsin State Capitol in Madison to hear from pro-life leaders. The March will follow and will conclude in prayer at 3:00 p.m. outside of Planned Parenthood. Buses from various Wisconsin cities are available for easy travel to and from Madison. For more information, visit: ProLifeWI.org/marchforlife

DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS cont'd

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 or call 715-650-7310. cost is \$80 per couple.

Pancake Breakfast, Bake Sale, and Quilt Raffle

Sunday, October 10, 2021, at St. Mary's Parish, Coon Valley, WI
Serving from 7:30 a.m. to noon! Ages 11 and up only \$8, Children 6-10 only \$4, and 5 and under Free! Break your fast with us for all you can eat pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, applesauce, and a beverage; take your chance on a beautiful quilt; and purchase some goodies to take home. Dine in or carry out! Visit: stmarycv.org

St. Peter Parish-Sauerkraut Supper

Wednesday, October 13, 2021. Serving 4-8 PM or until gone. This event will include our full menu but will be for carry out/drive thru only. The price will be \$14. Raw kraut will be available again too

Chicken Que and Bake Sale

Holy Trinity is sponsoring a chicken que and bake sale on Thursday, October 14 from 11 AM to 5:30 PM. Located at 13th and Park Ave in La Crosse. 1/2 chicken, beans, coleslaw and roll for \$10. Pre-sales preferred, tickets available after Masses or in the office Monday and Thursday 9 AM to 3 PM or call 608-782-2028

The La Crosse Diocesan Council of Catholic Women is hosting an amazing Service Commission SHARESHOP!

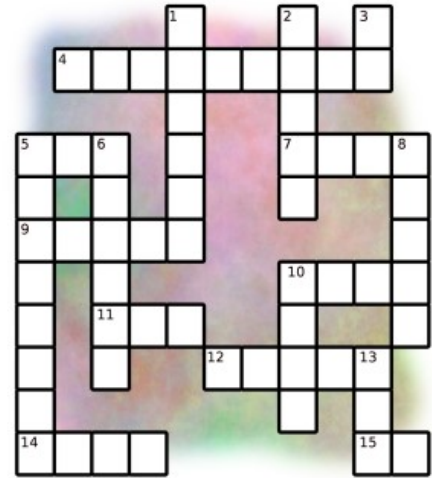
Come on Saturday, October 16, beginning with 8:00am Mass until closing session ending at 3:45 pm. We have two absolutely top speakers, a tour of the Cathedral of St. Joseph, sharing Deanery ministries, Mass, Adoration, a delicious lunch--and time to be together!
The day is free, but you are asked to **RSVP your lunch count by October 13th** to: secretary@ldccw.org or call Candace at 608-647-0400. If you need a hotel, a block of ten rooms have been reserved at the Candlewood Hotel. Call 608-785-1110 by October 7th and ask for an LDCCW room. All details are on our website at ldccw.org. Come for the whole day--you won't want to miss a minute!

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

The Men of the Cross Conference: "Walking with St. Joseph" We are very excited to invite you to join us for the 2021 Men of the Cross Conference: "Walking with St. Joseph!" On Saturday, October 23, 2021, we have a seat for you at the table to, not only join us for the day, but to develop friendships with Catholic men from around the Diocese of La Crosse. While this will be a great day for prayer, spiritual nourishment, fellowship, and food, it will also be an opportunity to talk about action steps Catholic men can take in their own parishes and communities to minister to other Catholic men throughout the year. You will hear from nationally known speakers: Jon Leonetti and Monsignor Joseph Hirsch. The day will also include a time of Adoration and opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We will end the conference with a Eucharistic procession and Mass with Bishop William Patrick Callahan. And there is more exciting news! Dads, you can bring your high school and college-age sons with you at no extra charge (Free spots are limited)! What a great experience for fathers and sons to have together! We hope you will not only register for this awesome day but spread the word to other Catholic men! To Register, please visit <https://menofthecross.org/>

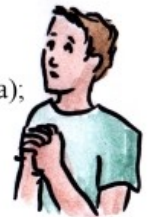
KIDS CORNER

**Psalm
54
Cross-
Word**



Unscramble the words in today's Psalm to fit them into the puzzle.
a=Across d=Down

O God, by your name (ESAV 14a) me,
and by your (THGMI 2d) (FENDED 6d) my cause.
O God, (ERHA 7a) my (YREPRA 1d);
hearken (OT 15a) the (DROWS 12a) of my mouth.
For the haughty have (NERIS 8d) up against (EM 3d),
the ruthless seek my (FLEI 10a);
they (TES 13d) (NTO 11a) God before their eyes.
Behold, (DGO 5a) is my helper;
the (DOLR 10d) sustains my life.
Freely will I (EFFOR 9a) you (FICESACIR 4a);
I will praise your name, O Lord,
for its (NSSEGDOO 5d).



Answer: ACROSS: 4.sacrifice, 5.God, 7.hear, 9.offer, 10.life, 11.not, 12.words, 14.save, 15.to. DOWN: 1.prayer, 2.might, 3.me, 5.goodness, 6.defend, 8.risen, 10.Lord, 13.set.

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