

# St. Joseph Ridge Parish

W2601 State Rd 33 • La Crosse • Wisconsin • 54601

September 26, 2021

## PASTOR

Fr. Biju Chennala Kunjukutty, MSFS...715-495-2338  
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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  
Monday .....5:30pm  
Tuesday.....Adoration .....5:00 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

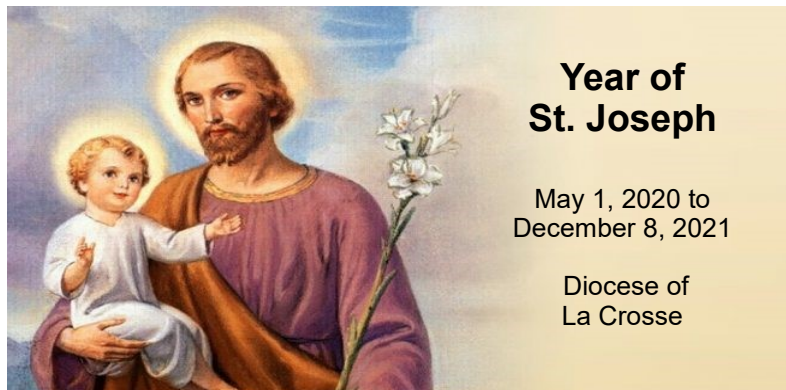
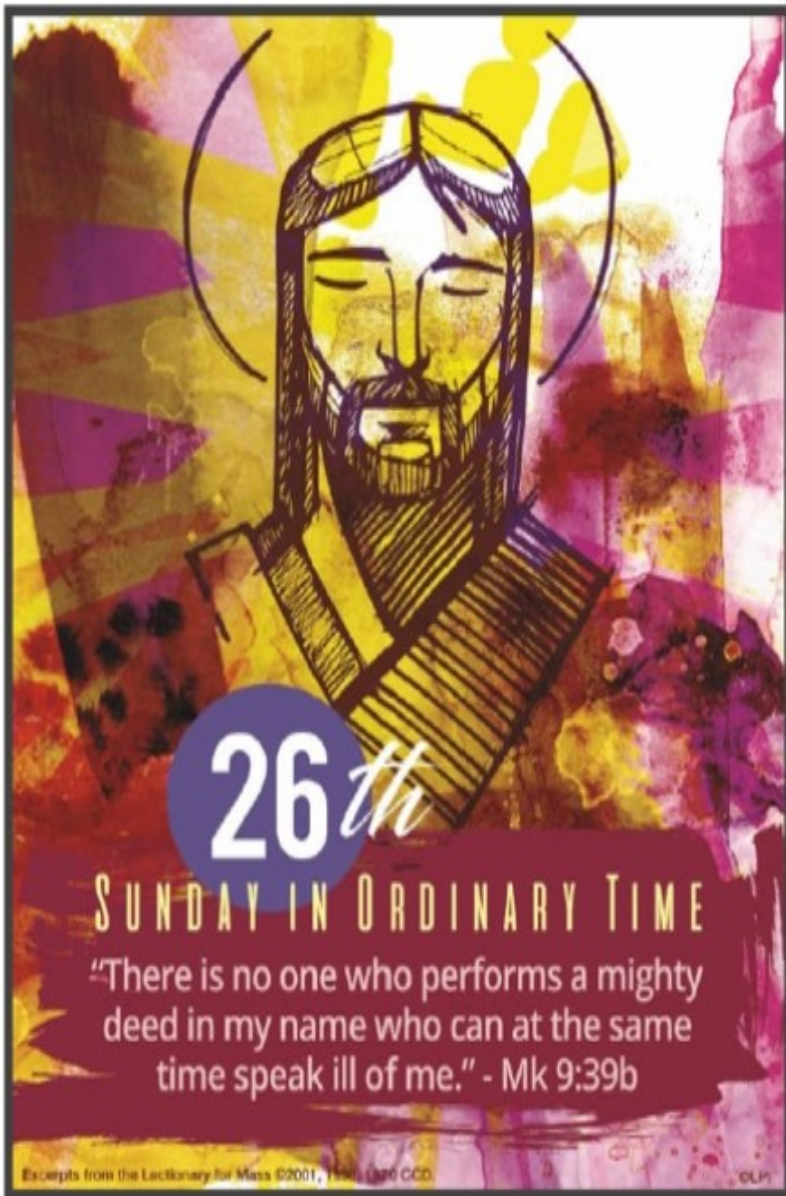
Dave Brown .....608-792-1006  
dbrown039@centurytel.net

## MUSIC

Stacy Burns, Coordinator.....608-769-8828  
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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



## Year of St. Joseph

May 1, 2020 to  
December 8, 2021

Diocese of  
La Crosse

**PARISH INTENTIONS**

**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

**MONDAY, September 27th**

*St. Vincent de Paul*

**-5:30pm** Mass -†Rita Loechler

**TUESDAY, September 28th**

*St. Wenceslaus, St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions*

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

**THURSDAY, September 30th**

*St. Jerome*

**-8:30am** Mass -†Rita Loechler

**SATURDAY, October 2nd**

*The Holy Guardian Angels - First Saturday*

**-8:30am** Mass -For people suffering from cancer

**SATURDAY, October 2nd**

*The 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**-4:00pm** Mass -†Clarence, Pauline, Theresa and Patty Gotz  
Lector: Paula Silha Ushers: Volunteers

**SUNDAY, October 3rd**

*The 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**-8:30am** Mass -†Paul and Dorothy Hess  
Lector: Kathy Leis Ushers: Volunteers

**PARISH CALENDAR**

- **September 28** ~ Finance Council Meeting, 7 PM
- **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 11** ~ NO Mass
- **October 11 and 12** ~ Fr Biju at Fall Ministry Days
- **October 12** ~ Fund Raising/Pastoral Council Meeting, 7 PM 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
- **October 16-25** ~ Amy on Mission Trip, contact Fr. Biju for administrative needs
- **October 20** ~ RE Class (Gr 1-5, 6-6:55 PM; Gr 6-10, 7:00-8:15 PM)

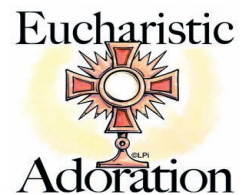
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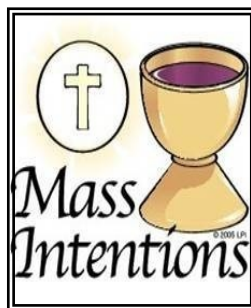
**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

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



**Mass Intentions**

We have openings for **weekday** intentions: Dec 20, 23, 28, and 30. Jan 3, 4, 6, 10, and 11. We have open **First Saturdays**, 8:30 AM beginning Jan 1st. **Weekend Mass** opening Jan 29 and 30. All of February. For questions contact the parish office 788-1646 or sjrp2601@gmail.com. Mass Intentions envelopes are available in the back of church.



**GIFT'S RETURNED TO GOD**

Last Week in Giving—182 envelope holders



Adult Env.(29Rec'd):	\$1,790.00
Offertory:	\$417.40
Votive Lights:	\$102.77
Book Donations:	\$6.00
RE Registration:	\$1, 187.50

**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



26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

This weekend we continue to read from the Gospel of Mark. Recall that last week we heard Jesus chastise his disciples for their argument about who among them was the greatest. Jesus taught them that the greatest among them will be those who serve the least ones. This weekend, the disciple John questions Jesus about an unknown exorcist who was not a follower of Jesus, driving out demons in Jesus' name. They want Jesus to order them to stop. Jesus says no. He tells him "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. For whoever is not against us is for us."

His words sound a note of warning against the small-heartedness that seeks to limit God's love, or reject the action of God's Spirit in the world. They proclaim the indwelling of the Spirit in the lives of all. God loves everyone. He asks them to broaden their narrow minds and accept the good works done in his name. Jesus challenges his followers to pay attention to their attitude and inner motivation. The true disciple will be the one who knows how to rejoice in good.

Next Sunday, the first Sunday of October, is Respect Life Sunday in the United States. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the conception of life to its end, and at every point in between.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Live Jesus, Fr. Biju

PARISH NEWS

Be Present, Be Counted

October arrives this coming week. Be mindful that the Diocesan wide October Mass attendance counts begin the weekend of October 2nd and 3rd and occur each weekend through October 23rd and 24th.. Please make sure that you are present in Church, so that you are counted.

Volunteer Appreciation Night

The Parish will be hosting a volunteer appreciation dinner on October 10th to recognize all those whose time and talents help to make our parish strong and vibrant. Invitations have been sent out please RSVP as soon as possible. If you volunteer in any capacity, for example: usher, Eucharistic Minister, choir member, lector, catechists, council member, organize funerals, etc. and did not receive an invitation please contact Fr. Biju. We need a final count of those attending by Tuesday, Sept 28th.

New Issue of the Living Faith Daily Devotionals

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

DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS

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](http://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](http://ProLifeWI.org/marchforlife)

Life Chain - Oct 3

Pro-life Prayerful Witness in La Crosse on October 3rd. Starts on Losey Blvd N from La Crosse to Ferry St, 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

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](http://stmarycv.org)

Boy Scout Catholic Religious Emblems - Oct 10

Ad Altare Dei Emblem & Pope Pius XII Religious Emblem. Next virtual session is October 10 from 2-4 PM. For info call 608-783-4911 or email registration by October 3rd to [catholicreligiousemblems@gmail.com](mailto:catholicreligiousemblems@gmail.com). Next session after October will be by January 16, 2022.

St. Peter Parish-Sauerkraut Supper - Oct 13

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.

October 2021 RESPECT LIFE MONTH. Includes illustrations of the Nativity and the Holy Family, and the text: 'St. Joseph, defender of life, pray for us!'

**DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS cont'd**

**Chicken Que and Bake Sale - Oct 14**

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 SHARESOP!**

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](mailto: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](http://ldccw.org) Come for the whole day--you won't want to miss a minute!

**Gospel of Life White Mass & Banquet with Bishop - Oct 18**

Join us Monday evening, October 18, at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman in La Crosse. The Keynote presenter, John Travaline, MD, an expert in Catholic medical ethics, will speak on: "Seeing Human Dignity Through the Theology of the Body." Schedule: 6:00 pm – White Mass with Bishop Callahan, honoring Catholic healthcare professionals; 7:00 pm – Banquet; 7:45 pm – Presentation; Cost: \$20/person \$10/students. All are welcome! To learn more and to register, visit [diolc.org/gospeloflife](http://diolc.org/gospeloflife)

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

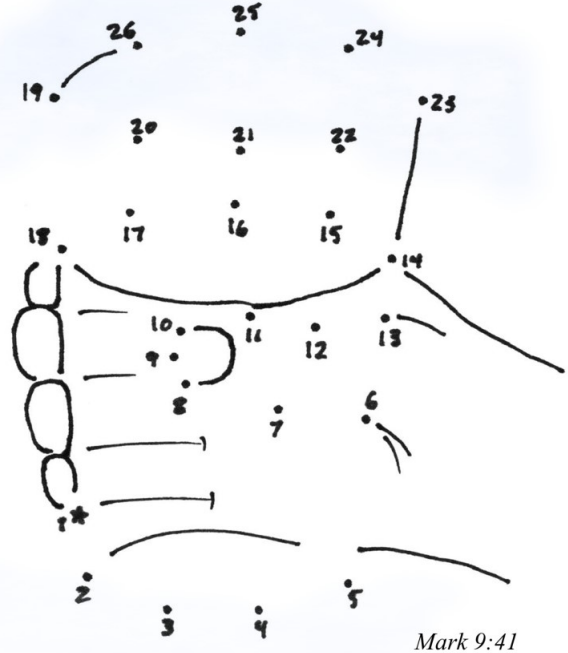
The Men of the Cross Conference: "Walking with St. Joseph" We are very excited to invite you to join us for the 2021 Men of the Cross Conference: "Walking with St. Joseph!" On Saturday, October 23, 2021, we have a seat for you at the table to, not only join us for the day, but to develop friendships 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/>

**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).

**KIDS CORNER**

**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 26th, 2021**



Mark 9:41

*What is it?  
Connect the dots to find out!  
Jesus says in today's Gospel reading that  
anyone who gives one to someone for His sake  
will receive their just reward.*

**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](mailto:sjrp2601@gmail.com)