

St. Joseph Ridge Parish

W2601 State Rd 33 • La Crosse • Wisconsin • 54601

October 3, 2021

PASTOR

Fr. Biju Chennala Kunjukutty, MSFS...715-495-2338
bchennala@diolclergy.org

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

Dave Brown608-792-1006
dbrown039@centurytel.net

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Stacy Burns, Coordinator.....608-769-8828
jsburns0093@gmail.com
Leland Gregorich, Accompanist

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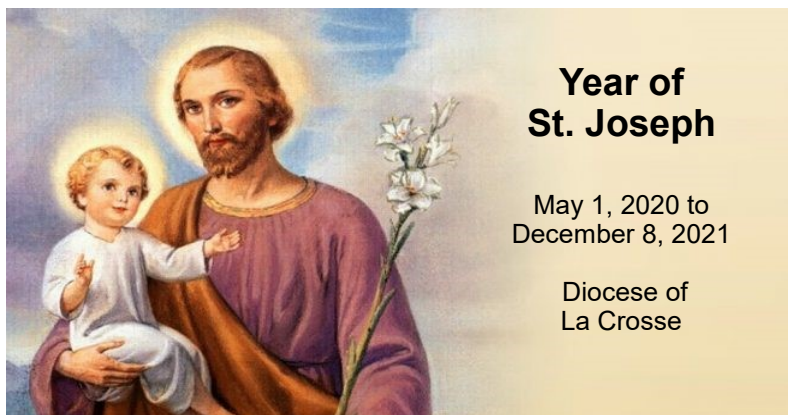
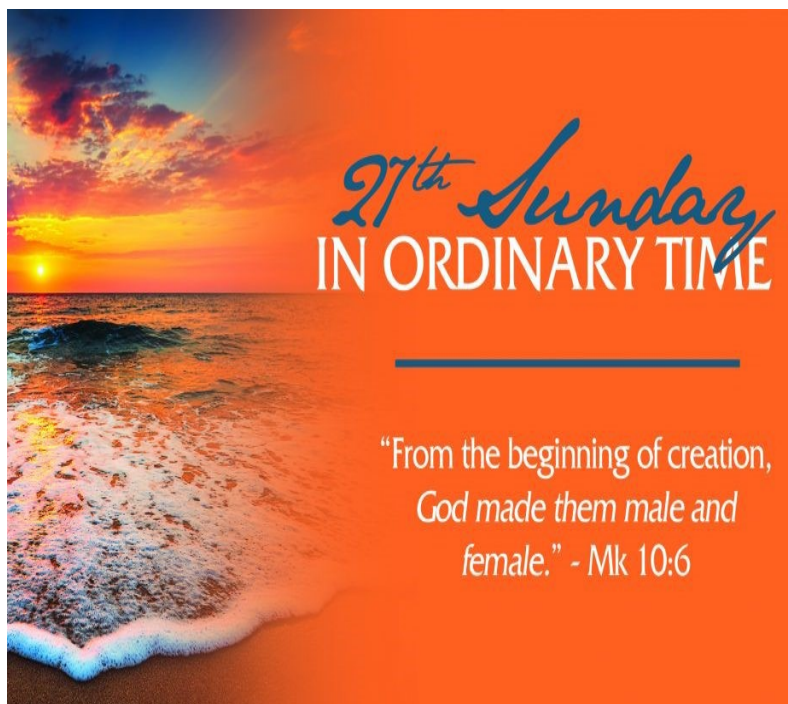
- Joining the Parish
- Weddings or Baptisms
- Anointing of the sick (also call Fr. Biju cell phone)
- If you are home-bound & would like to be visited

October 2021

RESPECT LIFE MONTH



St. Joseph, defender of life, pray for us!



PARISH INTENTIONS

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: Jim Weber Ushers: Volunteers

MONDAY, October 4th

St. Francis of Assisi

-**5:30pm** Mass -†Jim and Angie Hofer

TUESDAY, October 5th

St. Faustina Kowalska, Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos

-**5:00pm** Adoration

-**5:30pm** Mass -†John, Bernice, Steven & Sam Mashak

THURSDAY, October 7th

Our Lady of the Rosary

-**8:30am** Mass -†Ralph and Evelyn Mikshowsky

SATURDAY, October 9th

The 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

-**4:00pm** Mass -Our Parish Family

Lector: Bill Weber Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, October 10th

The 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

-**8:30am** Mass -†Herb Clements

Lector: Dan Steiger Ushers: Volunteers

PARISH CALENDAR

- **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)
- **October 27** ~ RE Class (Gr 1-5, 6-6:55 PM; Gr 6-10, 7:00-8:15 PM)

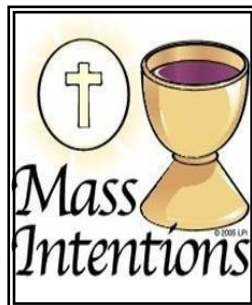
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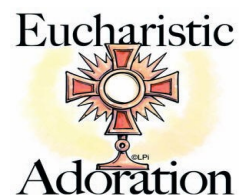


Mass Intentions

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. February 6, 20, & 26 or 17. For questions contact the parish office 788-1646 or sjrp2601@gmail.com. Mass Intentions envelopes are available in the back of church.



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



GIFT'S RETURNED TO GOD

Last Week in Giving—182 envelope holders



Adult Env.(25Rec'd)	\$1,170.00
Offertory:	\$185.00
ACH for September:	\$680.00

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



27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. On October 7 we celebrate the memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary. This memorial was established by Pope St Pius V in thanksgiving for the victory at Lepanto on 7th Oct. 1571. It recalls the rosary and its mediation in the life of church. Besides this, during this month throughout the Church in the USA, we focus attention on our call to promote Respect for Life.

On Monday, October 4th we celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. He showed care and concern for all, especially the poor. He was a great saint known for his charismatic personality, deep compassion for all and love for God's creation. He renounced wealth to follow "Lady poverty." He founded the friars Minor and was blessed with the stigmata on 14th sept. 1224.

He began life in a small Italian town that saw war and destruction constantly. He lived in a time of scandal in the Church and in society. Francis' approach to the many problems and issues of medieval Italy can also teach us much about being faithful to the Gospel in our own turbulent times. Francis heard God's call in the small church of San Damiano on the outskirts of Assisi. I had a chance to go and pray in that church. Gazing upon the large cross in the church he heard God say, "Francis, go and repair my house which, as you see, is falling completely into ruin." Initially Francis thought God wanted him to repair the physical church where he was praying. However, under the guidance of God's Holy Spirit, Francis realized his real task was to bring healing and repair to a broken Church. Under God's inspiration he brought peace and respect between all classes of people. God continues to call us to do no less.....respecting all of life in the world. His last words to his brothers and St. Claire before his death on October 4, 1226, "I have done what was mine to do. Now it is for you to do what is yours to do." Does it speak to us?

Thanks to all who responded to the volunteer appreciation night.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Live Jesus, Fr. Biju

PARISH NEWS

Be Present, Be Counted

Be mindful that the Diocesan wide October Mass attendance counts begin this 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.

Annual Report to the Bishop

Inserted into today's bulletin is the breakdown of the information in the Annual Report to the Bishop for the fiscal year July 2020-June 2021.

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.

DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS

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.

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.

Pancake Breakfast, Bake Sale, and Quilt Raffle - Oct 10

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

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. Next session after October will by January 16, 2022.

St. Peter Parish-Sauerkraut Supper - Oct 13

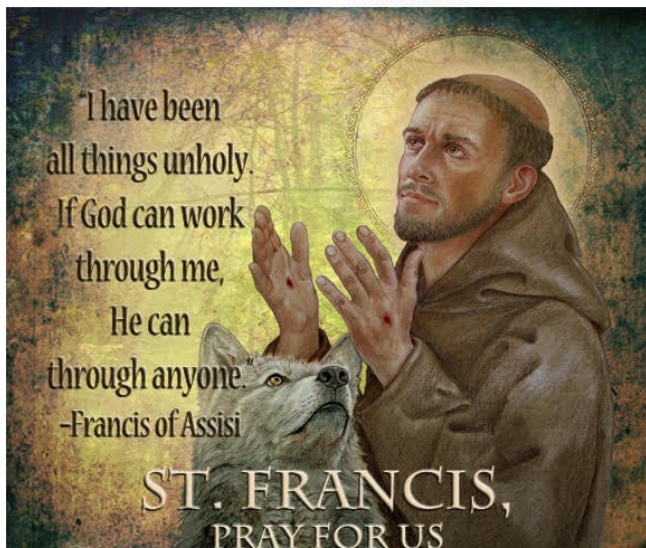
Wednesday, October 13, 2021. Serving 4-8 PM or until gone. This event will include our full menu but will be for carry out/drive thru only. The price will be \$14. Raw kraut will be available again, too.

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 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



DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS cont'd

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!

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

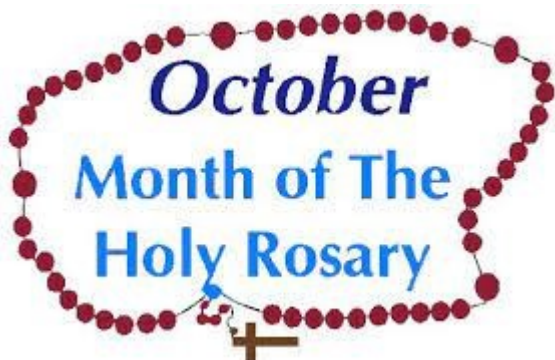
Join us Monday evening, October 18, at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman in La Crosse. The Keynote presenter, John Travaline, MD, an expert in Catholic medical ethics, will speak on: "Seeing Human Dignity Through the Theology of the Body." Schedule: 6:00 pm – White Mass with Bishop Callahan, honoring 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

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 for registration application and information or contact Nancy Peters at 608-790-6034 or email Peters@mwt.net.



KIDS CORNER

**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday October 3rd, 2021**



Mark 10:13-16



What did Jesus say to the apostles when they tried to keep the children away?

Use the code to find out!

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C D E H I L M N O R T

Answer: Let the children come to me.

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

St. Joseph Ridge Parish
Annual Report
July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021

Statement of General Statistics

~Catholic population of the parish – 448.

~The percentage of people in the boundaries of the parish that are Catholic – 50%.

~Catholic households in the parish – 187.

~The number of envelope holders who give \$100 or more per year – 117.

(this number is used for Diocesan calculations)

**Total cash balance of Parish, Works of Charity, and PCCW
checking on July 1, 2020:**

\$56,380.97

Receipts

Adult Envelopes	\$114,312.19
Offertory Collections	9,528.59
Rent, Votive Candles, Miscellaneous	6,433.05
Special Collections-Capital Improvement	3,175.00
Net Profit of Parish Picnic	1,504.90
PCCW	1,313.00
Memorials	9,237.51
Total Interest Earned	3,078.84
Religious Education Tuition	2,087.50
Diocesan Annual Appeal Rebate/Subsidy Grant	1,500.00
Works of Charity	1,000.00
Other receipts(PPP Loan forgiven/DAA Cash.etc)	13,251.00
Accounts Payable (employee taxes)	105.06
Collections for Diocese and other flow through	<u>3,044.21</u>
Total of all Receipts:	<u>\$169,570.85</u>

Disbursements

Salaries – Parish Priest	\$25,999.87
Salaries – Other Clergy	390.00
Salaries – All Other	18,816.76
Professional Fees and Services	667.00
Payroll Taxes	1,479.73
Group Insurance and Retirement	15,454.07
Household Expenses	5,071.14
Office Supplies	1,816.85
All Utilities	18,000.64
Auto and Travel Allowances	3,945.77
Liturgical and Church Goods	6,902.44
Instructional Supplies, Texts	1,108.11
Janitorial Supplies	207.50
Repairs and Maintenance (see back page)	30,465.34
Property and Liability Insurance	6,169.00
Miscellaneous and Rentals Paid	180.45
Catholic Life	573.00
Diocesan Assessment/Quota	2,708.00
Aquinas Catholic Schools Subsidy	13,055.04
PCCW Expenditures (cabinets, donations, scholarships)	2,487.90
Less monies from St. Peter Parish for Priest Expenses	-18,399.81
Principle payment recored for PPP Loan	13,071.00
Funds deposited to Savings Account (transfer and interest)	28,039.12
Distribution from Funds for Works of Charity Acct	250.00
Other disbursements (DAA cash, Casa Hogar, etc)	1,680.00
Collections for Diocese and other flow through (see back page)	<u>3,044.22</u>
Total of All Disbursements:	<u>\$183,183.14</u>

Total cash balance of Parish, Works of Charity, and PCCW checking accounts on June 30, 2021:

\$42,768.68

Beginning Balance	\$56,380.97
Receipts	169,570.85
Disbursements	183,183.14
Ending Balance	\$42,768.68

Diocesan Collection Appeals and flow through (These are funds taken in and then disbursed)

DCCW	\$353.00
World Mission Sunday	610.00
Mission Co-Op	440.00
Student Lent	0.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	535.00
Rice Bowl	217.21
Other Misc. (Good Friday, DAA cash flow-thru, etc.)	889.00
Total	<u>\$3,044.21</u>

Repairs and Maintenance

Church Front Step	\$11,493.00
Church Furnace Replacement x 2	6,550.00
Church Fan Repair	4,453.04
General Upkeep	7,969.30
Total	<u>\$30,465.34</u>

Total cash balance of Parish and PCCW savings accounts at the Diocese on June 30, 2021:

\$136,624.68

Spiritual Statistics – July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021

2 Baptisms
 5 Confirmations
 5 Received Their First Holy Communion
 0 Baptized Christian received into full communion (RCIA)
 We did have solemn exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for periods of time throughout the year
 Sunday Mass is at 8:30 AM and Saturday Mass of Anticipation is at 4:00 PM
 0 Marriage where both parties are Catholic
 0 Marriage of mixed religion
 0 Parishioners in seminary studies
 0 Parishioner preparing to be received into an institute of consecrated life – Religious Life
 0 Parishioners participating in lay ministry programs
 Times for hearing confessions after First Saturday Mass or by appointment.
 We had regularly scheduled penance services with individual confessions during Advent and Lent
 About 20 parishioners received the Anointing of the Sick
 4 Deaths in the parish
 1 full burials, 2 cremation burials in the parish cemetery
 5 Students from parish attend Catholic school system (K-8)
 29 attend K-8 Public School
 1 attend Catholic high School (9-12)
 17 attend public high school (9-12)
 31 Public grade school students (K-8) attended Rel. Ed. Classes
 6 Public high school students (9-12) attended Rel. Ed. Classes