



**PARISH INTENTIONS**

**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

**MONDAY, October 11th**

*St. John XXIII*

-**5:30pm** Mass -NO MASS

**TUESDAY, October 12th**

*Weekday*

-**5:00pm** Adoration  
-**5:30pm** Mass -†Terry and Darryl Miller

**THURSDAY, October 14th**

*St. Callistus I*

-**8:30am** Mass -†Eugene and Luella Leis

**SATURDAY, October 16th**

*The 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

-**4:00pm** Mass -†George and Evelyn Miller  
Lector: Donnie Weber Ushers: Volunteers

**SUNDAY, October 17th**

*The 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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

**PARISH CALENDAR**

- **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 17** ~ Diocesan Annual Appeal 2021-2022 mailing should have reached all households by this date
- **October 20** ~ RE Class (Gr 1-5, 6-6:55 PM; Gr 6-10, 7:00-8:15 PM)
- **October 23/24** ~ World Mission Sunday, special collection during Mass
- **October 27** ~ RE Class (Gr 1-5, 6-6:55 PM; Gr 6-10, 7:00-8:15 PM)

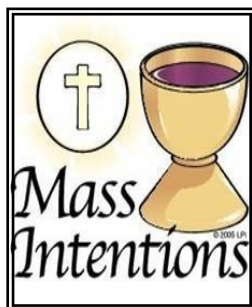
**Confessions**

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



**Mass Intentions**

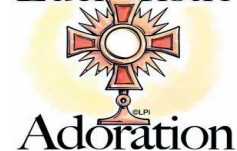
We have openings for **weekday** intentions: Dec 23 and 30. Jan 6, 10, and 11. We have open **First Saturdays**, 8:30 AM beginning Jan 1st. **Weekend Mass** opening Jan 29. February 6, 20, & 26 or 17. For questions contact the parish office 788-1646 or sjrp2601@gmail.com. Mass Intentions envelopes are available in the back of church.



**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

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

**Eucharistic Adoration**



**GIFT'S RETURNED TO GOD**

Last Week in Giving—182 envelope holders



Adult Env.(25Rec'd)	\$2,130.00
Offertory:	\$311.00
Votive Collection:	\$67.76
Book Donations:	\$4.00
Capital Improvements:	\$10.00

**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.

**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.

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN



Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

We continue the reflection on the gospel of Mark from where we left off last Sunday. Last Sunday our Gospel told how Jesus was tested by the Pharisees about the requirements for divorce. Today he encounters an unnamed man approaches Jesus and inquiries about what he must do to inherit eternal life. The wealthy man has been deeply faithful to the teachings of God in his Jewish faith. Jesus tells him sell what you have, give to the poor, and come follow me. That was a challenge for the rich man. He went away sad because he had many things. Jesus is addressing something beyond simple adherence to the law—he's referring to a deeper sense of morality based in the law. It's rather easy to follow the letter of the law than the spirit of the law. Do the words to Jesus "You are lacking in one thing" speak to us? What are we asked to let go of to have eternal life?

This year World Mission Sunday is on October 24, 2021. We celebrate it with the theme "We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:20). Organized by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, it is a day set aside for Catholics worldwide to recommit themselves to the Church's missionary activity through prayer and sacrifice. Share your love for Christ's Gospel with one another, supporting the Church most in need. We will have a second collection on 24<sup>th</sup> as we celebrate the world mission Sunday.

With October dedicated to the Rosary, and in honor of the Miracle of the Dancing Sun, and to request Mary's intercession for our crippled world, all students and catechists are invited to pray a Rosary (or at least a Decade) on October 13, 2021, in union with children from around the world. On 13<sup>th</sup> October we also have the Sauerkraut supper at St Peter Middle Ridge. Please keep the day in your prayers. On Monday and Tuesday of this week the priests, deacons and pastoral associates will gather at Holy Cross Diocesan Center in La Crosse for the Fall Ministry Conference. There will be no Mass on Monday this week at St Joseph Ridge.

Have a wonderful week!  
Live Jesus, Fr. Biju

We are proud to announce the baptism of:

Vincent Jude Weber

Child of Nicholas D. Weber  
and Angela M. (Welchert) Weber



~ We welcome him to the church and congratulate his parents ~

PARISH NEWS

Be Present, Be Counted

Be mindful that the Diocesan wide October Mass attendance for 4 weekends in October concluding the 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. Reminder: dinner will be served at 5:00 PM.

Miracle of the Sun

October 13th is the 104th anniversary of the apparition of Our Lady of Fatima. At the same time St. Joseph was seen holding the baby Jesus and they both blessed the whole world. In recognition of this event all you are all invited to pray a Rosary (or at least a Decade) on October 13, 2021, especially our catechists and students, in union with children from around the world. **St. Peter Parish** will have a special prayer time on Wednesday October 13th from 8:30 – 9 PM that will conclude with the Rosary, as Mary instructed, for peace in our world.

**SAUERKRAUT**  
54<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL **SUPPER**

St. Peter's Catholic Church  
W695 State Road 33 Rockland, WI 54653

**OCTOBER 13, 2021**

SERVING 4 PM - 8 PM (or until sold out)  
**\$14 per CARRY-OUT - DRIVE THRU ONLY**

**EACH CARRY-OUT INCLUDES:**  
church-made sauerkraut, spare ribs + polish sausage, sweet carrots, mashed potatoes + gravy, homemade bread + a slice of pie

**RAW KRAUT AVAILABLE TO-GO**  
(not included in carry-out)  
**\$5 for 2.5 lbs until sold out**

[WWW.SAINTPETERSPARISH.NET](http://WWW.SAINTPETERSPARISH.NET)



DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS

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](http://stmarycv.org)

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

**DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS cont'd**

**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!

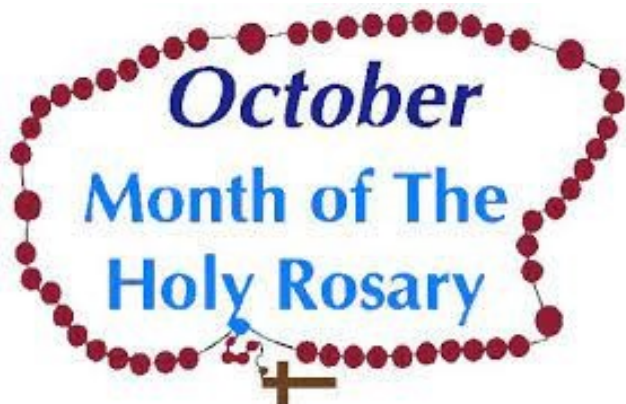
**The day is free**, but you are asked to **RSVP your lunch count by October 13th** to: [secretary@ldccw.org](mailto:secretary@ldccw.org) or call Candace at 608-647-0400. If you need a hotel, a block of ten rooms have been reserved at the Candlewood Hotel. Call 608-785-1110 by October 7th and ask for 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)

**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**

**28th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 10th, 2021**



*The rich young man in today's Gospel reading was sad because Jesus told him to sell his things and give his money to the poor. Jesus said that it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. But all things are possible with God!*

*Can you find the way from the camel through the needle?*



**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)



**John Travaline, Doctor & Deacon**

October 18 is the Feast of St. Luke. Not only was Luke the author of one of the four Gospels, but St. Paul writes that he was a “beloved physician.” That is why, on the evening of Oct. 18, we will be holding the Gospel of Life White Mass and Banquet at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman in La Crosse. The White Mass, celebrated annually by Bishop Callahan, gives the faithful the opportunity to honor the dedicated service of Catholic doctors, nurses, and other healthcare professionals, who take St. Luke as their patron.

We are blessed to have as this year’s keynote speaker Dr. John Travaline, a teaching surgeon, a deacon, and an expert in medical ethics as well as St. John Paul II’s *Theology of the Body*. Dr. Travaline will speak on “Seeing Human Dignity through the Theology of the Body.” The Gospel of Life White Mass and Banquet is for all the faithful looking to build a Culture of Life, so his talk will be geared to a general audience.

One could hardly come up with a more appropriate time for this topic. On the one hand, the COVID-19 pandemic has made us acutely aware of the fragility of life and health, and on the other, our dominant culture has lost its understanding of the sacred identity and dignity of the human person, created in the image of God

## “Seeing Human Dignity through the Theology of the Body”

**Oct. 18 Gospel of Life White Mass & Banquet**

and called to live a life of self-giving love. How can we respond?

Pope St. John Paul II has left us a treasure trove of answers in his *Theology of the Body*, which has been enriching religious formation in our Catholic schools and parishes. As a surgeon, Dr. Travaline has also drawn on this treasure trove to address both our dignity and our vulnerability as human persons. We live, love, suffer and die as bodily creatures. Medicine treats the body, and in treating the body it treats the person. Unfortunately, our culture inclines us to see our bodies as *objects* we possess, and the medical world can be susceptible to this tendency to depersonalize and manipulate the body. This is at its most extreme in abortion and assisted suicide, but it can take many other forms as well.

No, our bodies are *us*, central to our very identity. They will be raised up on the last day and we will be embodied forever. Our bodies speak a language, expressing our emotions, our choices, our generosity or selfishness. Think of a closed fist vs. an open hand, a frown vs. a smile. In Jesus’ own body He expressed self-gift to us on the cross and in the Eucharist. Likewise, we are called to make gifts of ourselves to God and one another, and we will radiate that love as embodied human creatures.

This is also true of the doctor-patient relationship. As Dr. Travaline has noted in an article he wrote: “In the interaction between healer and

patient, a communion of persons is formed. The patient makes himself vulnerable. The healer senses this and responds with gentleness and sensitivity, so as to convey both that he is grateful to the patient for allowing himself to be vulnerable, and that he is worthy of this trust.”

Sometimes, despite a doctor’s best efforts, a disease progresses and even leads to death. But even in our sufferings as embodied persons we can make a loving gift of self. As Dr. Travaline has written, “Pope John Paul II often asked patients to offer their sorrows and suffering in self-gift, for others’ intentions, especially for the Church. Suffering is never useless and can always be offered to God as a sacrifice of love, to atone for and to help other people. John Paul II himself showed us visibly how to suffer and age, as his last couple of decades were filled with physical and spiritual suffering. He did not flinch from continuing to travel and preach, even though he was afflicted with Parkinson’s disease.”

Many other insights will be shared by Dr. John Travaline at the Gospel of Life White Mass and Banquet on Oct. 18. We invite you to join us at the Cathedral! Cost is \$20, or \$10 for students, teachers and school administrators. Learn more and register at [diolc.org/gospeloflife](http://diolc.org/gospeloflife).

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