

PARISH INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, October 30

The 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

-4:00pm Mass -†Clarence, Pauline, Theresa and Patty Gotz

Lector: Jim Weber Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, October 31

The 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

-8:30am Mass -†Curtis Strittmater

Lector: Paula Silha Ushers: Volunteers

MONDAY, November 1st

All Saints Day

-5:30pm Mass -†Terry and Darryl Miller

TUESDAY, November 2nd

The Commemoration of all the Faithfully Departed

-5:00pm Adoration

-5:30pm Mass -†Robert Dowiasch

THURSDAY, November 4th

Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop

-8:30am Mass -†Bernard and Kate Hundt

SATURDAY, November 6th

First Saturday

-8:30am Mass -†Sr. Karolyn Rollick

SATURDAY, November 6th

The 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

-4:00pm Mass -†John, Bernice, Steve and Sam Mashak

Lector: Kathy Leis Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, November 7th

The 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

-8:30am Mass -†William and Ida Bahr

Lector: Donna Clements Ushers: Volunteers

PARISH CALENDAR

- ◆ **November 1** ~ All Saints' Day (Not a Holy Day of Obligation in 2021), Mass 5:30 PM
- ◆ **November 2** ~ All Souls Day, Mass 5:30 PM
- ◆ **November 3** ~ RE Class (Gr 1-5, 6-6:55 PM; Gr 6-10, 7:00-8:15 PM)
- ◆ **November 4** ~ Pastoral Councils/Fundraising Meeting 7 PM
- ◆ **November 8** ~ Finance Council Meeting, 7 PM
- ◆ **November 10** ~ RE Class (Gr 1-5, 6-6:55 PM; Gr 6-10, 7:00-8:15 PM)
- ◆ **November 17** ~ RE Class (Gr 1-5, 6-6:55 PM; Gr 6-10, 7:00-8:15 PM)
- ◆ **November 24** ~ No RE Class, Happy Thanksgiving!



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

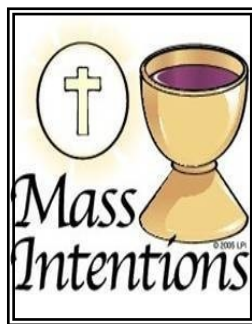


Adult Envelopes(30):	\$1285.00
Offertory:	\$123.00
Votive:	\$66.35
World Mission Env (14):	\$410.00
World Mission Offertory:	\$125.00

Thank You!

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.



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



Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

In one of his conversations with the scribes, Jesus is asked which commandment is first, and he gives a three-part answer drawing from Dt 6:4-5 and Lv 19:18. From Deuteronomy, Jesus quotes the *Shema Yisrael* (Hear, O Israel), the Jewish prayer that expresses communal faith in God and the oneness of God. He then expresses the need to love God with one's whole self. From Leviticus, Jesus stresses the importance of loving one's neighbor. Let love of God and neighbor be the foundation of our faith.

Monday, we celebrate All Saints Day. Tuesday is All Souls Day, the day we remember all who have died, and pray for them. In addition to offering Mass and praying for the souls of the faithful departed, the Church also gives us the opportunity to gain a plenary indulgence for the souls in purgatory. A plenary indulgence, applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory, is granted to the faithful, who from November 1 through 8 piously visit a cemetery and pray for the dead; or who on November 2 as well as the Sunday preceding or following, and on All Saints' Day, piously visit a church. In visiting the church, it is required that an Our Father and the Creed be recited. To acquire a plenary indulgence, it is necessary also to fulfill the following three conditions: sacramental confession, Eucharistic Communion, and praying the Our Father and Hail Mary for the intention of the Holy Father. The three conditions must be fulfilled several days before or after the performance of the visit; it is, however, fitting that communion be received and the prayer for the intention of the Holy Father be said on the same day as the visit.

Throughout the centuries, the Roman Catholic Church has held many gatherings called "synods." The word synod derives from an ancient Greek term that means "coming together" or "traveling together." Pope Francis formally opened a two-year process called "A Synod on Synodality," officially known as "Synod 2021-2023: For a Synodal Church." In preparation for it the Synod of Bishops, each diocese has been asked by Pope Francis to foster a broad consultation process. In response to this call we are invited to have a special meeting of the parish pastoral council. Our council members will be receiving materials for discussion, which will be used for the next meeting.

The current issue of the Catholic Life Magazine carries the story of Steve and Sally Miller from St Joseph Ridge. Thanks to Sally and Steve Miller for sharing their faith journey. It was great to appreciate the work of our ancestors through the words of Steve's dad "you always take care of your church and its buildings because you think of your ancestors before you and how hard they worked to make sure you had this opportunity to worship here." Beautifully said.

I appreciate and thank our catechists and coordinators for making last Wednesday a fun evening for our Religious Education Students. It was heartwarming to watch how the little ones enjoyed carving pumpkins.

Have a wonderful week!

Live Jesus, Fr. Biju

PARISH NEWS

Book of Remembrance

During the month of November we honor the faithfully departed. The Book of Remembrance is a place for parishioners write the names of departed loved ones. Feel free to inscribe those whom you have lost this past year in the book located in the back of church.

WE ARE THE DIOCESE	DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2021-2022		
	10/29/2021	Total Pledged	Total Payments
	Pledged/Received	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
	Target Amount	\$21,850.00	\$21,850.00
	Over Target	(\$20,850.00)	(\$20,850.00)
	Number of families contributing: 2		
	Percent goal pledged: 4.58%/Received:4.58%		

World Mission Sunday

THANK YOU for your generous response to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith last weekend on World Mission Sunday. You may stay connected year-round to the Pope's missions, continuing the commitment of World Mission Sunday, by visiting MISSIO.org

DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS

November News from Catholic Charities

WE NEED YOUR HELP! So much is going on at Catholic Charities.

Warming Centers Opening November 1st

November - National Adoption Month

Welcoming Afghans at Fort McCoy

Visit our website - cclse.org, to learn about how they can support and/or join the efforts!

5000 WINTER COATS NEEDED

Our Afghan friends need boys, girls, women and men's winter coats (Men's small and medium jackets requested). They will also be needing children's snow pants, boots, mittens, hats, and scarves. We are hoping to collect 5,000 **new** coats before November 15th. If your parish would like to collect please contact Karen Becker at kbecker@cclse.org. She will be happy to help coordinate delivery to Fort McCoy. If you aren't able to host a collection, let parishioners know that they can visit our website at <https://cclse.org/afghanistan-refugee-assistance>, select the gift registry and place an order. They will be mailed directly to the National Guard Armory for delivery to Fort McCoy. Thank you for any assistance you are giving to our new Afghan neighbors!

Fr. Joseph Walijewski Legacy Guild Dinner – Nov. 5

Benefitting Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II: You are invited to attend the Father Joseph Walijewski Guild Dinner Benefitting Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II on Friday, November 5 at Blessed Sacrament Parish, 130 Losey Blvd S, La Crosse, WI. The event begins at 5:30 p.m. with a social hour followed by dinner and a program. Please RSVP online at homeajpm.org/events or via email by Wednesday, October 27. If you have any questions, contact Noel Furger at nfurger@frjoesguild.org or 715.297.5139.

DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS cont'd

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

After the last year-plus of pandemic life, many of us are looking for a fresh start. Consider attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience. Upcoming date November 19th-21st in Holstein, IA. Also, call for information on a 2022 date in the Diocese of La Crosse. Register at lowa-wwme.org or call 563-608-3305 with any questions.

AQUINAS CATHOLIC SCHOOLS:

Aquinas High School Proudly Presents: "The Sound of Music"

November 12 at 7:30 pm, November 13 at 2:00pm and November 14 at 2:00pm. Located at the Aquinas Campbell Theater. Tickets: \$10 general seating and can be purchased at the Aquinas High School office or at the door 30 minutes prior to performance. Masks will be required of the audience members. We look forward to seeing you there!

Gold Gala

Saturday, November 13, 2021 Doors Open at 5 PM at Aquinas High School OR Join us virtually. Join us for the 2021 Gold Gala and take part in supporting Aquinas Catholic Schools' mission of furthering education opportunities for its student. Attend in-person or virtually and participate in our silent and live auction on some very exciting items. RSVP at aquinascatholicschools.org/gold-gala and click on the Greater Giving logo. Facebook@GoldGala2021

Green and Gold Giveaway Raffle

Enter the Green & Gold Giveaway Raffle for your chance to win private jet transportation and 8 lower endzone seats at the Packers vs Bears game at Lambeau Field! The private jet transportation is courtesy of Ron & Elisa Houser. You and your group will be taken to and from Lambeau Field on Sunday, December 12, 2021. This giveaway is in conjunction with the 2021 Gold Gala and the drawing will take place at the Gala on Saturday, November 13, 2021 at 7:00 PM. To purchase tickets, contact Brad Reinhart at 608-784-0707 or brad.reinhart@aquinasschool.org or any Aquinas Foundation Board Member. Tickets are \$100 per raffle ticket (only 250 available). Need not be present to win.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Aquinas Football team for completing an undefeated (9-0) season. Good luck in the playoff games.

St. James Providence Academy—55th Annual Holly Berry Fair

WHEN: Saturday, November 13, 2021, 9am-4pm

WHERE: In the Providence Academy Gymnasium

716 Windsor St. across the street from St. James.

WHAT: Booths include Bakery, Rummage & Antiques, Crafts, Raffle Baskets, Silent Auction, Packers Tickets Raffle, Jewelry, Mystery Gifts, Religious Items. Visit Santa's Winter Wonderland for face painting & pictures with Santa! Pulled Pork Lunch Plates & Walking Tacos available for dine in or take out.

Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage Experience™

Wednesday, November 10 th at 6:00 PM at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral. Our Lady of Lourdes Hospitality North American Volunteers will offer a Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage Experience.™

Join us on this pilgrimage journey to encounter the healing grace of our Lord Jesus Christ through His Immaculate Mother. The next best thing to visiting Lourdes itself is a pilgrimage journey without the travel! Admission is free; donations are welcome. For more information, contact Jackie Craig at (608) 782-0322 Ext. 0.

KIDS CORNER

**31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 31st, 2021**

A Y B O C U D S E H F A
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In today's Gospel reading, one of the scribes asks Jesus what the greatest commandment is. What does Jesus say?

Use every second letter to fill in the blanks to find out!

Answer: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart.



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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Pumpkin Carving

St. Joseph Parish



Photos taken by Stacy Burns and Sherry Hougom

