

November 21, 2021

May 1, 2020 to
December 8, 2021

PARISH INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, November 20th

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

-4:00pm Mass -†Ralph and Evelyn Mikshowsky

Lector: Donnie Weber Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, November 21st

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

-8:30am Mass -†Carol and Frank Seebauer

Lector: Sally Miller Ushers: Volunteers

MONDAY, November 22nd

St. Cecilia

-5:00pm Adoration

-5:30pm Mass -†Curtis Strittmater

TUESDAY, November 23rd

St. Clement I, St. Columban, and Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro

-5:30 PM Mass -†Michael Brown

THURSDAY, November 25th

St. Catherine of Alexandria - Thanksgiving

-8:30am Mass -†George and Evelyn Miller

SATURDAY, November 27th

1st Sunday of Advent

-4:00pm Mass -†Alice, Robert, Patty and Billy Silha

Lector: Paula Silha Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, November 28th

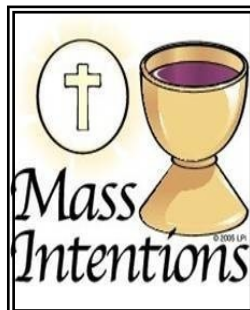
1st Sunday of Advent

-8:30am Mass -Our Parish Family

Lector: Sally Miller Ushers: Volunteers

Mass Intentions

We have openings for **weekday** intentions: Feb 24 & 28, Mar 3, 7, 14, 17, 21, 28, & 31. We have open **First Saturdays**, 8:30 AM beginning March 5th. Next **Weekend** Mass openings: Feb 20 and Mar 6. For questions contact the parish office 788-1646 or sjrp2601@gmail.com. Mass Intentions envelopes are available in the back of church.



Confessions

December 15, 2021 from 6 PM until no people present or First Sat. after Mass or by appointment (call or message Fr. Biju directly to set up a time).



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

- **November 24** ~ No RE Class, Happy Thanksgiving!
- **November 25** ~ Thanksgiving Day Mass - 8:30 AM
- **November 28** ~ First Sunday of Advent
- **December 1** ~ RE Class (Gr 1-5, 6-6:55 PM; Gr 6-10, 7:00-8:15 PM)
- **December 8** ~ The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary, **6 PM Mass**, St. Joseph Parish ~ No regular RE Class, Mass for All ~ 8 PM Mass, St. Peter Parish
- **December 11/12** ~ Retirement Fund for Religious Collection
- **December 14** ~ Finance Council Meeting, 7 PM
- **December 15** ~ RE Class (Gr 1-5, 6-6:55 PM; Gr 6-10, 7:00-8:15 PM) ~ **Confessions for All**, 6 PM until no persons present, a second priest Fr. Hilary from Viterbo will be assisting
- **December 16** ~ Pastoral Council/Fundraiser Meeting, 7 PM. Discussion on Synod and Fundraiser, open to all who wish to attend.
- **December 20** ~ All day confessions the Cathedral in La Crosse 9 AM - 6 PM

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



WE ARE THE DIOCESE	Diocesan Annual Appeal 2021-2022		
	11/19/2021	Total Pledged	Total Payments
	Pledged/Received	\$12,370.00	\$10,260.00
	Target Amount	\$21,850.00	\$21,850.00
	Under Target	(\$9,480.00)	(\$11,590.00)
	Number of families contributing: 25		
	Percent goal pledged: 56.61%/Received:46.96%		

GIFT'S RETURNED TO GOD

Last Week in Giving—182 envelope holders



Adult Envelopes(33):	\$1690.00
Offertory:	\$398.00
Christmas Flowers:	\$75.00
All Saints Day (3):	\$35.00

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



The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe & Thanksgiving Day

This Sunday is the last Sunday of the Church's liturgical year. On this Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. The feast of "Christ the King" was first established in 1925, and Pope Saint Paul VI expanded its name to "King of the Universe" in 1969. At his trial, Pilate could not help but exclaim, "Are you a King, then!" (John 18:37...). In his responses to Pilate's questions, Jesus distinguishes his kingdom from the political powers of this world. Most of us do not have direct experience with kings or royalty, we have a sense of who they are. We know that royalty have sovereignty over their kingdoms. We know that those who are subjects to royalty offer them allegiance and honor. To understand how Christ is our king, we extend and magnify what we know to be true of the best of human royalty. Christ's kingship extends to all places, all people, and all times. It is eternal. Christ manifests his kingship through his death on the cross in which he offered salvation to everyone. Those who can see with eyes of faith recognize Jesus to be our heavenly king.

On Thursday this week, we will celebrate Thanksgiving Day. There are a lot of reasons for being thankful. Thanksgiving feast should remind ourselves of the beauty of our lives, our faith, family, friends, country peace and prosperity. At the same time do not forget the elderly and the less privileged. There are many who find the day of thanksgiving another day of struggle and sighs. In our busy moments of life let's not forget them. If you are traveling during the holiday weekend, may you have a safe and pleasant journey. As you travel, share a smile or warm greeting with others to share the holiday spirit.

I am sure that you have heard about the death of Stanley Bernard Hundt. His funeral was on Friday 19th Nov. 2021. He died on November 14, 2021, one day after his 85th birthday. His family is dear to our both parishes. Prayers for them and may his soul rest in peace.

A former parishioner, Elizabeth "Betty" Marie Hugo passed away on Thursday, November 11, 2021, in Medford, Oregon. Her funeral will be here on Monday, November 22 at 11 AM. Please also pray for Betty and her family, may her soul rest in peace.

Have a good weekend!

Long live Christ the king (Viva Christ the king)! Fr Biju

November 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.

Cemetery Flower Removal

Please help out by removing all live flowers from the sites of your loved ones. Discarded pots should be placed in the trailer located in the parking lot. Any flowers or urns left in the cemetery will be removed by cemetery personnel very soon. Urns will be marked by gravesite and stored for the winter in the basement of the church.



PARISH NEWS

Our Deepest Sympathy to the Families of:

Elizabeth "Betty" M. Hugo

who passed away on
November 11, 2021

Funeral Mass will be here
Monday, November 22 at 11 AM

Stanley B. Hundt

who passed away on
November 14, 2021

From St. Peter Parish, he was laid to rest on
November 19, 2021

*"If I rise on the wings of the dawn, If I settle on the far side of the sea,
Even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast."
Psalm 139:9-10*



PCCW Christmas Party

This party is open to all ladies of the parish and will be held on Tuesday, December 7th at The Ridge Restaurant, starting with a 6 PM social and dinner at 6:30 PM. **Please sign up** on the sheet in the back of church, so we may prepare for the number attending.

In Appreciation!

Thank you everyone for all the prayers and support that you have given for our granddaughter, Mora Mikshowsky, who turned 2 years old on September 16, 2021. Mora has had 3 open heart surgeries plus a tracheostomy for over a year and most recently a trachea reconstruction. She now can enjoy life as a 2 year old! We truly feel blessed to have a community that supports Mora and her family through all of the medical ups and downs that Mora has overcome!

Thank you so much for all of your support.

Rick and Barb Mikshowsky

*Thank
You!*

February Friday Fun Night—Fundraiser

Gun Raffle

Tickets are \$10 each (only 500 will be sold) and will be available after Mass or by contacting the Parish office or Fr. Biju. **Parishioners are encouraged to pick up tickets to sell**, so that this fundraiser is a success for our parish. Money and stubs can be put in an envelope and dropped in the collection basket at church.

- 1st Prize: Ruger American Camo 350 Legend
- 2nd Prize: Weatherby 12 ga, Automatic
- 3rd Prize: Browning A-Bolt Synthetic 243
- 4th Prize: Legends LSI Pointers 12 ga. Automatic
- 5th Prize: Savage Axis XP-243 w/scope

Save the date: Friday, February 25, 2022

More information about the evening event to follow in December.

Celebrating a 50th Wedding Anniversary in 2022?

We are looking for couples who will be celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary in 2022. Please leave a message at the Parish office with your name and wedding date!

DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS

40th Annual La Crosse Community Thanksgiving Dinner—Nov 25

This inclusive community dinner is open to the public. To make this type of offering on such a large scale **volunteers are needed**. If you are able to help out please sign up by going to our website at: <http://www.laxthanksgivingdinner.com>. This website also contains updates about the dinner. **2021 Event Schedule** : 10am: Doors Open; 10:30am: Thanksgiving Nondenominational Worship Service; 11am – 3pm – Dinner's Available for Dine-In, Carry-Out, and Delivery

Daily Advent Reflections – Choose from one of the following:

Chris Stefanick – Unshakeable Joy. Sign up for a free 26-day Advent retreat with Chris Stefanick and Cardinal Cantalamessa. With 26 days of joy-filled videos and daily reflections, made specifically to fit your busy schedule, we know that YOU can unlock the secret to Unshakeable Joy today. Visit reallifecatholic.com to register.

Bishop Robert Barron – Daily Gospel Reflections. Sign up for free daily reflections by Bishop Barron by clicking here: dailycatholicgospel.com/sign-up-daily-gospel

Matthew Kelley – Dynamic Catholic with Daily Gospel Reflections.
Sign up for free video meditations on the Gospel Reading for each day of Advent. Visit dynamiccatholic.com/advent.html

Praying with Scripture: A beautiful way to prepare for the Birth of our Savior is to take a few minutes each day reflecting on a Scripture passage that describes the events leading up to Christmas. Go to diolc.org/deeper and click “Praying with Scripture” for a Prayer Card with 7 Scriptures or click on “Mysteries of the Rosary” for a Prayer Card with the five Joyful Myster

ST. MARY'S ANNUAL CRAFT SHOW ~ SAT, DEC 4, 2021

Come join the fun and find that one of a kind gift for the Holiday Season from several local vendors and crafters. Open from 8:00 AM-1:30 PM at the Coon Valley Village Hall, 108 Roosevelt St. Concessions available throughout the show. Visit our website: stmarycv.org and click on the Craft Show tab for information, or contact Nancy Peters at 608-790-6034 Peters@mwt.net

Cookie Walk and Craft Sale—Dec 11

Mary, Mother of the Church Parish will be holding their Cookie Walk & Craft Sale on Saturday, December 11, at the Parish Hall located at 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, from 7:30 AM - 1:00 PM. Homemade cookies will be sold by the pound, plus homemade Candies, Breads, Pies, Handcrafted Items and Scrip Gift Cards available for sale. Serving Continental Breakfast and Lunch (homemade soup and chili). Raffles and hourly Door Prizes.

New Comic Book on the “Champion of the Poor”

A new action-packed, full-color comic book biography tells the inspiring life story of Father Joe Walijewski, priest of the Diocese of La Crosse and founder of the Casa Hogar orphanage in Peru. From his days as an impressionable young boy in Michigan, where he discovered a unique call to the priesthood, to his daring adventures as a missionary in South America, readers are immersed into the heroic actions of a courageous *Champion of the Poor*. Parishes and individuals are invited to pre-order now to receive the comic book in time to be a Christmas gift. To see sample pages and to pre-order, visit: voyagecomics.com/fatherjoe



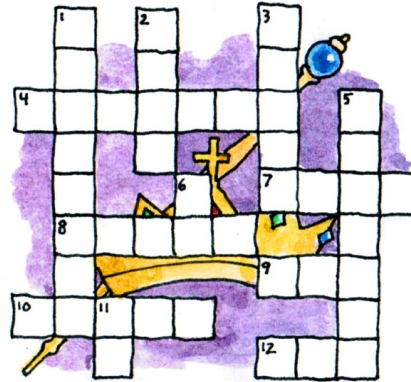
KIDS CORNER

Christ the King Crossword

Revelation 1:5-7

Here is a part of today's second reading. Use the words at the bottom to fill in the blanks and the puzzle.

D=down
A=across.



(3D)_____ Christ is the (1D)_____
(4A)_____, the firstborn (11D)_____
the dead and ruler of the (2D)_____s of
the earth. To (12A)_____ who loves us and
has (8A)_____ us from our (7A)_____
by his blood, who has made us into a
(5D)_____, priests for his (9A)_____ and
Father, to him (6D)_____ (10A)_____
and power forever and ever. Amen.

OF GLORY BE HIM WITNESS
GOD FAITHFUL SINS KING
FREED KINGDOM JESUS

Answer: Down: 1.faithful, 2.king, 3.jesus, 5.kingdon, 6.be, 11.of. Across: 4.witness, 7.sins, 8.freed, 9.god, 10.glory, 12.him.

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 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 sirp2601@gmail.com



Thanksgiving...

A Word to Live By!

During this week of Thanksgiving, when our country ponders the incredible blessings God has bestowed upon it, let us examine the greatest blessing that we want to appreciate in the most profound way possible.

I recently participated in a small group study at my parish which focused on coming to a deeper understanding of our Heavenly Father. The study consists of six, ten-minute videos that are compelling and beautiful, with application to life questions. The following are some key points taken directly from the study.

Jesus came to reveal to us that God is a loving Father and that we become His children through Jesus in the Sacrament of Baptism. Christ also revealed that our highest calling is to come to know the Father. When we come to know Jesus and *see* Him especially through prayerfully studying His life as recorded in the Gospels, we *see* the Father, because of their intimate communion. This is best expressed by Jesus when Phillip asked Him to reveal the Father at the Last Supper – His response was “Whoever has *seen* Me has *seen* the Father” (John 14:9).

We come to know the Father through *desire*. Thankfully, the desire for God is written on the human heart. The Father created us with this desire, but we have to act on it.

God the Father is the first Person of the Blessed Trinity. “Father” implies relationship and expresses His deepest inner being and identity. He calls us to be His children because He is Father. The relationship between the Persons of the Blessed Trinity – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – is wholly self-giving love and this relationship is what we are to participate in as children of the Father.

Jesus teaches us about the depth of God’s graciousness and goodness. The Father gives everything to us out of love. He sends us His Son and His Spirit so that we might know Him and be joined to Him, so that we might have God’s own life within us. This we refer to as grace.

As children of the Father, we should respond with thanksgiving. In fact, thankfulness should characterize our whole life. And there is nothing to lose in being thankful, as two benefits of thankfulness are greater joy and peace. As you gather on Thanksgiving Day, or any day for that matter, remember to give thanks to our loving Father who gives us everything that we need.

If you would like to watch this workshop, in ten-minute segments, it is available at **Franciscan at Home** online learning system. Due to generous donors, every parish and school has free access. The following are very simple directions to register for FREE.

- 1) Visit franciscanathome.com/diocese-la-crosse and scroll to the bottom of the page.
- 2) On the right, click the middle blue button: “My parish or school is already registered, and I would like to set up my individual **free** account...”
- 3) Click “Create an Account.” Complete the information and click Save. Select the Diocese of La Crosse from a drop-down menu, and then your Institution = your parish / school, listed by city and name. Finally, click on the “Sign Up” button; you will have a dashboard. Scroll down to “**Institution Tracks**” and select “**Adult Faith Study Track**” on the left, and then enter it to see “**The Father: Origin and Desire of All.**” (Contact Ann Lankford at alankford@diolc.org with ?’s)

To carry a Scripture as you move toward Thanksgiving day, let this one be in the forefront of your heart. Cut the box out, put it on your refrigerator and read it to yourself every time you see it.

“In everything, give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.”
(1 Thessalonians 5:18)



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