

St. Joseph Ridge Parish

W2601 State Rd 33 • La Crosse • Wisconsin • 54601

November 7, 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
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
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Stacy Burns, Coordinator.....608-769-8828
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Leland Gregorich, Accompanist

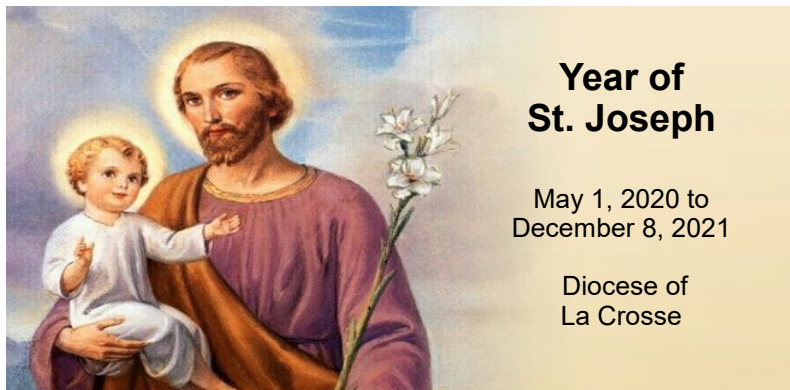
CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR:

- 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



32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury." - Mk 12:42-43



PARISH INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, November 8th

Weekday

-5:30pm Mass -†Clarence and Verna Clements

TUESDAY, November 9th

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

-5:00pm Adoration
-5:30pm Mass -†Gerald and Rosie Kammel

THURSDAY, November 11th

St. Martin of Tours—Veteran's Day

-8:30am Mass -Steve and Sally Miller Family

SATURDAY, November 13th

The 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

-4:00pm Mass -†Clarence Meyers
Lector: Bill Weber Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, November 14th

The 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

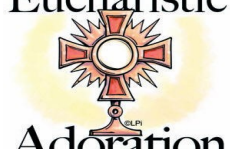
-8:30am Mass -Our Parish Family
Lector: Paula Silha Ushers: Volunteers

PARISH CALENDAR

- **November 7** ~ Daylight Savings Time ends. Turn clocks back 1 hour, 2 AM
- **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 11** ~ Fundraising/Pastoral Council Meeting, 7:00 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!
- **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

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

Eucharistic Adoration

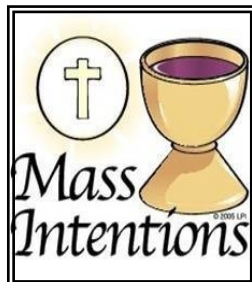


St. Peters, Middle Ridge

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


Mass Intentions

We have openings for **weekday** intentions: Feb 8, 17, 21, 22, 24, & 28. We have open **First Saturdays**, 8:30 AM beginning March 5th. **Weekend Mass** opening February 20 & 26 or 27. 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.

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	11/5/2021	Total Pledged	Total Payments
	Pledged/Received	\$2,225.00	\$2,225.00
	Target Amount	\$21,850.00	\$21,850.00
	Over Target	(\$19,625.00)	(\$19,625.00)
	Number of families contributing: 7		
	Percent goal pledged: 10.18%/Received:10.18%		

GIFT'S RETURNED TO GOD

Last Week in Giving—182 envelope holders



Adult Envelopes(39):	\$1920.00
Offertory:	\$496.00
October ACH:	\$680.00
World Mission Env (5):	\$277.00
All Saints Day (4):	\$98.00

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



**Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mk. 12: 38-44**

The Temple in Jerusalem was the center of Jewish worship in the time of Jesus. It was expected that observant Jews would make pilgrimages to the Temple to offer prayer and sacrifices. Pilgrims were also expected to make a financial contribution to the temple treasury. This weekend we see that Jesus was observing how Jewish pilgrims are making their contributions. Those who were rich contributed large sums to the treasury. Those with less means made smaller contributions. Jesus noticed a poor widow who makes the smallest of contributions—two coins of little value. Jesus praises her act because of the generous sacrifice she made to the temple treasury. The amount was not as important as the love with which it was given. It was an act of profound generosity, giving from her livelihood, rather than her surplus. To give from our livelihood is not only an act of generosity, it is also an act of trust in God. We can only give from our need if we trust that God will provide for us. Likewise, the widow in today's First Reading gave what she could not afford; to give when asked to do so by the man of God, Elijah. Both were noticed by God.

We read in 2 Corinthians 9:7b, "God loves a cheerful giver." Have you ever thought about it and asked yourself the question "Why God loves a cheerful giver?" One of the answers to this question would be God himself. God's nature is open-hearted and giving. We see it in this famous passage: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16). Our heavenly Father loves to bless his children with good gifts. Likewise, God desires to see his own nature duplicated in his children. Cheerful giving is God's grace revealed through us.

Have a great weekend! Live Jesus, Fr. Biju



October Mass Counts St. Joseph Ridge Parish					
		2021*	2020*	2019	2018
Week 1	Sat	61	32	88	60
	Sun	75	38	84	84
Week 2	Sat	46	29	87	65
	Sun	70	39	84	119
Week 3	Sat	77	31	83	85
	Sun	58	51	83	95
Week 4	Sat	43	24	65	73
	Sun	<u>71</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>102</u>	<u>87</u>
*Pandemic	Total	501	287	676	668

PARISH NEWS

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.

Lector Workbooks for 2022

If you are a Lector and find the workbooks helpful, there are a few available in the back of church for pickup. We reduced the order this year, so if you do not get a copy and would like one, please talk to Fr. Biju.

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.

Parish Facilities Projects Update

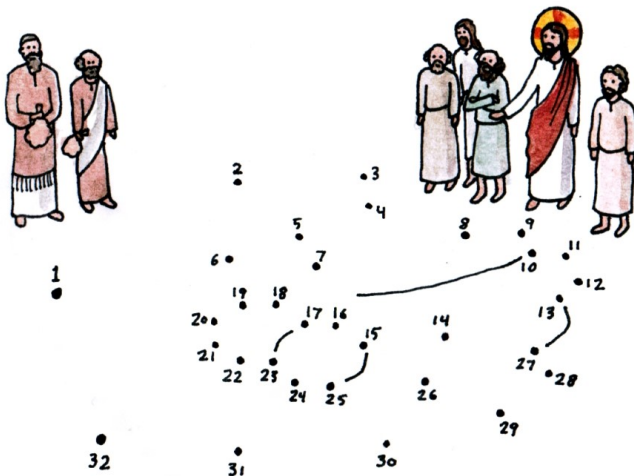
The latest project to be completed was Friday, November 5th - new gutters and snow rails on the church by Interstate Roofing.

The following projects have been contracted and are awaiting completion:

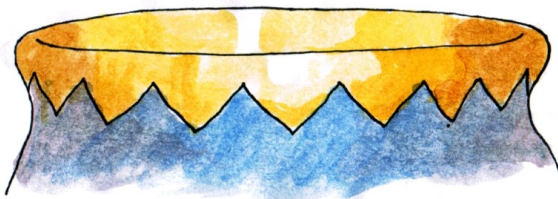
- ◆ Replace the exterior exit doors each side of the church altar
- ◆ Tuck-pointing the brick on the church bell tower
- ◆ Tuck-pointing on the Rectory garage
- ◆ Painting around church windows



KIDS CORNER



Mark 12:38-44



In today's Gospel reading Jesus saw a poor woman putting everything she had into the Temple treasury. How much was it? Connect the dots to find out!

DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS cont'd

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.

Gold Gala

Saturday, November 13, 2021 Doors Open at 5 PM at Aquinas High School OR Join us virtually. 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@aquinasschoold.org or any Aquinas Foundation Board Member. Tickets are \$100 per raffle ticket (only 250 available). Need not be present to win.

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.

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 iowa-wwme.org or call 563-608-3305 with any questions.

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. 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!

Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage Experience™

Wednesday, November 10th 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.

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