



**PARISH INTENTIONS**

**FRIDAY, December 24th**

*Christmas Eve*

- 3:30pm Children's Christmas Program
- 4:00pm Mass -†George Evelyn, Terry & Darryl Miller  
Lector: Bill Weber Ushers: Volunteers

**SATURDAY, December 25th**

*Christmas Day*

- 8:30am Mass -†Clarence, Theresa, Pauline & Patty Gotz  
Lector: Sally Miller Ushers: Volunteers
- 4:00pm **NO MASS**

**SUNDAY, December 26th**

*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*

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

**MONDAY, December 27th**

*St. John, Apostle and Evangelist*

- 5:30pm Mass -NO MASS

**TUESDAY, December 28th**

*The Holy Innocents*

- 5:00pm Adoration
- 5:30pm Mass -†David Wolf

**THURSDAY, December 30th**

*Weekday*

- 8:30am Mass -†Jeff Hundt

**SATURDAY, January 1st**

*Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God - First Saturday*

- 8:30am Mass -"Our Ladies Intentions"

**SATURDAY, January 1st**

*The Epiphany of the Lord*

- 4:00pm Mass -†Ralph and Evelyn Mikshowsky  
Lector: Sally Miller Ushers: Volunteers

**SUNDAY, January 2nd**

*The Epiphany of the Lord*

- 8:30am Mass -†Curtis Strittmater  
Lector: Paula Silha Ushers: Volunteers

**Confessions**

First Sat. after Mass or by appointment (contact Fr. Biju directly to set up a time).



**Donations:** Here are some ways to contribute:

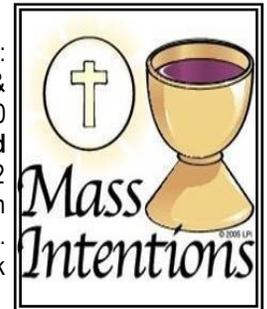
- Use the online giving portal set up by the Diocese: <https://diolc.org/st-joseph-parish-st-joseph-ridge/> (processing fees will be deducted from your contribution, which average 3% for debit and credit cards and \$.75 for EFT, ACH)
- **Drop off** a contribution in the church donation box
- **Mail in** 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**

- **December 24~Children's Christmas Program 3:30pm Christmas Eve Mass 4:00 PM**  
8:00 PM at St. Peter Parish
- **December 25 ~ Christmas Day Mass 8:30 AM**  
10:00 AM St. Peter Parish
- **December 25 ~ No 4 PM Mass**
- **December 26 ~ Regular Sunday Mass Schedule**
- **December 27 ~ NO daily Mass**
- **December 29 ~ No RE Classes, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**
- **December 30 ~ Pastoral Council Meeting 7 PM**
- **December 31 ~ Fr. Biju's Anniversary of Ordination**
- **January 5 ~ RE Class (Gr 1-5, 6-6:55 PM; Gr 6-10, 7:00-8:15 PM)**
- **January 12 to February 7 ~ Fr. Biju on Vacation in India visiting family**
- **January 12 to February 7 ~ No weekday Mass**  
Weekend Mass as scheduled
- **January 12 ~ RE Class (Gr 1-5, 6-6:55 PM; Gr 6-10, 7:00-8:15 PM)**

**Mass Intentions 2022**

We have openings for **weekday** intentions: Mar 21. Apr 4 & 18. May 2, 9, 16, 19, 23, & 30. We have open **First Saturdays**, 8:30 AM beginning March 5th. Next **Weekend** Mass openings: May 28 or 29. Jun 11 or 12 and 18. For questions contact the parish office 788-1646 or [sjrp2601@gmail.com](mailto:sjrp2601@gmail.com). Mass Intentions envelopes are in the back of church.



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	12/21/2021	Total Pledged	Total Payments
	Pledged/Received	\$15,780.00	\$13,575.00
	Target Amount	\$21,850.00	\$21,850.00
	<b>Under Target</b>	<b>(\$6,070.00)</b>	<b>(\$8,275.00)</b>
	Number of families contributing: 38		
	Percent goal pledged: 72.22%/Received: 62.13%		

**GIFT'S RETURNED TO GOD**

Last Week in Giving—182 envelope holders



- Adult Envelopes(46): \$2,048.00
- Offertory: \$311.00
- Christmas Flowers(2): \$40.00
- Votive Lights: \$125.50
- Christmas Env.(3): \$90.00
- Retirement Fund for Rel: \$45.00
- Gun Raffle Ticket Sales: \$590.00

**Thank You!**

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN



Merry Christmas!

"Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus". Luke 1:31. God became flesh. Christmas is the promise that we will not be alone in our journey or in our struggles. The glory of God has visited us as a child. God has become one of us. A savior is born for us. We know how the message of his birth was first announced to the simple shepherds. They were watching over sheep on a typical night and then suddenly their life changed forever. A bright light and a multitude of angels appeared proclaiming that great joy. "And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people". Luke 2:10. He is the savior for all. No matter where you find yourself this Christmas know that Jesus loves you. Reconnect and rediscover and renew your relationship with the Lord.

This Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. The first family to welcome Jesus inspires us to do the same. The feast is celebrated to present the Holy Family as a model for Christian families. As we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family this weekend, I encourage you to pray for all families.

As the first seconds, minutes and hours of 1-1-2022 is just around the corner, I want to take a moment and thank everyone. Thanks for the many people who help make our parish so special. Thanks to all who put in several hours to decorate the Church for Christmas. Thanks to Ushers, Lectors, Altar servers, extraordinary ministers of Eucharist, Sacristans, CCD teachers, music directors and members of the different councils. Thanks for all the Christmas cards and presents, including cookies. I want to let everyone know that you have been in my thoughts and prayers.

I would invite everyone to pray for me as I celebrate the 20th anniversary of my ordination on 31st December 2021. It's been a journey of God's goodness and love. I remember with gratitude all those who were with me during my ministry both in India and USA. Next year, 2022 I will be visiting my home after almost three years. Looking forward to see my family and friends in the other side of the world.

Merry Christmas!!!

Live Jesus, Fr. Biju, MSFS

The Holy Family  
of Jesus, Mary  
and Joseph



PARISH NEWS

2022 Envelopes

Your envelope boxes for 2022 are now available in the back of church. Please help us save on mailing expense by picking yours up today. If you cannot find your box or you do not currently use envelopes and would like a box please leave a message at the parish office.



2021 End-of-Year Contributions

All donations for the 2021 tax year must be submitted on or before December 31st at 12:00pm. All donations to the office by this time will be posted to the 2021 year-end tax statement. Any payments made after the deadline will post to the 2022 year-end tax statement.



February Friday Fun Night—Save the Date

Mark your calendars—February 25, 2022 for the big event from 6-10 pm

Cash Raffle

In addition to the gun raffle we are also having a cash raffle and need your help. Each family is asked to sell or purchase 24 cash raffle tickets. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. These tickets are in the back of church in an envelope by family name. Please pick yours up today.

Gun Raffle

All 500 tickets have been distributed and will be sold for \$10 each. Money and stubs may be put in an envelope and dropped in the collection basket at church.

Prizes: **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.

All proceeds from the raffles will be used to help with buildings and grounds maintenance/repairs in the parish.

Thank you for your support and we hope to see you at the event.

Fr. Biju to Visit Family Next Month

Fr. Biju will be returning to India to visit his family from January 12 through the first week of February 2022. During those days he is away, if anyone wishes to be remembered in his daily Mass or prayed for let him know. If you have an intention, place it in an envelope marked "Fr Biju Masses" and drop it in the collection.

Parish Christmas Wish Items

With the return of full Mass, we hope to see more children serving again. In doing so, we want to have a safe procession. It is our wish to purchase new processional candle holders that the children carry. The new holders have a clear glass globe surrounding the candle to avoid wax dripping onto the floor or the children. The new brass acolyte candle holders are \$169.95 each and we need 2 for a total of \$339.90. If you would like to contribute to the purchase of the holders, place your contribution in an envelope marked "processional candle holders" and place in the collection basket, Thank you!

**DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS**

**KIDS CORNER**

**2022-2023 ACS ENROLLMENT PERIOD BEGINS SOON**

On Monday, January 17, 2022, enrollment for the 2022-23 Aquinas Catholic Schools school year begins! If you are interested in exploring your options when it comes to education, we would be happy to show you what Aquinas has to offer. Current Aquinas families can also begin the re-enrollment process at that time. Aquinas Catholic Schools is a Christ-centered family devoted to nurturing students of all faiths through educational excellence in its vibrant Catholic tradition.

**Please join us for our upcoming open house dates at Aquinas High School & Middle School:**

- AHS Open House: Monday, January 10, 2022 at 6pm
- AMS Open House: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 6pm

**2022 Pilgrimage for Life**

We are excited to announce that we are planning to travel to Washington, DC for the Pilgrimage for Life January 19-23, 2022. Please see the registration letter, tentative schedule, and details found at: <https://diolc.org/yva/youth-opportunities/pilgrimage-for-life-2022/>

**Help those Devastated by Recent Tornadoes in Several States**

Assist families and communities affected by the recent devastating tornadoes in Kentucky and at least 5 other states. Visit Catholic Charities' website- [CCLSE.org](http://CCLSE.org) -click on "Donate Today," and enter "tornado relief" and your gift amount in the "general donations" box.

**A Lifeline of Hope and Healing for Struggling Marriages!!**

When the old ways aren't working, the Retrouvaille Program helps couples restore their marriages and rebuild loving relationships. This is a three-phase program that begins with a weekend stay in the Wausau area. A series of "post sessions" provide ongoing healing and support. Presentations are given by couples who share their personal struggles in marriage and the tools they used to rediscover their love. Participants reflect and interact in privacy with their spouse. It is not group therapy. Costs are affordable and no couple is turned away because of limited finances. If you are wondering if this program is right for you or a loved one, find more information and answers to Frequently Asked Questions at [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call toll-free: 1-877-922-HOPE (4673) All calls are fully confidential. The next program begins on **February 18-20, 2022**. Space is limited. Early registration is recommended!

**DID YOU KNOW?**

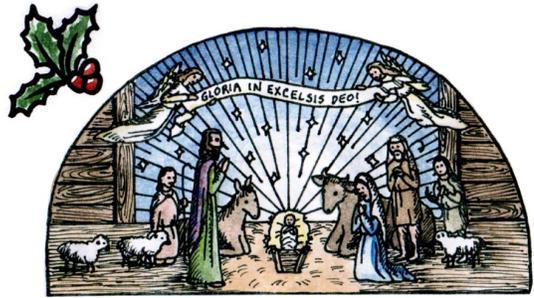
If you are 70 ½ or older, you can do a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) of up to \$100,000 a year from your IRA directly to a charity. The distribution won't show up in your adjusted gross income and CAN count toward your required minimum distribution (RMD). The QCD allows you to be more strategic 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.

**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**



**Happy Birthday, Jesus!**

*Christmas Day and  
Feast of the Holy Family  
December 25 & 26, 2021*



*There wasn't any room for Mary and Joseph to stay in Bethlehem, so they had to go to a stable outside the town. Can you help them find their way?*

**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 [sjrp2601@gmail.com](mailto:sjrp2601@gmail.com)



# CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

(as of 12/21/2021)



**In memory of Bob and Margaret Bartz and Fred and Mary Wick** - by Gary and Kathy Bartz.

**In memory of Michael Brown and Mick and Agnes Lucey** - by Dave and Teresa Brown.

By Barb Braun

**In memory of Herbert Clements** - by Joyce Clements.

**In memory of Brent Clements, Carli Clements and Eugene and Luella Leis, and John Leis** - by Carol and Stanley Clements

**In memory of Robert, Alice, Patty and Bill Silha** - by Jolene and Denny DeMaiffe.

**In memory of Allen and Joe Gerke, Mary Lampert, Steve Thompson, John Stokes III, Paulette Jean Hundt, Arnold and Jean Meyers, and Clarence and Marian Gerke** - by Bernie Gerke.

**In memory of Leo Servais** - by Wayne and Julie Gorski.

**In memory of Paul and Dorothy Hess, and deceased members of the Al and Anna Mae Antony family** - by Gary and Mary Jo Hess.

**In memory of Peter and Mary Miller and Theodore and Gertrude Kneifl** - by Darlene Kneifl.

By Charles and Dolores Knobloch Family

**In memory of Edward and Julianna Lusk, Agnes Wehrenberg, Arnold Peterson, and Otto and Dorothy Hayes** - by Stephen Lusk.

**In memory of Lawrence Malzacher** - by Rose Malzacher.

**In memory of Alfred, Evelyn and David Von Arx** - by Carolyn Manke.

**In memory of Caroline Martin** - by Leonard Martin.

**In memory of Earl Martin** - by Rita Martin.

**In memory of the deceased members of the Marshall and Austin Families** - by Larry and Mary Marshall.

**In memory of John, Bernice, Steve, and Sam Mashak** - by The Mashak Family.

**In memory of Ralph and Evelyn Mikshowsky** - by The Mikshowsky Families.

**In memory of Stanley Hundt, Connie Goodreau and George and Evelyn Miller** - by Steve and Sally Miller.

**In memory of Clarence Meyers** - by Elrita Meyers.

**In memory of Chester and Anna Bien and Bill and Ruby Patterson** - by Bill Patterson.

**In memory of George and Evelyn Miller, Terry and Darryl Miller, and James and Irene Pintz** - by Mary Sue and Tracy Pinz.

**In memory of Gerald Schams and Howard and Delores White** - by Terry and Kathryn Schams.

**In memory of the Charles Pittman, Catherine Shikonya and Joseph Shikonya, Sr.** - by Joe and Kathy Shikonya.

**In memory of Ray and Audrey Korn, Patty Korn Silha, Alice and Robert Silha, Bill Silha, Bryan Antony, Janessa Korn, Marlene and Jacqueline Korn, and Sylvester Hammes, Jr.** - by Ken and Paula Silha.

By Dan and Laura Steiger

**In memory of the Robert Strittmater, Irene and Tony Guanella, Ron and Sue Guanella, the MIsna Family and Mark Allen** - by Carol Strittmater.

**In memory of Curtis Strittmater, and living and deceased member of Maynard and Emma (Mulder) Olson Family** - by Carole R. Strittmater.

**In memory of Sara Rose Hougom** - by John and Sylvia Thurk.



*Thank you for your generous donations. If you have donated and do not see your name on this list, please contact the parish office. An updated list will be posted in the back of church.*