

PARISH INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, January 22nd

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

-4:00pm Mass - Our Parish Family

Lector: Bill Weber Ushers: Volunteers

Servers: John Mashak and volunteer

SUNDAY, January 23rd

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

-8:30am Mass -†Joe Murphy

Lector: Paula Silha Ushers: Volunteers

Servers: Jackson and Addison Weiman

MONDAY, January 24th

St. Francis de Sales

-5:30pm NO MASS

TUESDAY, January 25th

The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

-5:00pm NO Adoration

-5:30pm NO MASS

THURSDAY, January 27th

St. Angela Merici

-8:30am NO MASS

SATURDAY, January 29th

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Lector: Donna Clements Ushers: Volunteers

Servers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, January 30th

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

-8:30am Mass -†Brent Clements

Lector: Sally Miller Ushers: Volunteers

Servers: Zachary and Zarina Noronh

PARISH CALENDAR

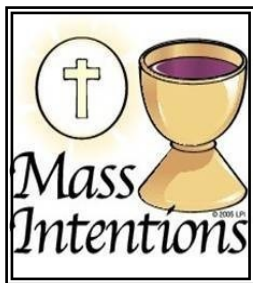
- **January 12 to February 7 ~ No weekday Mass**
Weekend Mass as scheduled
- **January 22/23 ~ Birthright Baby Bottle Campaign**
- **January 26 ~ RE Class** (Gr 1-5, 6-6:55 PM; Gr 6-10, 7:00-8:15 PM)
- **January 29/30 ~ Collection for Catholic Campaign for Human Development**
- **February 2 ~ RE Class** (Gr 1-5, 6-6:55 PM; Gr 6-10, 7:00-8:15 PM)
- **February 8 ~ Weekday Mass resumes**, 5:00 Adoration and 5 PM Mass
- **February 9 ~ RE Class** (Gr 1-5, 6-6:55 PM; Gr 6-10, 7:00-8:15 PM)
- **February 15 ~ 8:30 AM Weekday Mass**, No Adoration at 5:00 PM and NO 5:30 PM Mass this day. Fr. Biju has a Deanery Meeting.
- **February 16 ~ RE Class** (Gr 1-5, 6-6:55 PM; Gr 6-10, 7:00-8:15 PM)
- **February 25 ~ February Family Fun Night**, in the School Hall from 6-10 PM
- **February 23 ~ RE Class** (Gr 1-5, 6-6:55 PM; Gr 6-10, 7:00-8:15 PM)

Readings for the week of January 23, 2022

- Sunday: *Is 62:1-5 / Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3] / 1 Cor 12:4-11 / Jn 2:1-11*
- Monday: *2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30*
- Tuesday: *Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18*
- Wednesday: *2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20*
- Thursday: *2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/ Mk 4:21-25*
- Friday: *2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34*
- Saturday: *2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/ Mk 4:35-41*
- Next Sunday: *Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/ 1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30*

Mass Intentions 2022

We have openings for **weekday** intentions: May 23, Jun 2, 6, 13, 20, & 27. We have open **First Saturdays**, 8:30 AM beginning March 5th. Next **Weekend** Mass openings: Jul 3 & 31, Aug 6. For questions contact the parish office 788-1646 or sjrp2601@gmail.com. Mass Intentions envelopes are 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.

WE ARE THE DIOCESE	DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2021-2022	Diocesan Annual Appeal 2021-2022		
		1/21/2022	Total Pledged	Total Payments
		Pledged/Received	\$18,425.00	\$16,850.00
		Target Amount	\$21,850.00	\$21,850.00
		Under Target	(\$3,425.00)	(\$5,000.00)
		Number of families contributing: 48		
		Percent goal pledged: 84.32%/Received: 77.12%		

GIFT'S RETURNED TO GOD

Last Week in Giving—182 envelope holders

- Adult Envelopes(24): \$820.00
- Offertory: \$171.00
- Initial Offering(2): \$10.00
- Cash Raffle Ticket Sales: \$169.00



Thank You!

FROM THE PASTOR



Journey with Saint Francis de Sales
Patron of Missionaries of St Francis De Sales
(1567-1622)

Universal Call to Holiness.

The call to Holiness is not the exclusive privilege of the monks and nuns. All are called to live a life of holiness. Holiness is never too lofty and unattainable for ordinary people. However, no one lives the life of holiness in the same way. A priest's call to holiness differs from that of a married man and a nun's obligation regarding prayer and other spiritual exercises differs from that of a single or a married person.

Every human being is called to enter into living, loving and vibrant relationship with God, each according to his or her status in life. The intention of St. Francis de Sales in writing his spiritual masterpiece "The Introduction to the Devout Life", was to introduce to everyone the path to holiness. Holiness is possible in all walks of life, under any circumstance and at all times.

Devotion must be suited to one's status in life.

All are called to live a devout life. However, the practice of devotion must be suitable to his or her status. "God commanded the plants, at the creation, to bear fruit each according to its kind. Similarly, he commanded Christians, the living plants of the Church, to produce the fruits of devotion according to each one's ability and occupation.

Devotion is to be practiced differently by the workman, the servant, the ruler, the widow, the young girl and the wife. Even more than this, the practice of devotion has to be adapted to the strength, life-situation and duties of each individual.

Holiness is not away from the world... but in the world. We need to find it in our life-situations. Many Christians reduce holiness to mere external forms of piety, over-exaggerating certain aspects like external and vocal prayer, fasting, at the same time neglecting charity and due respect to their neighbor. According to St. Francis de Sales such people are not really devout, although popularly considered so.

World Day for Consecrated Life

Celebrated in parishes on the weekend of February 5- 6. Please pray for all those who have answered the call to consecrated life, aspiring towards joy-filled holiness in the service of the Church and world. Please pray also for many more laborers to enter the vineyard so that Jesus Christ may be better known, experienced, and loved!

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.

PARISH NEWS

Birthright Baby Bottle Campaign Starts this Weekend

The annual fundraiser for Birthright of La Crosse is here. Birthright is an international volunteer organization with a La Crosse chapter since 1976. Birthright is available to those with an unintended pregnancy to provide information, a listening space, and love, along with referrals and emotional and spiritual support when needed. The collection bottles are available to take home this weekend. Please read the insert and return at your earliest convenience or by Sunday March 6, 2022 by dropping the bottle in collection. Thank you and know your pro-life support will be appreciated by moms, dads, and babies to be. <https://birthright.org/lacrosse>



February Friday Fun Night - February 25, 2022
6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Advertising

Flyers for the big night are available for pickup in the back of church. Help spread the word by posting one in your place of business or somewhere in the community.

Workers Needed

To make the big night a success we need your help! A signup sheet for workers is in the back of church. Your time and talents are much appreciated!

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.

2021 Contribution Statements

Registered parish members please pick up your statement from the back of the church this weekend after Mass to help save on the mailing expense. For those who currently receive the bulletin by mail, your statement will be sent with the weekend bulletin.

2022 Catholic Campaign for Human Development

This collection will take place the weekend of January 29/30. An envelope is included in you box and additional will be in the back of church. Thank you for your generosity!

DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS

2022-2023 ACS ENROLLMENT PERIOD HAS BEGUN

Enrollment and re-enrollment for the 2022-23 school year is now open! We have options for financial aid beginning in 5K, after-school care options, and wide-reaching bus routes throughout the area!

Contact info@aquinasschools.org with any questions or visit www.aquinascatholicschools.org/enrollment to get started. Follow @AquinasCatholicSchools on Facebook to stay up-to-date on everything Aquinas.

Navigating Together: A Grief Retreat (in-person)

JANUARY 29: Spend a day in community with others who are experiencing grief. Through discussion, reflection and creative expression, we'll explore new paths for healing. Scholarships and discounts are available. https://fsc.retreatportal.com/events/f?p=EVENTS:2:::P0_EMBED,PROGRAM_ID:0,5960

Catholic Schools Week Video Greeting from Bishop Callahan

Catholic Schools Week starts Sunday, January 30, 2022. Please take time to celebrate with the Catholic School students and their families in our diocese, and pray for the continued success of our Catholic Schools. See Bishop Callahan's Catholic Schools Week video greeting at <https://youtu.be/tNokXcWftg8>.

Virtual Healthy Living Classes

~Healthy Living with Diabetes - A 6-week workshop prove to help people with diabetes better manage their condition. Classes designed to help adults with type 2 diabetes or pre-diabetes learn self-management skills and increase their confident in managing their diabetes. 6 week 2 ½ hour sessions. Meets virtually on Wednesdays, Feb 16-Mar. 23, 9 to 11:30 AM. Cost \$30.

~Healthy Living with Chronic Pain - A lifetime of new options to manage your pain. A 6-week workshop for adults who have, or are living with someone who has on-going pain – serves as a complement to current treatments. Meets virtually on Wednesdays, Mar. 30-May 4, noon to 2:30 PM. Cost is \$30, includes textbook.

~Pre-register by calling 608-775-6870 or visit gundersenhealth.org/living-well. Brochures are in the back of church. Feel free to take one with you today.

Jan. is National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month.

Human trafficking can be described as a form of modern slavery, where victims, either male or female are forced into commercial sex and/or labor. Victims come from any socioeconomic group, race, culture, religion, ethnic background or age. Nobody appears to be immune or safe. However, this is an issue that many Americans are unaware of. There are 25 different types of trafficking within the United States. Many are targeted online. They are groomed and coerced. If you think you have information about a trafficking situation, report immediately. Anti - Trafficking Hotline Advocates are available 24/7 to take a report. The hotline number is 888-373-7888

Crosswoods Family Camp in Wisconsin – June 10th – 12th

You are invited to attend Catholic "Family Camp" June 10-12, 2022 at CrossWoods Adventure Camp, LLC, which is owned and operated by a Catholic family in the diocese. Alice Heinzen is coming to speak again this year. See the flyer in back of the church or visit <http://www.crosswoods.camp/> for further details and to see pictures of this beautiful camp.

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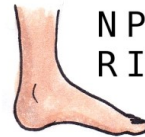
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SAINT PAUL tells us that we have been BAPTIZED into the ONE body of CHRIST which is the CHURCH. There are MANY MEMBERS, but they all work TOGETHER and CARE for each other. But the parts of a BODY are not ALL the same as each other! An EYE is different from an ear, and a HAND is not the same as a FOOT. If all your body was an EAR, then how could you SMELL?

In the Church there are many different GIFTS. Some people are APOSTLES, some are PROPHETS, some are TEACHERS. Some people have the gift of HEALING. GOD has made all these different sorts of people to work together in the Church.

Answer: We are one body in Christ.



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



How God Guides Us

The Revelation of God's Guidance Follows Our Surrender

Have you ever found yourself saying when making a decision, "If God would just tell me what to do"? Actually, He is more than willing. Like any parent that would want to guide their child in the best path forward, we know and come to experience that God **wants** to guide us, and that He wants what's best for us—both now and in the long run. This is the ninth in a series of bulletin inserts on "How God Guides Us." It is reassuring to know that the Lord **will** guide us in all aspects of our life. For our part, we want to open our hearts and follow His direction as we come to understand the ways in which He normally guides us.

In considering a decision, and seeking God's guidance in this decision, we must initially do our part. It is good to undertake legitimate preparation, especially regarding big decisions: considering various possibilities, anticipating road blocks, weighing the pros and cons, etc. And all of this preparation needs to be done in the context of prayer.

Knowing that God wants what is best for us, there is a principle that is necessary to understand in order to receive God's guidance for the situation under consideration. The principle is: "**revelation follows surrender.**" In other words, when asking Jesus for guidance, we need to truly

desire His will in the matter. We will not receive Our Lord's guidance until we come to Him "without our mind already made up" about the direction to take.

It is important that we don't discount the desires of our heart. If we already have a strong leaning as to what we want the outcome to be, we must be honest and tell this to Jesus. These longings are different from things we simply want out of selfishness. God has placed desires deep in our heart that He wants to fulfill. His direction, as we come to understand it and He confirms it, will help us know the difference between what we think we want and His true guidance. Remember that He really does want what is best and is good for us, what *we really do want* in the end!

God's direction will come to us after we express our willingness to follow His guidance in any given area. Therefore, what is needed is our surrender to God. Surrender is not being irresponsible or lazy, or having an attitude that we "don't care," or that we "could care less."

Surrender in this context of seeking God's guidance means having examined the possibilities with responsibility and a willingness to place the outcome in His hands, and to trust Him. We will ultimately come to a place of relinquishment, where we can say to Jesus, "I place this in Your hands, because I want

what You want. I believe it is best for me."

We really aren't able to come to a place of surrender without first being convinced of God's goodness. In order to believe and trust God with a sure confidence in Him, we have to personally experience His benevolence, His perfect goodness. We open ourselves to identify and remember His goodness through times of quiet reflection, where Jesus gives us the grace to recognize how He has helped and guided us in the past, and His unchanging desire to faithfully protect and guide us now. With this, a firm conviction that He is truly worthy of our trust grows.

Having **trust in God's goodness**, and a willingness to **surrender** to Him, are necessary to receive Our Lord's guidance and follow Him. God *will* guide us. He cares about every detail in our lives. Ask the Lord to deepen your belief in His goodness and your desire to surrender to His guidance. Watch for the amazing effect it will have!

Remember the principle:
Revelation follows surrender.

By Ann and Carol Lankford

Visit diolc.org/deeper for the previous principles.



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