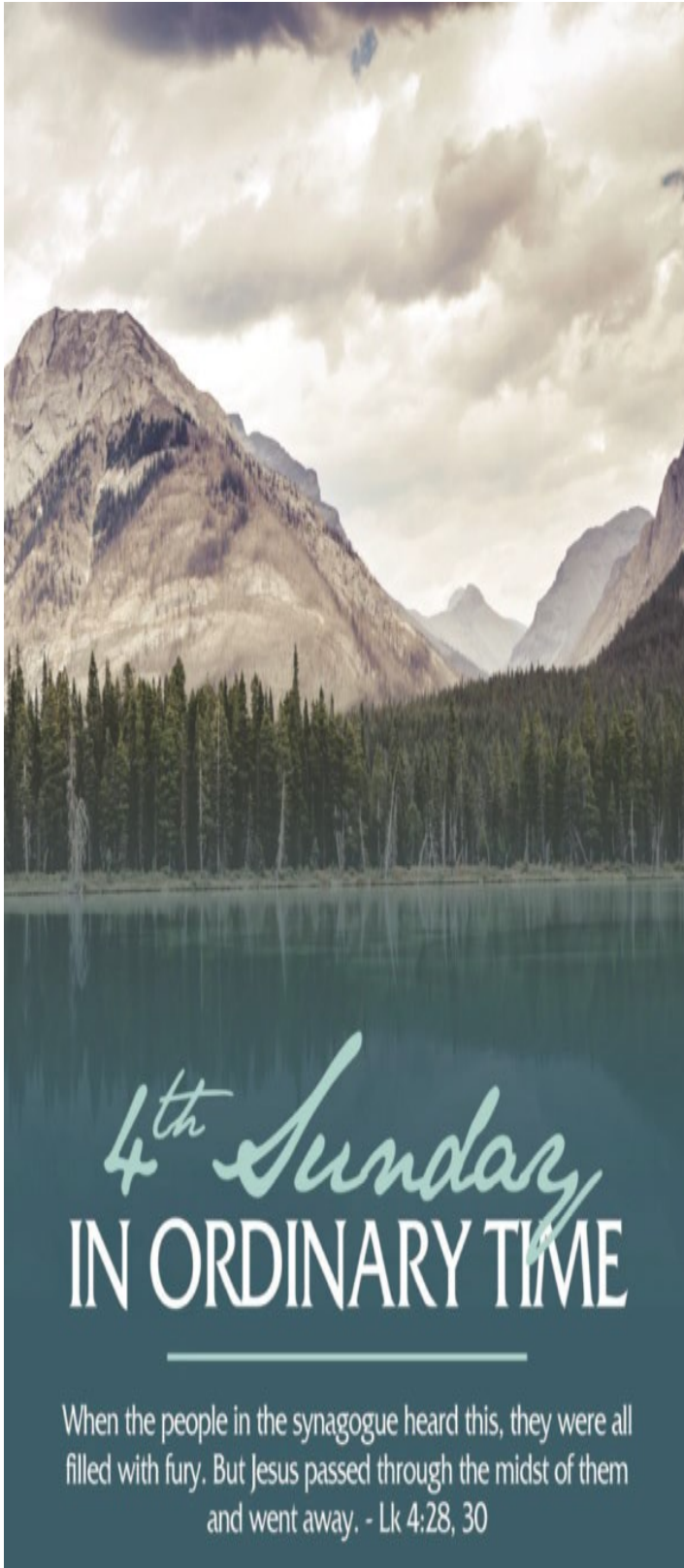


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January 30, 2021



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Saturday.....4:00pm
Sunday.....8:30am

First Saturday Mass.....	8:30am
Monday	5:30pm
Tuesday.....Adoration	5:00 pm
Mass.....	5:30pm
Thursday.....	8:30am

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- 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

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

PARISH INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, January 29th

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

-4:00pm Mass -†Alice, Robert, Larry, 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 Noranha

MONDAY, January 31st

St. John Bosco

-5:30pm NO MASS

TUESDAY, February 1st

Weekday

-5:00pm NO Adoration

-5:30pm NO MASS

THURSDAY, February 3rd

St. Blaise and St. Ansgar

-8:30am NO MASS

SATURDAY, February 5th

First Saturday, St. Agatha

-8:30am NO MASS

SATURDAY, February 5th

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Lector: Kathy Leis Ushers: Volunteers

Servers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, February 6th

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

-8:30am Mass -†Joseph and Clara Bina

Lector: Paula Silha Ushers: Volunteers

Servers: Volunteers

PARISH CALENDAR

- **January 12 to February 7 ~ No weekday Mass**
Weekend Mass as scheduled
- **January 22-March 6 ~ Birthright Baby Bottle Campaign**
- **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 PM Adoration and 5:30 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 Friday 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 30, 2022

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

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/
Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or
2:22-32

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/
Mk 6:7-13

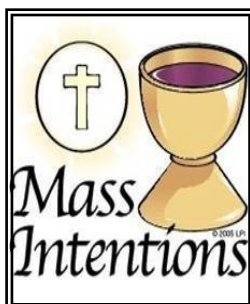
Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 [1c]/1 Cor 15:1-11
or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

Mass Intentions 2022

We have openings for **weekday** intentions: Jun 6, 13, & 20. Jul 4 & 25. We have open **First Saturdays**, 8:30 AM beginning June 5. The **ONLY** remaining **Weekend** Mass openings for 2022 are: Aug 6. Oct 1 & 22 or 23. 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.



Diocesan Annual Appeal 2021-2022

1/28/2022	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(25): \$890.00
 Offertory: \$155.34
 Initial Offering(2): \$4.00
 Memorials: \$120.00
 Gun Raffle Sales: \$130.00
 Cash Raffle Ticket Sales: \$80.00



Thank You!

FROM THE PASTOR



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

Integration and harmony on the path to holiness:

The devout Person should integrate prayer and action. St. Francis de Sales cautions every Christian of the danger of dichotomy in living. It is not enough to appear devout and perform some acts of devotion. One has to be truly devout in thoughts, words and deeds.

If a person is really devout he/she should show it not only in praying but also in his/her actions as well. He, who is in the habit of fasting, may falsely believe that because he fasts he is very devout, even though his heart is filled with hatred. Some people will not take a sip of wine or even water, anxious about sobriety, but have no scruples to damage the good name of their neighbors by speaking ill or by false statements. Some others spend hours in the church but when they get back home they fight with their spouses, children and neighbors. St. Francis de Sales considers all these as hypocrisy.

If one is truly devout one must harmonize prayer with actions. The easiest way to know whether one is holy is to examine critically whether there is harmony between one's religious practices and day-to-day living. St. Francis de Sales had an integral and holistic approach to spiritual life. In this approach every aspect of spiritual, social, cultural and human life finds harmony, balance and beauty. Gentleness is balanced by firmness, sense of justice by mercy, prudence with simplicity and so forth. His approach to the members of other Christian Churches was marked by gentleness, patience and love.

Humility as essential to spirituality:

God can fill only a humble heart with His gifts. Therefore, humility is one of the foundations of an authentic spirituality. True humility consists in acknowledging the gifts of God and being grateful to Him for them. Trust and humility go hand in hand. It is by practicing humility that we become humble (not by trying to overcome pride).

St. Francis de Sales says: "Do not strive to destroy pride. Make humility strong by practice." For him, humility is the recognition and acceptance of the truth about self.

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

2022 Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Please be generous in this weeks special collection. For the CCHD. IN the US, more than 11% of the population lives in poverty. With this collection, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition 25% of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and support those working in the margins. More information about CCHD can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd. **Please use the special CCHD envelope from your box or grab one from the back of church.** Thank you for your support.

Birthright Baby Bottle Campaign

The annual fundraiser for Birthright of La Crosse is here. Collection baby bottles are available to take home. Please read the insert, fill with your spare change and return at your earliest convenience or by Sun., 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

All statements have been picked up or mailed to your home. If you gave to the Diocesan Annual Appeal those statements will come directly from the Diocese. Thank you for your continued support.

DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS

Catholic Schools Week (Jan 30-Feb 5)

What is National Catholic Schools Week?

Since 1974, National Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. It starts the last Sunday in January and runs all week, which in 2022 is January 30 – February 5. The theme for National Catholic Schools Week 2022 is "Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service." Check out the Video Greeting from Bishop Callahan Catholic Schools Week <https://youtu.be/tNOKXcWftg8> 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.

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.

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 confidence 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. 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. The hotline number is 888-373-7888.

2022 Coulee Region Mardi Gras

Reigning Rex & Queen of Mardi Gras, Tom & Lisa Kratt invite you to Cavort and Support Aquinas Catholic Schools.

30th Annual Mardi Gras Costume Ball

Saturday, February 19, 2022, 4:30pm-12:00am, Radisson Ballroom

There will be dinner, dancing, Student Art Auction, Decadent Dessert Auction, drawings and much more!

Fat Tuesday Celebration

Tues., Mar. 1, 2022, 6:00pm-9:00pm, Legends downtown La Crosse

Before Lent begins enjoy a sumptuous Cajun buffet. Rub shoulders with Royalty on the dance floor, music courtesy of Kelly Wilde. Bid on festive silent auction items and CAVORT with the 2022 Royalty!

Visit www.lacrossemaidigras.com to learn more and RSVP!

KIDS CORNER

Saint Paul Teaches About Love



In today's second reading St. Paul tells us what real love is like. It is patient, kind, and forgiving, and it rejoices in the truth. Love never fails! No matter how important you are, or talented, or smart, what really makes you great is loving others.

Who do you love? Can you love someone who bothers you or doesn't like you? Love isn't just a nice feeling about somebody. It means deciding to want what is best for that person. You really can love people that you don't get along with! It's a decision that you can make.



Love: True or False?

*Do you know what Saint Paul taught us about love?
See if you know which are true and which are false,
according to today's second reading...*

1. Love sometimes fails. True or false?
2. If I have faith enough to move mountains but don't have love I am nothing. True or false?
3. Love is patient and kind. True or false?
4. Love is jealous. True or false?
5. If I can prophesy and understand all mysteries but I don't have love then I'm still great. True or false?
6. When you love then you are mostly interested in taking care of yourself. True or false?
7. The three most important virtues are faith, hope and love, but love is the greatest. True or false?

Answers: 1. False, 2. True, 3. True, 4. False, 5. False, 6. False, 7. True.

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



"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." - Mt. 25

The Gospel
in action

Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)

"Caring for the poor is not just something nice the Church does; it's a part of who we are and essential to the Church's saving work."

Bishop Jaime Soto, Chairman, CCHD Subcommittee, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

CCHD provides funding to groups whose activities reflect Catholic moral and social teaching on **human life and dignity**. CCHD-funded groups work to change social structures and policies which undermine life and dignity, especially for the poor and powerless.

CCHD is an example of how the Catholic community reaches out to involve and support people who are poor in acting together to improve their lives, overcome injustice and escape poverty. CCHD is a sign of how the Church lives out the call from Scripture and Tradition to give special concern and priority to the **needs of those who are poor and vulnerable**.

Protecting Life And Dignity

The **Workers' Dignity Project** is a worker-led center acting to promote economic justice in the Nashville, TN area. Established in 2010 in response to workplace injustices, the Workers' Dignity Project is a coalition of lay and religious groups that work to prevent wage theft among low-income employees. Workers' Dignity has successfully protected the life and dignity of low-income workers by reclaiming thousands in unpaid wages, collaborating with local students to promote solidarity, and hosting workshops to educate the public about worker rights.

What is the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)?

CCHD is the **domestic anti-poverty program of the U.S. Catholic Bishops**.

CCHD works with Catholic dioceses and their bishops to **award grants** to local, low-income community groups working to address the **causes of poverty**. By helping the poor to participate in the decisions and actions that affect their lives, CCHD **offers a hand up**, not a hand out, helping people and communities overcome injustice, escape poverty and build bridges of solidarity.

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Carrying out the mission of Christ to “bring good news to the poor, liberty to captives, new sight to the blind, and to set the downtrodden free” (Luke 4:18)

CCHD also works to **educate Catholics** about poverty and its causes in our nation and to help the non-poor put into practice the Church’s **concern for human life and dignity**, the Gospel command to **care for “the least of these”** (Matthew 25) and the Holy Father’s **call to practice solidarity** in helping people who are poor help themselves to overcome injustice and escape poverty.

“I commend the bishops of the United States for their wisdom and compassion in establishing the [Catholic] Campaign for Human Development . . . and I thank the whole Catholic community for the generous support given to this initiative during all these years.”

- John Paul II, October 5, 1979, Providence of God Church, Chicago, IL

Protecting Life And Dignity

Action in Montgomery (AIM) is an alliance of 30 congregations and organizations in Montgomery County, MD. AIM provides training and development for leaders so that members can speak to the issues that affect their neighborhoods and daily lives. AIM has worked to protect the life and dignity of all people through education, support for the Maryland Dream Bill Campaign and access to affordable senior housing.

Grounded in Our Catholic Faith

- CCHD was created in response to a mandate from the U.S. Catholic bishops in 1969 to address the root causes of poverty in the United States.
- CCHD provides funding to groups whose activities are consistent with Catholic moral and social teaching and who work to help persons who are poor help themselves.
- More than 683 Catholic priests, 776 Catholic parishes, 18 Catholic Charities agencies, and 51 religious communities are involved in the work of groups around the country that receive funding from CCHD.
- As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* reminds us, “*The Eucharist commits us to the poor*” (#1397). The Eucharist, celebrated as a community, teaches us about human dignity, calls us to right relationship with God, ourselves and others and sends us on mission to help transform our communities, neighborhoods and world. **The work of CCHD is an example of “Eucharistic” living.**

“To love God and neighbor is not something abstract, but profoundly concrete: it means seeing in every person the face of the Lord to be served, to serve him concretely. And you are, dear brothers and sisters, the face of Jesus.”

-Pope Francis

To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/cchd



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