

St. Joseph Ridge Parish

W2601 State Rd 33 • La Crosse • Wisconsin • 54601

February 13, 2022



6th Sunday **IN ORDINARY TIME**

"Blessed are you when people hate you,
and when they exclude and insult you,
and denounce your name as evil
on account of the Son of Man."

- Lk 6:22

PASTOR

Fr. Biju Chennala Kunjukutty, MSFS...715-495-2338
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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

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), Stacy Burns and Paula Silha (CRE's)

PCCW - Parish Council of Catholic Women

Lori Clements (President), Mary Jo Hess (Treasurer), Jill
Murphy (Secretary), Polly Hilby (Funeral Prep)

CEMETERY SEXTON/BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Dave Brown608-792-1006
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Stacy Burns, Coordinator.....608-769-8828
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Leland Gregorich or LuAnne Gregorich, Accompanist

CONTACT 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

Fr Biju also serving St. Peter Parish, 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

PARISH INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, February 12th

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

-4:00pm Mass -The Mashak Family

Lector: Teresa Brown Ushers: Volunteers
Servers: John Mashak and Volunteer

SUNDAY, February 13th

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

-8:30am Mass - Our Parish Family

Lector: Paula Silha Ushers: Volunteers
Servers: Atticus Roman and Volunteer

MONDAY, February 14th

SS Cyril and Methodius - Valentine's Day

-5:30pm -†Allen Gerke

TUESDAY, February 15th

Weekday

-5:00pm - Adoration

-5:30 pm - †Ralph and Evelyn Mikshowsky

THURSDAY, February 17th

The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

-8:30am -†Jan Harper

SATURDAY, February 19th

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

-4:00pm Mass -†Eugene and Luella Leis

Lector: Kathy Leis Ushers: Volunteers
Servers: Noah Biondo and Emma Biondo

SUNDAY, February 20th

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

-8:30am Mass -†Stanley Hundt

Lector: Paula Silha Ushers: Volunteers
Servers: Zachary Noronha and Zarina Noronha

PARISH CALENDAR

- **Now-March 6** ~ Birthright Baby Bottle Campaign
- **February 15** ~ **Weekday Mass as scheduled**
Adoration at 5:00 PM and 5:30 PM Mass
The Deanery Meeting for Fr. Biju was canceled.
~ Pastoral/Fundraiser Meeting 7:00 PM in School
- **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)
- **March 2** ~ **Ash Wednesday**, 6:00 PM here
~ No regular RE Class, Mass for All
~ St. Peter Parish, Mass 8:00 PM
- **March 9** ~ RE Class (Gr 1-5, 6-6:55 PM; Gr 6-10, 7:00-8:15 PM)
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Confessions

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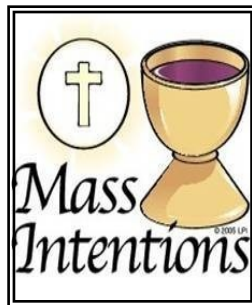


DID YOU KNOW?

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.

Mass Intentions 2022

We have openings for **weekday** intentions: Jun 13, & 20. Jul 4 & 25. Aug 11, 22, 25, & 29. We have open **First Saturdays**, 8:30 AM beginning June 4. The **ONLY** remaining **Weekend** Mass opening for 2022 is: Oct 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.

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	2/11/2022	Total Pledged	Total Payments
DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2021-2022	Pledged/Received	\$18,925.00	\$18,380.00
	Target Amount	\$21,850.00	\$21,850.00
	Under Target	(\$2,925.00)	(\$3,470.00)
	Number of families contributing: 48		
	Percent goal pledged: 86.61%/Received: 84.12%		

GIFT'S RETURNED TO GOD

Last Week in Giving—182 envelope holders

Adult Envelopes(37):	\$1626.00
Offertory:	\$98.00
Initial Offering(1):	\$2.00
Memorial:	\$25.00
Gun Raffle Sales:	\$50.00
Cash Raffle Ticket Sales:	\$290.00
CCHD(8):	\$190.00



Thank You!

FROM THE PASTOR



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Luke 6: 17, 20-26

I am back! The days went so fast. I had a wonderful vacation. Had good time with my family and friends. Thank you for all your prayers, wishes and gifts. I did pray for all of you. Some of you had given me Mass intentions and I thought of you all at those Masses as I celebrated them. First seven days I spent in home quarantine. Quality time with family. Then two weeks I was travelling and finally getting ready to come back. Last Sunday I had my covid test and Monday I received a negative result. So, I am back again.

In today's gospel readings, after a night of prayer in the hills Jesus had summoned his disciples and chosen inner circle. Then he came down with them and stood on a level place. This discourse of Jesus is often called the Sermon on the Plain, as set of teachings by Jesus. These teachings, called the beatitudes, offer us a lifestyle to live, dispositions to be created, attitudes to be developed and invite us to share in the life of the kingdom of God—a life of blessedness. He instructs his disciples in the paradoxical blessedness of poverty, hunger, sorrow and persecution because they contradict our natural expectations in every way. Blessed are those who are poor, hungry, weeping, hated, excluded, insulted and denounced because in poverty, we recognize God's reign; in hunger, his providence; in sorrow, true happiness; and in persecution, true joy. Beatitudes help us to live in the reign of God.

This Sunday, the second Sunday in February is World Marriage Day and concludes National Marriage Week. The theme for this year's celebration of National Marriage Week is "Called to the Joy of Love." Pope St. John Paul II imparted his apostolic blessing to "World Marriage Day" in 1993. Pope Francis, in his Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Lætitia*, states: "With inner joy and deep comfort, the Church looks to families who remain faithful to the teachings of the Gospel, encouraging them and thanking them for the testimony they offer. For they bear witness, in a credible way, to the beauty of marriage as indissoluble and perpetually faithful." (n. 89).

Wish you all Happy Valentine's Day!

Live Jesus, Fr. Biju



Happy Valentine's Day

PARISH NEWS

FUNnight

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

The Fun Night is just around the corner and WE NEED YOU!

- Get the **flyers** out in the community and spread the word!
- **Sign up to work a shift**—several options listed in the back of church.
- **Sell and return money and stubs** for the cash and gun raffles.
- **Invite** all your friends and family to attend!

PRE-SALE dinner/admission tickets available after Mass this weekend!

Birthright Baby Bottle Campaign

Take a baby bottle, fill it with change and return by dropping in the collection on or before March 6th! Thank you and know your pro-life support will be appreciated by moms, dads, and babies to be.

<https://birthright.org/lacrosse>



Fr. Biju visits with Eleanor Sullivan on her 100th Birthday! - February 8, 2022

DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS

The Search Lenten Program

We all have questions about our faith. This Lent come on a journey with us as we ask questions about ourselves, God, Jesus, and the Catholic Church. We have two local opportunities for you to join us. Both sessions will include a 30 minute video followed by a question and answer period led by a priest. **No registration required, open to everyone.**

TUESDAYS February 22 - April 5

St. Patrick's Parish, 1031 Main Street, Onalaska 6:30 - 8:00 pm, Parish Hall. Sessions led by Fr. Aaron Becker

FRIDAYS February 25 - April 8

St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral, 530 Main St. La Crosse 9:00 - 10:30 am, Undercroft (downstairs). Sessions led by Msgr. Gilles

SESSION TOPICS

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| WEEK 1 – What Do You Seek? | WEEK 4 – What's Our Story? |
| WEEK 2 – Who Are You? | WEEK 5 – Who is Jesus? |
| WEEK 3 – Why a God? | WEEK 6 – Am I Saved? |
| | WEEK 7 – Why a Church? |

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!

Cabin Fever Fest—St. Peter Parish (Middle Ridge)

Euchre Tournament and Luncheon, Sunday, March 6th. \$10 per person doors open at 12:00 PM, cards start at 1:00 PM. 1st-4th place prizes awarded. Soups, snacks and beverage included in the price. More info call Melissa Schaub at the parish 608-486-2180 or email: stpetersrectory@centurytel.net

Parish Life Missioner for St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral Parish

St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral Parish, a growing vibrant Catholic parish located downtown La Crosse, WI, seeks a full-time energetic, highly organized, and collaborative Parish Life Missioner to assist leadership in deepening and sustaining integrated and involved parish life. This person fosters parishioners' growth in knowledge and practice of the Faith and facilitates active relational commitment to the parish family. Principal duties include developing avenues in which increased knowledge of and love for the faith leads to a deepened relationship with Christ; promotes devotional life; organizes parish events; and supports sacramental prep. Required qualifications: practicing Catholic; relevant working experience; bachelor's degree (or working toward it); good communication, organizational and team-building skills; proficient in social media; and excellent writing/communication skills. Please send resume with three references to Monsignor Richard W. Gilles at rgilles@diolclergy.org by May 1, 2022.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Special Valentines

The Religious Education classes, both sessions, took some time on Wednesday, February 10th to make personalized Valentine's Day cards. The cards will be sent to the Sisters of the Villa, some for our church neighbors and parishioners, our RE Prayer sponsors, and Father Biju. A spirit of kindness and giving was present, along with building bonds of teamwork as the kids ensured everyone on the list would receive a special handmade Valentine.



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