

St. Joseph Ridge Parish

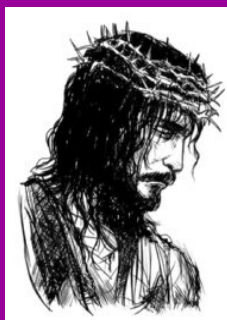
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April 3, 2022



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more." - Jn 8:11b



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Wednesdays during Lent

7:00 PM
St. Joseph Parish

7:30 PM
St. Peter Parish

PASTOR

Fr. Biju Chennala Kunjukutty, MSFS...715-495-2338
bchennala@diolclergy.org

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 Stafslin, 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
dbrown039@centurytel.net

MUSIC

Stacy Burns, Coordinator.....608-769-8828
jsburns0093@gmail.com
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, April 2nd

Fifth Sunday of Lent

-4:00pm Mass -†Stanley Hundt
Lector: Sally Miller Ushers: Volunteers
Servers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, April 3rd

Fifth Sunday of Lent

-8:30am Mass -†William, Rosie, Frank & Dennis LeJeune
Lector: Paula Silha Ushers: Volunteers
Servers: Jackson and Addison Wieman

MONDAY, April 4th

Lenten Weekday

-5:30pm -†Larry Silha

TUESDAY, April 5th

Lenten Weekday

-5:00pm - Adoration
-5:30 pm -†Emily Bahr

THURSDAY, April 7th

Lenten Weekday

-8:30am -†Allen Gerke

SATURDAY, April 9th

Sixth Sunday of Lent

-4:00pm Mass - Our Parish Family
Lector: Jim Weber and Donnie Weber
Ushers: Volunteers
Servers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, April 10th

Sixth Sunday of Lent

-8:30am Mass -†Angeline Dickman
Lector: Dan Steiger and Donna Clements
Ushers: Volunteers
Servers: Volunteers

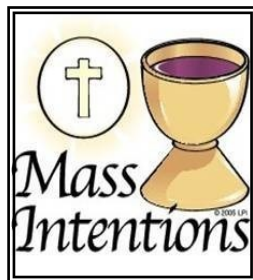
PARISH CALENDAR

- April 4 ~ PCCW Meeting at 6:30 PM in the school
- April 6 ~ RE Class (Gr 1-5, 6-6:55 PM; Gr 6-10, 7:00-8:15 PM)
~ Stations of the Cross-7 PM here, 7:30 PM St. Peter's
- April 11 ~ All day confessions at the Cathedral 9AM to 6 PM
- April 12 ~ Chrism Mass at the Cathedral 10:30 AM
- April 13 ~ No RE - Holy Week
~ Stations of the Cross-7 PM here, 7:30 PM St. Peter's
~ Confessions 6 PM until done at St. Peter Parish
- April 14 ~ Holy Thursday, 7:00 PM
- April 15 ~ Good Friday, 3:00 PM
- April 16 ~ Holy Saturday, 8:30 PM
- April 17 ~ Easter Sunday, 8:30 AM
- April 20 ~ RE Class (Gr 1-5, 6-6:55 PM; Gr 6-10, 7:00-8:15 PM)
- April 26 ~ Finance Council Meeting 7 PM
- April 27 ~ Rosary at 6:05 PM and Closing Mass for Religious Education Classes at 6:30 PM for all students, parents, & catechists. All parishioners welcome to attend!
- May 4 ~ Confirmation at the Cathedral, 6:30 PM



Mass Intentions 2022

We have openings for **weekday** intentions: Aug 1, 29 & 30. Sept 6, 12, 19, 22, 27, & 29. We have open **First Saturdays**, 8:30 AM beginning Aug 6. **All weekend Masses are full for 2022.** For questions contact the parish office 788-1646 or sjrp2601@gmail.com. Mass Intentions envelopes are in the back of church.



WE ARE THE DIOCESE	DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2021-2022	Diocesan Annual Appeal 2021-2022		
		4/1/2022	Total Pledged	Total Payments
		Pledged/Received	\$19,200.00	\$18,810.00
		Target Amount	\$21,850.00	\$21,850.00
		Under Target	(\$2,650.00)	(\$3,040.00)
		Number of families contributing: 49		
		Percent goal pledged: 87.87%/Received: 86.09%		

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.

GIFT'S RETURNED TO GOD

Last Week in Giving—182 envelope holders



Adult Envelopes(31): \$1190.00
Offertory: \$237.25
Easter Flowers(): \$95.00

Thank You!

FROM THE PASTOR



Fifth Sunday of Lent

The Gospel for the fifth Sunday of Lent continues to offer lessons about God's mercy and forgiveness. Last Sunday we heard the Parable of the Prodigal Son from the Gospel of Luke. Today we hear not a parable, but the report from John's Gospel of an encounter among Jesus, the scribes and Pharisees, and a woman caught in adultery.

It is a story of caution for those who are quick to condemn others and unwilling to admit their own mistakes. It is a touching story of the mercy of God given to every sinner (you, me and all sinners) if we are honest before the Lord. This story is one of God's gracious care and mercy for each of us and not punishment. After the Scribes and Pharisees have left, Jesus takes up his role as the authentic judge of the woman before him. He is the only true judge, he who, being without sin, is the only one that could condemn her. But Jesus stands up for her. This woman is a reflection of each of us. This woman does not deserve forgiveness and neither do we. And yet God has given it to us. In these days before Holy Week, I encourage you come before the Lord and open your heart to God's gift of healing mercy.

Next weekend (April 9-10) we begin the holiest week of the Church year celebrating Holy Week. I encourage you to attend as many of the Holy Week services that you are able so that we all might enter more fully into these profound mysteries of our faith.

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE OF SERVICES
ST. JOSEPH PARISH**

Palm Sunday, April 9-10
Palms blessed at all Masses.

Holy Thursday, April 14
Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 pm -Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by adoration.

Good Friday, April 15
2:30 pm -Stations of the Cross
Solemn Service 3:00 pm
The annual collection during services today is to support the shrines in the Holy Land

Holy Saturday, 8:30 pm Easter Vigil Mass
Easter Sunday, April 17 8.30am

Have a blessed week!

Live Jesus, Fr Biju

PARISH NEWS



As we look forward to celebrating Holy Week, we invite anyone who loves to sing, to join us up in the choir for the Easter Triduum. This would include Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday.



Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl

Your prayers and support will make a significant difference. For more information about CRS visit: crsricebowl.org

**Student Mite Boxes
Missionary Childhood Association**

These funds go directly in support of impoverished children around the world.



**BOWLS AND BOXED MAY BE DROPPED IN THE COLLECTION
ANYTIME DURING HOLY WEEK.**

Thank you for your generosity.

Living Faith Booklets

The April, May, June devotional booklets have arrived and are available in the back of church.

It's time to order Cemetery Flowers

Forms to order flowers are located in the back of church. Prices are the same as last year. \$100 to order the urn, if needed and flowers. \$40 for just the flowers if you already have the urn. Return order forms by Sunday, April 24th.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Confirmation will be on May 4th at the Cathedral St. Joseph. **Please pray for these students** as they continue to prepare to commit and confirm their faith as a Catholic: **Emma Clements, Gabrielle Clements, Hutson Hendrickson, Grace Hundt, Martin Roesler, and Atticus Roman.**

DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS

Helping Ukraine through Chalice of Mercy

Valentyna Pavsukova, founder of Chalice of Mercy mission to Ukraine and a member of our diocese, is working to get humanitarian aid to the suffering Ukraine's citizens and soldiers, as they face freezing temperatures and often severe injuries requiring treatment. These supplies will be collected in the U.S., Poland, Spain, and Germany and transported across the border into Ukraine through a careful network of personal contacts. You can donate at <https://chaliceofmercy.org/donation/>. To learn more about Valentyna and the beautiful mission of Chalice of Mercy, visit www.chaliceofmercy.org

Franciscan Spirituality Center Open House—Apr 7th

Please join us for refreshments and tours of our newly remodeled space during an open house from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 7, at 920 Market St., La Crosse.



Lenten Confession Options

- **Mon., April 11, 2022** all day confessions at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse from 9 AM to 6 PM
- **Wed., April 13, 2022** at 6 PM until done at St. Peter Parish

DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS cont'd

Casa Hogar – Volunteer Opportunity

Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II orphanage in Lurin, Peru, a mission of the Diocese of La Crosse, is looking for volunteers 20 years and older for 3 to 12 month periods. Volunteers take on a variety of tasks which vary according to the duration of stay and the volunteer's interests and capabilities. Needs range from education or tutoring, nursing assistance, administrative tasks or manual labor (painting, gardening, cleaning, etc.). Duties vary, but all volunteers will work directly with the children and families. Due to volunteer restrictions regarding the number of volunteers we can accept at one time, all long-term volunteers are chosen following an application process. Additional information is available at homeajpm.org/volunteer or email Noel Furger at nfurger@frjoesguild.org

Lenten Day of Reflection - Apr 9

On Saturday, April 9, 2022, the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be hosting a Lenten Day of Reflection. The theme for the day is "Jesus and the Challenge of Suffering". Everyone is invited to attend the day, or come for just part of the day. No registration is required. Schedule:

- 8:20am – Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (continues all day)
- 9:00am – Confessions available (and throughout the day)
- 9:30am – 1st Conference – "Jesus' Suffering"
- 11:00am – 2nd Conference – "Our Suffering in Jesus"
- 12:00pm – Angelus; 12:15pm – Mass (or lunch in café)
- 1:00pm – Resume Exposition and Confessions
- 2:00pm – 3rd Conference – "Our Role in Co-Redeeming the World"
- 3:30pm – Rosary, Vespers, and Benediction

Justice & Peace Stations of the Cross

Fri, Apr 15-10AM-noon.

This form of the Way of the Cross is a two-mile silent prayer walk from the heart of the city to the Mississippi River, stopping at 10 stations along the route to sing, pray and reflect. The walk will take about two hours. People of all ages and faith backgrounds are invited to participate. **Location: Meet in front of the St. Rose Convent sign at the corner of Market and 9th streets.** No cost and no registration required. **Please note** that you will have to walk back to the stations' starting point or arrange for a ride back from Riverside Park. We encourage you to check the weather forecast and dress accordingly. **For more information, please call 608-791-5295 or visit www.FSCenter.org.**

LDCCW Conference

All women of the Parish are invited to the La Crosse Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Conference on Saturday, April 23, 2022 at St. Vincent De Paul Church, Wisconsin Rapids. Guest speaker is Kelly Wahlquist, founder of W.I.N.E (Women in the New Evalization). **Please register by April 14.** Contact Candice McGarthy at 608-647-2300, 608-647-0400 or email: secretary@ldccw.org

Spring Rummage Sale

Mary, Mother of the Church, 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, will be holding a Spring Rummage Sale on Friday, April 29, 11 AM - 3 PM, \$6 a bag; and on Saturday, April 30, 8 - 11 AM, \$3 a bag. Some items priced individually.

KIDS CORNER

True or False?

In today's Gospel reading the scribes and Pharisees brought a sinful woman in front of Jesus. Do you know the rest of the story? See if you know which of these statements are true and which are false:

1. The law said that a sinful woman like this one should be killed. True or False?
2. The men were going to stone the woman anyway- they didn't care what Jesus thought. True or False?
3. Jesus didn't say anything right away; He just started writing on the ground with His finger. True or False?
4. Jesus said that whichever of the men had never sinned should be the first to throw a stone at the woman. True or False?
5. One of the men threw a stone at her. True or False?
6. All of the men walked away without throwing a stone. True or False?
7. Jesus forgave the woman and told her not to sin anymore. True or False?



Answers: 1.T, 2.F, 3.T, 4.T, 5.F, 6.T, 7.T

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.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

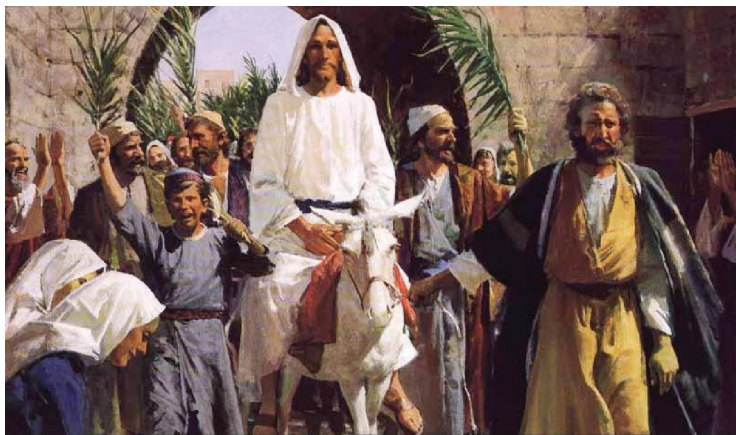
- All those who are suffering from the Coronavirus and those who are working tirelessly to help the ill recover.
- All the military men and women who are supporting our freedom.
- All political leaders, may their decisions be made for the good of all citizens, born and unborn.
- For those fighting cancer, 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.



For the innocents of Ukraine



To add a request call 608-788-1646 or email sjrp2601@gmail.com



Entering into the Holiest Week of the Year

Holy Week Schedule

The events of Holy Week changed the world and are, therefore, the holiest days of the year. The sacred liturgies observed during this week remember and make present again the passing of Jesus from death to new life—what is called the Paschal Mystery. You will want to go through the entire week with Christ, dying to selfishness and sin in order to rise to new life along with Him.

Palm Sunday Time: Saturday 4 PM and Sunday 8:30 AM

Palm Sunday is the first day of Holy Week, which commences with the blessing of palms and the reading of the Gospel somewhere outside the nave. A procession into church, with people holding blessed palm branches and singing festive songs follows, in imitation of the triumphant entrance of Jesus from Bethany to Jerusalem. Immediately afterwards, the theme of triumph changes radically with the reading of the Passion narrative, devoted to the suffering of Christ, which He endured for love of you.

Preparation Days Time: Mon. 5:30 PM, Tues. 5:30 PM, Wed Stations 7 PM

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of Holy Week are preparation days, both spiritually and physically, for the holiest days to come later in the week. It is a most appropriate time to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Wednesday of Holy Week is known as Spy Wednesday. This gets its name because this is the day on which Judas betrayed Jesus to the Sanhedrin. Because Judas is thought to be sneaky, his actions conjured up the image of a spy.

The Chrism Mass is one of the diocesan highlights at which the Bishop blesses the oils for the celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism and the Anointing of the Sick, and consecrates the Sacred Chrism used in the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Orders. Priests also renew their priestly promises at this Mass, and the faithful pray for them. The Chrism Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, April 12, at 10:30 a.m., at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse. All are welcome to attend.

Holy Thursday Time: Mass 7:00 PM

Holy Thursday begins the Sacred Triduum – which means three days. On this first day the Church commemorates the events surrounding the Last Supper and the institution by Christ of the Holy Eucharist. At the Last Supper Jesus was with His Apostles celebrating the Passover, the annual memorial of the mystery of the Jews’ escape from Egypt, and the “passing over” of the angel of death. The Passover was an exodus, or passage, from the oppression of slavery to spiritual freedom. On this night before His crucifixion, Jesus commanded that this Passover be celebrated in a new way as an unbloody anticipation of His sacrificial and saving death that would take place the next day on the cross. This was (is) the new Passover of the Lord in which we are freed from slavery to sin and death through our cooperation with His divine life of grace received in Holy Communion.

A solemn ritual of washing of feet takes place in imitation of Jesus who humbly served His Apostles by washing their feet. Jesus said, “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you.... By this, all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.” (John 13:34, 35)

At the end of Mass, consecrated Hosts—the true presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist—are carried in procession to the side chapel of adoration. These Hosts will be received the next day in Holy Communion. After placing the Holy Eucharist in the tabernacle, an atmosphere of quiet watching with the Lord begins. This commemorates how Jesus went with His Apostles to the Garden of Gethsemane, and asking them (and you) to watch and pray with Him. Jesus prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup [of suffering] pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will it.” (Matthew 26:39) “And being in agony He

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DIocese of LA CROSSE, WI

Holy Week Schedule



prayed more earnestly; and His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down upon the ground.” (Luke 22:44) Remain with Jesus in His agony over what He knew He would endure for the sins of the world.

Good Friday Time: Stations 2:30 PM, Service 3:00 PM

The second day of the Sacred Triduum is the Passion of the Lord, known as Good Friday, the commemoration of the death of Jesus on the cross outside the walls of Jerusalem. The theme of this day throughout history has been one of quiet sorrow and mourning for the crucified and dead Jesus. Consider spending the hours of 12- 3 p.m. in quiet prayer, giving up even a drink of water, as this was the time that Jesus hung on the cross and died at 3 p.m.

The emphasis of the liturgy on this solemn day is on Scripture readings and prayers, the veneration of the cross, and the reception of the Eucharist consecrated on Holy Thursday.

Holy Saturday Time: Mass 8:30 PM

The daytime hours of Holy Saturday continue the atmosphere of Good Friday, and have been observed as a time of quiet and fasting. The Easter Vigil on the evening of Holy Saturday is the night of all nights and the primary celebration of Jesus' Resurrection. The elaborate and beautiful ritual of the Easter Vigil has four clearly-defined parts: the service of light, the Liturgy of the Word, the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation and the reception of the risen Christ in Holy Communion.

The service of light begins with a darkened church. The priest lights the Paschal candle, the symbol of Christ's Resurrection. The Paschal candle is used to light small candles held by those in the congregation as all process into the church to the chant of "light of Christ."

The Exsultet is sung which recounts the saving action of Christ, and it is followed by the readings of the Mass, several from the Old Testament, interspersed with responsorial Psalms and prayers. The Liturgy of the Word consists of as many as seven Old Testament readings that recapitulate God's saving action throughout history. The Gloria is then sung with the maximum amount of musical instruments, bells, and choir available to the parish. The Gospel is proclaimed that narrates eye witness accounts of those who encountered the risen Christ, stirring you to a deeper realization that He is alive! There are baptisms, bringing people to new life in Christ followed by confirmation, strengthening them to be bold witnesses for their faith in God. You will renew your own baptismal promises to live more fully as a committed disciple of Christ. The Liturgy of the Eucharist is celebrated with the greatest of joy, leading to our reception of the risen Christ in Holy Communion. This is a day to rejoice that the establishment of the Church and the celebration of the Sacraments are all made possible through the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Easter Sunday Time: Mass 8:30 AM

The theme of Easter morning continues the triumphant joy of the Easter Vigil. It remembers and celebrates the very foundation of Christianity: Jesus who is Lord is raised from the dead. You will want to share in this incredible joy by participating, as much as possible, in the holiest Week of the year.



This form included in the electronic version of the bulletin only.
You may print and submit or pick up a printed copy from the back of the church



St. Joseph Ridge Catholic Cemetery Flower Order

This summer, 2022, St. Joseph Ridge Cemetery is again offering an opportunity to purchase potted plants with a stand similar to the plants found at the Catholic Cemetery on Losey Boulevard in La Crosse. These pots will be filled with geraniums and other assorted flowers.

The cost for the 14-inch ceramic pot, the plastic liner filled with flowers and the stand is **\$100.00**.

Once the pot and stand are purchased you will only need to buy the liner with flowers in the future and this 14-inch liner will cost **\$40.00**.

We store ALL of the flower pots in the church basement, whether you purchased the flowers or not. They all have names on them and will ALL be put out before Memorial weekend. Please call if your flower pot is not there.

Fill out the form below and return to church by Sunday, April 24, 2022.

Please call David Brown with any questions at (608) 792-1006.

Name: _____ Today's date: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Name on the Memorial in the cemetery where you want to put the plant. (Location):

I would like the ceramic pot, the stand and the plastic liner with flowers for **\$100.00**.

I would like only the plastic liner filled with flowers for **\$40.00**

Total Amount Enclosed: _____ Check #: _____

Make checks payable to **St. Joseph Cemetery**.

Please put into weekend collection OR mail with payment to:

St. Joseph Parish, W2601 State Rd 33, La Crosse, WI 54601.