

St. Joseph Ridge Parish

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April 10, 2022



PALM SUNDAY

As he rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road; the whole multitude of his disciples began to praise God aloud with joy for all the mighty deeds they had seen. - Lk 19:36, 37b

Join us for the *Tridium*



- ◇ Holy Thursday ~ 7:00 pm Mass
- ◇ Good Friday
~2:30 pm Stations of the Cross
~3:00 pm Solemn Service
- ◇ Holy Saturday
~8:30 pm Easter Vigil Mass
- ◇ Easter Sunday
~8.30 am Resurrection of the Lord Mass

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

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MUSIC

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, April 9th

Palm Sunday

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

SUNDAY, April 10th

Palm Sunday

-8:30am Mass -†Angeline Dickman
Lector: Sally Miller and Donna Clements
Servers: Zachary Noronha and Zarina Noronha
Ushers: Volunteers

MONDAY, April 11th

Monday of Holy Week

-5:30pm -†George Bahr

TUESDAY, April 12th

Tuesday of Holy Week

-5:00pm - Adoration
-5:30 pm -†Ralph and Evelyn Mikshowsky

THURSDAY, April 14th ~ Holy Thursday

Holy Thursday

-8:30am -NO Mass
-7:00pm - †George and Evelyn Miller
Lector: Paula Silha
Servers: John Mashak and Atticus Roman
Ushers: Volunteers

FRIDAY, April 15th ~ Good Friday

Friday of the Passion of the Lord

-3:00pm - Service
Lectors: Teresa Brown, Donna Clements, and Jim Weber
Servers: Atticus Roman and Volunteer
Ushers: Volunteers

SATURDAY, April 16th ~ Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil

-4:00pm - NO Mass
-8:30pm Mass -†Stanley Hundt
Lectors: Donnie Weber and Jim Weber
Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, April 17th ~ Easter Sunday


Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

-8:30am Mass -†Clarence, Theresa, Pauline and Patty Gotz
Lector: Donna Clements
Servers: Addison Wieman and Jackson Wieman
Ushers: Volunteers

PARISH CALENDAR

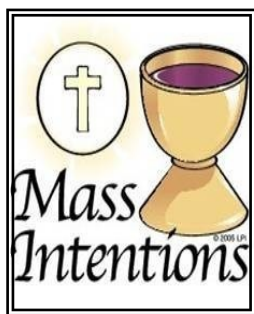
- April 11 ~ All day confessions at the Cathedral 9AM to 6 PM
- April 12 ~ Chrism Mass at the Cathedral 10:30 AM
- April 13 ~ No RE - Holy Week
~ Stations of the Cross-7 PM here, 7:30 PM St. Peter's
~ Confessions 6 PM until done at St. Peter Parish
- April 14 ~ Holy Thursday, 7:00 PM
- April 15 ~ Good 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 25 ~ PCCW Meeting 6:30 PM in School Hall
- 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 1 ~ Parish Breakfast after 8:30 AM Mass free will offering to aid in purchase of choir books— All welcome!
~ PCCW High School scholarship applications due by this day
- May 4 ~ Confirmation at the Cathedral, 6:30 PM



Diocesan Annual Appeal 2021-2022				
WE ARE THE DIOCESE		4/8/2022	Total Pledged	Total Payments
		Pledged/Received	\$19,700.00	\$19,310.00
		Target Amount	\$21,850.00	\$21,850.00
		Under Target	(\$2,150.00)	(\$2,540.00)
		Number of families contributing: 49		
		Percent goal pledged: 90.16%/Received: 88.38%		

Mass Intentions 2022

We have openings for **weekday** intentions: Aug 29, Sept 12, 19, 27, & 29. Oct 3, 10, 17, 18, 24, 25, & 31. 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 Intention envelopes are in the back of church.



GIFT'S RETURNED TO GOD

Last Week in Giving—182 envelope holders



- Adult Envelopes(49): \$2948.00
- Offertory: \$196.00
- Memorials: \$1810.00
- Easter Flowers(3): \$70.00
- Easter Envelopes(1): \$300.00

Thank You!

FROM THE PASTOR



Passion Sunday

Welcome to Holy Week! Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week, a solemn week focusing on the final days of Jesus' life. Palm Sunday is the official start of Holy Week and the commemoration color is red, reminding us of the passion of Jesus. The day is now officially called Passion Sunday. The liturgy begins with a blessing and procession of palms, but prime attention is given to a lengthy reading of the Passion, with parts taken by the priest, lectors and congregation. On Palm Sunday, we recall how the large crowds welcomed Jesus to Jerusalem, palm branches swaying and folks shouting his name and greeting him loudly. As we will hear in the Passion story that is read at Mass, the crowds quickly turned on Christ's message of love and equality for all and turn violent. Even the very men Jesus had chosen to carry on his message, run away from him when faced with acknowledging Christ and deny even knowing Jesus.

As the week proceeds, on Holy Thursday we recall the gift Jesus left to his disciples and all of us, who over the centuries profess the name, Catholic; that of his own life, his body and blood in the Eucharist.

On Good Friday we remember God who became human like us dying on the Cross for the salvation of everyone who accepts his invitation to eternal life. On Good Friday we also take up the annual collection for the Holy Land. Since the time of Saint Francis, the Franciscans have taken care of and ministered at the Holy Places in Israel. The friars also minister to the Palestinian Catholics in the Middle East.

On Holy Saturday at the Easter Vigil we light the Paschal candle, hear the many stories of our ancestors in faith through the reading of scripture, renew our Baptismal promises and celebrate Christ's resurrection and his promise that we, too, will rise from the dead and live forever with him and all the saints in heaven.

On Easter Sunday we proclaim to all the world that Jesus conquered the darkness of death. We will pray at Mass, "O God, who on this day, through your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life."

Have a blessed Holy Week!

Live Jesus, Fr. Biju



PARISH NEWS

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.



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.

PCCW Announcements

High School Students Scholarship Opportunity

We are now accepting applications from parish members that will be graduating from High School this year. To apply, simply submit a transcript of your grades, a paragraph on the your involvement in the parish & your future education plans, along with a photo if available. Applications are due 5/1/22 and should be sent to the parish office.

Next PCCW meeting is Mon., April 25th at 7 pm in the school hall. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend. This will be our May meeting as the usual date has a scheduling conflict.

Parish Breakfast—Sunday, May 1st—Choir Fundraiser

The PCCW will be holding a breakfast for parish members Sun. May 1st after the 8:30 mass. We will be having egg bakes, muffins, fruit, coffee, and milk. This will be a free will offering event with any proceeds going to the choir to help with the purchase of new choir books. Please join us for this social event.



DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS

April is National Child Abuse and Prevention Month

A report of child abuse is made every ten seconds in the United States and 5 children die each day due to abuse or neglect. If you see something, say something. If not you...then who? If not now...then when? If not for the sake of Jesus Christ and his kingdom...then why?

DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS cont'd

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 - Apr 23 (Register by Apr 14)

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 Evaluation). **Please register by April 14.** Contact Candice McGarthy at 608-647-2300, 608-647-0400 or email: secretary@ldccw.org

2022-2023 ACS Enrollment Period Has Begun

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

The deadlines for financial aid and Wisconsin Parental Choice Program applications are fast approaching! The financial aid application period closes **April 15th** and the WPCP application period closes **April 21st**. Contact info@aquinasschools.org with any questions or visit www.aquinascatholicschools.org/enrollment to get started.

Neighbors Day 2022! – April 23

Neighbors Day 2022 is a family-friendly event that will occur on Saturday, April 23rd. Neighbors Day is a one-day, community-wide event to help elderly and disabled residents in La Crosse get their yards ready for spring through raking, turning garden beds, washing windows, and trimming shrubs. **Will you help? or Do you need help?** Sign up for assistance or **Volunteer as an individual, team, or family at:** <https://www.habitatlacrosse.org/neighbors-day.html>

Divine Mercy Sunday - April 24

The Deanery of the La Crosse Diocese has chosen the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse for the celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday. You are invited to make a pilgrimage for Divine Mercy Sunday on April 24. The schedule for the day is as follows: 9:30 AM Latin Mass, 11:00 AM Spanish Mass, 1:00 PM English Mass, 2:30 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 2:45 PM Divine Mercy Reflection by Cardinal Burke followed by a Family Consecration to the Divine Mercy, 3:00 PM Chaplet of Divine Mercy led by Cardinal Burke, 3:15 PM Benediction, 3:30 PM Blessing with first-class relic of St. Faustina. Confessions will be heard in English and Spanish from 9:15 AM - 3:30 PM. Car shuttles will be available for pilgrims from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. For more information, please call the Shrine at (877) 799-4059.

Join us for a FREE showing of Fatima – The Movie – Apr 25-29

We are hearing a lot about Pope Francis' consecration of Russia and Ukraine to Mary's Immaculate Heart. Why did he do this? What are the benefits of this? To understand this consecration, you need to understand the Church-approved apparitions of Mary at Fatima in 1917 when over 70,000 people gathered in a field in Fatima, Portugal and witnessed the 2nd greatest miracle ever to be seen. Do you know the story of Fatima?

Fatima – The Movie will be shown 5 times. Come to the showing that best fits your schedule and please invite your friends and family to join you.

- Monday, April 25 St. James the Less in Murphy Hall beginning at 9:00 am AND 6:00 pm
- Tuesday, April 26 St. Patrick's Parish in the Parish Hall beginning at 6:30 pm
- Thursday, April 28 St. Patrick's Parish in the Parish Hall beginning at 9:00 am
- Friday, April 29 St. Joseph the Workman, Cathedral in the Undercroft at 10:00 am

Aquinas Booster Club Chicken Q – Apr 27

April 27, 2022, 11:00am-6:00pm, Aquinas High School (Cass Street Parking Lot)

Cost - \$12/meal. Stop by Aquinas High School on April 27th beginning at 11am to order walk-up meals or contact any of the Aquinas school offices to purchase tickets ahead of time. The meal consists of a 1/2 chicken, coleslaw, potato salad, and bun. Walk-up meals are limited so be sure to stop by around lunchtime.



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.
- Consecration of Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.



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



Our Confirmation students attended a Retreat at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe on March 26, 2022. Our Confirmation Students are: **Emma Clements, Gabrielle Clements, Hutson Hendrickson, Grace Hundt, Martin Roesler, and Atticus Roman.**

The following summary was submitted by Emma Clements and edited for clarity.

Confirmation Retreat

The morning began with a short walk up hill to the Votive Chapel, where Mr. Noelke gave us a great summary of what the various windows symbolized. We then proceeded all the way up the hill to the Shrine. Upon arriving, Father Check gave a presentation on the Gospel.

His presentation was followed by the opportunity for Reconciliation, a very unique experience at the Shrine. Marty Roesler said, "Confession in the Shrine was very cool."

Confessions were followed by Mass and then a presentation by Father Gabriel. He shared with us the gifts of the Holy Spirit. After which, time was short and the day concluded by a brief tour by Ruben.

We all found the day very informative. Gabby Clements said, "My favorite part was the whole thing, it was very interesting!"

Confirmation Students on Retreat



Palm/Passion Sunday April 10th, 2022



What did Jesus do for me?

Use the code to colour in the picture and find out!

- skin colour
- a dark colour
- | red
- ◻ green
- ⌘ blue
- + brown

Holy Week

Today is the beginning of Holy Week, when we specially remember the last days of Jesus and His death on the cross.

The Sunday before Jesus died, He came riding into Jerusalem on a donkey. All the people cheered for Him. They laid down their cloaks and palm branches on the road to honour Him. That was Palm Sunday.

On the first Holy Thursday Jesus offered the first Mass ever. He took bread and wine and changed them into His Body and Blood and gave them to His Apostles to eat and drink. The same thing happens at every Mass when the priest says Jesus' words at the Consecration. We don't see the bread or wine change, but they are still really Jesus, offering Himself to God for us.

Good Friday is the day that Jesus died on the cross. The leaders of the Jews got the people to turn against Him. After an unfair trial, Jesus was whipped harshly and made to carry a cross up a hill. Then He was nailed to the cross and hung there until He died. Only His mother and a few of His friends were with Him.

Jesus was God and could have stopped the people from killing Him, but He chose to die for you. Because we sin, we don't deserve to go to Heaven. Jesus died to take the punishment for our sins so that we could go to Heaven. That's why it's called "Good" Friday! What is something special you can do on Good Friday to make up for your sins and say "thank you" to Jesus?

What does the egg represent at Easter?

This past week our students learned all about it!



In case you are wondering—the egg can be seen as a symbol of the sealed tomb from which Christ emerged after his resurrection, just as the chick emerges from the closed egg. Also, from ancient times it was seen as a symbol of new life. Pictured here are some of our students as they enjoyed decorating and learning!

