

# St. Joseph Ridge Parish

W2601 State Rd 33 • La Crosse • Wisconsin • 54601

April 24, 2022



## Third Sunday of Easter

[Jesus] said to him, "Follow me."  
~ John 21:19b



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

### CONFESSIONS

First Saturday after Mass or by appointment

### PARISH OFFICE

Amy Staflien, 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 Brown .....608-792-1006  
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**

**MONDAY, May 2nd**

St. Athanasius

-5:30pm - †Larry Silha

**TUESDAY, May 3rd**

SS Philip and James, Apostles

-5:00pm - Adoration

-5:30 pm - †Rudie and Lucy Kammel

**THURSDAY, May 5th**

Cinco de Mayo

-8:30am - †Eugene and Luella Leis

**SATURDAY, May 7th**

First Saturday

-8:30am - †Marvin Trinkes

**SATURDAY, May 7th**

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

Lector: Teresa Brown

Servers: Atticus Roman and Volunteer

Ushers: Volunteers

**SUNDAY, May 8th**

Fourth Sunday of Easter

-8:30am Mass - †George and Evelyn Miller

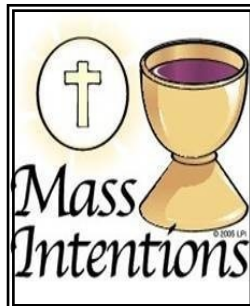
Lector: Sally Miller

Servers: Zachary Noronha and Zarina Noronha

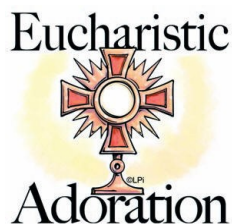
Ushers: Volunteers

**Mass Intentions 2022**

We have openings for **weekday** intentions: Aug 29, Sept 12, 27, & 29. Oct 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 Intentions envelopes are in the back of church.



**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held each Tuesday from 5:00pm until Mass at 5:30pm.**



**PARISH CALENDAR**

- **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
- **May 28/29 ~ Fr. Biju** taking PTO will have help out
- **June 1 ~ Fr. Biju's Birthday**

**Confessions**

First Sat. after Mass or by appointment (contact Fr. Biju directly to set up a time).



**Feed My Sheep**



**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.

WE ARE THE DIOCESE	DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2021-2022		
	4/29/2022	Total Pledged	Total Payments
	Pledged/Received	\$21,010.00	\$20,750.00
	Target Amount	\$21,850.00	\$21,850.00
	<b>Under Target</b>	<b>(\$840.00)</b>	<b>(\$1,100.00)</b>
	Number of families contributing: 52		
	Percent goal pledged: 96.16%/Received: 94.97%		

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**GIFT'S RETURNED TO GOD**

Last Week in Giving—182 envelope holders



Adult Envelopes(31):	\$2012.00
Offertory:	\$448.00
Easter Envelopes(3):	\$55.00
DCCW Collection:	\$373.00

**Thank You!**

**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.

FROM THE PASTOR



Third Sunday of Easter

This weekend we have yet another post-Resurrection appearances of Jesus reported by St John. In the Gospel we find the disciples are no longer in Jerusalem; they are in Galilee, returning to their work of fishing. They spend the night fishing but are unsuccessful. Jesus comes to them asking "Children, have you caught anything to eat?" Not recognizing Him they answered him, "No." So He said to them, "Cast the net over the right side of the boat and you will find something." They follow the stranger's instructions and bring in a large haul of fish. The disciples have brought to shore a tremendous catch of fish that Jesus has directed them to find. But once on the shore, they see that Jesus has already prepared fish and bread on a charcoal fire. Jesus directs the disciples to bring their catch of fish as well. Jesus is host at the meal that follows, feeding the disciples the bread and fish. In every Eucharist, we too are fed by Jesus in the bread and wine that have become his very Body and Blood.

This weekend one of our Religious Education students will receive the precious Body and Blood of Christ for the first time along with the students of St. Peter Parish. Please pray for **Rylee Senzing** as she joins us at the table of the Lord. Also on Wednesday the 4th of May at the Cathedral in La Crosse the following students will be confirmed by Bishop Callahan – **Emma Clements, Gabrielle Clements, Hutson Hendrickson, Grace Hundt, Martin Roesler and Atticus Roman**. Please keep all our students in your prayers. I take also this opportunity to thank their teachers not only those who were involved with these students, but all the catechists and CREs for their hard work and dedication with which they have guided these children in faith.

May 8th is Mother's Day. On that weekend, we will have two special guests who will be visiting us from Eau Claire-Serena and Robert Foley. I met them while in Eau Claire. They are good friends of mine. Serena is a harpist and will be playing her instrument during Mass next weekend. A special tribute to all the mothers of our parish for their hard work and love. I like to extent to Foley's a warm welcome. Have a great weekend.

Live Jesus, Fr. Biju



"Breakfast on the Beach" by Peter Koenig

PARISH NEWS continued

Parish Breakfast—this Sunday—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-proceeds to help with the purchase of new choir books. Please join us for this social event.



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.

Cemetery Flower Order Closing

If you missed last weeks deadline, you may be in luck. Contact Dave Brown at 608-792-1006 or the Parish office at 608-788-1646 if you would still like to order.



Open Position

Parish Administrative Assistant (Secretary/Bookkeeper)

Amy has officially resigned and will conclude her time here the first week of June, we are seeking an immediate replacement to ensure a smooth transition.

The work will involve 10-20 hours per week based on need to complete tasks. The overall function is to assist the pastor in his administration of the Parish. This includes, but not limited to secretarial and bookkeeping duties.

The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skill and or ability needed.

- High level of integrity, diplomacy and initiative
- Able to organize, prioritize, multitask and work with minimal supervision
- Excellent communication skills
- Professional confidentiality and discretion regarding financial and personal information
- Knowledge of administrative and clerical procedures
- Competent computer skills strongly desired along with knowledge of systems such as Microsoft Office Suite and Quickbooks desktop and online
- Able to design forms and perform other office procedures and use appropriate professional terminology.
- Proficient with Publisher to create the weekly bulletin, then print, mail, and/or email to parishioners
- Possess the capacity to learn software systems followed by the Diocese such as ParishSoft
- Intake, schedule, and manage Mass Stipends
- Able to process and maintain all financial and accounting records, including payroll.
- Willing to assist the pastor in preparing a budget and accounting reports for the Finance Council.
- Able to pass a background check and be willing to be fingerprinted

Send a letter of interest with a short resume to: Fr. Biju, W2601 State Road 33, La Crosse, WI 54601 or email [sjrp2601@gmail.com](mailto:sjrp2601@gmail.com). For questions you may call the parish office at 608-788-1646

## DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS cont'd

### Healthy Living with Diabetes Workshop—Starts May 9

Gundersen Lutheran Health System is offering a 6 week virtual workshop starting May 9 through June 20 on Mondays from noon until 2:30 PM. This is a researched and proven program to help you live healthy. Only \$30. Pre-register by calling 608-775-6870 or visit: [Gundersenhealth.org/living-well](http://Gundersenhealth.org/living-well).

**St. Joseph Ridge Community Blood Drive** will be on Monday, May 9th from 1-6 PM, at the town hall (N1800 Town Hall Road). Our local luncheon group will be back in action, it will be nice to see some familiar faces again. Appointments encouraged but not required. Please call Kathie at 608-788-3147 OR online: [bit.ly/springmay9](http://bit.ly/springmay9)

### Chicken-Que - May 12

Mary, Mother of the Church Parish, 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, will be holding a Chicken-Que on Thursday, May 12, from 11:00 - 6:00 p.m. for pick up and delivery only. The price is \$12 and includes a half chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, homemade beans and a dinner roll. For pre-sale tickets (guaranteed) and deliveries, call (608) 518-6145. No minimum order and no delivery charge. Enter at Weston Street driveway.

### Chicken-Q - May 18

Chicken-Q and Bake Sale at Holy Trinity Parish, 1333 So. 13th Street, La Crosse. Wednesday, May 18, Serving 11:00 am-5:30 pm  
1/2 Chicken, Coleslaw, Beans, Roll \$10.00. Carry-out, Drive-Through and Delivery. Chicken Phone 608-782-2028 Ext. 2

### Bus trips to the Fireside Dinner Theatre in Fort Atkinson - Jun 18

June 18 - What Happens in Vegas, featuring an all-new live band show featuring Stave Watts and the Fireside Band. Cost is only \$100 per person. New feature - choice of one of three lunch entrees. Contact Arlene Young at 608-788-3440 for more information and to sign up.

### SPIRITUS Missionary Opportunity!

Do you know a young adult who lives out their faith and is eager to share it with others? SPIRITUS is looking for Catholic young adults, between 20-29, to join the SPIRITUS missionary team this August. SPIRITUS ignites the faith in thousands of young Catholics through retreats and parish youth ministry each year! Missionaries live in community and travel to parishes and schools throughout Wisconsin; receiving training, formation, spiritual direction, lodging, food, a monthly allowance, health insurance and a \$3,000 stipend upon completion of the 9-month program. It is a unique opportunity to live out the mission of our Catholic faith, serve our Lord and help the next generation of Catholics grow in faith. For more info visit: <https://www.spiritusministries.org/beamissionary>

### 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/>

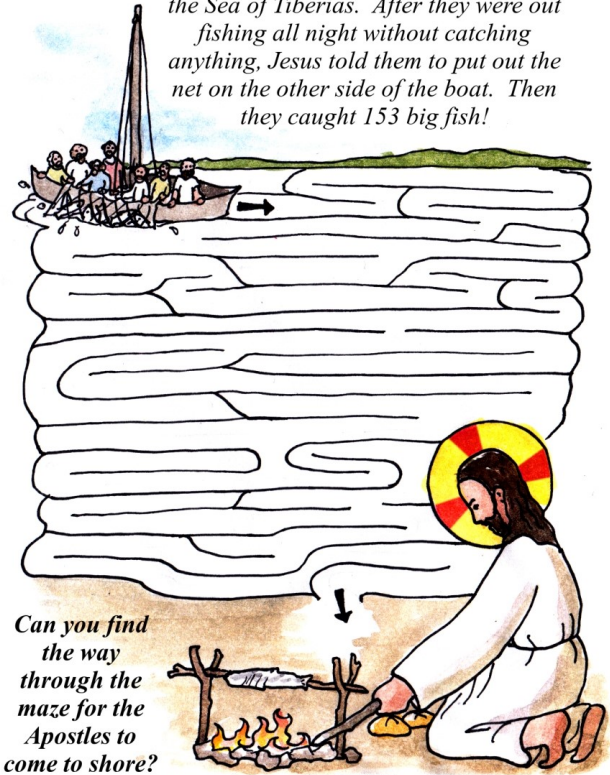
### Adventure Camp: June 26-July 1, 2022

We are excited that Adventure Camp is happening this year! This is for all students in grades 6-12. <https://diolc.org/yya/youth-opportunities/adventure-camp/>

## KIDS CORNER

### Third Sunday of Easter May 1st, 2022

*The third time that the Apostles saw Jesus after He rose from the dead was at the Sea of Tiberias. After they were out fishing all night without catching anything, Jesus told them to put out the net on the other side of the boat. Then they caught 153 big fish!*



## Do You Love Me?

If Jesus asked you today, "Do you love me?"



what would you say to Him? What would you do to show Him that you really do love Him? The best ways to love Jesus are talking to Him every day in prayer, and being good to the people around you- they are taking Jesus' place for you. Are you ready to show your love for Jesus?

### 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](mailto:sjrp2601@gmail.com)