



**PARISH INTENTIONS**

**MONDAY, May 9th**

Easter Weekday

-5:30pm - NO Mass

**TUESDAY, May 10th**

St. Damien de Veuster

-5:00pm - Adoration

-5:30 pm - NO MASS

**THURSDAY, May 12th**

SS Nereus and Achilleus and St. Pancras

-8:30am - NO MASS

**SATURDAY, May 14th**

Fifth Sunday of Easter

-4:00pm Mass - Our Parish Family

Lector: Dan Steiger

Servers: Atticus Roman and Volunteer

Ushers: Volunteers

**SUNDAY, May 15th**

Fifth Sunday of Easter

-8:30am Mass - †Curtis Strittmater

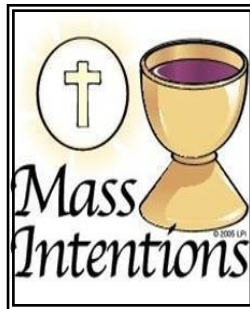
Lector: Emma Clements

Servers: Volunteers

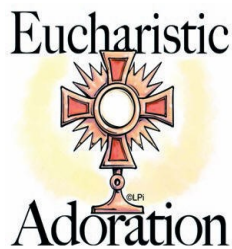
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**Mass Intentions 2022**

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 7/8** ~ Happy Mother's Day!
- **May 9-12** ~ NO weekday Mass
- **May 9** ~ Pastoral Council meeting canceled.
- **May 13** ~ Parish Office will be closed. Please have office/bulletin requests in by Tues. morning, May 9th
- **May 24**~Finance Council meeting 7 PM School Hall
- **May 27** ~ Parish Office will be closed. Please have office/bulletin requests in by Tues. morning May 25th
- **May 28/29** ~ Fr. Biju on mission appeal, welcome help out from Fr. Wolf
- **June 1** ~ Fr. Biju's Birthday



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Consult your tax advisor before making any decisions. If a QCD is for you, please consider St. Joseph Parish as your charity of choice.

Diocesan Annual Appeal 2021-2022		
5/6/2022	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(34): \$1775.00
- Offertory: \$137.00
- Easter Envelopes(1): \$100.00
- DCCW Envelope(1): \$20.00
- Breakfast/choir books: \$351.00



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.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Our Deepest Sympathy to Fr. Biju and his family on the passing of :

Thomas Chennala

Dad to Fr. Biju - who was called home on May 7, 2022

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16



FROM THE PASTOR



The Fourth Sunday of Easter

The fourth Sunday of Easter traditionally remembers Jesus, the Good Shepherd. In today’s brief but powerful gospel passage, Jesus speaks about himself as our shepherd. Jesus said: “My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father’s hand. The Father and I are one.” How appropriate that we hear this Gospel passage on Mother’s Day. Jesus compares himself to a shepherd, guiding and protecting us. He promises the sheep of his flock that he will forever hold them securely in his hand. How fortunate we are to have had mothers who have guided us, protected us, loved us, and held us, who have treated us with the tender loving care of the Good Shepherd. At each of our Masses this weekend, we will give a special blessing to mothers and those who show a mother’s love to others.

This weekend is also World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Our Holy Father Pope Francis has declared this Good Shepherd Sunday to be a World Day of Prayer for Vocations. It’s a day of prayer for all vocations in the Church but in a particular way for vocations to the ordained ministry of priesthood and diaconate and to the consecrated life of religious women and men. What does it mean for us? Pray that the Lord of the harvest will send laborers into the fields to bring to him a holy and dedicated people. We also remind ourselves as a member of the Church to foster vocations.

Last week we concluded the religious education program for the last academic year. We had our first communion last Sunday together with the May crowning. Last Wednesday our students who were preparing themselves for confirmation was confirmed by our Rev Bishop Callahan. I like to thank all those catechists who were volunteers who helped our little children to grow in faith. It’s a pure gift from the heart to be dedicated volunteers. Thank you for your time and talents.

Please welcome Msgr. Hundt this weekend and unfortunately, Serena and Robert Foley will no longer be assisting with harp music due to my absence. Please keep my father and family in your prayers.

Have a blessed weekend.

Live Jesus, Fr. Biju

PARISH NEWS

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

Newman Connection for those entering college/university this fall



Most new college students want to find a place to belong. The problem is, many struggle to find great friends that share their faith. One way to find connection is by signing up for the Newman Connection at: <https://www.newmanministry.com/campuses> They will be connected through daily inspiring emails, campus prayer, and a developing authentic community online, Newman meets students where they’re at and helps them grow in their faith, every day.

With Gratitude—our 2021-2022 Catechists and CRE’s

- Sherry Hougom—1st Grade
- Kathy Leis—2nd Grade
- Becca Amundson—3rd & 8th Grade
- Stacy Burns—Co-CRE, 5th Grade
- Mary Reek—6th Grade
- Ann O’Donnell—7th Grade
- Terry Dickman—9th Grade
- Jim Weber—10th Grade



**DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS cont'd**

**KIDS CORNER**

**May is Older Americans Month!**

Join the Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) of La Crosse County throughout the month to discover local resources on aging in place. See the flyer in back of the church for details. Free meals are served every Friday in May. Registration for meal required, call ADRC at 608-785-5700.

**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.

**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! Aquinas Catholic Schools is a Christ-centered family devoted to nurturing students of all faiths through educational excellence in its vibrant Catholic tradition. Contact [info@aquinasschools.org](mailto:info@aquinasschools.org) with any questions or visit [www.aquinascatholicsschools.org/enrollment](http://www.aquinascatholicsschools.org/enrollment) to get started.

**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/>

**Single and Catholic?**

We know about the married and religious vocations, but what about the baptismal vocation we all have? Join us this June for a 4-week online interactive series that will help equip you to more fully discover and effectively live your baptismal vocation! Capacity is limited. Sign up today. For more information and to register visit: <https://nationalcatholicsingles.com/mission-possible-living-your-baptismal-vocation/>

**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/yva/youth-opportunities/adventure-camp/>

**Jesus' Sheep Word Puzzle**

Use the words in the list to fill in the blanks.  
Use the numbered letters to fill in the blanks at the very end.

Jesus \_\_\_\_\_<sup>4</sup> John 10:27-30  
"My sheep hear my voice;  
I \_\_\_\_\_<sup>3</sup> them  
and they \_\_\_\_\_<sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_<sup>7</sup>  
I give them eternal life;  
and they shall never \_\_\_\_\_<sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_.  
and no one can take them out of my \_\_\_\_\_<sup>12</sup>.  
My Father, who has \_\_\_\_\_<sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_<sup>10</sup> them to me,  
\_\_\_\_\_<sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_<sup>6</sup> than all,  
and no one can take \_\_\_\_\_<sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
out of the Father's hand.  
The \_\_\_\_\_<sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_<sup>11</sup> and I \_\_\_\_\_<sup>11</sup> one."

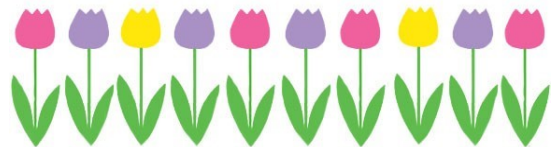
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|---------|------|--------|
| FOLLOW  | ME   | FATHER |
| GIVEN   | SAID | KNOW   |
| PERISH  | IS   | HAND   |
| GREATER | THEM | ARE    |



Jesus is the

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1 2 3 4  
\_\_\_\_\_  
5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

Answer: Good Shepherd.



**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)