

St. Joseph Ridge Parish

W2601 State Road 33 • La Crosse • Wisconsin • 54601

May 22, 2022



PASTOR

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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
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 23rd

Easter Weekday

-5:30pm - †Larry Silha

TUESDAY, May 24th

Easter Weekday

-5:00pm - Adoration

-5:30 pm - †Ken Hess

THURSDAY, May 26th

Easter Weekday

-8:30am - †Stanley Hundt

SATURDAY, May 28th

The Ascension of the Lord

-4:00pm Mass - †Ettie Kammel

Lector: Kathy Leis

Servers: John Mashak and Volunteer

Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, May 29th

The Ascension of the Lord

-8:30am Mass - Our Parish Family

Lector: Donna Clements

Servers: Volunteers

Ushers: Volunteers

PARISH CALENDAR

- **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 24th
- **May 28/29** ~ Fr. Biju on mission appeal, welcome help out from Fr. Wolf
- **May 30** ~ Memorial Day
- **June 1** ~ Fr. Biju's Birthday



Emergency Aid for Ukraine

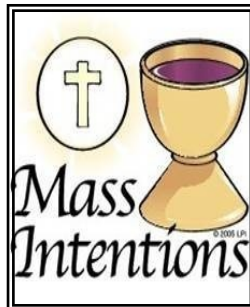
GIVE NOW

Ongoing...Help Ukraine through Chalice of Mercy!

Valentyna Pavsyukova is the founder of Chalice of Mercy mission to Ukraine and a member of our diocese. She is working to get humanitarian aid to the suffering Ukraine's citizens and soldiers. You can donate financially by making your check out to Chalice of Mercy and dropping your donation to Immaculate Conception or by going to <https://chaliceofmercy.org/donation/>. To learn more about Valentyna and the beautiful mission of Chalice of Mercy, visit www.chaliceofmercy.org.

Mass Intentions 2022

We have openings for **weekday** intentions: Oct 17, 24 & 31. Nov 10, 15, & 21. Dec 5, 12, 19, 22, 27, & 29. The only open **First Saturdays**, 8:30 AM is Oct 1. **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.

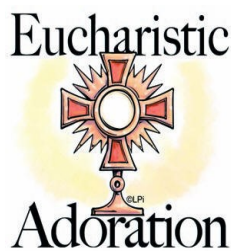


Confessions

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



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



Diocesan Annual Appeal 2021-2022		
5/20/2022	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Received	\$21,165.00	\$20,935.00
Target Amount	\$21,850.00	\$21,850.00
Under Target	(\$685.00)	(\$915.00)
Number of families contributing: 53		
Percent goal pledged: 96.86%/Received: 95.81%		

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.

GIFT'S RETURNED TO GOD

Last Week in Giving—182 envelope holders

- Adult Envelopes(31): \$1505.00
- Offertory: \$203.00
- Ascension (1): \$20.00
- DCCW(1): \$5.00
- Bequests/Memorials(1): \$0.95



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.

WEEKEND READINGS

SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2022

- 1) Acts 15:1-2, 22-29
- 2) Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23
- 3) John 14:23-29

FOCUS: As our Easter journey continues, may the promise of the Holy Spirit give us hope and strength. Our Gospel brings us back to the Last Supper. Knowing his disciples will need encouragement for the events that lie ahead, Jesus grants them the gift of peace and the promise of the Spirit. We also need those gifts as we strive to live the Gospel life and be faithful to Christ.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The early Church – under the guidance of the Holy Spirit – debates whether the Gentiles should be forced to abide by Jewish ways and customs. John describes a stunning vision of the holy city Jerusalem with its walls, gates, inscriptions, and the glory of God giving it light. In the Gospel, Jesus grants his disciples the gift of peace and the promise of the Spirit, who will teach and remind them of all he taught them.

PARISH NEWS



Parish Administrative Assistant (Secretary/Bookkeeper)

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. For questions you may call the parish office at 608-788-1646

PARISH NEWS continued

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.

DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS

Catholic Charities Warming Center

From November 1 to March 31, 224 individuals experiencing homelessness came through our doors needing 3,937 nights of service! Thanks to all who supported our mission and to all of the volunteers who cooked, worked intake, offered assistance and compassion to guests, who cleaned, and who cared for our guests. Your time and concern for members of our community who are experiencing homelessness was greatly appreciated.

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.

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/>

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/>

Calling all current middle school boys! Jun13-15

Bring yourself and a friend Monday, June 13 – Wednesday, June 15 to St Lawrence Seminary High School in Mt Calvary, WI for three days of field olympics, games, team building, and prayer. You're sure to have a blast living in our dorms, eating lots of food, and making new friends! Cost is \$50 and includes housing and food. Transportation is available from select cities throughout the state. Register at www.stlawrence.edu/retreats

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/>

DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS cont'd

Aquinas Golf Outing – Jul 6

The 33rd annual Aquinas Golf Scramble is a great way to have fun with friends in support of Aquinas Catholic Schools. Year after year, golfers have a great time generating \$20,000 for need-based tuition assistance benefiting families at all of our Aquinas Catholic Schools. Date: Wed, July 6, 2022. Place: The Golf Club at Cedar Creek. 2600 Cedar Creek Ln., Onalaska. Fees: \$120 per person, \$360 per team. Special team pricing is available if combined with a hole sponsorship. Fee includes greens fees, practice range, motorized cart, participant gift item, catered lunch, drink tickets, and more.

Healing Conference—Jul 16

Bringing the Gift of God’s Mercy to the World!

Dr. Mary Healy through the generous donation of a donor presents this free Healing Conference! Join us Saturday, July 16, 2022 at Mary Mother of the Church Parish in La Crosse for this Healing Conference: Bringing the Gift of God’s Mercy to the World! featuring Dr. Mary Healy. Dr. Healy is professor of Sacred Scripture at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit, an international speaker and author. Most importantly, Mary speaks at a level that everyone can understand. All are welcome. This Healing Conference is hosted by Living Water! Prayer Community. For questions, contact Deacon Kent Jacobson at livingwaterprayercommunity@gmail.com. When we, or a family member or friend, are faced with an injury or illness, physical or emotional, our thoughts turn to God in prayer for healing. We want to believe that God will grant healing, but we wonder. And if we as Catholics have doubts, what does this mean to a hurting world, also in need of healing? Dr. Mary Healy will answer such questions as:

- Is Jesus still healing people today?
- Are these healings real and do they last?
- How do we know if God wants us to pray for healing?
- Isn't God asking us to endure suffering and hardships instead of asking for healing?
- How can we pray for healing?
- Can my broken heart be healed as well as my body?

Note: Meals will not be provided, but coffee, water and snacks will be available. If you bring your own lunch, perhaps bring some to share. A list of nearby eateries will be located at the information table. Sessions start at 8:30am - 3:15pm with a healing service at 6:30pm. No registration, No charge! Just come... Jesus is calling!

Hallow -The #1 Catholic prayer, meditation & sleep app worldwide

Are you looking for some quiet and prayerful time with God? Do you need 5-minutes of prayer during the day with a Scripture passage read to you in a calm voice? Do you need something peaceful to help you fall asleep? There are choices, so find what works best for you. Hallow is simple, of high quality, intentionally designed and free. Visit hallow.com

Fellowship of Catholic University Students—FOCUS Fundraiser

This summer, Zach Kostecki and 14 of his fellow students will be spending their summer break in Yucatan (Mexico) on a FOCUS Medical Mission trip. Zach is seeking partners who will help FOCUS to make the trip possible. He kindly requests your prayers and financial assistance as he has taken on the responsibility to raise the \$2,100 he needs to afford the trip. If you would like to join his mission support team, simply go online and donate at <http://tinyurl.com/2p8ma7zr>. Gifts made online and checks payable to FOCUS are tax-deductible, charitable gifts. To contact Zach directly you may call 715-574-0450 or email: zjkostecki@gmail.com. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

KIDS CORNER

Gospel Match-up

*How well do you know today's Gospel?
See if you can match up the parts of the sentences.*

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| 1. If a man loves me, he | ● | ● | A. make our home with him. |
| 2. My Father | ● | ● | B. is my gift to you. |
| 3. We will come to him and | ● | ● | C. will not keep my words. |
| 4. He who does not love me | ● | ● | D. will keep my word. |
| 5. These things I | ● | ● | E. have spoken to you, while I am still with you. |
| 6. The Holy Spirit | ● | ● | F. will love him... |
| 7. A peace that the world cannot give, this | ● | ● | G. will teach you all things. |

Answers: 1.D, 2.F, 3.A, 4.C, 5.E, 6.G, 7.B.

It's Graduation Time!

Heavenly Father,

Surround those who are graduating with your grace. Bless them with hope so that they move into the future with eager and open hearts. Help them to put the knowledge, skills, and insights gained through their education for the good of all mankind. Inspire them to believe in the goodness of life even when faced with challenges and difficulties. As they commence with their lives, may they grow even more grateful and wise. Amen.



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.

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