

July 24, 2022



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, July 23

~4:00pm Mass ~

†Stanley Hundt

Lector: Jim Weber

Servers: Volunteers

Ushers: Volunteers



SUNDAY, July 24

~8:30am Mass ~ Our Parish Family

Lector: Dan Steiger

Servers: Volunteers

Ushers: Volunteers

MONDAY, July 25

~5:30pm ~ †Marlene Roesler

TUESDAY, July 26

~5:00pm - Adoration

~5:30 pm ~ †George & Evelyn Miller

THURSDAY, July 28

~8:30am ~ Mark & Lorraine Malin
Wedding Anniversary

SATURDAY, July 30

~4:00pm Mass ~ †Brent & Carli Clements

Lector: Kathy Leis

Servers: Volunteers

Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, July 31

~8:30am Mass ~ †Angeline Dickman

Lector: Sally Miller

Servers: Volunteers

Ushers: Volunteers



PARISH CALENDAR

- **July 23** ~ Mikshowsky/Lucey Wedding
- **August 2** ~ No Weekday Mass
- **August 6** 8:30 am mass ~ Anointing of the Sick Sacrament available after mass, please contact Fr Biju to schedule
- **August 8-12** ~ Fr. Biju on Retreat
- **August 16** ~ 7:00 Pastoral Council Meeting
- **August 20-21** ~ Fr. Woody Pace will be the Priest for masses for the Mission Appeal.
- **August 20** ~ Dolores Knobloch 90th Birthday



GIFT'S RETURNED TO GOD

Last Week in Giving—182 envelope holders

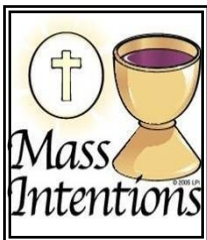


Adult Envelopes(34): \$1,943.00

Offertory: \$ 146.00

Thank You!

Mass Intentions 2022



We have openings for **weekday** intentions: Dec 5th & 19th . All **First Saturdays** are full for 2022. 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 Saturday after Mass
or by appointment

Please contact Fr. Biju
directly to set up a time.



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.

St. Peters Catholic Church—Middle Ridge Mass Times

Saturday—8:00 pm and Sunday 10:00 am

Wednesday and Friday —8:00 am

First Friday of each month—Anointing of the Sick after mass

FROM THE PASTOR



17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The people of Sodom and Gomorrah sinned and their sins were so great that God intended to destroy them. It was just for God to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah for their sins. But we find the twist when Abraham pleads with God for them. He even goes to the extent of bargaining with God to save few righteous people in Sodom and Gomorrah, including his nephew Lot and his family. This dialogue between God and Abraham should not lead us to believe Abraham changed God's mind (or that we can do that). God is unchangeable and knows all things. While Abraham's petitioning didn't change God's mind, it revealed God's mercy. God replied, "For the sake of those ten...I will not destroy it," (Genesis 18: 32).

In this weekend's gospel we reflect more on prayer. Jesus teaches his disciples (including us!) how to pray. In response to his disciples' request to teach them to pray, Jesus gives them a model of prayer which, because it comes from the Lord himself, has come to be known as the Lord's Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer begins by focusing on God, His nature, and His work in the world. This teaches us that our prayers should focus first on God, through praising and thanking Him. Only then, do we turn to our requests. "Give us each day our daily bread". We can have assurance that when we ask, He will answer. Even if we don't get what we want, God does give us the best needed. In fact, the ultimate and best gift He gives us is Himself, his companionship and presence. Finally, our prayers should include confessing our sins to the Lord and asking for forgiveness. It's about getting reconciled with oneself, others and God. It makes our relationship with our "Abba" Father right. The more time we spend in prayer, the closer our relationship is with God. We will come to know who God is and who we are in His eyes.

Let us not grow weary of calling upon the Lord, waiting on Him and persevering in our prayer and faith. Jesus tells us "Ask and you will receive, seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened to you," (Luke 11: 9). The challenge for us is to remain steadfast and persevering in seeking and maintaining right relationship with God.

Congratulations and God's blessings to Josh and Breanna who will receive the sacrament of matrimony this weekend.

Have a great weekend
Live Jesus

Fr. Biju, MSFS



PARISH NEWS



Joshua Lucey
&
Breanna Mikshowskey
Receiving the
Sacrament of Matrimony
July 23rd

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

Father Biju will be available for anointing of the sick after the first Saturday mass of each month. Please contact him directly if you or a family member would like to receive the sacrament.

Father Biju will also be available at St Peter's Parish Middle Ridge after the first Friday mass of each month.



DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS

Pedey Golf Scramble

The MMOC Men's Club cordially invites you to the "Pedey" Golf Scramble held on Friday, August 26. Registration begins at 11:00 am and the event starts at noon. The cost for a four person team is \$400 which includes 18 holes, a golf cart and boxed lunch. Please deliver checks no later than August 15 to 2006 Weston St. made payable to MMOC Men's Club. We hope you can join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship.

A special opportunity for you and for our parish!!

James Cherf, owner of By James Galleries, would like to give you the opportunity to help your parish while putting artwork in your home. Between August 17th and September 17th, 75% of the sale of any piece of artwork will be donated to your parish by James as he sells off his entire inventory at 111 South 5th Street. Just let him know the name of your intended parish at the time of the purchase and he will send a check!! Store hours are Wednesday through Friday from noon to 5:00pm and Saturday from 10:00am to 2:00pm and by appointment.

Help Catholic Charities love our neighbor in need

Catholic Charities reaches out to our neighbor in need in so many ways, from providing shelter to the homeless in our midst, to giving hope and support to moms before and after birth, to working with married couples looking to adopt, to assisting the poor and people with disabilities. Find out more, and how you can help, at www.cclse.org.



DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS cont'd

ORGAN RECITAL

The third in a series of three summer organ recitals will be performed here at the Cathedral on Sunday August 7 at 3:30 by Samuel Holmberg, principal organist at the Basilica of St. Mary in Minneapolis. He is a graduate of the Eastman School of Music and Luther College and was formerly the director of music at St. Peter Cathedral in Marquette, Michigan. The recital will be about one hour in duration. Admission is free; a freewill offering will be accepted. Ample parking available. An opportunity to hear great organ music performed on our magnificent Noack organ!

Cardinal Jean-Claude Hollerich of Luxembourg will make an historic pastoral visit to La Crosse celebrating Mass at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in La Crosse on August 9, 2022 at 5:00 pm. All are welcome. The Luxembourg/American Descendants of the La Crosse Region will host a reception following the Mass at Viterbo Fine Arts Center. Advanced reservations for the reception are \$30.00 per person. For more information contact S. Carrie Kirsch at ckirsch@fspa.org

Do you know someone in your life that you think would make a good priest? Have you ever told them that? If not, you should! A significant, contributing factor to young men discerning the priesthood has been the invitation and encouragement they receive from others, particularly parents, teachers, mentors and role models. Don't be afraid to tell a young man that they would make a good priest, as that may be just what they have been waiting for. Once you encourage them, don't hesitate to put them in contact with me to continue that conversation. I can be reached at: Fr. Nate Kuhn, Director of Vocational Recruitment for the Diocese of La Crosse, 3710 East Ave. S. PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602; or by phone at: 608.791.2667. God bless you!



Inspiration for the week:

Ultimately, what does God promise to give us when we pray? The short answer to that question is God. God promises to give Himself to us in prayer. Prayer is about union with God, not receiving favors. When God comes to us in prayer, His presence comes with faith, hope, and love. When we find these virtues enhanced and nurtured, we know that our prayer has been heard and answered. When we seek out, listen to, and live by these virtues we find ourselves led back to God and more united with the Divine Presence. We struggle with what we want God to do and how we want our prayer validated. That's what makes Jesus' prayer, the Our Father, so perfect.

"Prayer is not a task to perform but a relationship to enjoy."

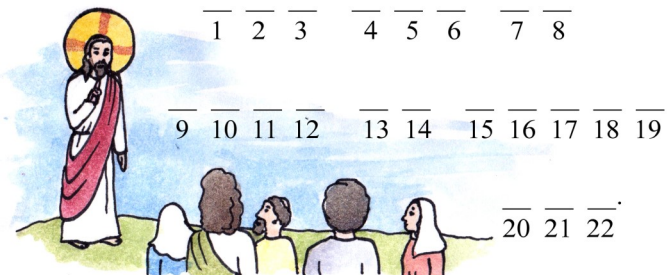
It celebrates a deepening intimate relationship of trust between our Creator and us. When we persistently cry out for God in love, how can that prayer go unanswered?

KIDS CORNER

The Lord's Prayer

Fill in the blanks to complete the "Our Father."
Use the letters from the numbered boxes to fill in the blanks at the end.

Our ⁴ ¹⁷ ⁵ ¹⁹ ¹⁴ ¹ ³ ¹³ ¹⁵ ⁷ ²⁰ ²¹ ¹⁶ ⁹ ⁸ ¹² ² ²² ⁶ ¹¹ ¹⁸ ¹⁰



Praying Together as a Family

An important component of summer is taking the time for your family to pray together each day. Check out the downloadable prayer card for each grade level. This simple process helps prayer to become more personal. Visit diolc.org/prayer. "The family that prays together stays together."



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