

St. Joseph Ridge Parish

W2601 State Road 33 • La Crosse • Wisconsin • 54601

August 7, 2022



The Parable of the Watchful Servants

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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*“You also must be prepared,
for at an hour
you do not expect,
the Son of Man will Come.”*

LUKE 12:40

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

Barb Mikshowsky.....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)

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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, August 6

~8:30am Mass ~ †Marvin Trinkes

~4:00pm Mass ~ †Janice Cavadini

Lector: Donnie Weber

Servers: Volunteers

Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, August 7

~8:30am Mass ~ †William, Rosie, Frank, & Dennis LeJeune

Lector: Dan Steiger

Servers: Volunteers

Ushers: Volunteers

MONDAY, August 8

NO Mass

TUESDAY, August 9

NO Mass or Adoration

THURSDAY, August 11

No Mass

SATURDAY, August 13

~4:00pm Mass ~ Our Parish Family

Lector: Kathy Leis

Servers: Volunteers

Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, August 14

~8:30am Mass ~ †William & Ida Bahr

Lector: Jim Weber

Servers: Volunteers

Ushers: Volunteers



PARISH CALENDAR

- August 8-12 ~ Fr. Biju on Retreat.
No weekday masses
- August 15~5:30 pm Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 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 Party at Greenfield Town Hall from 11:00 to 4:00
- September 5 ~ Labor Day
- September 14 ~ Religious Education Classes begin

The Feast of the Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary



Please join to celebrate the feast of the Assumption on Monday, August 15th at 5:30 pm: Holy Mass. Christians have believed for more than a millennium that the Blessed Virgin was assumed into heaven. In 1950, Pope Pius XII issued Munificentissimus Deus, which officially defined the dogma of the Assumption. This means that the Church officially recognizes this belief as a true and necessary part of our catholic beliefs about Mary. Although, not a day of obligation this year, let us join to express our devotion to our heavenly Mother.

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.

GIFT'S RETURNED TO GOD

Last Week in Giving—182 envelope holders



Adult Envelopes(29):	\$1,695.00
Offertory:	\$ 237.00
Votive candles	\$ 25.00

Thank You!

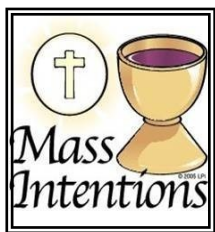
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Please contact Fr. Biju directly to set up a time.



Mass Intentions



Mass Intentions are full for the remainder of 2022. We are accepting contributions for next year—2023. Any questions contact the parish office 788-1646 or sjrp2601@gmail.com. Mass Intentions envelopes are in the back of church.

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



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Christian life on earth is a preparatory period to meet our Savior Jesus. Jesus' instructions on how to be ready for the coming judgment continue in the stories and sayings found in today's Gospel.

One of the ways to be ready for the coming judgment is to be watchful. We must be like servants waiting for the master's return from a wedding banquet. We must be watchful so that even if the master comes after midnight, we will be ready for him. This is what the coming of the Son of Man will be like.

Jesus uses two parables to make the point. One of them is the Parable of the Watchful Servants where Jesus encourages his disciples to be vigilant and ready for action as they wait for the coming of the Master. He will come is certain, but when he will come no one knows. The Lord comes unexpectedly into our lives everyday through events and people we meet. But the ultimate, unexpected coming of the Lord in our lives is the moment of death. We should be watchful to recognize the Lord and prepared to meet him in the little unexpected opportunities of everyday life. This is the best way to prepare for the ultimate encounter with the Lord at the hour of death.

This week beginning from Monday to Friday I will be out for my retreat in Dallas Texas. We will not have weekday masses. I will keep all of you in my prayers.

In case of any spiritual help, you may contact Msgr Hundt or Fr Joe Richards from Viroqua through the office staff.

Have a great weekend

Live Jesus

Fr. Biju, MSFS



PARISH NEWS

Religious Education Classes:

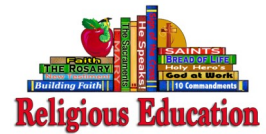
The following schedule will start

Wednesday, September 14th:

Grades 1 –5 ~ 6:00—7:05 pm

Grades 6—10 ~ 6:55—8:15 pm

More information will be mailed to families soon.



We are in need of a Fourth Grade teacher and a Seventh Grade teacher.

Please prayerfully consider this need and call Stacy Burns at 608-769-8828 if interested or just want a little more information.

We are also looking for a donation of an old or new bookshelf (around 5 ft wide and 4 ft high), and bulletin boards of all sizes, but especially a bigger one. Please call Stacy or the parish office, if you can help.



Dolores Knobloch will be celebrating her 90th Birthday Party at Greenfield Town Hall On Saturday, August 20th from 11:00 to 4:00 Open house with lunch!

DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS

Chris Stefanick to speak on Living Joy - Wednesday, August 24, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Chris Stefanick, an internationally-known speaker and author, will speak for the Witnesses for Christ Virtual Conference, on Wednesday, August 24th from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Join with other parishioners, or from the comfort of your own home, to listen to an important presentation about Joy. Every person is born looking for joy but joy isn't a luxury. It's a necessity and every heart is powered by it. Chris Stefanick will share the path to living joy, the joy that only Jesus Christ can give. Cost is \$10 per person and those who register will receive Chris's new book, "Living Joy" for free. To register and/or download a brochure visit diolc.org/witness-joy.

MISSION COOP APPEAL ~ August 20-21, 2022

St. Ambrose Nursing School—Uganda

Fr. Woodrow Pace from our diocesan Mission Office will be offering the Masses and giving a Mission Coop appeal the week-end of August 20-21 on behalf of Fr. Joseph Birungi for the St. Ambrose Nursing School in Hoima Diocese, Uganda. Fr. Birungi had unexpected spinal surgery and thus was unable to travel to the U.S. as planned.

In Uganda, Fr. Joseph has a parish of 26,500 parishioners. Due to an acute need for the training of nurses and midwives, he started and is responsible for a nursing school in addition to his parish ministry. With a nurse to patient ratio of 1:11,000, nurses in Uganda are very scarce, over-worked, and many people die because there are no nurses to attend to them. St. Ambrose Nursing School currently has 613 students (both men and women) studying to become nurses and midwives. The number of students keeps increasing and more space is needed to accommodate them. Consequently Fr. Joseph has started constructing another hostel which is at the roofing level. Donations are desperately needed to complete the roof and remaining construction. Every sacrifice no matter how big or small will make a big difference.

Please make checks payable to St. Joseph Parish with "Uganda Mission Coop" in the memo. Let us join hands with Fr. Joseph to train more nurses in Uganda and save as many lives as possible. Thank you very much in anticipation for your generosity.

May God bless you all.

DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS cont'd

KIDS CORNER

FIVE-WEEK SERIES: GRIEF CIRCLE (IN-PERSON)

Franciscan Spirituality Center

SEPTEMBER 6, 13, 20, 27 and OCTOBER 4

Tuesday, 10 a.m.-noon

Facilitator: Karna Marks

This group is for those who are grieving the death of a loved one. It is a welcoming place to share your thoughts, feelings and concerns, where you can talk about your loss with other people who understand, because they are also grieving. Sometimes friends and family, although well-intentioned, may not understand the meaning of your loss and the depth of your pain. The support of others on the same journey can provide a great deal of comfort and healing. Karna Marks is a trained spiritual director on staff at the FSC.

See poster in back of church. www.FSCenter.org (608) 791-5295

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Luke 12:32-48



Jesus tells us to be prepared for when He comes back. We don't know when that will be so we should always be ready. How long until this girl and boy see Jesus? Follow the maze and find out!

Catholic Charities Back 2 School Program Supplies Needed

***Items in red indicate high demand*

- Backpacks
- Scientific Calculators
- Binders
- Ear Buds/Head Phones
- Flash Drives
- Pencil Boxes/Bags
- Plastic folders
- Washable Markers (Thin and Thick)
- Kleenex
- Scissors (Blunt and Pointed)
- Loose Leaf Paper (College and Wide)
- EXPO Markers
- Clorox Wipes
- Glue Sticks
- Post-It Notes
- Index Cards
- School Snacks
- Notebooks (College and Wide)
- Colored Pencils
- Ziplock Bags (Gallon and Sandwich)
- Bottled Glue
- Pens
- Compass
- Crayons
- Erasers
- Rulers
- Protractors
- Highlighters
- Water Color Paints
- Napkins
- Paper Towels

Items can be dropped off at Catholic Charities (508 South 5th Ave) Mon through Thurs from 9a - 4 p

SAINT PATRICK'S SPARTA SUMMERFEST

Saint Patrick's Parish in Sparta will be hosting their annual Summerfest celebration on August 20th (11 am - 9 pm) at the Eagles Club in Sparta. The day includes food, raffles, silent auctions, children and family activities, bingo, cornhole tournaments, a bake sale and quilt sale, DJ music and raffles. The festive activities continue on August 21st from 9 am - 1 pm at St. Patrick's School and includes a chicken dinner, live auction and raffles. For more information: 608-269-2655 or <https://www.facebook.com/summerfestsparta/>.



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



"What do you treasure?" Of course, we all know the "right" answer: we treasure our faith, family, and friendships. But Jesus tells us in the Gospel passage from Luke how we can discover the honest answer to this question. He says, "For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be."

To discern what we treasure, we need to check our hearts. We can each ask ourselves, "Where do I spend most of my energy? Where do I find my thoughts dwelling? How do I

choose to spend my time when I find myself with a few spare moments? What do my spending habits reveal about my what is important to me?

As Christian stewards, we are called to live our lives in grateful response to all God has given us. Do I recognize and treasure these gifts?

