

PARISH INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, September 3

~8:30 am Mass ~ † Ken Hess
 ~4:00 pm Mass ~ † Ralph & Evelyn Mikshowsky
 Lector: Sally Miller
 Servers: Volunteers
 Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, September 4

~8:30am Mass ~ † Paulette Hundt
 Lector: Dan Steiger
 Servers: Volunteers
 Ushers: Volunteers

MONDAY, September 5 Labor Day

~5:30 pm ~ † Stanley Hundt

TUESDAY, September 6

~5:00 pm ~ Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 ~5:30 pm ~ † Mary Lueck

THURSDAY, September 8

~8:30 am ~ † Alois Rybicki, Jr

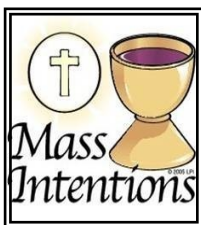
SATURDAY, September 10

~4:00 pm Mass ~ † John, Bernice, Steve, & Sam Mashak

Lector: Kathy Leis
 Servers: Volunteers
 Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, September 11

~8:30am Mass ~ Our Parish Family
 Lector: Paula Silha
 Servers: Volunteers
 Ushers: Volunteers



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.

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LORD, THIS LABOR DAY

POUR OUT AGAIN YOUR BLESSING AND STRENGTH ON ALL WHO WORK TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR OTHERS TO HAVE A BETTER LIFE!

PARISH CALENDAR

- **September 3** ~ Anointing of the Sick after 8:30 am mass
- **September 5** ~ Labor Day
- **September 7** ~ 6:00 pm Religious Ed Teacher Mtg. At the School hall
- **September 9** ~ Aquinas Fest
- **September 12** ~ 6:30 pm PCCW Meeting
- **September 14** ~ Religious Education Classes begin
- **September 21** ~ Rural Life Day
- **October 12** ~ St. Peter's Sauerkraut Supper

Confessions

First Saturday after Mass or by appointment

Please contact Fr. Biju to set up a time.



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.

Adoration
 of the
 Blessed Sacrament



Every Tuesday evening at 5:00 until mass at 5:30 pm

GIFT'S RETURNED TO GOD

Last Week in Giving—182 envelope holders



Adult Envelopes(26):	\$ 1,312.00
Offertory:	\$ 122.00
Assumption:	\$ 10.00
Mission Co-op Appeal(15)	\$ 485.00

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



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus is on the road, going from village to village to proclaim the coming of the Kingdom of God. Here he speaks of true *discipleship* Jesus explains that, when it comes to making a choice for the Kingdom of God, nothing can get in the way. When Jesus describes “hating” one’s father and mother, he is not talking about feelings. Rather, he is emphasizing very strongly that choosing to be a disciple means that everything else—family, money, your own life—must come second.

Jesus makes it very clear that being a disciple is not easy. It means to bear one’s own cross. These difficult sayings of Jesus are followed by two brief parables (a person constructing a tower and a king marching into battle) that make an obvious point—don’t start what you cannot finish. *Discipleship* is difficult and is something we can commit to only if we are prepared to put the Kingdom of God before everything else.

We have arrived at Labor Day weekend. It is appropriate that we ask God’s blessing upon all our endeavors, manual or otherwise. He has blessed our country with many natural resources and our citizens with the inventive ingenuity to put them to good use. Labor Day weekend reminds us that it’s the end of summer and the beginning of school for many. As they begin a new school year, prayers and blessings that they may be well prepared to be good and faithful citizens and just stewards of the blessings God has given.

Happy to announce that Bill Weber and Stacy Wieman have volunteered to teach the 4 th and 7 th grade students of CCD. Thanks to both for their generosity. Thanks also to all the other teachers and coordinators who will help our students.



Have a blessed week!

Live Jesus!

Fr. Biju, MSFS

PARISH NEWS

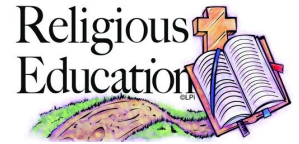
Religious Education Classes:

The following schedule will start Wednesday, September 14th:

Grades 1 –5 ~ 6:00—7:05 pm

Grades 6—10 ~ 6:55—8:15 pm

Religious Education Program would greatly appreciate a Bookshelf (around 5 ft wide and 4 ft high) and Bulletin boards of all sizes, especially a bigger one. Call Stacy Burns at 608-769-8828 , if you can provide either of these items.



“Thank you to the Teachers for providing their time and talents in educating our youth.”

And

“Thank you to the Hendrickson family and Mary Reeck for joining Stacy and Paula to clean the school hall in advance of the Religious Ed classes which start 9/14/22.”

Reminder for Food Donations:

Please bring any food donation to the back of church. These food items will be taken to a local food pantry to assist families in need.



If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, receiving the sacraments of First communion and/or Confirmation or just learning more about the Catholic Church, call Father Biju (715) 495-2338 or the parish office (608)788-1646.

DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS

~ Mary, Mother of the Church Chicken Q—September 8th

Serving 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.

~ Aquinas Fest—Friday, September 9th 3:00pm-8:00pm

Aquinas High School (Cameron Street & AHS Parking Lot) The Aquinas Catholic Schools Foundation is proud to present the 45th Annual Aquinas Fest! Aquinas Fest is the ACS Foundation's annual fundraiser for unrestricted operating income. You are invited to join Blugolds from near and far to support and celebrate!

~ First Responder Recognition Mass—September 11th

Emergency response personnel are invited to attend the 4th Annual Blue Mass on Sunday, September 11, at the 10:30 am Mass at St Patrick Parish in Onalaska. Participants should arrive between 9:50 and 10:10 am. Please call Steve Nott, for more details (608)783-5535 ext 8.

~ Beacon of Light and Hope Celebration – September 11th

Bishop Callahan is happy to announce that the restoration of the Cathedral, dedicated to St. Joseph the Workman, is complete. Giving thanks to God, Bishop Callahan will be celebrating Mass on Sunday, September 11 at 10:30 a.m. Food, fun, music, games, tours, trivia and other events to follow!

DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS cont'd

**~ Fall Adult Faith Formation Program Lectio:
The Case for Jesus**

On the verge of losing his faith, Dr. Brandt Pitre decided to answer the question "Do I really even believe in Jesus anymore?" If Jesus was God then he must remain a Christian. If not, there really was nothing to believe and Christianity itself really wasn't true. Through years of research Dr. Pitre has formed a solid case for belief in Jesus. In this class Dr. Pitre takes you on his journey of looking at worldly teachings which discredit Christianity and he shows how these teachings are wrong. Whether you've ever had any doubts yourself or you know of someone who does, this class is a must for understanding that Jesus is who He claimed to be, "the Son of God", and why we must follow Him and why He should be the Lord of our lives.

CLASSES BEGIN THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 18TH

In order to make this program more accessible, this class will be offered in multiple parishes. Each week you can go to the class that best fits your schedule.

Mondays 9:00 - 10:30 am St. James the Less (basement)

Tuesdays 6:30 - 8:00 pm St. Patrick's (basement)

Wednesdays 1:00 - 2:30 pm Holy Trinity (Leo Hall)

Thursdays 9:15 - 10:45 am St Patrick's (basement)

Fridays 10:30 - 12:00 Noon Cathedral (Undercroft)

Or sign up for a Home Study Option

Sign up online at www.stpatsonalaska.com or contact Amy

Capelli amy_capelli@charter.net or call (608)783-0847

~ Join us for Rural Life Day – September 21

The Diocese of La Crosse will hold its 41st annual Rural Life Day on Wednesday, September 21, hosted by Jack and Pat Herricks at 12130 Hwy. 33, Cashton, WI. Come celebrate the farmers in our midst, who benefit us all by their good stewardship of the land. The day begins with 10 a.m. Mass celebrated by Bishop William Patrick Callahan, followed by awards, recognitions, the blessing of crops and machinery, and a catered lunch. For a flyer or brochure, visit diolc.org/rural-life. For more information, contact Deacon Bob Zietlow, Rural Life Committee Liaison, rzietlow@diolc.org.

~40 Days for Life, La Crosse – Opening Rally Sept. 20

40 Days for Life is the largest internationally coordinated pro-life mobilization in history. This year we will stand in prayerful witness outside Planned Parenthood, 1201 Caledonia Street in La Crosse, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Sept. 28-Nov. 3. Attend the Opening Rally on Tues. Sept. 20, at 6:30 p.m. at the Black River Beach Neighborhood Center, 1433 Rose Street in La Crosse. Brian Gibson, Executive Director of Pro-Life Action Ministries, will be the featured speaker. Refreshments served. Sponsored by La Crosse Life League. Questions? Call Marie

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

- 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 & 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



ACTIVITY CORNER

Psalm 90 Word-Find

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See if you can find all the words from today's Psalm that are written in CAPITALS. The leftover letters tell what we are doing when we pray this Psalm.



A THOUSAND YEARS in thy sight are but as YESTERDAY when it is past, or as a WATCH in the NIGHT.

Thou dost SWEEP men AWAY; they are like a DREAM, like GRASS which is RENEWED in the morning; in the MORNING it flourishes and is renewed; in the EVENING it FADES and withers.

So teach us to number our DAYS that we may get a HEART of WISDOM. Return, O LORD! How long? Have PITY on thy SERVANTS!

SATISFY us in the morning with thy steadfast LOVE, that we may REJOICE and be GLAD all our days.

Stewardship Reflection:

Today's readings make very clear the demands that will be made of those wanting to be called disciples of Christ. Of course, first, we must be prepared to give our all to Him. But in the end, the life of discipleship — the stewardship way of life — is the only life that can truly satisfy.

In the Gospel passage from Luke, Christ says, "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple." Our Lord is speaking here not of emotions but instead of priorities. He must come first in all aspects of our lives. Period! He goes on. "Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." In other words, it's all or nothing. Compromise is not possible. Christ wants us to give ourselves, all aspects of our individual lives, our family life, and our parish over to Him and the pursuit of His kingdom. And when we think our Lord might soften His message to make it a little palatable, He goes further! "Anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.

"Why is our Lord being so demanding? Only because He knows us so well and loves us so much. He knows that if we do not live by putting Him first before all else, we will quickly be swallowed up by the earthly cares that weigh us down — our material things, our status, and our egos. He knows these things cannot satisfy us. He knows this because He is our Maker and made us for more. We are made to be His disciples, to seek after Him and His Kingdom. Embracing stewardship as a way of life allows us to count the cost and then run after Him with all our might.