

PARISH INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, September 12

~5:30 pm ~ † Nancy Kaiser

TUESDAY, September 13

~5:00 pm ~ Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
~5:30 pm ~ † Donald Burns, Sr.

THURSDAY, September 15

~8:30 am ~ † Lawrence Malzacher

SATURDAY, September 17

~4:00 pm Mass ~ † Jim Malin

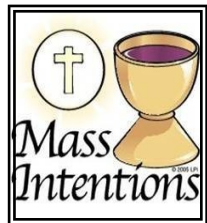
Lector: Bill Weber
Servers: Volunteers
Ushers: Volunteers



SUNDAY, September 18

~8:30am Mass ~ † Joseph & Clara Bina

Lector: Dan Steiger
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.

GIFT'S RETURNED TO GOD

Adult Envelopes(31):	\$1,165.00
Offertory:	\$ 233.00
Mission Co-op Appeal(15)	\$ 220.00



Thank You!

PARISH CALENDAR

- **September 12** ~ 6:30 pm PCCW Meeting
- **September 14** ~ Religious Education Classes begin
- **September 14** ~ Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- **September 21** ~ 6:00 pm Opening Mass for Rel Ed Students and Parents
- **September 21** ~ Rural Life Day
- **September 24** ~ March for Life
- **October 12** ~ St. Peter's Sauerkraut Supper

Confessions

First Saturday after Mass or by appointment

Please contact Fr. Biju to set up a time.



HAVE YOU PRAYED TODAY?



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

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

This weekend we reflect about three parables of Jesus. The lost sheep, the lost coin and the parable of the prodigal son. Luke in his Gospel account tells us that "tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear Jesus speak" (Luke 15:1). Wealthy tax collectors were despised by the Jews because they often forced the people to pay much more than was due. And sinners, like prostitutes and adulterers, were a scandal to public decency. The scribes and Pharisees took great offense at Jesus because he went out of his way to meet with tax collectors and public sinners and he treated them like they were his friends. They came to Jesus as he offered them forgiveness, mercy, and healing. When the Pharisees began to question Jesus' motive and practice of associating with sinners of ill-repute, Jesus responds by giving them these parables.

All three parables illustrate God's solicitude in searching for sinners, and the shared joy that accompanies their return to safety which is their complete reconciliation to God. There is an interesting insert in the parable of the prodigal son; the elder son. He alienates from his brother like the Pharisees alienated from the sinners. The elder one addressed his brother not "my brother" but "that son of yours", a point on which the father gently corrects him saying "we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again;" The father not only corrected his elder son but tells him we must celebrate the return. The loving father is generous with the elder, but at the same time does not abandon the younger. The father is represented through the church, which is the body of Christ. It continues to welcome and rejoice over the reconciliation of sinners, the lost, and the alienated.

This week St Peter's Parish lost 3 parishioners; Richard Joseph Reget, Donna Mae (Hurtz) Leis and Paul Alphonse Hauser former parishioner. Paul will have the Mass of Christian Burial at St. Joseph the Workman on 13th September. Please keep the families in your thought and prayers.

This Wednesday September 14, we celebrate the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. We commemorate the discovery of the Lord's cross by the empress, St Helena in 320. On Thursday we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows or compassion.

Prayers for the catechists and students of CCD as they begin their academic year.



Have a blessed week!

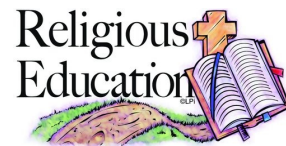
Live Jesus!

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) Call Stacy Burns at 608-769-8828 if you have of a bookcase available.

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

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.

DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS

~ Reading the Catechism 15 minutes a day-begins Sept. 12th

We grow in our love for someone as we get to know them better. Would you like to grow in your love for Jesus Christ through coming to know Him better? Reading the *Catechism*, a few pages each day, will help you deepen your understanding of His incredible love for you. A modest schedule of 15 paragraphs per night (roughly 3 pages) has been arranged that will take about 10-15 minutes of reflective reading, 5 nights a week over 38 weeks. A schedule is emailed to participants every two weeks. To sign up, email Ann Lankford at alankford@diolc.org with the word *Catechism* in the subject line. Start date is Monday, Sept. 12th.

~ 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

DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS cont'd

**~ 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 Allen at 608.784.5189.

~ March for Life—Wisconsin—September 24, 2022

Join us for the second annual March for Life Wisconsin on Saturday, September 24, 2022, from 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the State Capitol! Hear from inspirational pro-life leaders, march, and pray for an end to all abortion. Pro-Life Wisconsin will once again provide buses from various Wisconsin cities for \$30/rider. Registration is not necessary if you are securing your own transportation. Whether riding the bus or driving yourself, please bring a pack of diapers to be donated to local pregnancy resource centers. For more information, visit: ProLifeWI.org/marchforlife

~ Rummage Sale—Mary, Mother of the Church,

Fall Rummage Sale on Friday, October 7, 11 AM - 3 PM, \$6 a bag; and on Saturday, October 8, 8 - 11 AM, \$3 a bag. Some items priced individually.

~ St. Peter's 55th Annual Sauerkraut Supper

Wednesday, October 12, 2022. Serving 3:30—7:30 PM or until sold out. This event will include our full dinner but will be for carry out/drive thru only. Bulk containers of raw kraut will also be available.

~ Gospel of Life White Mass and Banquet with Bishop Callahan Join us Tuesday evening, Oct. 18, at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse. The keynote presenter, Father Paul Check,

ACTIVITY CORNER

**Fill in the Blanks:
The Lost Coin**

Here is part of today's Gospel reading. See if you can fill in the blanks and use the marked letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

"Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she _____ one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it?

And when she has _____ it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I _____ found the coin which I had lost.'

Just so, I _____ you, there is joy before the angels of God over one _____ who repents."

This parable helps to show us how much God _____ each of us.



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

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

September 14th

We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.



The cross is honourable because it is both the sign of God's suffering and the trophy of His victory.