# St. Joseph Ridge Parish

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"At [the rich man's] gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores." - Luke 16:20-21

Fr. Biju Chennala Kunjukutty, MSFS...715-495-2338 bchennala@diolclergy.org

#### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	4:00pm
Sunday	.8:30am

#### WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

First Saturday	Mass	8:30am
Tuesday	Adoration	5:00 pm
,	Mass	
Thursday		8:30am

#### CONFESSIONS

First Saturday after Mass or by appointment

#### PARISH OFFICE

Barb Mikshowsky	608-788-1646
Bulletin deadline:	
sjrp2601@gmail.com	•
Open most Wednesdays and Thi	ursdays

#### 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 Brown ......608-792-1006 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

# SATURDAY, September 24

 $\sim$  4:00 pm Mass  $\sim$  † Mike & Agnes Lucey

Lector: Jim Weber Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

# SUNDAY, September 25

~8:30 Massam ~ Our Parish Family

Lector: Donna Clements Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

### MONDAY, September 26

~5:30 pm Mass~ † Angeline Dickman

# TUESDAY, September 27

 $\sim$  5:00 pm  $\sim$  Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

~5:30 pm Mass ~ † Ralph & Evelyn Mikshowsky

# THURSDAY, September 29

~8:30 am Mass ~ † Eugene & Ettie Kammel

# SATURDAY, October 1

~ 8:30 am Mass~ † Karen Nordstrom

~ 4:00 pm Mass ~ † Doug & Bev Terzinski, and Brittany Kropp Terzinski

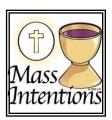
Lector: Paula Silha Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

#### SUNDAY, October 2

 $\sim$ 8:30am Mass  $\sim$  † Ken Hess

Lector: Donna Clements 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.



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

# PARISH CALENDAR

- September 27 ~ 7:30 pm Finance Council meeting
- October 1 ~ Wedding of:

Jonah Huber and Paige Landon

- October 1 ~ Anointing of the Sick after 8:30 am Mass
- October 3 ~ Mass at 8:30 am (NO 5:30 pm Mass)
- October 9 ~ St. Mary's Parish Coon Valley
  Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale
- October 10 ~ Mass at 8:30 am (NO 5:30 pm Mass)
- October 12 ~ St. Peter's Sauerkraut Supper (3:30—7:30 pm Carry Outs only)
- November 1 ~ All Saints Day (Holyday of Obligation)
- **November 24** ~ Thanksgiving Day



# 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.

# <u>Confessions</u>

First Saturday after Mass or by appointment





# GIFT'S RETURNED TO GOD

Last Week in Giving—182 envelope holders



Adult Envelopes(28): \$1860.00 Offertory: \$97.00

Mission Co-op Appeal(1) \$25.00

Thank You!

**Donations:** Here are some ways to contribute:

- Use the online giving portal set up by the Diocese: <a href="https://diolc.org/st-joseph-parish-st-joseph-ridge/">https://diolc.org/st-joseph-parish-st-joseph-ridge/</a> (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



# 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus shared the well-known Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31). It is a story of contrasts, the rich and the poor; heaven and hell. In the parable, the rich man does not treat Lazarus badly. He is not acting with evil intent. He does not persecute Lazarus; he does not actively harm him; rather he treats him with indifference! He ignores him, turns a blind eye to his need and even to his presence. When both men died, the angels carried Lazarus to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man, in turn, died, was buried and was in Hades, where he cried out to Abraham in torment across the great chasm for even a drop of water. Abraham replied: "My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented." The rich man realized the error of his ways, but too late. So, while reflecting about the parable the question we need to ask ourselves is: do I treat others with indifference? How do I make use of my time, talents, and treasures?

Next Saturday is the first of October, a month dedicated to our Lady and particularly to the Rosary. This beautiful, meditative prayer that takes us through the life of Christ, with Mary as our guide. As we enter into this month, I encourage you to pick up your rosary, get one if you do not have one, and pray it often. Take up this sword against Satan and all his evil that is tearing through our Church, our society and our world, beginning in your own families and neighborhoods. Together with Jesus through Mary, we will crush the serpent's head as we journey from the Annunciation of His birth to her crowning in heavenly glory.



Have a blessed week!

Live Jesus!

Fr. Bíju, MSFS

# **PARISH NEWS**

# Our Deepest Sympathy to the family of:

# Madonna Mae Bahr

who passed away on

September 16, 2022

"If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast." Psalm 139:9-10



### **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.

#### **Columbarium News:**

If timing goes as planned, by early October will have our outside Columbarium (above ground space for cremations) set up in our cemetery.

It will be 2 sided, 6 spaces wide x 4 spaces high for a total of 48 niches, each capable of holding 2 urns with cremations.

Pricing and more information will be available soon. If anyone wishes to make a donation towards our cemetery, please contact Dave Brown. The total cost of the Columbarium is estimated to be \$25,350.00. As always, your support is greatly appreciated.

Columbarium will looks similar to the photo below.



# DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS

~ St. Teresa of Kolkata, West Salem Fall Festival—September 25th 10:30am—2:00 pm The Men's Club will be serving tailgate food including: pork chop sandwiches, brats, hamburgers, and hot dogs. Meals are served with pop and chips. The PCCW will have a dessert table. Activities for the children include inflatables, fish pond, face painting, duck pond, sacrament ball toss, saw dust pile, and barrel rides. Games for the whole family include Bingo, corn hole, and ladder toss.

# DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS cont'd

#### ~Have Your Pet Blessed at the Villa - Oct 2

All are welcome — the public and their pets — to a pet blessing event on the front lawn of Villa St. Joseph, Sunday, Oct. 2, at 1:30 p.m. Pets can receive a blessing from Father Conrad during the event. The celebration of pets, in honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, will be held in conjunction with the Coulee Region Humane Society. All pets must be leashed or contained. In the event of rain, we will hold the Pet Blessing in the east garage in back of the Villa. A pet supply drive will precede the event. You may order from their online wish lists and have the items sent directly to the Humane Society by scanning the code for Amazon or Chewy below!





Or check out the wish list on the google doc at: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1FUkX43fFfyH36QsOv-PlgYfCenMrMpdRax6KqWnb6Ug/edit

#### ~Life Chain - Oct 2

Participate in Life Chain on Sunday Oct. 2. Join a large and beautiful throng of Life Chain participants giving silent pro-life witness along Losey Blvd. in La Crosse on Sunday, Oct. 2 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. The Life Chain will stretch along Losey from La Crosse St. to Ferry St. Volunteers with available signs will be stationed at every corner.

#### ~ 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. Mary's, Coon Valley Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale Sunday, October 9, 2022 Serving from 7:30 a.m. to noon! Adults \$10, Children 6-12 only \$5, and 5 and under Free! Break your fast with us for all you can eat pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, applesauce, and a beverage; then purchase some goodies from the bake sale to take home. Dine in or carry out!

#### ~ St. Peter's 55th Annual Sauerkraut Supper

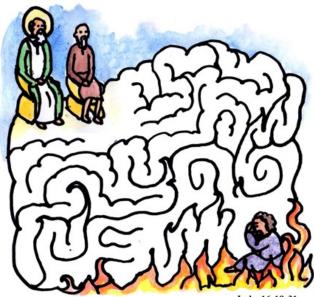
**Wednesday, October 12, 2022.** Serving 3:30—7:30 PM or until sold out. This event will include our full dinner but will be for carry out/drive thru only. Bulk containers of raw kraut will also be available.

# ~ Holy Trinity Chicken Que and Bake Sale

Holy Trinity Parish, 13th and Park Ave., La Crosse will hold a Chicken-Q and Bake Sale on Thursday, October 13 from 11:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. ½ Chicken, Coleslaw, Beans and Bun \$10.00. Carry Out, Drive Through or Delivery. For Delivery call 608-782-2028 Ext. 2

~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, Executive Director of the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, will speak on: "Witnessing to Life, Truth and Love in a Hostile World." Schedule: 6 p.m. – White Mass with Bishop Callahan, honoring Catholic healthcare professionals; 7 p.m. – Banquet; 7:45 p.m. – Presentation. \$20/person, \$10/students, teachers & school administrators. For more information and to register, visit diolc.org/gospel-of-life.

# ACTIVITY CORNER



Luke 16:19-31

In today's Gospel reading the rich man asks
Abraham to send Lazarus to him
with a drop of cool water.
But can Lazarus cross between
Heaven and Hell?
See if the maze will let him cross.

### 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 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

# **Stewardship Reflection:**

Pursuit of God's kingdom and care for the poor are not trifling matters. Our Lord makes clear to us over and over in the Scriptures and the constant teachings of our 2,000-year-old



Church. Of course, we are free to ignore these teachings and live instead for ourselves. But there will be tragic results for us in the end. And, because we are made for eternity, living selfishly on this earth doesn't bring us true happiness.

So how can we use our great powers for great good? By putting God first in all areas of our lives, embracing a stewardship way of life,—how we spend our time, share our talents, and give our financial resources. Stewardship living calls us out of our comfort zone into a commitment to the Lord and the things that matter to Him.