# **St. Joseph Ridge Parish** W2601 State Road 33 • La Crosse • Wisconsin • 54601 October 2, 2022



# 27th SUNDAY

# In Ordinary Time

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The apostles said to the Lord, Increase our faith!" and the Lord said, "if you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

## PASTOR

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

### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	
Sunday	8:30 am

#### WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

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

#### **CONFESSIONS**

First Saturday after Mass or by appointment

#### PARISH OFFICE

Barb Mikshowsky......608-788-1646 Bulletin deadline: .....Wednesday sjrp2601@gmail.com Open most Wednesdays and Thursdays

#### **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

# St. Joseph Ridge Parish

# La Crosse, Wisconsin

# PARISH INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, October 1

- $\sim 8:30 \text{ am Mass} \sim \dagger \text{ Karen Nordstrom}$
- ~ <u>4:00 pm Mass</u> ~ † Doug & Bev Terzinski, and Brittany Kropp Terzinski

Lector: Paula Silha Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

#### SUNDAY, October 2

~<u>8:30 am Mass</u> ~ † Ken Hess Lector: Volunteer Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers



MONDAY, October 3 ~8:30 am Mass~ † Larry Silha

### TUESDAY, October 4

~<u>5:00 pm</u> ~ Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament ~<u>5:30 pm Mass</u> ~ † Jim Malin

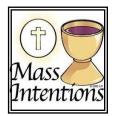
<u>THURSDAY, October 6</u> ~<u>8:30 am Mass</u>~ † Francis Schmidt

#### SATURDAY, October 8

~ <u>4:00 pm Mass</u> ~ Our Parish Family Lector: Paula Silha Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

### SUNDAY, October 9

~<u>8:30am Mass</u> ~ † Eugene and Luella Leis 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.



## PARISH CALENDAR

- **October 3** ~ Mass at 8:30 am (NO 5:30 pm Mass)
- October 5 ~ Religious Education Classes
- 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 ~ Religious Education Classes
- October 12 ~ St. Peter's Sauerkraut Supper (3:30—7:30 pm Carry Outs only)
- October 19 ~ Religious Education Classes
- October 26 ~ Religious Education Classes
- October 27 ~ 7:00 pm Joint meeting of Pastoral

Council and Finance Council re: Fundraiser

• November 1 ~ All Saints Day 5:30 pm Mass



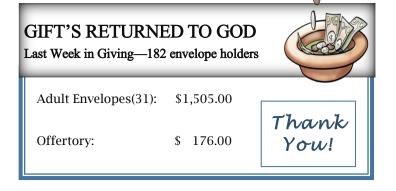
#### Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

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



Please contact Fr. Biju to set up a time.



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

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

# Rectory/Office: 608-788-1646

# <u>Email: sjrp2601@gmail.com</u>

# FROM THE PASTOR



# 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." The apostles realize that consistent Christian living is impossible without faith, so they want more of it. But Jesus says, even faith the size of a mustard seed would be enough to unearth the deeply-rooted mulberry tree and cast it into the sea. He is using strong figurative language here. But he does make his point: it is not the quantity, but the quality of faith that matters. Having faith does mean that we are in touch with God and experience God as the source of the power that enables us to live good Christian lives. It also allows us to see the sacred in the ordinary.

This Saturday is October first, the beginning of the Month of the Holy Rosary. And October seventh is the day the church celebrates the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.

This October also marks the 20th anniversary of pope Saint John Paul II's apostolic letter on the rosary entitled Rosarium Virginis Mariae. It was issued on October 16, 2002, at the beginning of the twenty-fifth year of his pontificate, which declared from October 2002 to October 2003 as the "Year of the Rosary"; In the introduction the pope describes the rosary as follows; "Simple yet profound, it still remains at the dawn of this third millennium. A prayer of great significance, destined to bring forth a harvest of holiness".

Though clearly Marian in character, the rosary is at heart a Christocentric prayer. All of the 20 mysteries of the rosary are clearly scripture based and Christ

rosary are clearly scripture based and centered, from the Annunciation to the birth of Christ, to the Transfiguration, Crucifixion and Resurrection. As we celebrate the month of rosary let us rediscover the power and peace of this beautiful prayer.

> Happy Month of the Holy Rosary.

Have a blessed week!

Live Jesus!

Fr. Bíju, MSFS



PARISH NEWS



# Congratulations Jonah and Paige Huber

who received the Sacrament of Matrimony On Saturday, October 1st

## **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.



# ~ Thank you ~

to the St. Joseph Ridge Parish community for the prayers, thoughtfulness, and support to our family. We sincerely appreciate everyone who had a part in making the arrangements for the visitation, funeral and lunch.

Gratefully from the Family of Madonna Bahr

### Columbarium News:

Columbarium has been set up in our cemetery! It has 48 niches, each capable of holding 2 urns with cremains. Pricing and more information will be available soon for each niche. The total cost of the Columbarium is estimated to be \$25,350.00 with installation. If anyone wishes to make a donation towards our cemetery, please contact Dave Brown or the Parish Office (608) 788-1646. As always, your support is greatly appreciated.



# DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS

### ~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.

# 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-PIgYfCenMrMpdRax6KqWnb6Ug/edit

## ~ 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.

~Help Needed: Are you looking for a way to live your faith through

service? Then become a volunteer or employee with Catholic Charities of the La Crosse Diocese! We are currently looking for volunteers to help in our La Crosse Warming Center this season. Take a look at the Volunteer website at: https://cclse.org/volunteer-opportunities/ for information on how to get signed up! We also have



excellent career opportunities! Check out the employment page at: https:// cclse.org/employment-opportunities/.

~ 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. Joseph's Ridge Community Blood Drive Monday, October 10th** 1:00—6:00 pm at the Town of Greenfield town hall. Appointments are encouraged, call 877-232-4376 or Kathie at 608-788-3147

#### ~ 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. <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> 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

# Mustard Seed Word-Find

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Here is part of today's Gospel reading. See if you can find all the words written in CAPITALS. Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

The APOSTLES SAID to the Lord, "INCREASE OUR faith." The Lord REPLIED, "If you HAVE FAITH the SIZE of a MUSTARD SEED, YOU would SAY to THIS MULBERRY TREE, 'Be UPROOTED and PLANTED in the SEA and it would OBEY you.

# 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:

Our readings today show us that living a stewardship way of life, a life focused on serving God and His Kingdom is not easy. But, they also STEWARDSHIP show us that our lives belong to God, not to us and that God will indeed



bring about the fulfillment of His kingdom. We must have faith that He can do it and commit to our small part in His grand design. This is both our privilege and responsibility as Christian stewards. The time, talents, and treasure entrusted to us are all God's. Our very lives belong to Him. Therefore, our God-given responsibility is whatever we do with our lives and gifts on God's behalf.

The stewardship way of life makes the privilege and responsibility of serving Christ and His kingdom a reality.