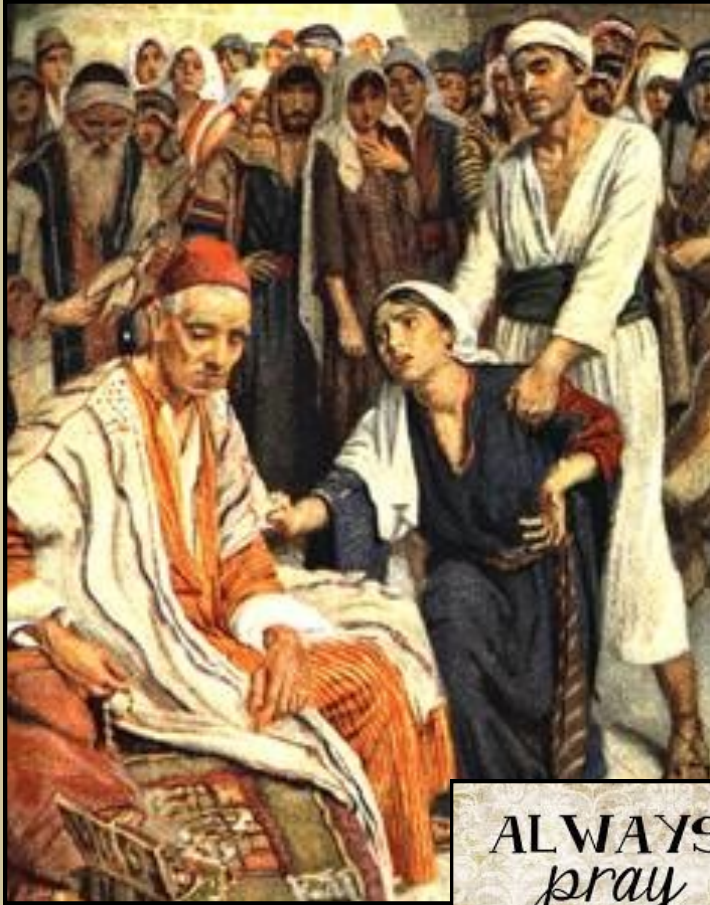


St. Joseph Ridge Parish

W2601 State Road 33 • La Crosse • Wisconsin • 54601

October 16, 2022



29th Sunday
In
Ordinary Time

ALWAYS
pray
and
NEVER
give up!
Luke 18:1

PASTOR

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

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday.....4:00 pm
Sunday.....8:30 am

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

First Saturday Mass.....8:30 am
Monday5:30 pm
Tuesday.....Adoration5:00 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

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: Wednesday7:30-9:00 PM
Weekend Mass: Saturday.....8:00 PM
Sunday.....10:00 AM
Weekday Mass: Wednesday...8:00 AM
Friday8:00 AM

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Dave Brown-Cemetery Rep
Teresa Brown,
Lori Clements -PCCW Rep
Stan Clements
Ann Degenhardt
Terry Dickman-Finance
Council Rep
Bob Kotek
Bill Weber-Secretary
Stacy Burns-CRE
Paula Silha-CRE

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Mary Jo Hess-Secretary
Terry Dickman
Dave Brown-(Bldg & Grnds)
and Cemetery Rep
Barb Braun
Dan Steiger

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Coordinators: Stacy Burns
and Paula Silha

PCCW - Parish Council of Catholic Women

Lori Clements-President
Mary Jo Hess-Treasurer
Jill Murphy-Secretary
Polly Hilby-Funeral Prep

Cemetery Sexton Building & Grounds

Dave Brown ...608-792-1006
dbrown039@centurytel.net

MUSIC

Stacy Burns, Coordinator...
608-769-8828
jsburns0093@gmail.com

Accompanist:

Leland Gregorich
LuAnne Gregorich
Mary Beth Smith

PARISH INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, October 15

~ 4:00 pm Mass ~ † George & Evelyn Miller

Lector: Kathy Leis
Servers: Volunteers
Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, October 16

~ 8:30am Mass ~ † Angeline Dickman

Lector: Sally Miller
Servers: Volunteers
Ushers: Volunteers

MONDAY, October 17

~ 8:30 am Mass~ † Ken Balts

TUESDAY, October 18

~5:00 pm ~ Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

THURSDAY, October 20

~ 8:30 am Mass ~ † Michael Lucey

SATURDAY, October 22

~ 4:00 pm Mass ~ † Sara Rose Hougum

Lector: Bill Weber
Servers: Volunteers
Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, October 23

~ 8:30am Mass ~ Our Parish
Family

Lector: Sally Miller
Servers: Volunteers
Ushers: Volunteers



PARISH CALENDAR

- **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
- October 29** ~ Holy Day of Prayer at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe (details on back page of bulletin)
- **October 30** ~ PCCW Pancake Breakfast at St. Joseph Parish School Hall
- November 1** ~ *All Saints Day—Holy Day of Obligation*
5:30 pm Mass at St. Joseph Parish
8:00 pm Mass St. Peter's Church Middle Ridge



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(31): \$2,522.00

Offertory: \$ 258.00

*Thank
You!*

Confessions

First Saturday after Mass
or by appointment

Please contact Fr. Biju to set up a time.



MASS Intentions

Please contact the Parish office if you would like to schedule mass intention(s). We are accepting contributions for next year—2023.

Parish office phone #788-1646 or email sjrp2601@gmail.com. Also 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



29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

This weekend we will listen to the parable of the persistent widow. Widows, along with orphans and foreigners, were the most vulnerable groups of society. The widow of Jesus' parable lives among us: she is the poor, the struggling, the ignored, the forgotten, the victimized and the vulnerable whose sense of her own dignity and worth enables her to fight on. The persistent widow in the parable boldly faces the judge's indifference, with her only weapon: to bother him incessantly with her request for justice. And because of her insistence, she achieves her end. At a certain point, the judge grants her request.

From this parable Jesus draws conclusion: if the widow could manage to bend the dishonest judge with her incessant requests, how much more will God, who is the good and just Father will act "speedily". It teaches us to wait on God. The parable of the persistent widow challenges how we approach God in prayer: we don't pray trying to wring favors from God but we pray to determine how God calls us to act in those given circumstances. We don't pray trying to move God to our will but to let God move us to God's will. God's judgment may not be what we hoped for or expect, but if we listen with humility and trust, it will be our next step in the direction of justice and compassion.

Roger J. Hundt, 80 of rural La Crosse, passed away on Wednesday October 12. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. Monday October 17, 2022 at St. Joseph Ridge Catholic Church. A visitation will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. Monday at the church. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Last Monday and Tuesday we had our Fall Clergy Conference at La Crosse. Bishop and Most of the priests were present. It was a joy for me to be there with other priests. The main presenter for this conference was Fr. Sakowski from St. Mary's, Altoona. His talks were really excellent and focused on emotional health and healing for clergy.

The family of Bill Paterson has asked for your thoughts and prayers for Bill for he is in the hospital and has been placed on Hospice.

Have a blessed week!
Live Jesus!

Fr. Biju, MSFS



PARISH NEWS

Rest in Peace

Roger Hundt

Roger passed away on October 12, 2022. Please keep Roger and his family in your prayers. Funeral services will take place on Monday, October 17th.



Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, October 30th

Social Event hosted by our PCCW



Also PCCW is looking for parish members to help prepare and serve the funeral luncheons. There is a sign up sheet in the back of church to list your name, phone and availability. They are in need of more help, since many of the people that used to help are no longer able to help.

Thank you to Mary Marshall for being our Parish's FOCCUS

facilitator. Mary has completed the online training course and is now available to meet with couples as they prepare for marriage. Couples will need to complete a FOCCUS questionnaire and then meet with Mary to review and discuss their answers.

DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS

~**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.

~**St. Mary's Parish of Viroqua Annual Turkey Dinner -October 19th**

This is an annual fundraiser for our Parish Council of Catholic Women (PCCW). The money made from this fund raiser goes to many good causes, both locally and worldwide. We are well known In Viroqua for our wonderful fall dinner. We will also have a quilt raffle with beautiful quilts made by the St. Mary's Quilters. We hope all of you can join us to support our fund raising efforts and also enjoy a wonderful meal.

The value of *Persistent Prayer* is not that *He* will hear us, but that *we* will finally hear *Him*



DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS cont'd

~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>.
La Crosse Warming Center 2022- 2023 Season
Doors Open November 1st—VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
413 3rd St S, La Crosse (Warming Center location).

~Pray a decade of the Rosary each day during October

The month of October is dedicated to the Rosary. Join with your family in setting aside 10 minutes a day to pray a decade of the Rosary. Resources available at diolc.org/catechesis/catechetical-leaders-info

~October 23rd is World Mission Sunday -Next

week, we join Catholics around the world for the celebration of World Mission Sunday. We are called to offer our prayers and financial help for the Church's missionary work in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands and parts of Latin America and Europe. Please be generous in next week's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith for the Missions. Thank you!



~HOLY DAY OF PRAYER AND MEDITATION-October 29th

The La Crosse Diocesan Women invite you to a Holy Day of Prayer and Meditation at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Saturday, October 29th from 9 am - 5 pm. The day is free, including lunch, to the first 200 women in the Diocese who RSVP to LDCCW Vice President Candace McGrath: candymcgrath@yahoo.com. The day includes a Speaker, Confessions, Mass, Rosary Walk, Adoration, Benediction and Vespers. Come for the entire day or just for part of the day!



The four pillars of **PARISH STEWARDSHIP** are *hospitality, prayer, formation, and service*. Today's readings show us the immense value of prayer and the privileged place it must have in our individual lives and parish community.

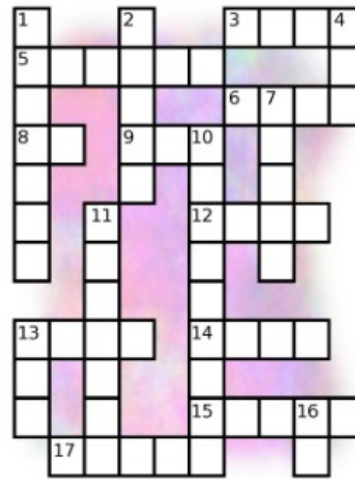
Our Lord Himself calls us to prayer — and persistence in prayer — in the Gospel passage from Luke. Jesus tells the parable of the nagging widow. She finally wears down the judge with her unrelenting persistence in pursuing a just ruling from him on her behalf. Jesus goes to great lengths to describe this judge, saying he "neither feared God nor respected any human." Yet even this corrupt judge responds with a just judgment because of the widow's persistence. Jesus uses this outlandish example to draw a vivid contrast between a reluctant, dishonest judge and our loving, all-merciful Father.

Our job, as Christian stewards, is to remain faithful to our relationship with God through prayer. We must lean on each other in our communities — family and parish — as we support each other in prayer. A strong pillar of prayer will make all our other stewardship efforts fruitful.

ACTIVITY CORNER

the
parable
of the
unjust
judge

Here's a puzzle
about the story in
today's Gospel
reading.

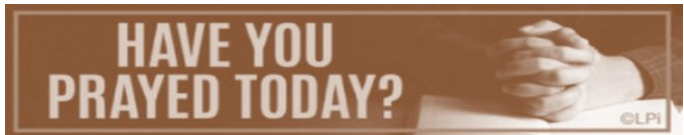


Across:

- 3. Jesus _____, "There was a judge..."
- 5. The judge was _____ (not fair)
- 6. The judge wanted the widow to go _____.
- 8. We should pray _____ God.
- 9. Who will always listen when we pray?
- 12. The judge was _____ to listen; God is fast.
- 13. The unjust judge did not _____ God.
- 14. What we do when we are talking to God.
- 15. The widow needed help against her _____.
- 17. Who told the story about the widow and judge?

Down:

- 1. Fairness.
- 2. What sort of person did the widow ask for help?
- 4. We pray to God _____ and night.
- 7. The parable is about a _____ and a judge.
- 10. Who did Jesus tell the story to?
- 11. Another name for the stories Jesus told.
- 13. God will do what is good _____ us.
- 16. The judge thought, "She will wear _____ out."



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.

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