



PARISH INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, October 24

~ 5:30 pm Mass~ † Elizabeth Hugo

TUESDAY, October 25

~ 5:00 pm ~ Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

~ 5:30 pm Mass ~ Living & Deceased members of the George and Maline Stakston Family

THURSDAY, October 27

~ 8:30 am Mass ~ † George Bahr

SATURDAY, October 29

~ 4:00 pm Mass ~ † Earl Martin

Lector: Kathy Leis

Servers: Volunteers

Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, October 30

~ 8:30am Mass ~ † Curtis Strittmater

Lector: Donnie Weber

Servers: Volunteers

Ushers: Volunteers

**Confessions**

First Saturday after Morning Mass or 3:30—3:45 pm before 4:00 pm Mass or by appointment

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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.

PARISH CALENDAR

- **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 and Pumpkin carving 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 at St. Peter's Church Middle Ridge**
- **November 2** ~ All Souls' Day
- **November 2** ~ Religious Education Classes

**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(27): \$1,340.00

Offertory: \$ 153.00

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



World Mission Sunday

Today is World Mission Sunday. Mission Sunday is celebrated in all the local Churches as the feast of catholicity and universal solidarity. It's an opportunity for the Christians to recognize their common responsibility to the evangelize the whole world. "Go into the whole world and proclaim the good news to all creation." (Mark 16:15) This year's theme is from Acts 1:8, "You Shall Be My Witnesses." In his message Pope Francis reminds us that "the Church is missionary by nature." He concludes his message saying: Dear brothers and sisters, I continue to dream of a completely missionary Church, and a new era of missionary activity among Christian communities. I repeat Moses' great desire for the people of God on their journey: "Would that all the Lord's people were prophets!" (Num 11:29). Indeed, would that all of us in the Church were what we already are by virtue of baptism: prophets, witnesses, missionaries of the Lord, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to the ends of the earth! Mary, Queen of the Missions, pray for us!

All of us can be missionary: we could be mission-minded, through our prayers and financial support of missionaries. Also, we should be missionaries right here in our community. We have received the good news from Jesus and we are invited to share it with others. Pauline Jaricot (1799-1862), foundress of the society for the propagation of the faith was beatified on May 22, 2022. Two hundred years ago Holy spirit inspired her to support missionary efforts of the church to evangelize by forming circle of ten people. Each member embraced daily prayers and sacrifice, the equivalent of one penny each week given to support the missions. She reminds us of our responsibility to participate in the mission of the church in our own context we live in.

There are envelopes for World Mission Sunday collection attached with bulletins. Please make use of them to make a donation. Today, when you contribute to the World Mission Sunday collection, you make it possible to provide support to:

- 844,000 catechists teaching the faith
- 258,540 Religious Sisters caring for children and families
- 38,140 seminarians preparing for the priesthood
- 26 million children in primary schools
- 12,000 clinics caring for the sick and dying
- 8,750 homes for orphaned children and the elderly

Thank you for your generosity.  
May God bless you  
Live Jesus  
Fr Biju MSFS

PARISH NEWS

Rest in Peace ~ Bill Patterson

Bill Patterson passed away on Monday, October 17th. Our prayers and sincere sympathy are extended to his family and friends who mourn their loss.

*Eternal rest grant onto him O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon him.*



Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, October 30th

Social Event hosted by our PCCW



Everyone is welcome to come for pancake breakfast and if you want to carve pumpkins, you can do that too!

We would like to have enough pumpkins available so if you know you are coming, please text Stacy how many pumpkins your family will need.

608-769-8828



Thank you

to Kathy Leis and Stan Clements for leading the Rosary before the weekend masses.



On behalf of the Roger Hundt family, we would like to express our thanks to all who performed services at my dad's funeral. Our gratitude goes out to Father Biju for his lovely homily. It described dad perfectly. Our thanks to Stacy Burns and Mary Beth Smith for the beautiful music. Also thank you to

Polly Hilby and the rest of the church ladies who made and served lunch. Your kindness during our time of need will never be forgotten.

Thank you again for everything. Tom, Trisha and Kyle Leis

DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS

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



~Word Among Us Booklets

The Word Among Us is a booklet of meditations for Catholics based on the daily readings. It also contains a few inspirational articles. The October issue is now available in the back of church.

~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. RSVP to LDCCW Vice President Candace McGrath: [candymcgrath@yahoo.com](mailto: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!



**DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS cont'd**

**~FATHER JOSEPH WALIJEWSKI LEGACY GUILD DINNER**

The annual Father Joseph Walijewski Legacy Guild Dinner benefiting Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II will be Friday, November 4th at Blessed Sacrament Church in La Crosse. The evening will begin at 5 pm with dinner at 6:30 pm. Following dinner, Msgr. Joseph Hirsch will provide an update on the past year at Casa Hogar and the legacy of Servant of God, Father Joseph Walijewski, that lives on still today. Cost is \$70 per person or \$525 for a table of eight. Register online: [homeajpm.org/events](http://homeajpm.org/events) or call 715.297.5139.

**~MEN OF THE CROSS CATHOLIC CONFERENCE**

The Men of the Cross Conference, "Sons of the Father," will be held Saturday, November 12, 2022 at the La Crosse Center. Cost is \$40 per person (After Oct. 24th, cost is \$45 per person). It has been said, "Insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results." Throughout recent history, Catholic men, in general, have been suffering from this very issue. The time for men to realize their identity as sons of the Father is now! The Men of the Cross Conference will reignite and reaffirm identity as a son of the Father. Gather family members, best buds, men at your parish and even acquaintances, and join your brothers from all over the Diocese of La Crosse. Go to [menofthecross.org](http://menofthecross.org) for more information and to register.

**~All Souls Day Mass**

A Mass for the Dead will be celebrated on All Souls' Day, Wednesday, November 2, in the Saint Francis of Assisi Mausoleum Chapel of the Catholic Cemetery, 519 Losey Boulevard South, at 5:15 pm. A plenary indulgence, under the usual circumstances, can be gained for the souls in purgatory by the Christian faithful who, within November 1-8, devoutly visits a cemetery and prays for the dead. Monsignor Robert Hundt will be the celebrant. All are invited to attend.

**~A TASTE OF GOLD Saturday, November 12, 2022 5:30-**

**8:30 pm** Cost: \$60 (includes Aquinas glass) at Aquinas High School  
This new Aquinas Catholic Schools Foundation event, A Taste of Gold, is being hosted in what would have otherwise been an off year for the Gold Gala. Event will have samples of Dutcher Crossing wine, La Crosse Distilling Company spirits, and Tanzenwald Brewing Company beers. Appetizers from La Crosse Distilling Company and a souvenir tasting glass. Guests will enjoy sets of live music by Steve Schroeder and local acoustic artist Tom Conrad throughout the night. Our returning MC and Host for the evening will be Yve Rojas '87. To register visit: [aquinascatholicsschools.org/gold-gala](http://aquinascatholicsschools.org/gold-gala)



**ACTIVITY CORNER**



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**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](mailto:sjrp2601@gmail.com)

**Stewards at Prayer:**

In last week's readings, we were encouraged to remain persistent and constant in our prayer life. Today we focus on the proper attitude of a steward at prayer.

In the Gospel passage from Luke, Jesus illustrates the humble attitude we must have as we approach God in prayer through a parable of two praying men. Jesus tells us that the tax collector, not the Pharisee, leaves the temple justified. Why?

The Pharisee was full of self as he approached God. He felt no need for God as he rattled off his resume of good works and spiritual

practices. He was going through the motions of prayer. His lack of humility prevented him from entering into a genuine dialogue with the Father. He was not transformed by his time of prayer because he was so full of himself that He left God no space to enter.

The tax collector, by contrast, emptied himself as he approached God. He recognized who he was (a sinner) and asked simply for mercy, leaving all the rest up to God. This is the kind of attitude with which God can work!

*How a good steward prays — with trust, complete openness to God's will, and a listening mind and heart, ready to serve as God leads.*