

# St. Joseph Parish ~ St. Joseph Ridge

W2601 State Road 33 • La Crosse • Wisconsin • 54601

November 20, 2022



Solemnity of  
***Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe***

## PASTOR

Fr. Biju Chennala Kunjukutty, MSFS  
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## WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday.....4:00 pm  
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

## 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: Wednesday .....7:30-9:00 PM  
Weekend Mass: Saturday.....8:00 PM  
                        Sunday.....10:00 AM  
Weekday Mass: Wednesday....8:00 AM  
                        Friday .....8:00 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  
D30an 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, November 19

~ 4:00 pm Mass ~ † Clarence Meyers  
 Lector: Kathy Leis  
 Servers: Noah and Emma Biondo  
 Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, November 20

~ 8:30 am Mass ~ † Mary Lampert  
 Lector: Jim Weber  
 Servers: Volunteers  
 Ushers: Volunteers

MONDAY, November 21

~ 8:30 am Mass ~ † Karen Nordstrom

TUESDAY, November 22

~ 5:00 pm ~ Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
 ~ 5:30 pm Mass ~ † Ken Hess

THURSDAY, November 24

~ 8:30 am Mass ~ † Michael Brown



SATURDAY, November 26

~ 4:00 pm Mass ~ † Robert, Alice, Larry,  
 Patty, and Bill Silha  
 Lector: Donnie Weber  
 Servers: Volunteers  
 Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, November 27

~ 8:30 am Mass ~ Our Parish Family  
 Lector: Sally Miller  
 Servers: Volunteers  
 Ushers: Volunteers



**Confessions**

First Saturday after Morning Mass or  
 3:30—3:45 pm before 4:00 pm 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 intentions.

Parish office phone #788-1646 or email sjrp2601@gmail.com.  
 Also Mass Intentions envelopes are in the back of church.

PARISH CALENDAR

- **November 23** ~ No Religious Education Classes
- **November 24** ~ Thanksgiving Day
- **November 27** ~ First Sunday of Advent
- **November 29** ~ 6:30 pm - Finance Council Meeting
- **December 7** ~ Vigil Mass for Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
 6:00 pm Mass at St Joseph Parish-St Joseph Ridge  
 7:30 pm Mass at St. Peters Parish-Middle Ridge
- **December 8** ~ *Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary* ( Holy day of Obligation)

**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(35):	\$2,486.00
Offertory:	\$ 218.00
Christmas Flowers:	\$ 20.00

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



34th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



Happy Feast to everyone. Today is the solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. The solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, commonly referred to as the Feast of Christ the King Sunday, is a newer feast in the Catholic Church; it was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925. The pontiff was witness to a turbulent time in the world's history.

Secularism was on the rise and dangerous dictatorships were emerging in Europe and beyond. In response, the feast was set with the intent to reaffirm and refocus faith and respect in the kingship of Jesus. As we celebrate the solemnity let's enthrone Him in our hearts and allowing Him to take control of our lives.

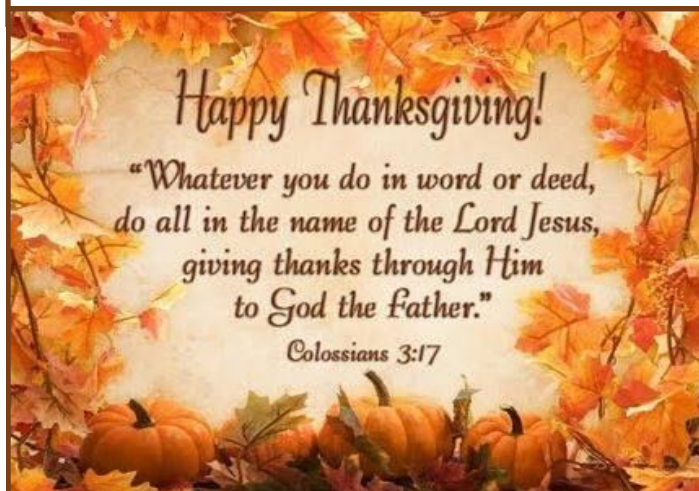
This week we also celebrate Thanksgiving Day. Thanksgiving Day is a great time for families to gather and offer thanks to God, the ultimate source of every blessing. We all need to grow in gratitude. One of the best ways to do it is to start appreciating. It is only with gratitude that life becomes rich. The more grateful we are, the more beauty we see in our life.

On this day my deepest thanks to all of you for your love and support to our local church. Thank you for being generous and kind. As a family and community, let us be grateful.

Wish you Happy Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ And Happy Thanksgiving!



May God bless you Live Jesus Fr Biju MSFS



PARISH NEWS

Fun Night Fundraiser—Friday, February 17th

We will be having a gun raffle and cash raffle included in this fundraising event. Gun Raffle tickets are available for pick up for those who want to sell them. They can be picked up after mass (see parish council member) or by contacting Fr. Biju.

Cash raffle tickets will be distributed to all parish families after Christmas.

PCCW News:

2022-2023 dues are \$13.00 for the year. All women of the parish are members. You can put your dues payment in the collection basket or mail to the office in an envelope marked "PCCW Dues" Thank you

GIVE AWAY: Electric clothes dryer located in school hall. Dryer works, but you will need to haul it. Please contact parish office (608-788-1646), if interested.

DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS

~Saturday, December 3rd—Craft Show—St. Mary's Parish, Coon Valley: St. Mary's Parish is now registering Crafters for their Annual Craft Show held on December 3, 2022 at the Coon Valley Village Hall. Visit our website for registration information at: [www.stmarycv.org/craft-show](http://www.stmarycv.org/craft-show) or call the coordinator Nancy Peters at 608-790-6034 or the parish office at 608-452-3841. Please come and enjoy the craft show!

~Saturday, December 10th: Mary, Mother of the Church Parish will be holding their Cookie Walk & Craft Sale at the Parish Hall located at 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, from 7:30 AM - 1:00 PM. Homemade cookies will be sold by the pound, plus homemade Candies, Breads, Pies, Handcrafted Items and Scrip Gift Cards available for sale. Serving Continental Breakfast and Lunch (homemade soup and chili). Raffles and hourly Door Prizes.

~Help Catholic Charities love our Neighbors in Need Catholic Charities reaches out to our neighbors in need in so many ways, from providing shelter to the homeless in our midst, to giving hope and support to moms before and after birth, to working with married couples looking to adopt, to assisting the poor and people with disabilities. Find out more, and how you can help, at [www.cclse.org](http://www.cclse.org).

- ~Franciscan Spirituality Center events: Offers a variety of events this Holiday Season:
• December 2-3 Craft show to benefit Ukraine
• ZOOM DECEMBER 1 (Thursday, 6:30-7:30 p.m.): Meditation is proven to reduce stress and promote relaxation. All are welcome to join us on Zoom for a guided meditation that includes relaxed breathing, a body scan and a visualization, followed by a brief discussion. This program is FREE! Click here to register.
• When Bad Things Happen: The Book of Job for Troubled Times – In-person December 2-3 (Friday 7 PM – Saturday, 4 PM) The Spiritual Director Peter Watkins explore how the Book of Job can guide us on a path toward real hope amid suffering. A weekend retreat of quiet reflection, contemplative prayer practices and engaging talks and small-group discussions.
• ~Franciscan Spirituality Board of Directors will match donations made on GivingTuesday, November 29. This is a once-a-year opportunity to double the impact of your gift! Can we count on your support?



**DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS cont'd**

**ACTIVITY CORNER**

~The Catechism in a Year podcast with Fr. Mike Schmitz  
You are invited to embark on a journey of growing in your understanding of the Catholic faith through a podcast with Fr. Mike Schmitz beginning on Jan. 1, 2023. Each day there will be a 15 minute podcast. Catholics and non-Catholics are welcome to join in. If you have ever wanted to understand what it means to be a Catholic and allow those truths to shape your life – this podcast is for you. Visit [ascensionpress.com/pages/catechisminayear](http://ascensionpress.com/pages/catechisminayear) to register for free.

~Eucharistic Revival  
A Minute with Jesus for Nov. 20, with a focus on thanksgiving. Jesus is our greatest Friend. Jesus loves each one of us and desires to be with us always. Jesus gives Himself to us in the Holy Eucharist, so that He can live in our heart. The Holy Eucharist is Christ's Body and Blood. We know that Jesus is our greatest Friend because He gives Himself to us completely in the Holy Eucharist. The word Eucharist means thanksgiving. Let's pray this right now and every day this week:

*Jesus, Thank You for giving Yourself to me and being my closest Friend.*

~Preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation  
The Family needs to be "Student" The family has the most important role in communicating the Christian values that form the foundation for a child's understanding of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The catechesis offered should help parents grow in their own understanding and appreciation of Confession, and enable them to catechize their children more effectively. (See NDC, 36.A.3a) "Pastoral experience provides abundant evidence that catechesis in school and parish had meager results without the collaboration of the family...Without this collaboration from the family, school and parish labor in vain." Provide Parents with this resource: "How Can I Help Prepare My Child for the Sacrament of Reconciliation ?" Click here: [dioc.org/catechesis/catechetical-leaders-info](http://dioc.org/catechesis/catechetical-leaders-info)



**SAINT OF THE WEEK**

St. Cecilia (1207-1231)  
Feast Day: November 22

Cecilia was born to a wealthy and prominent Roman family. She married a man named Valerian. It is said that she was "singing in her heart to the Lord" at her wedding. She confessed her promise of virginity to her new husband revealing that an angel protected her. Valerian would honor her vow only if he too could see the angel. Cecilia told he would see the angel if he was baptized, which he went to do immediately. When he returned to her, he saw the angel beside her. Cecilia also converted Valerian's brother. Tiburtius. Unfortunately, it was a turbulent time in Rome for Christians. Valerian and Tiburtius were martyred for burying the bodies of Christians, which was illegal. Cecilia was also targeted for her faith. First authorities attempted to suffocate by locking her in the bath in her home and overheating the room. Some accounts say that she didn't break a sweat and even began to sing. They then sent in an executioner to behead her, but faltered and mortally wounding her. She remained alive for three days before she died. The saint's body was exhumed twice, first by Pope Paschal I in 821, then by Cardinal Sfondrato in 1599. Both times her body was found incorrupt, the first saint to exhibit this extremity. St. Celia is the patron saint of music and musicians.



**Christ the King  
Word-Find**

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See if you can find all the words from the list at the bottom. Then put the leftover letters in the spaces to find a little prayer you can say any time.



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| BEGINNING | HEAVEN  | LOVE     |
| CHRIST    | HIGH    | PEACE    |
| CHURCH    | JESUS   | POOR     |
| CREATOR   | JUDGE   | REDEEMER |
| DOMINION  | JUSTICE | RULE     |
| EARTH     | KINGDOM | THRONE   |
| FEAR      | LORD    | WORLD    |
| GOD       |         |          |



**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)