



St. Joseph Parish ~ St. Joseph Ridge

W2601 State Road 33 • La Crosse • Wisconsin • 54601

January 15, 2023

PASTOR

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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

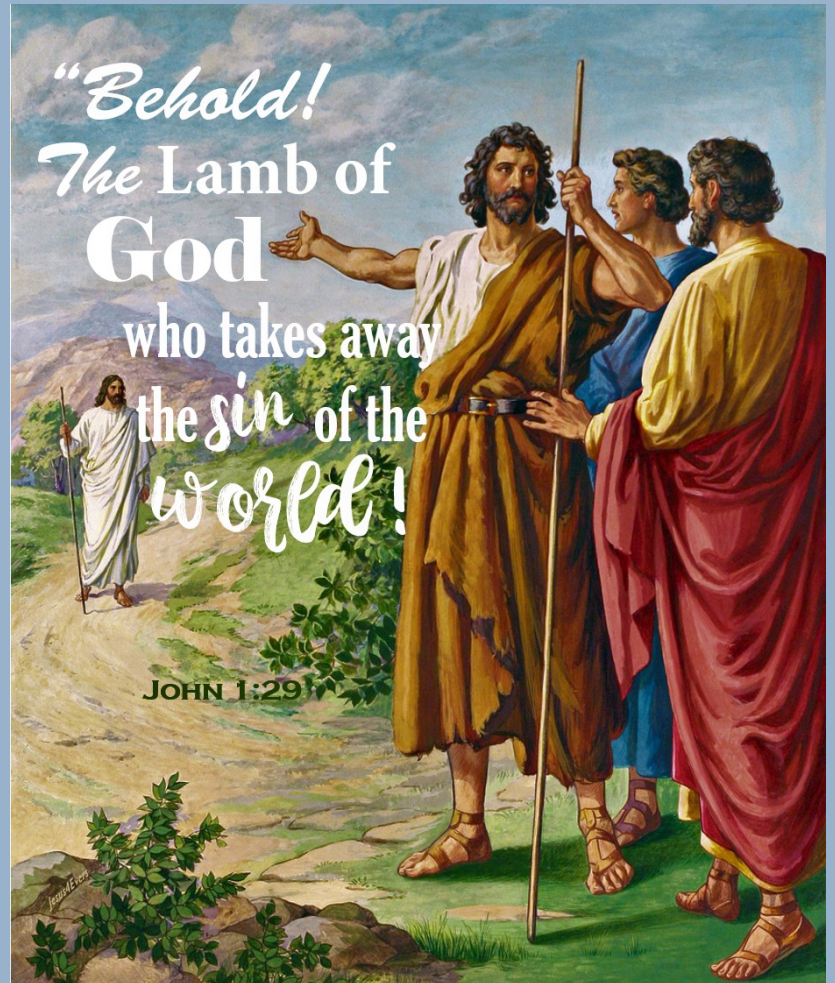
CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR:

- 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 serves

St. Peter's 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



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Thank you for what you do to support our parish.

PARISH INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, January 14

~ 4:00 pm Mass ~ † Karen Nordstrom

Lector: Jim Weber

Servers: Volunteers

Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, January 15

~ 8:30 am Mass ~ Our Parish Family

Lector: Sally Miller

Servers: Volunteers

Ushers: Volunteers

MONDAY, January 16

~ 5:30 pm Mass ~ † John, Bernice, Steve,
and Sam Mashak

TUESDAY, January 17

~ 5:00 pm ~ Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

THURSDAY, January 19

~ 8:30 am Mass ~ † John Mashak

SATURDAY, January 21

~ 4:00 pm Mass ~ † Rick Schermerhorn

Lector:

Servers: Volunteers

Ushers: Volunteers

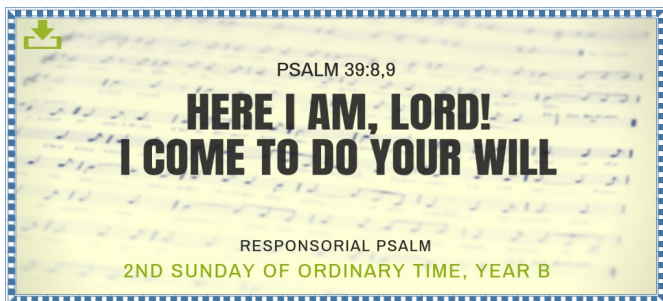
SUNDAY, January 22

~ 8:30 am Mass ~ † Francis Schmidt

Lector:

Servers: Volunteers

Ushers: Volunteers



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

- **January 18** ~ Religious Education Class
- **January 23** ~ 6:30 pm PCCW meeting
- **January 25** ~ Religious Education Class
- **February 17** ~ Family Fun night
- **February 18** ~ 9:00 am First Reconciliation
2nd Grade Students
- **February 22**—Ash Wednesday

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.

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



ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT



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.

GIFT'S RETURNED TO GOD

Last Week in Giving—180 envelope holders



Adult Envelopes:	\$1,850.00
Offertory:	\$ 359.00
Solemnity of Mary:	\$ 40.00
Initial Offering:	\$ 26.00

Thank You!

Thank you Money Counters!

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



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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This year we had a very short-lived Christmas season. To all who gave of their time and energy to put Christmas decorations away, thank you.

Here we are in the Ordinary time of the Church year. This week begins with the words of John;

*Behold, the Lamb of God,
who takes away the sin of the world.*

After calling Jesus the “Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,” John proclaims his new rank and place alongside Jesus. “A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.” John will decrease as Jesus, God’s Son, increases, taking His superior role as the Messiah, a role that comes with much suffering and agony. Eventually the great sacrifice which will be made on the wood of the cross, the unblemished lamb of God Jesus becomes perfect offering. We celebrated his birth now his mission is revealed the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

There is going to be a Eucharistic Revival Gathering on January 14, 2023 at the Holy Cross Diocesan Center. Two of our parishioners are attending it in view of the diocesan initiatives towards eucharistic revival. Thanks to Lisa Meyer and Terese Slattery for representing St Joseph and St Peter Parishes.

I like to thank all those who attended the meeting on last Monday. Soon you will hear more about the *Inspired by the Spirit* Campaign. This year we will begin the campaign which includes also the diocesan annual appeal for this year. Once our annual appeal gets completed whatever is given to the appeal 80% will come back to us. You will be receiving information about it soon. All of you have been generous with your support and I hope we can continue to support our faith community.

Thanks to Msgr Hundt for helping us with the weekend masses.

Have a blessed week!

~ Live Jesus ~

Fr Biju MSFS



*We have come to know and to believe
in the love that God has for us.*

1 John 4:16

PARISH NEWS



SAVE THE DATE
2nd Annual Fundraiser!
Fun Night
Friday, February 17th

We will be having a gun raffle and cash raffle along with food, beverage and fellowship. 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 are now available.
Please pick up your envelope in back of church.
There are also posters available in back of church .



If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, receiving the sacraments of First communion and/or Confirmation or just learning more about the Catholic Church, call Father Biju (715) 495-2338 or the parish office (608)788-1646.

DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS

~A Minute with Jesus ~ Jesus’ name means “God saves” The angel told Joseph in a dream that this Child was to be called “Jesus, for He will save His people from their sin” (Matthew 1: 21). Jesus saves us from our sin by dying on the Cross and then giving us His Resurrected Body in the Eucharist. The Holy Eucharist is the Church’s most precious treasure. What a Gift, that we may have a life-giving encounter with Jesus, truly present in the Eucharist. Let’s pray this right now and every day this week:

*Jesus, thank You for coming into the world to give us
the greatest Gift – Yourself in the Holy Eucharist.*

This week, read the account of the angel appearing to Joseph in Matthew 1: 18-25



~CALIX – For Help with Addiction from a Catholic Perspective Do you or a family member or friend need help with an addiction concern? Or, do you just need someone to talk with? You can reach out to a member of CALIX. CALIX (<https://www.calixsociety.org/>) is an association of Catholics in addiction and family members and friends affected by addiction, who are maintaining their sobriety through participation in their Catholic faith and a 12 Step program. You can make a confidential call to 612-383-8232 (Jim R.) or 651-587-4668 (Jim B.), for information on meetings and recovery support. You need not disclose your name.

~Marriage Enrichment and Parenting Resources
For Your Marriage Website – <https://www.foryourmarriage.org/>

This website from the USCCB helps couples at all stages of life to understand and live God’s plan for happy, holy marriages.

Teaching the Way of Love - <https://twl4parents.com/>
This website is full of encouragement and tips for parents to continue to be the primary educators of their children.

~Bus Trip to Fireside Theatre, Ft. Atkinson—Saturday, March 4th Beat the winter blahs, go on a bus trip to the Fireside Theatre in Fort Atkinson to see Music Man. Trip includes bus, lunch, and show. Cost is \$110. Profits to Holy Trinity Parish. Contact Arlene Young 608-788-3440.

DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS cont'd

~Natural Family Planning: Embrace the beauty of what your body was created to communicate. God's design for married love. Learn the language of your body. *This course meets the diocesan requirement for engaged couples. NFP SymptoPro Online Course Fee \$130

~US Bishops: Nine Days for Life Novena - Jan. 19-27

9 Days for Life is an annual novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life.

Participants can download the novena or sign up to receive the daily prayers via email or text message. Visit respectlife.org/9-days-signup.

~Prayer outside La Crosse Planned Parenthood on Jan. 21

People are invited to gather to pray outside the Planned Parenthood at 1201 Caledonia St. in La Crosse at 10 AM on Saturday, January 21. While abortion is mostly illegal in Wisconsin, Planned Parenthood committed over 380,000 abortions nationwide in 2021, amounting to 41% of all the abortions in the country.

ACTIVITY CORNER



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PSALM 40
Word-Find

See if you can find all the words that are in CAPITALS.
Use the left over letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

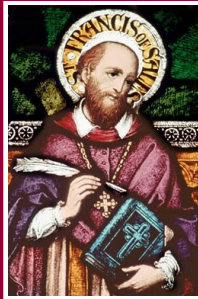
I have WAITED, waited for the LORD,
and He stooped TOWARD me and HEARD my cry.
And He put a new song in my mouth,
a hymn to our God.

SACRIFICE or OFFERING You wished not,
but EARS OPEN to OBEDIENCE You gave me.
HOLOCAUST or sin-offerings You sought not;
then I said, "Behold I COME."

"In the WRITTEN scroll it is prescribed for me,
to do Your will, O my God, is my DELIGHT,
and Your law is WITHIN my HEART!"

I announced Your JUSTICE in the vast assembly;
I did not restrain my lips, as You, O Lord, know.

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St Francis de Sales

I like to continue on the APOSTOLIC LETTER TOTUM AMORIS EST of the Holy Father on the fourth centenary of the death of SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES.

"Early education: The adventure of coming to know oneself in God, Francis was born on 21 August 1567 in the Castle of Sales, near Thorens, the son of François de Nouvelles, Lord of Boisy, and Françoise de

Sionnaz. "His life spanned two centuries, the sixteenth and the seventeenth, and he embodied the best of the teachings and cultural achievements of the century then drawing to a close, reconciling the inheritance of humanism with the striving for the Absolute proper to the currents of mysticism".

[14] After his early education, first in the College of La Roche-sur-Foron and then in that of Annecy, Francis went to Paris, to the recently founded Jesuit College of Clermont.

In the capital of the Kingdom of France, devastated by the wars of religion, he experienced two consecutive interior crises that would have a lasting mark on his life. A fervent prayer offered in the Church of Saint Étienne-des-Grès, before the Black Madonna of Paris, would kindle, amid the darkness of his heart, a fire that would continue to burn within him and provide the key to understanding his own experience and that of others. "Whatever may happen, Lord, you who hold everything in your hands and whose ways are all justice and truth, ... I will love you, Lord, ... I will love you here, O my God; I will hope always in your mercy and ever repeat your praise... O Lord Jesus, you will always be my hope and my salvation in the land of the living".

[15] Attaining peace, Francis recorded those words in his journal. The experience of this crisis, with its anxiety and uncertainties, would remain illuminating for him, and provide him with a singular approach to the mystery of God's relationship with humanity. It helped him gain insight into the lives of others and to recognize, with a refined spirit of discernment, the interior attitude that unites 3 thought and feeling, reason and affections, which he called the "God of the human heart". As a result, Francis was never in danger of attributing theoretical importance to his own personal experience and absolutizing it. Rather, he learned something remarkable, the fruit of

grace: the ability to discern, in God, his own lived experience and that of others. Although he never claimed to develop a theological system as such, his reflection on the spiritual life proved to be of outstanding theological importance, for it embodied two essential dimensions of any genuine theology. The first is the spiritual life itself, for it is in humble and persevering prayer, in openness to the Holy Spirit, that we attempt to understand and communicate the word of God; theologians emerge from the crucible of prayer. The second is the life of the Church, the ability to think in the Church and with the Church. Theology itself has felt the effects of our individualist culture, yet Christian theologians are called to carry out their work immersed in the life of the community, breaking within it the bread of the word. [16] The thought of Francis de Sales, albeit on the margins of the scholarly disputes of his age and respectful of them, was characterized by these two essential dimensions".....
to be continued in next bulletin

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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