



St. Joseph Parish ~ St. Joseph Ridge

W2601 State Road 33 • La Crosse • Wisconsin • 54601

January 22, 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:

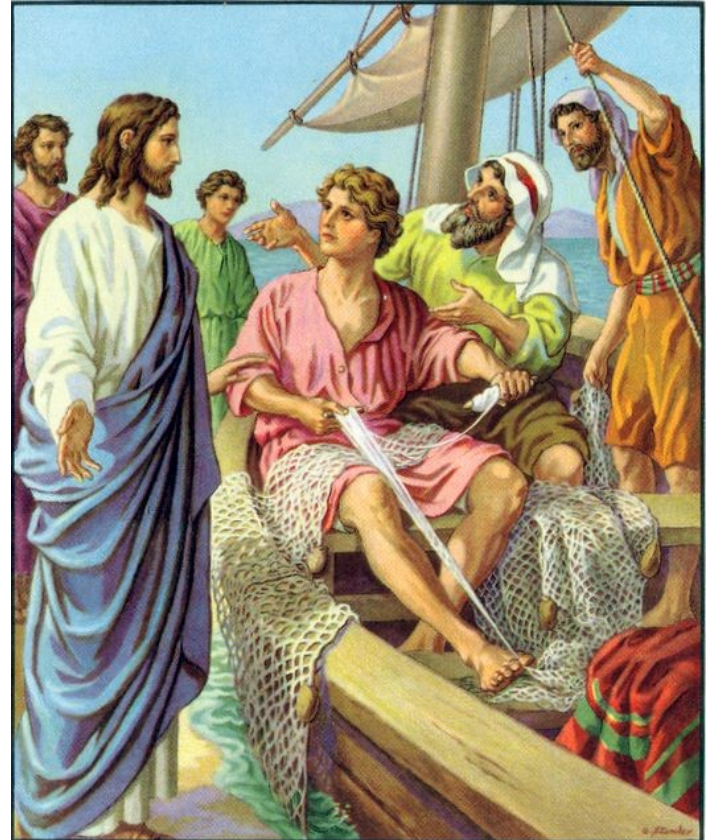
- Joining the Parish
- Weddings or Baptisms
- Anointing of the sick (also call Fr. Biju cell phone)
- If you are home-bound & would like to be visited

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

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



**“Come Follow me.” Jesus said.
“and I will make you fishers of men.”**

Matthew 4:19

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 21

~ 4:00 pm Mass ~ † Rick Schermerhorn

Lector: Donna Clements

Servers: Volunteers

Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, January 22

~ 8:30 am Mass ~ † Francis Schmidt

Lector: Donnie Weber

Servers: Volunteers

Ushers: Volunteers

MONDAY, January 23

~ 5:30 pm Mass ~ † Joseph and Clara Bina

TUESDAY, January 24

~ 5:00 pm ~ Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

~ 5:30 pm Mass ~ † Connie Goodreau

THURSDAY, January 26

~ 8:30 am Mass ~ † Bill Silha

SATURDAY, January 28

~ 4:00 pm Mass ~ Our Parish Family

Lector: Bill Weber

Servers: Volunteers

Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, January 29

~ 8:30 am Mass ~ † Joe Murphy

Lector: Donna Clements

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.

PARISH CALENDAR

- **January 23** ~ 6:30 pm PCCW meeting
- **January 25** ~ Religious Education Class
- **February 1** ~ Religious Education Class
- **February 8** ~ Religious Education Class
- **February 15** ~ Religious Education Class
- **February 17** ~ February Friday Fun night
- **February 18** ~ 9:00 am First Reconciliation
2nd Grade Students
- **February 22—Ash Wednesday**
8:30 am mass and 6:00 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.

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



ADORATION
of the
BLESSED
SACRAMENT

GIFT'S RETURNED TO GOD

Last Week in Giving—180 envelope holders



Adult Envelopes:	\$1,505.00
Offertory:	\$ 303.00
Solemnity of Mary:	\$ 20.00
Initial Offering:	\$ 10.00
Votive Candles:	\$ 92.00

*Thank
You!*

Thank you Money Counters!



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.

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



**Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

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“The people who sit in darkness have seen a great light”

This verse appears twice this weekend—both in the first reading from Isaiah and then Matthew quotes this verse when he talks about Jesus beginning His ministry in Capernaum by the Sea of Galilee. “He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea.” Matthew explains that what Isaiah prophesied has been fulfilled through the preaching and healing ministry of Jesus. Jesus begins his public ministry in Capernaum, one of the principal towns around the lake of Galilee. Jesus continues where John the Baptist left “Repent; the Kingdom of God is near.” That’s an invitation which expels darkness from within. He goes beyond inviting others to be messengers of that light. “As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers ... He walked along from there and saw two other brothers.” He tells them “Come after me.” He calls them to adventure of discipleship. To goodness and light. For these four men this was a turning point in their lives. They were being called from being fishermen to being fishermen of men... To come and follow Jesus. The turning points in our lives bring us face to face with Jesus. Be open.

On January 23rd our nation will observe a Day of Prayer for Legal Protection for the Unborn. Please keep this day in your thoughts and prayers.

You had been reading “Totum Amoris Est” (“Everything pertains to love”) by Pope Francis in commemoration of the 400th death anniversary of Saint Francis De Sales. On January 24th church celebrates the feast of St. Francis De sales. In fact, Dec 28, 2022 marked the 400th death anniversary of Saint Francis De Sales, who is well known for his two spiritual classics, the Introduction to Devout life and Treatise on the Love of God. He is known as “the gentleman Saint.” He completed his education in Padua, Italy, with doctorates in civil and canon law. Francis de Sales was ordained a priest on December 18th, 1593. On 8th December 1602, Francis was named bishop of Geneva, Switzerland, at the age of 35. On December 28th, 1661 Francis de Sales was beatified by Pope Alexander VII. On April 19th, 1665 blessed Francis de Sales was canonized by the same Pope. On November 16th, 1877, Pope Pius IX declared him Doctor of the church. I wish every one happy feast. Please keep in your thought Missionaries of St Francis de Sales the order which I belong. Happy feast to everyone.

Have a blessed week!

~ Live Jesus ~

Fr Biju MSFS



PARISH NEWS

February Friday Fun Night -

February 17, 2023
6:00 pm to 9:30 pm

Advertising

Flyers for the big night are available for pickup in the back of church.

Help spread the word by posting one in your place of business or somewhere in the community.

Cash Raffle

In addition to the gun raffle we are also having a cash raffle and need your help. Each family is asked to sell or purchase 24 cash raffle tickets. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. These tickets have been mailed out

Thank you for your support and we hope to see you at the event.



2022 Contribution Statements

Registered parish members please pick up your statement from the back of the church this weekend after Mass to help save on the mailing expense. For those who currently receive the bulletin by mail, your statement will be sent with the weekend bulletin.

PCCW Meeting—Monday, January 23 6:30 pm.—

School Hall

All women of the parish are welcome to attend!

DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS

2023 Catholic Campaign for Human Development

This collection will take place the weekend of January 28/29. An envelope is included in your box and additional will be in the back of church. Thank you for your generosity!

~**A Minute with Jesus** ~ Why does Jesus always want to stay with us? You know that Jesus always wants to stay with you because He loves you unconditionally (completely). Why? Because He wants to be with the person He loves. How do you (we) know He loves you so much Jesus gave His life for you by dying on the Cross so that your sins can be forgiven. Let’s pray this right now and every day this week.

Thank You Jesus that You want to be with me all the time.

This week, read Psalm 139: 13-16 which speaks of how well God knows me and how close He is to me.

~**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.

DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS cont'd

~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.

~Crosswoods Camp is Hiring for Summer Staff Positions! (Please send this on to young adults who might be interested in applying.)

If you love being outdoors, are musically talented, can juggle, or make bird calls, we have the perfect job for you! Our small, dedicated staff leads weekly groups on adventures (such as rock climbing, kayaking, mountain biking) alongside skits, talks, and worship music to help lead youth to Christ. If this sounds like you, or a friend, please send inquiries or requests for an application to Camp Director, Shelby Saenger, at kaufers2386@gmail.com.

~Writing scholarship contest from FAITH Catholic—One \$1500 first Prize. Our *Catholic Life* publishing partner, FAITH Catholic, is announcing a writing contest for high school seniors from all of the dioceses they partner with. The winner will be given a \$1,500 check for writing on the theme: Tell us about the person in whom you most see the face of Christ. As you know, sharing personal witness stories is a powerful tool for evangelization—and giving young people a chance to share those experiences in their own voices has been an important part of FAITH Catholic's mission for more than 20 years.

Full details at: <https://faithsyndicated.org/father-charles-irvin-writing-scholarship-2023>

~World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in parishes on the weekend of Feb. 4-5. Please pray for all those who have answered the call to consecrated life, aspiring towards joy-filled holiness in the service of the Church and world. Please pray also for many more laborers to enter the vineyard so that Jesus Christ may be better known, experienced and loved.

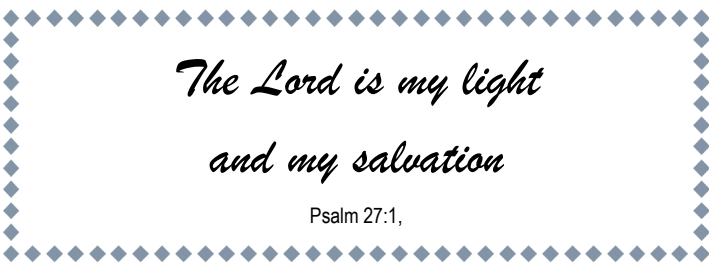
~Catholic Women's Spiritual Day

This will be held on Saturday, February 4, 2023 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church 407 E. LeGrand Street, Boscobel, WI 53805. Keynote speaker, Rebecca Kiessling, has been a pro-life speaker since 1995, sharing her powerful testimony internationally. She's appeared on EWTN and interviewed on Relevant Radio numerous times. For questions, please contact: Julie Biba at 608-375-2589 or Janet Mindham at 608-391-1030.

~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 <https://cclse.org/>

~ 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



ACTIVITY CORNER

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GALILEE	CAPERNAUM	ZEBULUN
NAPHTALI	JORDAN	ISAIAH
SIMON	PETER	ANDREW
JAMES	ZEBEDEE	JOHN



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

- Joyce Clements who is in the hospital.
- 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
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