



St. Joseph Parish ~ St. Joseph Ridge

W2601 State Road 33 • La Crosse • Wisconsin • 54601

January 29, 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 Mikshowskey.....608-788-1646
Bulletin deadline:Wednesday
 sjrp2601@gmail.com
Office hours vary, call or email with questions

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

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



***“Rejoice and be glad,
For your reward will be great in heaven.”***

Matthew 5:12a

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
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Accompanist:

Leland Gregorich
LuAnne Gregorich
Mary Beth Smith

*Thank you for your time
and talent in support of our parish.*

PARISH INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, January 30

~ 5:30 pm Mass ~ † Stanley Hundt

TUESDAY, January 31

~ 5:00 pm ~ Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 ~ 5:30 pm Mass ~ † Marvin Trinkes

THURSDAY, February 2

~ 8:30 am Mass ~ † Jerry Mashak

SATURDAY, February 4

~8:30 am Mass ~
 ~ 4:00 pm Mass ~ † George and Evelyn Miller
 Lector: Kathy Leis
 Servers: Volunteers
 Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, February 5

~ 8:30 am Mass ~ † Jim and Janice Cavidini
 Lector: Paula Silha
 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 31** ~ 6:30 pm Joint meeting Pastoral Council and Finance Council re: February Fundraiser
- **February 1** ~ Religious Education Class
- **February 3** ~ Feast Day of St. Blaise
- **February 4** after 4:00 pm mass~Blessing of the Throats
- **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**
St Joseph Parish—8:30 am mass and 6:00 pm mass
St Peters Parish—8:00 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:	\$1,456.00
Offertory:	\$ 221.00
Solemnity of Mary:	\$ 5.00
Initial Offering:	\$ 9.00

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



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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"Blessed are the poor in spirit . . . they who mourn . . . the meek . . . they who hunger and thirst for righteousness . . . the merciful . . . the clean of heart . . . the peacemakers . . ."

The Lord Jesus gave the greatest summation of the Christian way of life in his Sermon on the Mount (cf. Mt 5-7). "The Beatitudes," form the first part of it. The early Christians saw the Beatitudes as the path to happiness. Everyone has a different idea of what the word 'blessed' means. Many would attribute money, power, and position, as sign of being blessed. So many people never find happiness because they do not know where to look for it.

Too many people say "If only I had that," they often say, "I would be happy" Blessedness is something inherent. It's a gift from God. It springs from our relationship with God. Can I hear Jesus tell me about "Blessed are the poor in spirit . . . they who mourn . . . the meek . . . they who hunger and thirst for righteousness . . . the merciful . . . the clean of heart . . . the peacemakers . . ." Where do I belong?

The National Catholic Schools week begins this week, with the theme: "Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service". Catholic schools were begun with the specific purpose to form students to become good Catholics by instilling in them the values that would make them good citizens of the world, so that they would enrich the society with the leaven of the gospel and the example of faith. May God bless the ministry of Catholic education and all those who are involved in it.

St. Blaise Blessing : Blessing of the Throats will take place at the conclusion of Mass on Friday, February 3rd at St. Peters and on Saturday after 4:00 pm mass at St. Joseph. St Blaise was the bishop of Sebaste in Armenia. He is associated with the healing of throats. He was martyred during the persecution of Licinius, early 4th century.



Have a blessed week!

~ Live Jesus ~

Fr Biju MSFS



PARISH NEWS

Our Deepest Sympathy to the family of : Joyce Clements

who passed away on

Tuesday, January 24, 2023

Visitation will be Sunday, January 29th 3:00—6:00 pm (with Rosary at 2:30 pm)

And on Monday 10:00 until time of Funeral

Funeral Mass will be Monday, January 30th at 11:00 am Lunch and Celebration of Life will follow at Fox Hollow



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.



DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS

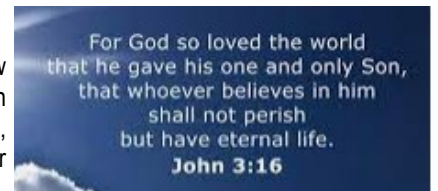
2023 Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Next weekend we are taking up a special collection to support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). More than thirty-seven million people in the United States live in poverty today. CCHD supports those living in poverty by funding programs that empower local communities to address their challenges. It identifies and addresses the unique obstacles people face as they work to lift themselves and their communities out of poverty. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at uscbb.org/cchd collection.

Thank you for your generosity!

~A Minute with Jesus~ Why does Jesus want to live in your heart? God has created each person absolutely unique – there is only one of you. Jesus knows you and loves you and wants to be with you always. Jesus has a love in His Heart that only you can receive. If you don't receive Jesus' love for you, it will be "wasted." And likewise, you have a love in your heart that only you can give to Jesus. If you don't give that love, there will be an empty place in Jesus' Heart. Let's pray this right now and every day this week. Jesus, I want to receive all the love You have for me and I want to give You all of my love.

This week read about how much God loves you in John 3:16. To make this personal, replace "the world" with your own name.



World Day for Consecrated Life

(Celebrated in Parishes February 4-5)

In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on Feb. 2. This Feast is also known as Candlemas Day, the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. So, too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples. The celebration of World Day for Consecrated Life is transferred to the following Sunday in order to highlight the gift of consecrated persons for the whole Church.

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.

DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS cont'd

~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>



January 28th
thru
February 3rd

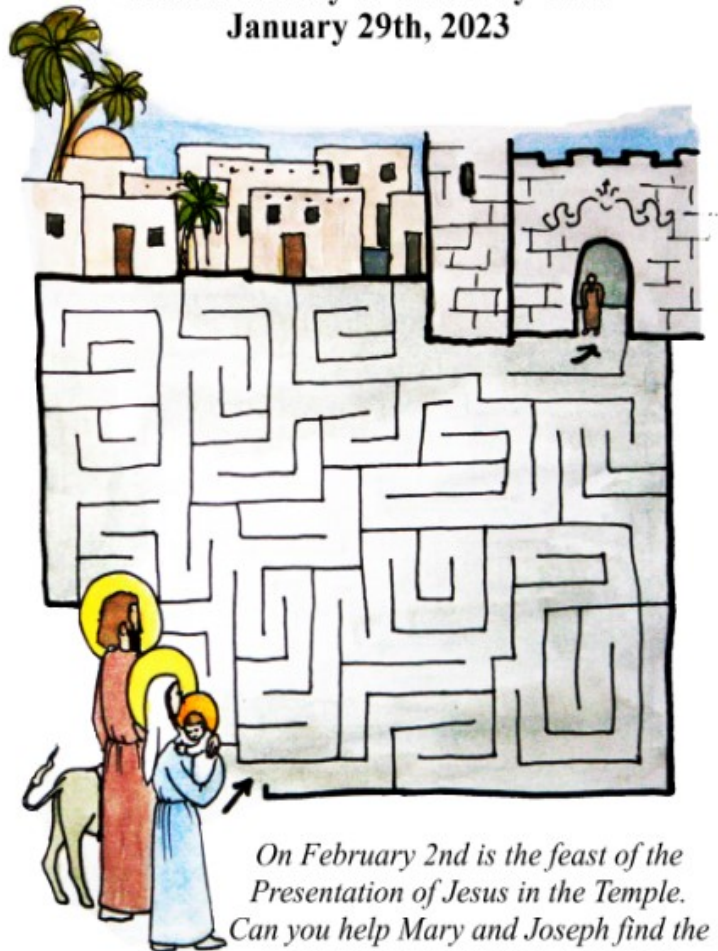
~Feast of Blessed Brother James Miller – February 13
A native of Stevens Point and a De La Salle Christian Brother and missionary, Brother James Miller was gunned down while repairing a wall at the school where he worked in Huehuetenango, Guatemala on Feb. 13, 1982. He was declared a martyr and beatified by Pope Francis on Dec. 7, 2019. He stands as an example of fidelity to the Gospel and humble and fearless service on behalf of the poor and the vulnerable. To learn more, visit diolc.org/blessed-brother-james-miller.

~The Gospel of Jesus Christ—Starts FEBRUARY 28 (Tuesday, 5:30-6:30 p.m.): John McHugh will share insights into select passages from all four Gospels during this four-part series designed to deepen your Lenten journey. Attend any or all sessions! More information can be found on the Franciscan Spirituality website <https://www.fscenter.org/> and click through events/registration.

~Be Part of an Amazing Adventure in Faith – Join the Lay Formation Institute! Registration is now open for the next two-year Lay Formation cycle that begins in fall of 2023. Draw closer to Christ and deepen your knowledge of the Faith in a joyful community of learners! See complete information and application form at diolc.org/lay-formation. Discuss with your pastor and contact the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns at ministries@diolc.org or call 608.791.0161.

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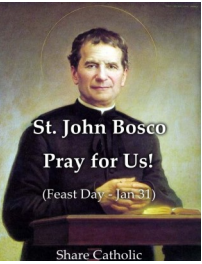
**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 29th, 2023**



On February 2nd is the feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple. Can you help Mary and Joseph find the way through Jerusalem to present Baby Jesus in the Temple?



Saint of the Week
St. John Bosco (1815-1888)
January 31



St. John Bosco
Pray for Us!
(Feast Day - Jan 31)
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John Bosco was an Italian Catholic priest, educator and writer of the 19th century, who put into practice the convictions of his religion, dedicating his life to the betterment and education of street children, juvenile delinquents, and other disadvantaged youth and employing teaching methods based on love rather than punishment. A follower of the spirituality and philosophy of Francis de Sales, Bosco dedicated his works to him when he founded the Society of St. Francis de Sales (more commonly known as the Salesian Society or the Salesians of Don Bosco). Together with Maria Domenica Mazzarello, he founded the Institute of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians, popularly known as Salesian Sisters. In 1876 Bosco founded a movement of laity, the Salesian Cooperators, with the same educational mission to the poor. He is patron saint of editors. He is known as the "Apostle of Youth".

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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