

PARISH INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, February 11

~ 4:00 pm Mass ~ Our Parish Family
 Lector: Paula Silha
 Servers: Volunteers
 Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, February 12

~ 8:30 am Mass ~ † Francis Schmidt
 Lector: Donna Clements
 Servers: Volunteers
 Ushers: Volunteers

MONDAY, February 13

~ 5:30 pm Mass ~ † Darryl and Terry Miller

TUESDAY, February 14

~ 5:00 pm ~ *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*
 ~ 5:30 pm Mass ~ † Herb and Joyce Clements

THURSDAY, February 16

~ 8:30 am Mass ~ † Ralph and Evelyn Mikshowsky

SATURDAY, February 18

~ 4:00 pm Mass ~ † Rick Schermerhorn
 Lector: Bill Weber
 Servers: Volunteers
 Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, February 19

~ 8:30 am Mass ~ † Karen Nordstrom
 Lector: Sally Miller
 Servers: Volunteers
 Ushers: Volunteers



PARISH CALENDAR

- **February 15** ~ Religious Education Class
- **February 17** ~ February Friday Fun night
- **February 18** ~ 9:00 am First Reconciliation
2nd Grade Students
- **February 20**—6:30 pm PCCW meeting
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- **February 22**—*Ash Wednesday*  
St Joseph Parish 8:30 am mass and 6:00 pm mass  
St Peters Parish—8:00 pm mass  
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- **February 26**—Euchre Party at St. Peters/Middle Ridge
- **February 28** —6:15 pm Eucharist Lectio Series begin
- **April 7**—**Good Friday**
- **April 9**—*EASTER Sunday*

~ ENHANCE YOUR FAITH ~

- * **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**
Tuesday evening at 5:00 pm until mass at 5:30 pm
- * **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.
- * **Confession**
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 phone #788-1646 or email sjrp2601@gmail.com if you would like to schedule mass intentions.
. Also Mass Intentions envelopes are in the back of church.

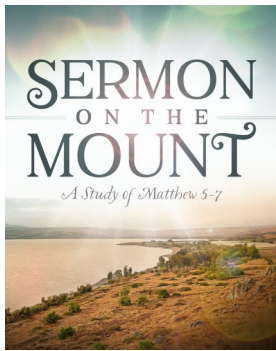
- Donations:** Here are some ways to contribute:
- Use the online giving portal set up by the Diocese: <https://diolc.org/st-joseph-parish-st-joseph-ridge/> (processing fees will be deducted from your contribution, which average 3% for debit and credit cards and \$.75 for EFT, ACH)
 - **Drop off** a 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.

**Contributions for the past week—
180 envelope holders**



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| Adult Envelopes: | \$ 1,915.00 |
| Plate collection: | \$ 194.00 |
| Votive Candles: | \$ 97.50 |
| Initial Offering: | \$ 4.00 |
| Total: | \$ 2,210.50 |

FROM THE PASTOR



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Gospel passage of this weekend is taken from the "Sermon on the Mount discourse,". Selections from Matthew's Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7) will be the Gospel proclamations for the remaining Sundays up to Ash Wednesday.

The sermon on the mount is Matthew's version of the moral and ethical behavior which Jesus expects and demands of all baptized followers of Jesus Christ. He says that He did not come to destroy the Torah but to bring it to perfection. The law was never intended to divide people into categories of good or bad, right or wrong, law abider or law breaker. It was to point the way to life. That's what Jesus does. That's why he could say that he came not to destroy but to fulfill the law. Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill.

By this Jesus does not reveal new teaching. He simply offers deeper insights into the Law. In fact, the statement "if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and the Pharisees", means that we must not settle for the literal sense of the Law rather the spirit. The problem of the Pharisees and the Scribes is that their desire to keep everything in the Law easily led them to the desire to keep only that which is in the Law. He speaks about Law, anger, reconciliation, adultery, divorce, oath. In each of the examples that Jesus took to illustrate the fact that it is not enough not to break God's commandment, he demonstrates the full length of the application of the Law. Can I go beyond the literal meaning to the spirit of the law?

Today is World Marriage Day. The observances of National Marriage Week (Feb. 7-14) and World Marriage Day (Sunday, Feb. 12) are an opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with marriage and the family. World marriage day is an annual observance to honor husband and wife as the foundation of the family, the basic unit of society. It salutes the beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice and joy in daily married life. I pray for God's blessings upon you. Also, my thoughts and prayers are with those who struggle in their marriage and those who are separated/divorced.

Please remember to sign up and participate in the Friday fun night on 17th February at St Joseph school hall. All are welcome. Sign up sheets are at the back of the church. I see we need some more volunteers. Please come forward to make the day beautiful. Thanks to all who have signed up.

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

The Fun Night is just around the corner and

WE NEED YOU!

- Get the **flyers** out in the community and spread the word!
- **Sign up to work a shift**
- **Sell and return money along with the stubs** for the cash and gun raffles.
- **Invite** all your friends and family to attend!
- **Donate a door prize.**

Thank you for your support and we hope to see you at this fun social event.

All are welcome to join us for the Eucharist Lectio series with Brant Pitre. It's free.

Tuesday evenings, starting Feb. 28th at 6:15 PM in the school hall.

This will follow the regular Adoration (5:00 pm) and Mass (5:30 pm).

10 sessions that explore Scripture, history, and Church teaching to illuminate the wonder and the MIRACLE OF THE EUCHARIST.

Please call Stacy Burns @ 608-769-8828 to register or with any questions. There will be food!

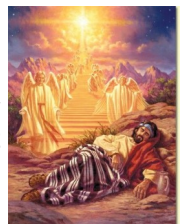


DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS

~A Minute with Jesus ~ Jesus wants us to know He is continually with us. Often times, our mind begins to wander at Mass because we only see bread and wine. What contributes to our distractions is the bombardment of noise and images in our mind that come through our physical senses (hearing, seeing). Therefore, we are much less attuned to the world of the spirit and the much deeper spiritual realities that are right here, all around us. Let's pray this right now and every day this week:

Jesus, help me to learn to be quiet and reveal to my heart the truth the Eucharist is really You present under the appearance of bread and wine.

This week, read about Jacob in the desert, who was very much afraid, and came to realize that God was present right there with him. As with Jacob, we can say as we pray before the Blessed Sacrament, "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it." (Genesis 28:10-17)



DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS cont'd

~Healing Mass and Prayer Service in Cashton on Feb 27th.

Do you have a need for healing - spiritual, physical, psychological, emotional? Join us for Mass and a Healing Service on Monday, February 27th at Sacred Heart Church in Cashton, WI (1205 Front Street)

Schedule of Evening:

- 5:30 pm - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available throughout the evening)
- 6:30 pm - Holy Mass Adoration continues after Mass with Prayers of Healing & Deliverance. Our clergy and prayer teams will pray over those who desire it. Fr. Sedlacek

~LA CROSSE DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN -

MORNING OF REFLECTION- Two Lost Souls, one Good Shepherd: Finding Faith, Hope and Love in the Lord and One Another will be on March 4, 2023. Registration and light breakfast will start at 9 am. Guest speaker will be Elizabeth Kelly, an award winning Catholic Author of over ten books, Retreat Leader and Podcaster. Elizabeth's website is: www.lizk.org. Concluding prayer at 12 noon. This program is free to all women in the area. Join us at the 8 am Mass (optional) prior to the start of the program!

~Caregiver Opportunities

The Villa St. Joseph is seeking applicants for part-time, evening caregivers. The shift time 4-8pm, but is somewhat flexible. Starting pay is \$18.95/hr and training is provided. Interested applicants can get more info and apply at <https://www.fspa.org/content/join/employment-opportunities>


~Reminder: Tune-In Tuesdays


Please join us for our Tune-In Tuesdays at 11 a.m. Join us as we come together to network and share how we are doing, how our ministry is going and talk about ways we can support each other. Please follow this link: us02web.zoom.us/j/88368837363?pwd=Q2V0disyalE4Mm93bnM4andYUWdZdz09

~T.H.Stemper Company(Noelke;s) in La Crosse is seeking a full-time retail manager. The ideal candidate will have experience in retail management and knowledge of the Catholic Faith. Call Joe Stemper at 414-581-6940 or Noah Stemper at 414-403-1923 for further details.

~The Exchange (1009 4th St., La Crosse) accepts donated items and collaborates with local organizations to provide home essentials for community members in need. They are in need of gently used furniture, kitchen items, microwaves, small appliances, cleaning supplies, mattresses, towels, sheets, lamps, etc. Donation drop off hours are Monday and Wednesday 1-3 PM and Tuesday and Thursday 1-4 PM. For more details call 608-301-5345 or www.theexchangelacrosse.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

 *Eye has not seen, ear has not heard, what God has ready for those who love him. Spirit of love, come, give us the mind of Jesus; teach us the wisdom of God.*

When pain and sorrow weigh us down, be near to us, O Lord: Forgive the weakness of our faith, and bear us up within your peaceful word. 

~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~

Psalm 119 Word-Find



See if you can find all the words in CAPITALS. Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

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Blessed are they who FOLLOW the law of the LORD.

Blessed are they whose way is BLAMELESS, who WALK in the LAW of the Lord. BLESSED are they who OBSERVE his DECREES, who SEEK him with all their heart.


You have COMMANDED that your PRECEPTS be DILIGENTLY KEPT. Oh, that I MIGHT be FIRM in the ways of keeping your STATUTES!

Be GOOD to your SERVANT, that I MAY LIVE and keep your WORDS. OPEN my EYES, that I may CONSIDER THE wonders of your law.

If you obey God's law, _____



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS



- For the people in Turkey who have lost a loved one and are suffering from the damages incurred from the Earthquake.
- 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