

St. Joseph Parish ~ St. Joseph Ridge

W2601 State Road 33 • La Crosse • Wisconsin • 54601

February 26, 2023

PASTOR

Fr. Biju Chennala Kunjukutty, MSFS
715-495-2338
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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

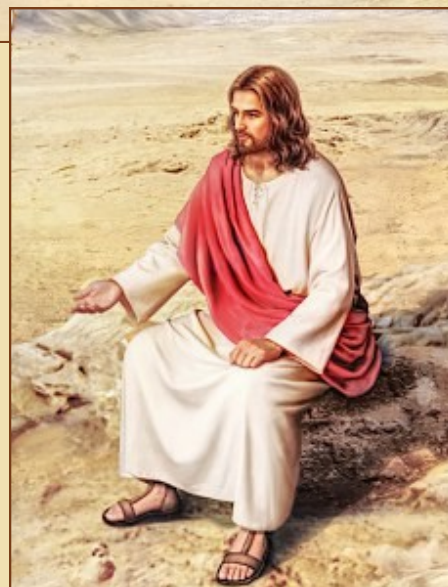
St. Peter's Parish, Middle Ridge

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

**GOD'S WORD IS OUR
DAILY BREAD**

**First
Sunday of
Lent**



**But he answered and said, It
is written, Man shall not live
by bread alone, but by every
word that proceeds out of
the mouth of God.**

Matthew 4:4

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 your time
and talent to support our parish.*

PARISH INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, February 25

~ 4:00 pm Mass ~ † Terry and Darryl Miller
Lector: Donnie Weber
Servers: Volunteers
Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, February 26

~ 8:30 am Mass ~ Our Parish Family
Lector: Donna Clements
Servers: Volunteers
Ushers: Volunteers

MONDAY, February 27

~ 5:30 pm Mass ~ † Elizabeth Hugo

TUESDAY, February 28

~ 5:00 pm ~ Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
~ 5:30 pm Mass ~ † Larry Silha

THURSDAY, March 2

~ 8:30 am Mass ~ † Wayne Thesing

SATURDAY, March 4

~ 8:30 am Mass ~ † Lois Davis
~ 4:00 pm Mass ~ † Elmer, Queto, and
Caroline Weber

Lector: Paula Silha
Servers: Volunteers
Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, March 5

~ 8:30 am Mass ~ † Darryl and Terry Miller
Lector: Sally Miller
Servers: Volunteers
Ushers: Volunteers

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

*Thank
You!*

Adult Envelopes:	\$ 1,668.45
Plate collection:	\$ 221.80
Total:	\$ 1,890.25

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Wednesdays during Lent

7:00 PM

St. Joseph Parish



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PARISH CALENDAR

- * **February 26**—Euchre Party at St. Peters/Middle Ridge
- **February 28**—6:15 pm Eucharist Lectio Series begin
- **March 1**—Religious Education Classes
- **March 1**—7:00 pm Stations of the Cross
- **March 3 & 4**—Eucharistic Revival Conference at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe
- **March 4 & 5**—Blest Art will be available after masses
- **March 8**—Religious Education Classes
- **March 9**—6:30 pm Finance Council Meeting
- **March 29**—6:00 pm Confessions at St. Joseph Parish



Blest Art will be visiting your parish on March 4th & 5th on behalf of the Christian families in Bethlehem, Palestine.

Blest Art will have hand-carved nativity sets, statues, crosses, rosaries, and many other pieces of beautiful olive wood art. We gladly accept cash, checks, and all major credit cards.

~ 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.

FROM THE PASTOR

The Season of Lent



"Happy Lent to all!"

In the middle of the past week, we celebrated Ash Wednesday to mark the beginning of the Lenten season. The Gospel reading for Ash Wednesday (Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18) reminded us of the three traditional pillars of

Lenten observance. Prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Prayer purifies our intentions and relates all we do to God. **Fasting** detaches us from our comfort. **Almsgiving** reflects our brotherhood/sisterhood with the poor of Jesus' family and reminds us that our true wealth is not in things, but in the love of God.

Every year, the gospel for the First Sunday of Lent is the temptations of Jesus in the desert. It is an important reminder for us, as we begin this holy season, that Jesus was tempted just like us. His success resisting the temptations is a model that we are able to imitate in our lives. To resist the devil's temptations, Jesus was aware he was being tried. When we fall into temptation, it is usually because we're not paying attention. Be alert and attentive to what is going on within.

As we celebrate God's mercy, we acknowledge our sinfulness our unworthiness. Let's consciously take an inventory of our lives. Our goodness and weakness or limitations. List them out. Discern in them a call to draw nearer to God. Lent calls us not to deny our limitations and weaknesses or hide from them. Rather, Lent calls us to accept our limitations and weaknesses and learn how with God's grace to transform them for the good of others.

Let me now leave you with this prayer: *Lord, you know how much I need you and depend on you. You know my weakness and my faults. I put all my confidence in your love and mercy in my daily actions. I hope to learn to trust more in your power, your promise, and your grace. Lord, I wish to start this season of Lent with a sincere desire to grow in love, loving you more, loving my family and friends more, especially reaching out to those who I am not so fond of. Therefore Lord, help me learn to change what needs to change in my life. Give me the grace to begin this Lent with great enthusiasm and love, practicing a Lenten program of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Help me live it with joy, knowing that I am living it in your presence to please you and to live in true fellowship with those around me. Amen.*

Have a great Lent!

~ Live Jesus ~

Fr Bijou MSFS



PARISH NEWS

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!



Raffle Winners!

February Friday Fun Night

Cash Raffle:

- 1st Prize (\$300) - Jeff Weibel
- 2nd Prize (\$200) - Reiny Kammel
- 3rd Prize (\$100) - Anna Boland

4th -9th Prize (\$50) - Jeffrey Heuer, Tess Zebell
James Davis, Jelaine Modawell, Reiny Kammel, Tim Paul

Hunting Rifle Raffle:

- 1st Prize: Remington 700 ADL—Josh Roesler
- 2nd Prize: Ruger American—Steve Martin
- 3rd Prize: Mossberg Patriot—Larry Mikshowsky
- 4th Prize: Cash option (\$300.00/donated \$100.00)—Matt Pundzak
- 5th Prize: Stevens 301—John Stafford

We also celebrated Fr Bijou's 20 years of Ordination.

Congratulations Fr Bijou!

Thank you
to everyone for supporting
our fundraiser!



DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS

~A Minute with Jesus~ We need God's help to believe

The Eucharist is beyond our ability to grasp fully. The Eucharist is a mystery, which means we would not know this is His Body and Blood without the Lord specifically saying these words to us in Scripture. We can understand this mystery to an extent, but not fully because this mystery is of God, Who is infinite.

Let's pray this right now and every day this week:

Jesus, please open my heart to believe that You are truly present in the Holy Eucharist.

This week, read how St. Paul speaks of this mystery of the Eucharist in 1Corinthians 11:23-26



~Cabin Fever Fest—St. Peter Parish (Middle Ridge)

Euchre Tournament and Luncheon, Sunday, February 26th. \$10 per person doors open at 12:00 PM, cards start at 1:00 PM. 1st-4th place prizes awarded. Soups, snacks and beverage included in the price. More info call Melissa Schaub at the parish 608-486-2180 or email: stpetersrectory@centurytel.net

DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS cont'd

~Eucharistic Revival Conference - March 3-4 (Free)

The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe will host a Eucharistic Conference offered by the Norbertine Fathers on Friday, March 3, and Saturday, March 4, 2023. Days begin with 8:30 AM Mass. Attend one or both days, with a variety of presentations on each day. Registration is not required and there is no cost to attend. The Conference will include the Eucharistic Miracles Display. View entire schedule <https://www.guadalupe Shrine.org/post/eucharisticconference>

~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 currently seeking part-time nurses (RN or LPN) for 1st, 2nd & 3rd shifts. We are looking for someone who shares our values of partnership and compassion and desires a culture that has a commitment to relationship-centered care. Interested applicants may apply online at <https://www.fspa.org/content/join/employment-opportunities>

~Lenten Luncheon— March 29th 11:30 am—1:00 pm

Bishop William Patrick Callahan and Catholic Charities cordially invite you to the 15th Annual La Crosse Lenten Luncheon! Gourmet soup, salad and bread will be served. \$30.00 per person or reserve a table of 8 for \$240.00.

Holy Cross Diocesan Center, 3710 East Avenue So., La Crosse
Make reservation by March 20th

Join us as we honor and celebrate our 2023 "In My Name" Award Recipient (Jerry Roesler) and our Bill Medland Faithful Servant Award Recipient (Tom Tiggelaar)!



~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:

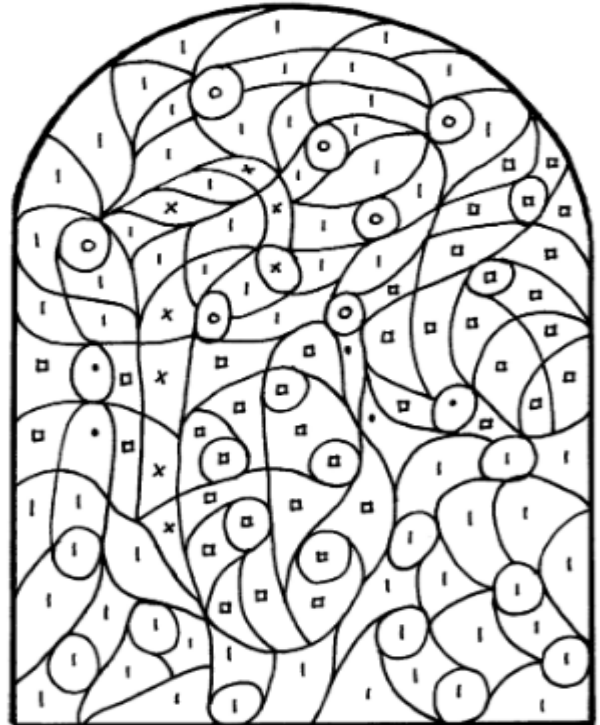
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~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~

First Sunday of Lent

February 26th, 2023

*Today's first reading tells us about sin.
Use the code at the bottom to colour in the spaces
and find out what the story was.*



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○ red

■ green
• skin colour

× brown



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



Lenten Prayer

**God of Goodness and Mercy,
Hear my prayer as I begin this Lenten
Journey with you.
Let me be honest with myself as I look into
my heart and soul. Noticing the times I turn
away from you.**

**Guide me as I humbly seek to repent and return to your love.
May humility guide my efforts to be reconciled with you and
live forever in your abundant grace.**

**Transform me this Lent, Heavenly Father. Give me the
strength to commit myself to grow closer to you each day.**

Amen