

## *St. Joseph Parish ~ St. Joseph Ridge*

**W2601 State Road 33 • La Crosse • Wisconsin • 54601**

*March 5, 2023*

**PASTOR**

Fr. Biju Chennala Kunjukutty, MSFS  
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## WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday.....4:00 pm  
Sunday.....8:30 am

## WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

**SATURDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

First Saturday Mass.....	8:30 am
Monday .....	5:30 pm
Tuesday.....Adoration .....	5:00 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  
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: Wednesday .....7:30-9:00 PM  
Weekend Mass: Saturday.....8:00 PM  
Sunday.....10:00 AM

Weekday Mass: Wednesday....8:00 AM  
Friday .....8:00 AM

## Second Sunday of Lent



**This is my Son whom I love:  
with him I am well pleased.  
Listen to Him!**

Matthew 17: 5

## 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

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

**PARISH INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY, March 4**

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

Lector: Bill Weber  
Servers: Volunteers  
Ushers: Volunteers

**SUNDAY, March 5**

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

**MONDAY, March 6**

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

**TUESDAY, March 7**

~ 5:00 pm ~ *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*  
~ 5:30 pm Mass ~ † Fr Bob Hegenbarth and  
Clarence Hegenbarth

**THURSDAY, March 9**

~ 8:30 am Mass ~ † Bill Patterson

**SATURDAY, March 11**

~ 4:00 pm Mass ~ † Earl Martin  
Lector: Kathy Leis  
Servers: Volunteers  
Ushers: Volunteers

**SUNDAY, March 12**

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

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

*Thank  
You!*

Adult Envelopes:	\$ 2,154.00
Plate collection:	\$ 293.00
Votive Candles:	\$ 88.42
Fun Night donation:	\$ 15.00
Ash Wednesday:	\$ 252.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 2,802.42</b>

*Thank you Money Counters!*

**PARISH CALENDAR**

- **March 7**—6:05 pm Eucharist Bible Study
- **March 8**—Religious Education Classes
- **March 9**—6:30 pm Finance Council Meeting
- **March 14**—6:05 pm Eucharist Bible Study
- **March 15**—Religious Education Classes
- **March 22** 6:30pm Confessions-St Peter Middle Ridge
- **March 29**—6:00 pm Confessions at St. Joseph Parish
- **April 2**— **Palm Sunday**

**~ ENHANCE YOUR FAITH ~**

**\* Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

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

**\* Eucharist Lectio series with Brant Pitre.**

Tuesday evenings after 5:30 pm Mass.

A Bible study reflecting on the Scripture, history, and  
Church teaching to illuminate the wonder of the

***MIRACLE OF THE EUCHARIST***

Please call Stacy Burns 608-769-8828 with any questions

**\* 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.

**\* Stations of the Cross**

Every Wednesday evening during Lent at 7:00 pm at St.  
Joseph Parish and at 7:30 pm at St. Peters/Middle Ridge

**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**



**“Welcome to the  
2nd Sunday of Lent!”**

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Last Sunday we followed Jesus into the desert. In today's Gospel, Jesus is with his disciples on the mount of transfiguration. His face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. Jesus' Transfiguration occurs in the context of His journey to Jerusalem, the place of his suffering and death. In the context of uncertainty and fear. This brief glimpse of Jesus in all his glory is also meant for us today. Perhaps like the disciples, we too experience fear, doubt and even a lack of faith. Perhaps we too need to be encouraged and strengthened by Jesus, especially as we continue our journey through Lent. The transfiguration of Jesus is a small glimpse of the destination of the Lenten journey, Christ's risen glory.

For our Lenten journey to be effective and fruitful, we need to have our destination in mind. There is, of course, a danger of losing sight of it, of turning our eyes away. We need Christ to lift us up, to take away our fear. We try, through our Lenten penances, to keep our vision fixed on the Christ who touches our very lives. As we continue to make our way through Lent, let us Come down the mountain and move forward to the market place, to our daily life, to our homes, to the place of work with renewed faith, hope, and love. Be people of faith and hope. Because Christ is our Lord and king.

Last Tuesday evenings, on Feb. 28th I was really happy to see so many of you responded to the session that explore Scripture, history, and Church teaching on the miracle of the Eucharist. I like to *THANK* Lisa Meyer and Stacy Burns for making it happen.

This weekend people from Blest Art will be visiting our parish. I like to thank them for being in our parish. Their mission is to support those families in the Holy Land. Please support them with your generosity.

***Have a great Lent!***

***~ Live Jesus ~***

***Fr Biju MSFS***



**PARISH NEWS**

**Thank you for the great  
turn out at our first  
Eucharist Bible Study!**



**Are you interested in being part of this wonderful reflection of our Catholic faith? You are most welcome to attend any of the next 9 sessions on Tuesday evenings at 6:05pm (after 5:30 pm Mass).**

There are plenty of study guides. The group decided not to have food, but feel free to bring a snack if you would like.

A few testimonials from our first meeting:

- *"When I signed up, I wasn't sure what to expect, but I actually learned some new things. I thought it was very informative. It opened my eyes more to the details about the Bible, Eucharist and the Mass."*
- *"I have never heard Eucharist be referenced to as the "Medicine of Immortality" before so that was something new for me."*
- *"Eucharist was referred to as the "Medicine of Immortality", a term given by St. Ignatius of Antioch that explained how the Eucharist extends our supernatural life."*
- *A discussion question asked the group to share some ways Eucharist shapes their "worldview". "It gives me hope!"*

If you have any questions, call or text Stacy Burns 608-769-8828

**DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS**

**~A Minute with Jesus~** As Catholics, we believe that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist. We humbly give our assent to what has been handed on to us for the last 2,000 years through the one Church that Jesus founded. This assent (giving our "yes, I choose to believe") involves our commitment to persistence in prayer and study of Scripture in asking the Jesus for deeper understanding.

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

**Lord Jesus, "I believe; please help my unbelief."**

This week, read how a father gives his assent to believing that Jesus can heal his son in Mark 9:20-27.

**~Fish Fry—March 24th 4:00—7:00 pm**

Mary, Mother of the Church Parish, 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, will be holding a Fish Fry, dine-in or carry-out. The price is \$12 for 2-piece and \$14 for 3-piece dinner and includes baked or batter fried cod, baked potato or fries, coleslaw and roll. \$5 kids meal includes grilled cheese, fries, fruit and milk. Beer, wine and desserts available at dine-in for additional cost.



**DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS cont'd**

**~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)!



**~2023-2024 AHS & AMS ENROLLMENT**

Aquinas High School and Aquinas Middle School welcome you to enroll for the 2023-2024 school year. Aquinas is committed to providing a safe and structured learning environment for its students. There is much to be excited about with the launch of the Viterbo Education Program, NEW STEM lab, and over fifty extracurriculars to get involved with. Call (608) 784-0287 to schedule a tour!

Aquinas Catholic Schools is a Christ-centered family devoted to nurturing students of all faiths through educational excellence in its vibrant Catholic tradition. Contact [info@aquinasschools.org](mailto:info@aquinasschools.org) with any questions or visit [www.aquinascatholicschools.org/enrollment](http://www.aquinascatholicschools.org/enrollment) to get started.

**~Msgr. Hirsch presents "Jesus' True Presence in the Eucharist"**



Again and again, Jesus comes to us in the Eucharist. Our faith comes alive as we understand better that Jesus gives us His Real Presence in the Eucharist. Join Msgr. Joseph Hirsch, Director: Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II Orphanage, Lurin, Peru as he presents Jesus' True Presence in the Eucharist. (48 min.) Visit [diolc.org/catechesis](http://diolc.org/catechesis) or use your smartphone's camera to scan this QR code.

**~Help the Earthquake Victims of Turkey and Syria**

On February 6, a 7.8 magnitude earthquake devastated large areas of central Turkey and northwest Syria. The death toll has surpassed 21,000 and continues to climb. Catholic Relief Services is supporting emergency relief efforts led by local partners in both Syria and Turkey with Caritas Internationalis, Caritas Syria, and other partners. To learn how you can contribute to this effort, visit [crs.org](http://crs.org) or use your smartphone's camera to scan this QR code.



Father, help me to see this holy season of Lent as a time of spiritual renewal, rather than a time of deprivation. Motivate me to reach a new level of experiencing your grace.

**~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~**

**Word Find**

JESUS took Peter, JAMES, and JOHN his brother, and led them up a high MOUNTAIN by THEMSELVES. And he was TRANSFIGURED before them; his FACE SHONE like the SUN and his CLOTHES became WHITE as LIGHT. And behold, Moses and ELIJAH appeared to them, conversing with him. Then PETER said to Jesus in reply, "LORD, it is GOOD that we are here. If you wish, I will make THREE tents here, one for you, one for MOSES and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright CLOUD cast a SHADOW OVER them, then from the cloud came a VOICE that said, "This is my beloved SON, with whom I am well PLEASED; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they FELL prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "RISE, and do not be AFRAID." And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus ALONE.

Find all the words in CAPITALS above in the puzzle. Use the left-over letters to fill in the blanks below.

After all this happened, Jesus told the disciples not to tell anyone

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ANROALONEFDE  
IJISHADOWIGA  
NASELIJAHGOF  
LMESIOVERUOR  
FELLGHELORDA  
HSADHRFACEII  
SCLOTHESEDND

**THE POWER OF PRAYER**



**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.

To add a request call 608-788-1646 or email [sjrp2601@gmail.com](mailto:sjrp2601@gmail.com)