



# St. Joseph Parish ~ St. Joseph Ridge

W2601 State Road 33 • La Crosse • Wisconsin • 54601

April 2, 2023 ~ PALM SUNDAY

## PASTOR

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

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

## WEEKDAY 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

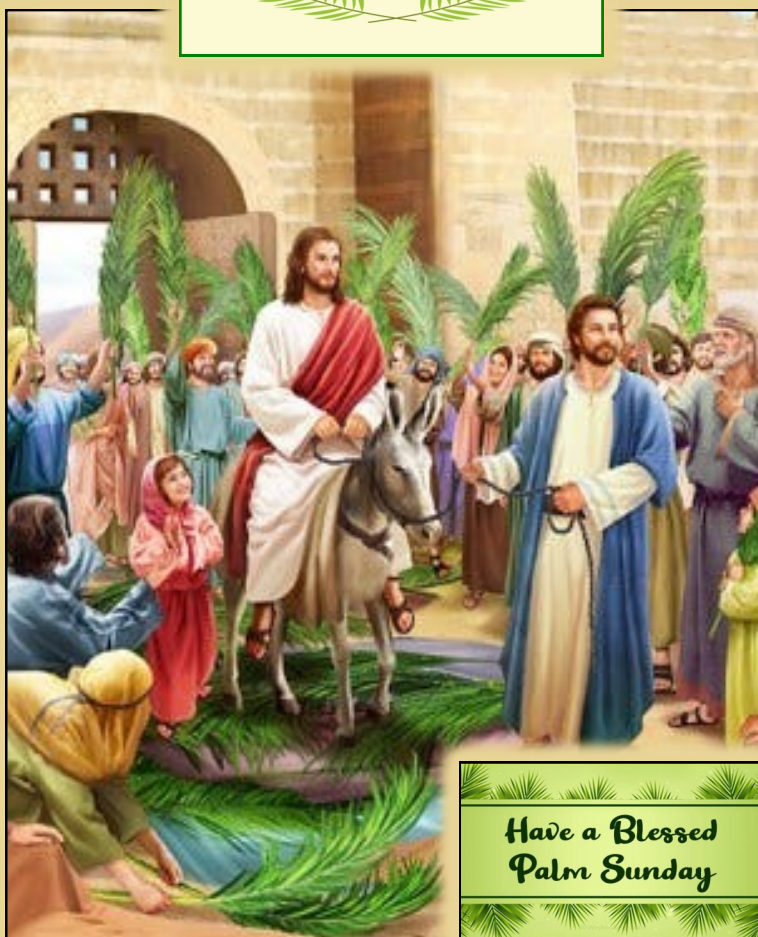
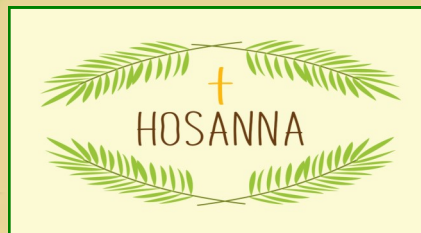
## CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR:

- 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



Have a Blessed  
Palm Sunday

## 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  
Rick Meyer

## MUSIC

Stacy Burns, Coordinator  
608-769-8828  
jsburns0093@gmail.com

## Accompanist

Leland Gregorich  
LuAnne Gregorich  
Mary Beth Smith

**Sacristan:**  
Sally Miller

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

PARISH INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, April 1

~ 8:30 am Mass ~ † Herb and Joyce Clements

~ 4:00 pm *Palm Sunday* Mass

† George and Evelyn Miller

Lector: Paula Silha

Servers: Volunteers

Ushers: Volunteers



Holy Week

SUNDAY, April 2—Palm Sunday

~ 8:30 am Mass ~ † Joe Murphy

Lector: Donna Clements and Teresa Brown

Servers: Volunteers

Ushers: Volunteers

MONDAY, April 3 ~ NO MASS

TUESDAY, April 4

~ 5:00 pm *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

~ 5:30 pm Mass ~ † Emil Bahr

THURSDAY, April 6—Holy Thursday

~ 7:00 pm Mass ~ † George and Evelyn Miller

Lector: Paula Silha

Servers: John Mashak, Volunteer

Ushers: Volunteers

**ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament**

After mass until Midnight—

Sign up sheet—back of church



FRIDAY, April 7—Good Friday

2:30 pm Stations of the Cross

3:00 pm Solemn Service

Lectors: Donna Clements, Jim Weber

Servers: Addison and Jackson Wieman

Ushers: Volunteers

SATURDAY, April 8—Easter Vigil

~ 8:30 pm Mass † Paul Hundt

Lector: Bill Weber, Paula Silha

Servers: David Brown, Volunteer

Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, April 9—Easter Sunday

~ 8:30 am Mass ~ Our Parish Family

Lector: Donna Clements

Servers: Zachary and Zarina Noronha

Ushers: Volunteers



PARISH CALENDAR

- April 3—No Mass
- April 3—9:00 am—6:00 pm Confessions at Cathedral
- April 4— Eucharistic Bible Study
- April 5—No Religious Education Class
- April 12—Confirmation at Cathedral
- April 30—8:30 am Mass—First Communion

~ ENHANCE YOUR FAITH ~

\* **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Tuesday evenings at 5:00 pm until 5:30 pm Mass  
And on Holy Thursday—after 7:00 pm mass until Midnight

\* **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](mailto:sjrp2601@gmail.com) if you would like to schedule mass intentions. Also Mass Intentions envelopes are in the back of church.

**Contributions for the past week**

180 envelope holders



Adult Envelopes:	\$ 2,893.45
Plate collection:	\$ 285.00
Easter flowers:	\$ 175.00
Initial collection:	\$ 2.00
Easter:	\$ 40.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 3,395.45</b>

FROM THE PASTOR



**Palm Sunday**

*"Hosanna to the Son of David"*

With Passion (Palm) Sunday we begin our Holy Week. It takes us to the liturgies of the Triduum—Holy Thursday's Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Good Friday of the Lord's Passion, and the Easter Vigil.

On Palm Sunday we recall Jesus' entry into the holy city, Jerusalem with the greetings 'Hosanna to the Son of David,' the salutation to a deliverer, the Messiah. People celebrate the joy of the Messiah. It was short lived. The joy of the entry into Jerusalem is replaced by fear as we move on. The disciples who celebrated a final meal with Jesus, all desert him. The fear among the disciples loses its grip only after the post resurrection apparitions of Jesus.

Before his passion he had his last meal with his chosen ones. The liturgy of Holy Thursday celebrates the Last Supper of the Lord and the various events of the night before Jesus suffered his passion. The institution of the Holy Eucharist, the institution of the priesthood and the new commandment to love is celebrated on this day. On Holy Thursday at end of the service we are led to silence, adoration, thankfulness to the lord in the blessed sacrament.

The liturgy of the Good Friday is solemn. If Holy Thursday points to the sacramental outpouring of the Lord, then Good Friday points to the graphic emptying of Christ. He faces the cruelty of death, betrayal, pain, abandonment and humiliation. The passion narrative tells us all. "Christ Jesus, though He was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, He emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, He humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross". Philipines 2:6-11. The Good Friday liturgy shows us how much Christ loved us. Christ gives us His life, body and spirit. In the light of the death of Christ we stand in owe and profound silence. Christ redeems us though His humanity which remains faithful to God. Jesus' faithfulness undoes or redeems our unfaithfulness.

Holy Saturday is a day of great silence in the church. Mass is not celebrated. Sacraments are not celebrated. We are called to face the meaning of the death of Christ in our lives. The liturgy of the Easter vigil begins at night with kindling of the new fire and the Easter proclamation." rejoice heavenly powers...." The Easter liturgy and Easter season announces the resurrection of Christ. We profess our faith that He is our Lord.

*Easter is the reason of our hope. Jesus is life!*

*Have a blessed Holy Week*

*~ Live Jesus ~*

*Fr Biju MSFS*



PARISH NEWS



*Sincere Sympathy*

to the family of

**John Thurk**

who passed away on Wednesday  
Funeral Service-Monday, April 3 11:00am  
Visitation on Sunday April 2 3:00-6:00 pm  
and on Monday 10:00 until the Funeral Mass  
*Thoughts and Prayers to his family*

**Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him. May the soul of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.**

***Bible Study ~ Miracle of the Eucharist!***

This past Tuesday's session was called, "Mysteries of the Tabernacle: The Bread of the Presence".

"As I was coming to the bible study tonight. I was thinking about how important it is to have adoration, Mass and then study. Those three activities alone strengthens the parish family and through these activities we see what and how to use our gifts to help us on our way. This study makes it more clear to me that we are supposed to be ambassadors of Christ and offer up what we have to overcome in order for our light to shine." ~Anonymous

Please join us this coming Tuesday for Session 6, Miracle of Jesus: Water, Wine, Loaves, and Fishes. It's ok to come even if you have not attended other sessions. Please call Stacy at 608-769-8828 for more information.

**Choir Practices—Please join in - All are Welcome!**

Choir will be rehearsing on the following dates:

- Monday, April 3 at 6 pm for Easter Sunday
- Wednesday, April 5 at 6 pm for Divine Mercy Sunday Mass, April 12
- Holy Thursday, April 6 at 6 pm (before Mass) for Holy Saturday-Easter Vigil, April 8



**DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS**

**~A Minute with Jesus~**— Jesus wants to live in our heart always At the Last Supper, Jesus gave His Apostles – the first priests – the power to change the bread and wine into His Body and Blood. All priests have received this same power. At Mass, as the priest speaks the words of Jesus, the bread and wine become His Body and Blood by the power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus wants us to receive Him at Mass every Sunday because He wants to live in our heart. Let's pray this right now and every day this week.

*Thank you Jesus for Father Biju as he stands in for You, and thereby, we are able to receive You in Holy Communion at Mass. This week, read the passage of Jesus instituting the Holy Eucharist at the Last Supper in Matthew 26:26-28.*

**~Project Milk needs your help!**

This project purchases whole powdered milk for the children at Casa Hogar and their surrounding orphanages. Please consider donating to Project Milk so we can send this powdered milk to Peru for the many children! Checks can be made payable to the Diocese of La Crosse, "Project Milk" on the memo line, and mail to: Office for Ministries and Social Concerns, PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004

**DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS cont'd**

**~8 Ways to Pray During Eucharistic Adoration**

- Read Spiritual Books
- Offer a Holy Hour
- Pray Spontaneously
- Read the Scriptures
- Ask for Intercession
- Write a Prayer Journal
- Ask the Saints for help
- Meditate

**~Good Friday Justice and Peace Stations of the Cross**

The Franciscan Spirituality Center invites the public to join in its 14th annual Justice and Peace Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, April 7, 2023. This form of the Way of the Cross is a two-mile prayer walk from the heart of the city to the Mississippi River, stopping at 10 stations along the route to sing, pray and reflect on injustices and suffering in our community and the world. The walk, which recalls the journey of Jesus as he carried his cross to Calvary, will take about two hours. People of all ages and faith backgrounds are invited to participate.

Participants will meet at 10 a.m. in front of the Franciscan Spirituality Center, 920 Market St.

Stops include: St. Rose Convent, St. Clare Health Mission, Coulee Recovery Center, Lincoln Middle School, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Cameron Park, Franciscan Hospitality House, Salvation Army, La Crosse County Jail and Riverside Park.

**~ The Passion of the Christ—Free Movie Showing**

Monday, April 3 • 6:00 - 8:00 pm      Tuesday, April 4 \* 9:00—11:00am  
Blessed Sacrament - Parish Hall,      St. Patrick's—Parish Hall  
130 Losey Blvd., La Crosse              1031 Main St., Onalaska

Tuesday, April 4 • 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Mary, Mother of the Church - Parish Hall, 2003 Weston St., La Crosse

**~ Chicken-Q—Wednesday, April 19 • 11:00 am - 6:00 pm**

Aquinas High School - Cass Street Parking Lot - \$12.00 per meal

**~ Mary Mother of the Church Rummage Sale (2006 Weston St.)**

MMOC will be holding a Spring Rummage Sale on Friday, April 21, 11 AM - 3 PM, \$6 a bag; and on Saturday, April 22, 8 - 11 AM, \$3 a bag. Some items priced individually.

**~ST. CHARLES SCHOOL SPRING CARNIVAL**

Fun for the whole family! Please join the St. Charles School for games, raffle, a dessert walk, food and beverages. on April 23rd 10:30 am-1:30 pm. Call (608)689-2642 for more information.

**~Job Opportunity—Villa St Joseph** is seeking part time Cook/Dietary Aide. Proudly offering competitive wage of \$18.50 an hour based on experience which include benefits. Learn more at [fspa.org/careers](http://fspa.org/careers). Feel free to contact Nikki Horihan HR Director, Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration, 608-791-9333 [nhorihan@fspa.org](mailto:nhorihan@fspa.org) with any questions.

**Divine Mercy Sunday - April 16**

The Deanery of the La Crosse Diocese has chosen the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe for the celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday. You are invited to make a pilgrimage for Divine Mercy Sunday on April 16. The schedule for the day is as follows:

- 9:00 AM Latin Mass,
- 11:00 AM Spanish Mass,
- 1:00 PM English Mass,
- 2:30 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,
- 2:45 PM Divine Mercy Reflection and Family Consecration to the Divine Mercy,
- 3:00 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet,
- 3:15 PM Benediction,
- 3:30 PM Blessing with the relic of St. Faustina.

Confessions will be heard in English and Spanish 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM.

Cart shuttles will be available for pilgrims from 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.



**~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~**

**Palm Sunday / Passion Sunday**

**April 2nd, 2023**

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**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)

*"On that day (Divine Mercy Sunday), the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My Mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment."* – Diary of St. Faustina #699

Jesus appeared to St. Faustina in the early 1930s. He told her that he would make her a missionary of His Divine Mercy to the world. As part of that mission, He gave her the prayers for the Divine Mercy Novena (a nine-day prayer that begins on Good Friday of each year and ends on the Sunday after Easter Sunday (Divine Mercy Sunday). What makes this novena unique is that Jesus Himself composed it and each day a prayer can be offered for one specific group of souls such as children, priests and religious, lukewarm souls, fallen-away Catholics, and so on. Pray the Divine Mercy Novena (starting on Good Friday) in preparation for this feast. For more information on Divine Mercy, go to [thedivinemercy.org](http://thedivinemercy.org). Call the Shrine at (877) 799-4059 for more information re: April 16th