



St. Joseph Parish ~ St. Joseph Ridge

W2601 State Road 33 • La Crosse • Wisconsin • 54601

April 9, 2023 ~ EASTER 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
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 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:

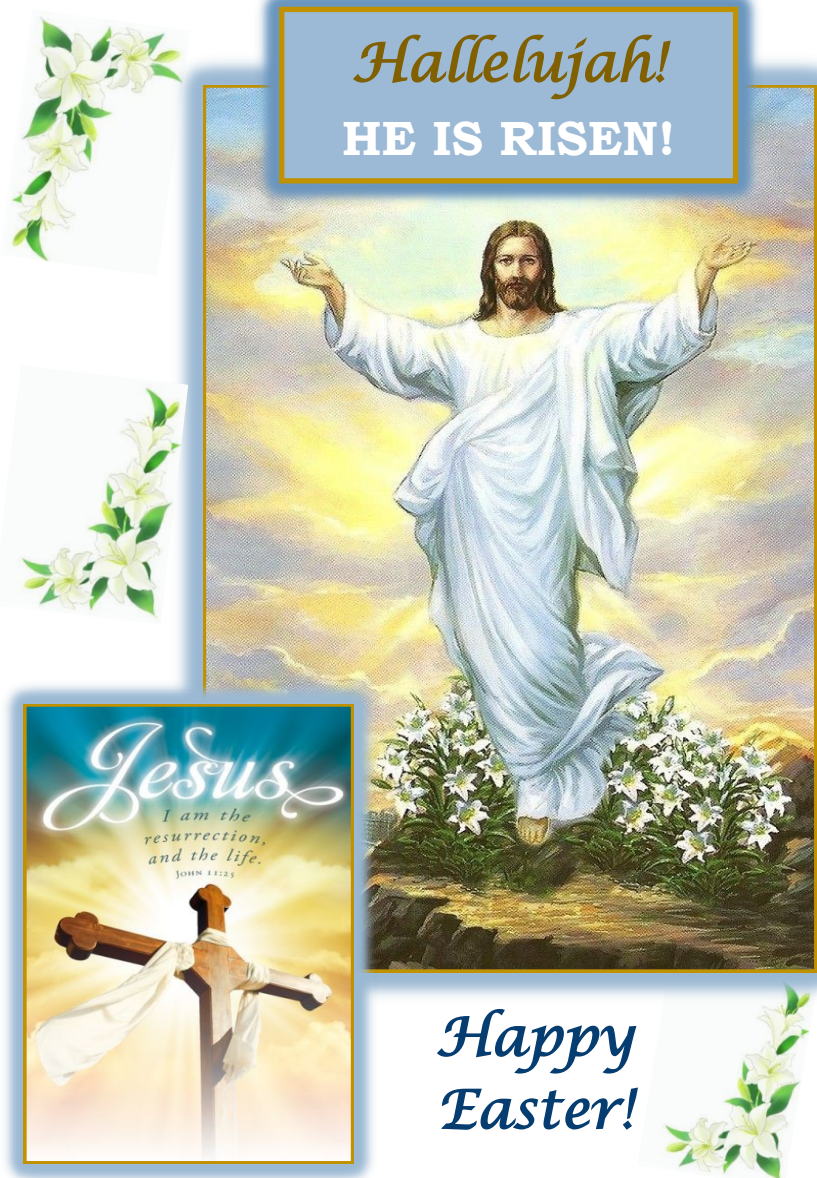
- Joining the Parish
- Weddings or Baptisms
- Anointing of the sick
(also call Fr. Biju cell phone)
- If you are home-bound & would like to be visited

Fr Biju also serves

St. Peter's Parish, Middle Ridge

Adoration: Wednesday7:30-9:00 PM
Weekend Mass: Saturday.....8:00 PM
 Sunday.....10:00 AM

Weekday Mass: Wednesday....8:00 AM
 Friday8:00 AM



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

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

MUSIC

Stacy Burns, Coordinator
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Accompanist

Leland Gregorich
LuAnne Gregorich
Mary Beth Smith

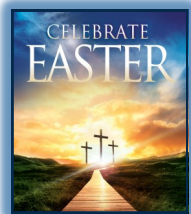
Sacristan:

Sally Miller

PARISH INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, April 8—Easter Vigil

~ 8:30 pm Mass † Paul Hundt
 Lector: Bill Weber, Dan Steiger
 Servers: David Brown, Volunteer
 Ushers: Volunteers



SUNDAY, April 9—Easter

8:30 am Mass ~ Our Parish Family
 Lector: Donna Clements
 Servers: Zachary and Zarina Noronha
 Ushers: Volunteers

MONDAY, April 10

~ 5:30 pm Mass ~ † Mike Mitchell

TUESDAY, April 11

~ 5:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 ~ 5:30 pm Mass † Madonna Bahr

THURSDAY, April 13

~ 8:30 am Mass ~ † George Bahr

SATURDAY, April 15

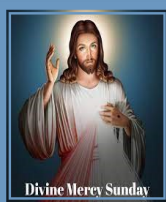
~ 4:00 pm Mass † Therese Hess and Robert Dowiasch

Lector: Kathy Leis
 Servers: Volunteer
 Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, April 16 ~ Divine Mercy Sunday

~ 8:30 am Mass † Patty Silha and Bill Silha

Lector: Paula Silha
 Servers: Volunteers
 Ushers: Volunteers



PARISH CALENDAR

- **April 10** –6:30 pm PCCW meeting
- **April 11**—6:00 pm Eucharistic Bible Study
- **April 12**—Religious Education Class
- **April 12**—6:30 pm Confirmation at Cathedral
- **April 16**—7:00 pm—*Inspired by the Spirit* reception at the School Hall—All are welcome to attend!
- **April 19**—**Religious Education Class**
- **April 20**—7:00 pm Finance Council Meeting
- **April 26**—6:30 pm Mass for end of the year Religious Education Classes. Everyone is welcome to attend. Cookies will be served following mass.
- **April 30**—8:30 am Mass—First Communion
- **April 30**—7:00 pm *Inspired by the Spirit* reception (combined with St. Peters Parish) at the School Hall—All are welcome to attend!



~ ENHANCE YOUR FAITH ~

*** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Tuesday evenings at 5:00 pm until 5:30 pm Mass
 ~ 8 Ways to Pray During Eucharistic Adoration ~

- Read Spiritual Books
 - Ask for Intercession
 - Meditate
 - Offer a Holy Hour
 - Write a Prayer Journal
 - Read the Scriptures
 - Pray Spontaneously
 - Ask the Saints for help
- Spending time with our Dear Lord!!!*

*** 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 or contact Fr. Biju 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. Or envelopes are in the back of church.

Contributions for the past week

180 envelope holders



Adult Envelopes:	\$ 2,545.00
Plate collection:	\$ 259.00
Easter flowers:	\$ 265.00
Votive Candles:	\$ 54.70
Total:	\$ 3,123.70

FROM THE PASTOR



Easter Sunday



After nearly six weeks, our Lenten pilgrimage has ended with the celebration of the saving passion and death of Jesus.

We can now cry out with the whole Church throughout the world and with Christians everywhere, "Alleluia! Christ is Risen!"

Jesus, the Light of the World, has risen from the dead and conquered death and sin and darkness forever.

In the early morning darkness of that first Easter Mary Magdalene and the other disciples saw the stone removed from the tomb and burial shrouds in an empty tomb. It is written "he (apostle John) went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place "He saw and believed." Today we are asked to believe and proclaim the unbelievable: that he who was dead has arisen and is alive.

Easter is the greatest and most important feast in the church for three reasons.

- 1) The resurrection is the basis of our Christian faith.
- 2) Easter is the guarantee of our own Resurrection. Jesus said to Martha at the tomb of Lazarus, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me will live even though he dies.
- 3) And lastly, Easter is a feast which gives us hope and encouragement in this world of pain, sorrow and tears.

During the Easter season I request you to keep our CCD students and teachers in your thoughts and prayers as some of our CCD students will receive their First Holy Communion in the coming days and on Wednesday Confirmation will be conferred upon young people from both parishes. Thanks to the CCD teachers and coordinators for helping them to prepare for the reception of these sacraments.

Next Sunday which is also Divine Mercy Sunday, a second collection is traditionally taken up throughout our diocese for the support of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. Please take this opportunity to support them and the many ways in which they contribute to the work of the Church in our diocese.

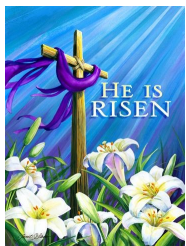
Thanks to the choir, people who were decorating the church and people who helped with various ministries. May God bless you for your generosity.

May the blessings of Easter fill your hearts, minds and homes with joy, peace and hope!

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

~ Live Jesus ~

Fr Biju MSFS



PARISH NEWS

Bible Study ~ Miracle of the Eucharist!

This past Tuesday's session was called, "Miracles of Jesus: Water, Wine, Loaves, and Fishes." Reflection on the various bible stories of the Miracles of bread and wine being provided for thousands and "they all ate and were **satisfied**"

Please join us this coming Tuesday for Session 7, "Bread of Life Discourse: John 6 and the Real Presence". It's ok to come even if you have not attended other sessions. Please call Stacy at 608-769-8828 for more information.

Thank you to everyone for attending and reflecting on our Faith.

And Thank You to Lisa and Stacy!

PCCW Meeting on Monday, April 10th-6:30 pm
All Women of the parish are welcome to attend!
Next meeting is Monday, May 8th-6:30 pm

Confirmation of our St. Joseph Parish students:
Isabelle Clements, Maclaine Heilman, Addison Wieman, and Jackson Roesler

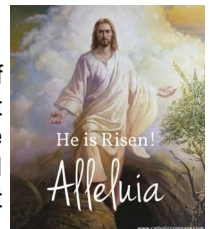


Wednesday, April 12th 6:30 pm
At the Cathedral
by Monsignor Steven Kachel

DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS

~A Minute with Jesus~ Jesus rose from the dead on Easter Sunday. Jesus is alive! We receive the living resurrected Christ in Holy Communion. Jesus holds nothing back in the Holy Eucharist. He gives Himself completely to us when we receive Him at Mass every Sunday. Receiving His Resurrected Body and Blood will raise us to live with Him forever. Let's pray this right now and every day this week:

Jesus, help me to realize that You are alive, and every time I receive You, that You are alive in me. This week, as we celebrate Easter, make a practice of saying to family members and friends a greeting that was common for the early Christians after the Resurrection: "Jesus Christ is risen!" This week, read about how St. John the Apostle came to believe that Jesus was alive in John 20:1-9.



~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

~ 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.

~You are invited to the May 4 Mayoral Prayer Breakfast

Come to the 27th Annual Greater La Crosse Area Mayoral Prayer Breakfast, at the Cargill Room of the Waterfront Restaurant in La Crosse, on Thursday, May 4 from 7:29-8:45 AM. This beautiful ecumenical event is attended by community church, political, and business leaders, teachers, first responders, military members, and more. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Mark Barclay, a Vietnam combat veteran and the founding Pastor of Living Word International Church. The Diocese of La Crosse is a contributing sponsor of this prayer breakfast. For tickets, visit <https://crprayer.org/>

~Founder's Day

The Aquinas Catholic Schools Foundation is celebrating Founder's Day on Sunday, April 23, with an award dinner at the Radisson Hotel Ballroom. Mrs. Julie Wagner, Mark Hansen, Phil (PJ) Esten, and The Weber Group will all be honored at the event. If you would like additional information about this event or to RSVP, please visit aquinascatholicschools.org/founders-day

Divine Mercy Sunday—April 16th

The Church celebrates the Feast of Divine Mercy the Sunday after Easter, April 16th. This is a fitting time to focus on God's forgiving love, the mercy poured out through the suffering, death and resurrection of His Son, including the mercy He shows each one of us in ways too numerous to count.



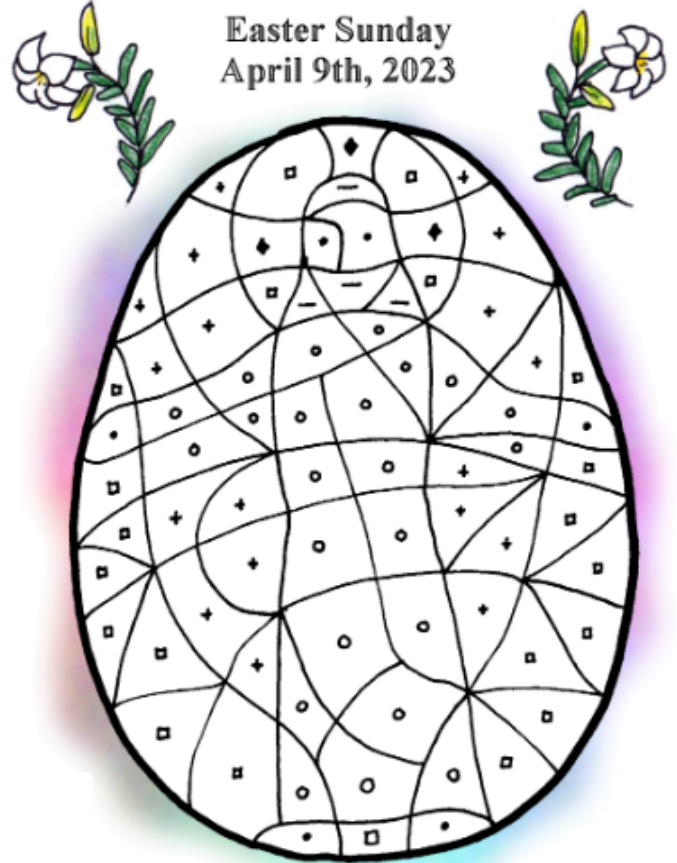
Mercy means God's Heart desiring to alleviate our misery. Personal sin causes misery. The "Good News" is that Jesus is the Divine Physician who came to heal the sickness of sin. As we receive the forgiveness He offers in the Sacrament of Confession, we are compelled by this love to trust in Him and avoid sin in the future. The word "trust" is significant as it is a key aspect of the Divine Mercy message from Jesus. Trust is not blind, wishful thinking but hope based upon the Person who gave His life for us. Jesus describes Himself as the Good Shepherd who leaves the ninety-nine to go after the one lost sheep. He is grieved – heartsick – until He finds this one sheep, and then lifts it upon His shoulders and carries it home. This describes Jesus' deep and personal love for *each* one of us.

Trust starts small and grows through experience. We practice and live trust on a daily basis "by praising and thanking God in all things." (Consoling the Heart of Jesus, Fr. Michael Gaitley, p. 95) This is the most practical place to start in our desire to trust Jesus in everyday circumstances. Watch for the effect it will have!

The Divine Mercy Chaplet and 9-day Novena, which begins on April 7 - Good Friday, can be found here: www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/pray-the-chaplet You are welcome to attend the Divine Mercy Sunday Devotions on Sunday, April 16, 9:00am—4:00 pm at the Shrine of Our Lady Of Lady of Guadalupe, Justin Rd, La Crosse, WI.

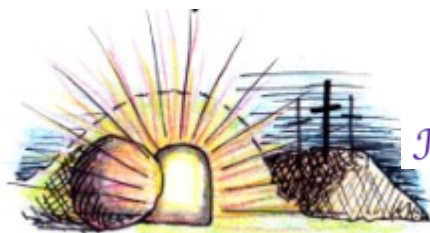
~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~

**Easter Sunday
April 9th, 2023**



The two men on the road to Emmaus didn't know the man who came and walked with them on Easter morning. Use the colour code below to see if you can figure out who it was!

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| ◆ Red | + Purple | • Skin-colour |
| ■ Yellow | - Brown | ◦ White |



*Today is the day
for rejoicing!
JESUS IS ALIVE!*

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

