

St. Joseph Parish ~ St. Joseph Ridge

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May 7, 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

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:

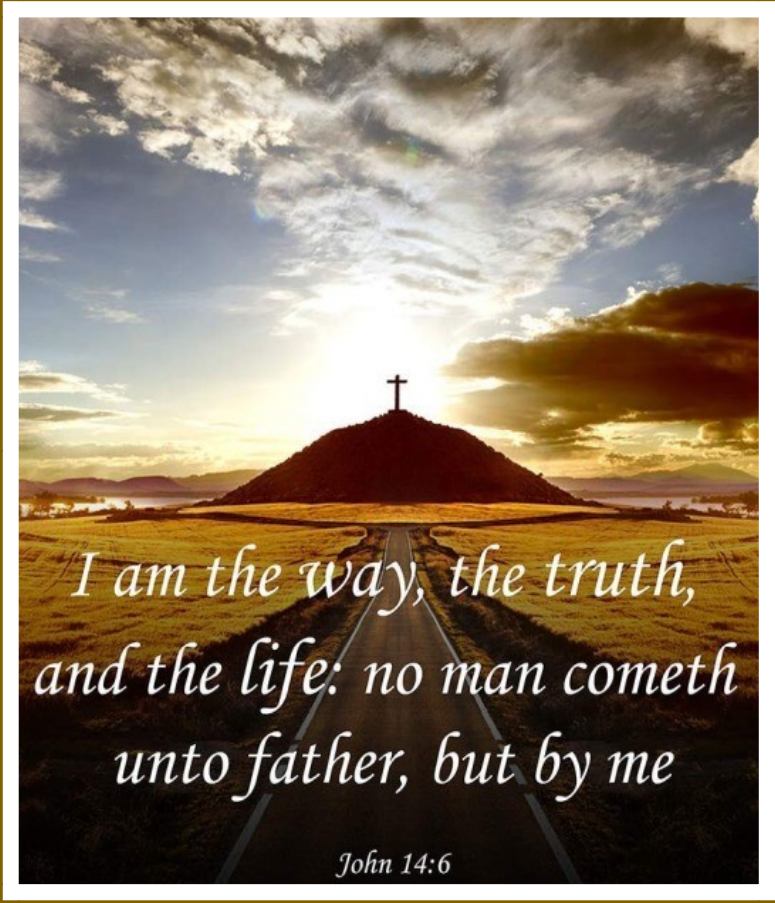
- Joining the Parish
- Weddings or Baptisms
- Anointing of the sick
(also call Fr. Biju cell phone)
- If you are home-bound & would like to be visited

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter



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
608-769-8828
jsburns0093@gmail.com

Accompanist

Leland Gregorich
LuAnne Gregorich
Mary Beth Smith

Sacristan:
Sally Miller

PARISH INTENTIONS

PARISH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, May 6

~ 8:30 am Mass - † Jim & Janice Cavadini (J&KS)

~ 4:00 pm Mass—† Robert Silha (JD)

Lector: Paula Silha

Servers: Volunteer

Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, May 7

~ 8:30 am Mass † Thomas Chennala (R&BM)

Lector: Jim Weber

Servers: Volunteers

Ushers: Volunteers

MONDAY, May 8

~ 5:30 pm Mass ~ † Karen Nordstrom (JD)

TUESDAY, May 9

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

~5:30 pm Mass †Ralph & Evelyn Mikshowsky (M&CM)

THURSDAY, May 11

~ 8:30 am Mass ~ †George & Evelyn Miller (M&CM)

SATURDAY, May 13

~ 4:00 pm Mass—† Curtis Strittmater (CS)

Lector: Paula Silha

Servers: Volunteer

Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, May 14

~ 8:30 am Mass †George & Evelyn Miller (T&MP)

Lector: Donna Clements

Servers: Volunteers

Ushers: Volunteers

- **May 7**—Pancake Breakfast after 8:30 am mass to celebrate Confirmation, First Communion students and 2023 High School Graduates

- **May 8**—6:30 pm PCCW meeting
- **May 14**—Mother’s Day
- **May 21**—The Ascension of the Lord
- **May 29**—Memorial Day
- **May 30**—7:00 pm Finance Council Meeting

~ 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!!!*

*** 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:	\$ 2,493.45
Plate collection:	\$ 415.00
Votive Candles:	\$ 48.00
Total:	\$ 2,956.45

Thank You!



Amount received: \$5,750.00 which is applied towards the Diocesan Annual Appeal

5 Year Goal	\$140,000.00
Pledged as of (5/3/2023)	\$44,000.00
% of Goal	31.43%
# Pledged	6

Our Parish has started the *Inspired by the Spirit* campaign. You will be receiving a booklet in the mail with further details on how it will benefit our parish and the various missions of the Diocese of La Crosse for years to come. The *Inspired by the Spirit* campaign will include this year’s Diocesan Annual Appeal. We prayerfully ask that you review this booklet and pledge as you are able. *Thank you!*



FROM THE PASTOR



But you are.....

- 1) a chosen race
- 2) a royal priesthood
- 3) a holy nation
- 4) a people for His own possession

1 Peter 2:9

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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When God made the covenant with Moses He promised, "You shall be to Me a kingdom of priests, a holy nation". (Ex 19:6). In 1 Peter 2:9 we read it again addressed to the people of the new covenant, "you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of His own, so that you may announce the praises" of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light. It is addressed to each of us.

Through our baptism we have been reborn in Him by water and spirit and we share the royal, prophetic, priesthood. How blessed we are to be chosen. We have a great challenge trying to be Christ's ambassadors to the world. The only way we will be able to act like Him, with love, compassion, and generosity, is by intentionally paying attention to our spiritual life, through prayer and the sacraments. It also finds its expression in loving others. Prayer helps us to be in communication with the Lord. Celebrating the sacraments (especially Holy Communion and Confession), we are strengthened by God's grace to remain faithful members of God's family. When we are rooted in Christ, we will love our brothers and sisters. We become a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation and a people of his own.

Thanks to the team who have presented the study on Eucharist on every Tuesday. It was a great success in terms of attendance and learning more about Jesus. Thank you, Stacy Burns and Lisa Meyer for organizing it.

This year May 7th , the fifth Sunday of Easter is also the first death anniversary of my Dad. I request you to pray for his soul. Also please keep my mom, brother and sister and their families too in your thoughts and prayers.



May the Risen Lord bless him with eternal bliss.

May the good Lord bless you all

*Live Jesus,
Fr Biju MSFS*

May is a month devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary



PARISH NEWS



*"May Jesus bless you and keep you, may He be your Friend and Guide, and may you always be happy knowing He's walking by your side."
Jeremiah 17:7*



Congratulations
and welcome to the table of the Lord
Greyson Roesler, Weston Dickman,
and Trevin Siebenaler
First Communion-April 30, 2023

Bible Study
Miracle of the Eucharist!

This past Tuesday was the last session of the awesome Bible Study which was very well attended with over 20 people at each session. Parishioners reflected on how this 10 week study enriched their Catholic faith with a deeper understanding of the Bible and intrigued them to want to learn more. Lisa Meyer and Stacy Burns did an amazing job embellishing on the topics that were presented by Brant Pitre in the DVD series.

Thank you Lisa and Stacy



DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS

~Eucharistic Revival—A Minute with Jesus—Confession— a preparation for receiving the Eucharist

The best way to prepare to receive Jesus in the Holy Eucharist is by going to Confession (also known as the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Penance). We want to receive Him with a clean heart. If it is not possible to go to Confession before receiving Jesus, make a sincere Act of Contrition in your heart, and as always pray with sincerity the prayer at Mass, "I confess to Almighty God..."

A sin that is mortal – serious or grave – requires Sacramental Confession before receiving Holy Communion. If you are not sure about this, speak with a priest, a school teacher or parish catechist.

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

Jesus, please give me the grace to be truly sorry for my sins.

This week read how God calls us out of darkness into His own wonderful light in 1 Peter 2:9-10.

DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS (cont.)

~ Rosary Book Club

May is the Month of the Rosary. We are offering a book study on The Secret of the Rosary by St. Louis De Montfort. People will gather at Blessed Sacrament Parish on Mondays starting May 15 or at St. Patrick's Church on Thursdays starting May 18.

Register online at www.stpatsonalaska.com or contact Amy Capelli at (608) 783-0847 or at amy_capelli@charter.net

If you do not have this book, it will be available at St. Patrick's Parish and Blessed Sacrament for \$4.00. Please contact Amy Capelli about book questions.

~Eucharistic Congress 2023—This is My Body—June 10th 10:00-5:00

At Mankato Civic Center Grand Hall, 1 Civic Center Plaza, Mankato, MN Join thousands of Catholics as we rejoice in the Lord through a Eucharistic Procession, Mass, speakers, music and more.

Contact: eucharist.dowr.org Cost \$35.00

~Mary, Mother of the Church Parish, 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, will be holding a **Chicken-Que** on Thursday, May 11, from 11:00 - 6:00 p.m. for pick up and delivery only. The price is \$12 and includes a half chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, homemade beans and a dinner roll. For pre-sale tickets (guaranteed) and deliveries, call (608) 518-6145. No minimum order and no delivery charge. Enter at Weston Street driveway.

~Catholic Charities is grateful for all the food donations and is most in need of paper towels, baby wipes, diapers size 4-6

including pull-ups, hearty soups, jelly, peanut butter, canned fruit/applesauce, complete meals kits, bottled water and dish soap. Items can be dropped off at 508 South 5th Ave in La Crosse,



Monday-Thursday from 9 am – 4 pm. We appreciate your support!

~Song of the Angels: A Concert of Marian Music

On May 28, at 3pm, the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe will present a concert of Sacred Music in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary titled, Song of the Angels. Music of many periods in history will be represented, played by strings, trumpet, organ, marimba, and sung by choir and soloists. Admission is free and open to all.

~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~

"Show us the Father" Cross-Word

Use the words from the list to fill in the blanks and complete the puzzle.

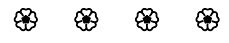
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_____ (2d) said to him, "Have I been with you for so long a _____ (9a) and you _____ (6d) do not _____ (12d) me, Philip? _____ (17a) has seen me has _____ (7d) the Father. How can you say, ' _____ (19d) us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in _____ (21d) The words that I _____ (22a) to you I do not speak _____ (11a) my _____ (11d). The Father _____ (18a) dwells in me is _____ (16d) his works. _____ (8d) me that I am in the _____ (3a) and the Father _____ (5a) in me, or else, believe _____ (10a) _____ (1d) the works themselves. _____ (4d) amen, I say to _____ (14d), whoever believes in me _____ (13a) do the _____ (17d) that I do, _____ (15a) will do greater ones _____ (20a) these, because I am going to the Father."



Teaching children to love Blessed Mother



It is a Catholic tradition to honor Mary, our Heavenly Mother, during the month of May by placing on her statue a crown of flowers to signify her honor as Queen of Heaven and Earth. While anyone of any age can certainly crown Our Lady this May, the May crowning is especially fitting to do with children. Bringing flowers to Mary and crowning her with them makes visible both her mighty queenship and her loving motherhood. It's a powerful lesson for children, and the beauty of the ceremony helps kindle their hearts with affection toward our mother. You can do it even in your own homes too. Flower your Mary Statue! If you don't have a Mary statue, this is a great time to invest in one. Place flowers at the feet of Mary, or make her a crown of flowers! Also pray the rosary. I especially encourage families to pray the Rosary together. Let us honor her as is our mother and mother of our Lord.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS



- All the military men and women who are supporting our freedom.
- For favorable weather during planting season: that the fruits of the earth may provide food enough for all people and provide for the livelihoods of farmers and growers.
- All political leaders, may their decisions be made for the good of all citizens, born and unborn.
- For Father Biju and his family as they remember his Dad on the first anniversary of his death.
- For all in this community who received the sacraments of initiation this Easter season, may the Lord help them remain faithful to him
- For those fighting cancer, especially members of our parish, may the Lord strengthen them and bring the healing power of Christ to them..
- For children suffering with life threatening conditions and illnesses.
- For the pope, bishops, and priests, may the Holy Spirit deepen their knowledge, understanding, and love of Christ.
- The intentions listed in our parish book of prayer.

To add a request call 608-788-1646 or email sjrp2601@gmail.com