

# St. Joseph Parish ~ St. Joseph Ridge

W2601 State Road 33 • La Crosse • WI 54601

July 16, 2023—15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## PASTOR

Fr. Biju Chennala Kunjukutty, MSFS  
715-495-2338  
bchennala@diolclergy.org

## 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  
(608) 452-4680

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

## The Parable of the Sower



Wayside  
Faith

Rocky  
Faith

Thorny  
Faith

Enduring  
Faith

## 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

## PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Mary Jo Hess-Secretary  
Terry Dickman  
Dave Brown-(Bldg & Grnds)  
and Cemetery Rep  
Barb Braun  
Dan Steiger

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Coordinator:  
Stacy Burns

## 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, July 15**

~ 4:00 pm - † George & Evelyn Miller (T&MP)

Lector: Jim Weber

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

**SUNDAY, July 16**

~ 8:30 am - † Peggy Arentz (S&SM)

Lector: Sally Miller

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

**MONDAY, July 17**

~ 5:30 pm - † William and Ida Bahr (MB)

**TUESDAY, July 18**

~ 5:00 pm—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

~ 5:30 pm - † Marie Meyers (R&DK)

**THURSDAY, July 20**

~ 8:30 am—† Herbert Jungen (MB)

**SATURDAY, July 22**

~ 4:00 pm - Our Parish Family

Lector: Bill Weber

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

**SUNDAY, July 23**

~ 8:30 am - † Charles and Leona Pittmann (J&KS)

Lector: Sally Miller

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

**Contributions for the past week**

180 envelope holders

Adult Envelopes(32) :	\$ 1,514.00
Plate collection:	\$ 250.00
Mission Co-op: (Vincentian Mission)	\$ 175.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,939.00</b>

**Donations:** Here are some ways to contribute:

- Use the online giving portal set up by the Diocese: <https://dioc.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.

**PARISH CALENDAR**

- **July 18**—after 5:30 pm Mass—Movie Night—St. Joseph School Hall—”I Can Only Imagine”
- **July 31**—12:15 pm Mass celebrated by Cardinal Burke 15th Anniversary of Dedication of the Shrine of Our Lady Quadalupe
- **August 1**—7:00 pm Finance Committee meeting
- **August 6**—1:00—4:00 pm 50th Wedding Anniversary Jubilee and Celebration at Holy Cross Diocesan Center in La Crosse
- **August 15**—Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**The Eucharist is the heart of the Church. Where Eucharistic life flourishes, there the life of the church will blossom. – Pope Saint John Paul II**



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



**Going on Vacation?**

Enjoy your time away while keeping the Sabbath Holy

Find a Mass time by visiting:

[www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org)

FROM THE PASTOR



“A Sower went out to sow”.

Fifteenth Sunday of the Gospel taken from St. Matthew 13:1-23 marks the beginning of the third long discourse given by Jesus. 13th Chapter of Matthew’s Gospel offer several parables to illustrate what it means by the kingdom of heaven. He begins with the parable of the Sower.

The parable is not so much about the Sower (God) or about the seed (God’s word). It is about the soil (us) and the reception we give to God’s word. The same batch of seed will produce differently, depending upon the soil in which it is planted. Seed planted in more fertile soil will produce more fruit. If we are to be the productive soil, we may need to be “worked up” and “fertilized.” We must cultivate an appreciation for God’s word and take the time to reflect on it. Be open to the grace of the sacraments, especially penance and the Eucharist. Rosary or prayer before the Blessed Sacrament are all matters when it comes to building up our relationship with Jesus to yield a rich harvest. Remember how magnanimous the Sower, not stingy, as he sows the seed. We all want to have rich harvest. Don’t we?

In our recent parish pastoral council meeting there were questions on the synod on synodality. The Vatican meeting of the Synod of Bishops, will be held across two sessions: one in October 2023, and another in October 2024. You can have more information on it in the following links. <https://diolc.org/synod-on-synodality/> <https://www.synod.va/en.html>

I also request you to keep northeastern states of India in your thoughts and prayers. A lot of unrest is going on there where I was working before coming to USA. It is said “Arson and unrest refuse to subside in India’s northeastern Manipur state more than 50 days after an ethnic riot”. The unprecedented violence between Meitei and Kuki ethnic groups has already claimed some 115 lives and displaced over 50,000 people, mostly Kuki Christians homeless in refugee camps. Many churches were destroyed along with homes. Please pray for peace and harmony in that region of India.

*Have a blessed week!*

*Live Jesus ~ Fr Biju MSFS*

PARISH NEWS



Our Parish welcomes *Olivia Mae Silha* who received the **Sacrament of Baptism** on **July 8th**

“I Can Only Imagine”

Please join us! **Movie night** at St. Joseph Parish. On **Tuesday, July 18th** following adoration at 5 PM and Mass at 5:30 we will be showing the movie, “I can only imagine”. This PG rated movie inspired the song “I can only imagine” and tells the true story of a son’s complicated relationship with his abusive father who becomes terminally ill and finds redemption by embracing his faith and rediscovering his love for his son. **Pizza, popcorn, lemonade and water will be provided. RSVP to Stacy at 608-769-8828. ALL are welcome to attend. Thank you, Christopher P. and Stacy B.**



DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS

~**Eucharistic Revival**— A Minute with Jesus: The Eucharist is called the Memorial of the Lord’s Death and Resurrection Jesus instructed the Apostles at the Last Supper to “do this in memory of Me.” The Eucharist is a memorial, but this means much more than recalling something to mind, or remembering an event from the past. At Mass, the Death and Resurrection become present and real so that our lives may be conformed to them. “When the Church celebrates the Eucharist, She commemorates Christ’s Passover [Jesus passing over from death to life], and it is made present: the sacrifice of Christ offered once for all on the Cross remains ever present” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraphs 1363, 1364).

Let’s pray this right now and every day this week: *Jesus, please help me to prepare beforehand to enter into the Memorial – the making present – of Your Death and Resurrection at Mass.*

This week, read how St. Paul describes the Last Supper, capturing Jesus’ words: “Do this in remembrance of Me” in 1 Corinthians 11:23-26.

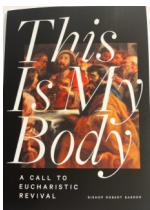
~**Walking with Women ~ Praying with Scripture**—

All Women are Welcome. First gathering will be on Thursday, September 7, 2023 6:00 pm. Cost is \$15.00 per person. St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral(Undercroft). Experience the blessing of sharing our faith and journeying toward a deeper love of Christ! RSVP by Tuesday, August 22, 2023 Mrs. Mari Erickson and Mrs. Amy Mulhern.

Email: [walking9praying8@gmail.com](mailto:walking9praying8@gmail.com) Text or Call: 608-518-7655

~**Praying Together as a Family**

An important component of summer is taking the time for your family to pray together each day. Check out the downloadable prayer card for each grade level. This simple process helps prayer to become more personal. Visit [diolc.org/prayer](http://diolc.org/prayer) “The family that prays together stays together.”



“**This is My Body**” is designed to accompany the Eucharistic Revival. Bishop Robert Barron writes to help you understand the sacrament of Jesus’ Body and Blood more thoroughly, precisely so that you might fall in love with the Lord more completely. Copies are available in back of church.

