



St. Joseph Parish ~ St. Joseph Ridge

W2601 State Road 33 • La Crosse • WI 54601

July 23, 2023—16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

PASTOR

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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.....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
(608) 452-4680

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



“He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom.

The weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil.”

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
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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 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

MONDAY, July 24

~ 5:30 pm - † Darlene Kammel (RK & family)

TUESDAY, July 25

~ 5:00 pm—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 ~ 5:30 pm - † George & Evelyn Miller (M&CM)

THURSDAY, July 27

~ 8:30 am—† Joyce Clements (L&DC)

SATURDAY, July 29

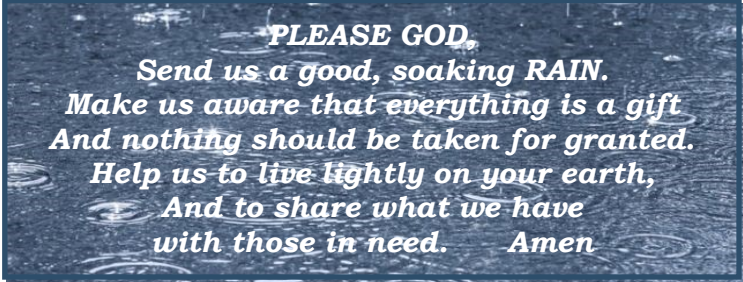
~ 4:00 pm - † Lois Davis (J&SD)
 Lector: Kathy Leis
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, July 30

~ 8:30 am - † William and Rosie LeJeune,
 Frank, Dennis LeJeune (ML)
 Lector: Donna Clements
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

PARISH CALENDAR

- **July 31**—12:15 pm Mass celebrated by Cardinal Burke 15th Anniversary of Dedication of the Shrine of Our Lady Guadalupe
- **July 31**—Badger Basement project starts in the church basement
- **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*



~ 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
 - Pray Spontaneously - Ask the Saints for help Scriptures
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(35) :	\$ 1,965.00
Plate collection:	\$ 226.00
Votive candles:	\$ 97.75
Total:	\$2,288.75



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



**Sixteenth Sunday
In Ordinary Time**

Weeds & Wheat, mustard Seed,
and yeast (Matthew 13:24-43)

In today's Gospel, Jesus offers three parables to describe the Kingdom of Heaven. This reading is a continuation of Jesus' discourse that we began reading last Sunday. We find different elements of the kingdom of Heaven in these parables. The first parable is the parable of *wheat and the weeds*. The coexistence of good and evil is an enigma for us. How about God? He says "Let the wheat and the weeds [darnel] grow together till the harvest time." Only God, in the final judgment, will distinguish the fruit of the Kingdom of Heaven and offer its reward.

The second and third parables call to our attention the abundance that will result from the small beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven. Just as a mustard seed—the smallest of all seeds—will become a large bush, so too God will bring his Kingdom to full bloom. As a small amount of yeast will leaven the entire batch of bread, so too God will bring about the expansion of his Kingdom. In each case the image is of the superabundance that God brings out of even the smallest of signs of the Kingdom. God is patient and can bring about superabundance even from little and insignificant.

Pope Francis will be visiting Mongolia on Aug. 31-Sept. 4. It will be the first time a pope visits the Asian nation sandwiched between Russia and China. It has a tiny catholic community about 1,450 members- world's smallest national Catholic communities. The Italian missionary Cardinal Marengo is the newly appointed prelate. He is the youngest member of the College of Cardinals at 49 years old. Marengo has been a missionary in Mongolia for more than 20 years. Mongolia, the country of about 3.3 million people is strategically significant for the Roman Catholic Church because of its proximity to China.

On July 22 we celebrate the feast of St. Mary Magdalene. She is one of the greatest saints of the Bible and a legendary example of God's saving mystery through mercy and grace. She is believed to have come from Magdala, a town on the western shore of the Sea of Galilee, near Tiberias. The Gospel of Luke says Mary Magdalene was the woman from whom Jesus cast out seven demons. What she did in her subsequent life, after meeting Jesus, is much more significant. Mary Magdalene was a devoted follower of Jesus during his earthly ministry and was a model of penitence. She is the first to witness the risen Lord. She was certainly a sinner whom Jesus saved, giving us an example of how no person is beyond the saving grace of God. She is patron of the Order of Preachers.

Have a blessed week ~ Live Jesus ~ Fr Biju MSFS

PARISH NEWS



On Tuesday, July 18th, the movie "I Can Only Imagine" was well attended at the school hall. The movie was based on a true story of a young boy's life being abused by his father and then having the relationship be turned around through the graces of God. The song "I Can Only Image" is a powerful song based on the father's redemption. If you are interested in seeing this movie, please text Chris (608-461-8194) to make arrangements to borrow the DVD. A BIG THANK YOU to Chris, Lisa, and Stacy.



DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS

~Eucharistic Revival~ A Minute with Jesus: The Eucharist is called the Holy Sacrifice. A sacrifice is the act of giving up something highly valued for the sake of something else, considered to have a greater value or claim out of love for another person and/or for God. The perfect sacrifice was Christ's death on the Cross, by which He offered Himself to the Father out of love for us, which accomplished our salvation. The Holy Mass is a sacrifice because it is the re-presentation and the memorial of Christ's sacrifice on the Cross. The sacrifice of Calvary is being made—present in an unbloody manner on the altar at Mass. Let's pray this right now and every day this week:

Jesus, please give me the grace to appreciate the sacrifice that is made present at every Mass in which

You offer Yourself to the Father out of love for me.

This week, read Luke's account of Jesus offering Himself in sacrifice to the Father for love of us in Luke 22:14-20.

~Picnic on the Lawn—St. Mary's Parish, Coon Valley—July 29th

Please join St. Mary's Parish for their Picnic on the Lawn on July 29th from 11 AM to 4 PM. Includes a hog roast, bounce house, dunk tank, snow cones, kids games and more. Live music with Leather and Lace from 12 (noon) until 2 PM. Bring your lawn chairs and join us for a fun afternoon with family and friends. ALL WELCOME!

~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 "The family that prays together stays together."

~Art Fair—Blessed Sacrament Church—Saturday, August 26

Bake sale, Silent auction, ice cream social, door prizes, food, and beverages. Sponsored by Catholic Daughters of America (#1183). Proceeds will go to the Priests and Seminarians Education Fund

