

St. Joseph Parish ~ St. Joseph Ridge

W2601 State Road 33 • La Crosse • WI 54601

July 30, 2023—17th 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
TuesdayAdoratio	n5:00 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

Parables of The Hidden Treasure and the **Pearl of Great Price**



"The kingdom of Heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field."

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it."



Matthew 13:44-46

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**

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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 29

 $\sim 4:00 \text{ pm}$ - † Lois Davis (J&SD)

Lector: Kathy Leis

Servers: Volunteers **Ushers:** Volunteers

SUNDAY, July 30

 $\sim 8:30$ am - † William and Rosie LeJeune,

Frank, Dennis LeJeune (ML)

Lector: Donna Clements

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

MONDAY, July 31

 $\sim 5:30 \text{ pm}$ - † Jim Malin (M&LM)

TUESDAY, August 1

- ~ 5:00 pm—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- ~ 5:30 pm † Madonna Bahr (Leis family)

THURSDAY, August 3

 \sim 8:30 am—† Randy Bahr (J&SB)

SATURDAY, August 5

- ~ 8:30 am—† Herb & Joyce Clements (S&CC)
- $\sim 4:00 \text{ pm}$ † Sara Rose Hougum (J&ST)

Lector: Paula Silha

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, August 6

~ 8:30 am - † Darlene Kammel (RK&family)

Lector: Donna Clements

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

Contributions for the past week 180 envelope holders

\$1,114.45 Adult Envelopes(25):

> Plate collection: \$ 180.00

> > \$1,294.45 Total:

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.

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 This project is being Funded by the funds donated through the Inspired by the Spirit Campaign
- 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—The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary—Holy Day of Obligation

~ 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 Scriptures - 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.



FROM THE PASTOR



Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

This weekend we conclude three weeks of readings Chapter of Matthew's Gospel. from the 13th Throughout these past couple of weeks, we had been listening to Jesus teaching crowds about the kingdom of heaven.

This week Jesus offers three more short parables. In one of the parables Jesus compares the kingdom of God to a fine peal of great value. Jesus says "the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it." Fine pearl of great value. The merchant sells all that he has.

Here we encounter an issue of priorities. The fact that

The Pearl of Great Price

Seeking the Hidden Treasure what the dealer had to sell included presumably other, lesser, pearls might however have led the hearers to reflect on the value of the kingdom of heaven in relation to other competing ideologies; once you have it, you need no other.

If Kingdom of God requires a lot of investment to obtain and is of great value, we need to ask ourselves where do I invest my time and energy each day? Do I work for God's kingdom or am I investing in building up my own? Have you ever considered tracking how you spend your time, talents and energy? You may be surprised! The demands of secular life and the agendas competing for our attention can quickly take us way from His kingdom. We can get tired and spiritually apathetic. But if we can see our way through all of the conflicting voices and hear the voice of God, we can rediscover our zeal and passion for God's kingdom or life with God.

From the first of August we have the 37th World Youth Day celebration with the theme "Mary arose and went with haste" (Lk 1:39). It's a global celebration of young people. This year it's going to be at Lisbon, Portugal from August 1-6, 2023. The US Conference of Catholic Bishops announced July 24 that more than 28,600 individuals, most between the ages of 18 and 25 will be there at the gathering. Pray that it will be a great success for the young people to discover the beauty of their faith and appreciate it.

> Have a blessed week! ~ Live Jesus ~ Fr Biju MSFS

PARISH NEWS

A BIG THANK YOU

To Stan and LaVerne Clements for watering the flowers in the Cemetery. This summer with the lack of rain, the job of watering flowers has been endless and so appreciated. The Cemetery is looking wonderful! Thank You to Rick Meyer for keeping the grass mowed especially around the cemetery stones.



DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS

~Eucharistic Revival— A Minute with Jesus:

The Eucharist is called Holy Communion.

When we receive Holy Communion at Mass, we are receiving Jesus Himself, which is our closest union with Him on earth. As we receive Jesus' Body and Blood into our own body and soul, we are united with Him in a deep and intimate bond. Jesus feeds our soul, strengthening us to be faithful by following Him, and loving and serving Him through serving others, particularly those in need. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, thank you for the incredible treasure of Holy Communion in which You allow us to be united with You in the closest possible bond of friendship and love. This week, read how Jesus encourages us to "remain" in Him in John 15:4-5.

~Fatima Tour for Peace—August 26th

The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, La Crosse, will be a stop on the Fatima Tour for Peace this August 26. There will be an uphill procession with the International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima that wept in 1972 and multiple talks in the church crypt. Get more details online at GuadalupeShrine.org/events!

~4th Hour (Aguinas' Electric Ensemble) will be performing at Ashley for the Arts on Saturday, August 12, at 2:30 pm on the Amphitheater Stage

~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

~Join Us to Learn More about the Eucharist, at the Heart of the Scriptures! During this National Eucharistic Revival, all Catholics are invited to grow in their understanding of Jesus' True Presence in the Eucharist. Join Mark Hart, the renowned "Bible Geek," on Monday, Aug. 21st from 5:30-8 p.m. for this virtual Conference on the Eucharist in Scripture. Mark presents in a compelling way, making the Scriptures on the Eucharist come alive. Register: diolc.org/witness or by using your smartphone's camera to scan the QR code to the right. Cost is \$10 per person and includes Mark's book entitled "The Divine Encounter." Join with others at the parish. - Don't miss it!

~Host Families are Needed

A group of high school students from Luxembourg are coming to visit for a few weeks and IEE needs some help finding a few more host families. If you are interested in hosting, please contact Marinda Panzer at mpanzer@uwlax.edu

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DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS (cont.)

~Educational positions open in the Catholic Schools

- Second Grade Teacher, Library/Media Specialist, Band/Orchestra at St. Patrick's Elementary School, Onalaska
- Band/Orchestra, After Care Workers Blessed Sacrament -La Crosse
- If you are interested in any of these positions, please submit a resume, cover letter, and three references to St. Pat's Principal, Angela Koblitz, at angela.koblitz@aguinasschools.org |orl | Blessed Sacrament's Principal, Kate Moll, at kate.moll@aquinasschools.org
- · Coaches: Aguinas is looking for coaches for High School Girls Golf (fall), Middle School Volleyball (fall), and High School Boys Golf (spring). If you are interested in coaching, please contact Pam Donarski (pam.donarski@aquinasschools.org)

~Pilgrimage Opportunity-Benedictines of Mary Queen of the Apostles A motor coach pilgrimage is planned July 31 - Aug. 1 to the Benedictines of Mary Queen of the Apostles convent in Gower. Mo to pray at the tomb of Sister Wilhelmina, who is thought to be incorrupt. Father Joe Redfern will serve as chaplain. Overnight accommodations will be in Kansas City. For more information email pislattery9@protonmail.com or call (608) 452-4605 See website https://benedictinesofmary.org/ for information on Mary Queen of the Apostles convent.

~Walking with Women ~ Praying with Scripture—

All women are cordially invited to attend. Our community strives "to love our neighbor as our self", while fostering a deeper relationship with God through meditation on His living word. Meditating on God's Living Word is life-changing and transformative - bringing Jesus deeper into our hearts. The first meeting will be Thursday, September 7th (6 pm - 7:30 pm) in the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman Undercroft. Materials will be provided at the first meeting (\$15.00). Meetings take place every other Thursday (altered around holidays) from September through May. Consistent attendance is not required, as each gathering does not build on the other. Please contact Mari Erickson or Amy Mulhern at walking9praying8@gmail.com with questions. Come and enjoy encountering the Love of Christ! You may also invite women of other Christian faiths to attend.

~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~



Saints Martha, Mary, Lazarus £east Day July 29th

Martha, Mary, and their brother Lazarus were close friends of Jesus.

Jesus was a frequent guest at their home in Bethany, a small village two miles from Jerusalem. Three of those visits were mentioned in the Gospels of Luke and John. On one visit, recorded in Luke (10:38-42). Martha complained that Mary sat listening to Jesus, leaving her with all the work. Jesus chided her, saying, "It is Mary who has chosen the better part." Martha was the one who went out to meet Jesus when Lazarus died. Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. Tradition states that Martha went with Mary and Lazarus to Gaul (modern France), serving as missionaries.

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 For those who are sick or suffering in any way, may the healing and strength of our Lord Jesus Christ come upon them and given them comfort.

 For married couples, may the Lord continue to nurture and grow $\stackrel{\wedge}{\Rightarrow}$ their faith in order to strengthen their relationship.

- $\stackrel{\bigstar}{\blacktriangleright}$ For those who are grieving the loss of a loved one, may they be filled with the hope of the Resurrection and comforted by Christ's presence.
- For parents in this faith community, the first teachers of the faith, may the Spirit guide their efforts in instructing their children.
- For the elderly who are homebound or unvisited, may the Lord $\stackrel{\wedge}{\not\sim}$ fill them with his presence and comfort them with friendship.
 - The intentions listed in our parish book of prayer.

To add a request call 608-788-1646 or email Sjrp2601@gmail.com

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