

PARISH INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, July 31

~ 5:30 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

~ 8:30 am—† Randy Bahr (J&SB)

SATURDAY, August 5

~ 8:30 am—† Herb & Joyce Clements (S&CC)
 ~ 4:00 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

Adult Envelopes(25) :	\$1,114.45
Plate collection:	\$ 180.00
Total:	\$1,294.45

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 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 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.



FROM THE PASTOR



**Seventeenth Sunday
In Ordinary Time**

This weekend we conclude three weeks of readings from the 13th Chapter of Matthew's Gospel. 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 pearl 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 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.

**Seeking the Hidden Treasure
And
The Pearl of Great Price**



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 (Aquinas' 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: dioc.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

