

PARISH INTENTIONS

PARISH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, August 12

~ 4:00 pm - † Larry Silha (DS)
 Lector: Kathy Leis
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, August 13

~ 8:30 am - Our Parish Family
 Lector: Jim Weber
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

MONDAY, August 14 Vigil Mass for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

~ 5:30 pm - † William & Ida Bahr (MB)

TUESDAY, August 15

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

THURSDAY, August 17

~ 8:30 am—† Lois Davis (J&SD)

SATURDAY, August 19

~ 4:00 pm - † Robert & Alice, Larry, Patty and Bill Silha (JD)
 Lector: Bill Weber
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, August 20

~ 8:30 am - † Joyce Clements (L&DC)
 Lector: Paula Silha
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

• **August 14**—5:30 pm Vigil Mass—*The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

• **August 15**—5:30 pm Mass—*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.

Donations: Here are some ways • **Mail in** your weekly/monthly offering to parish office

- 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)
- 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.
- **Drop off** a contribution in the church donation box

Contributions for the past week

180 envelope holders

Adult Envelopes(33) :	\$2,239.00
Plate collection:	\$ 243.00
Votive candles:	\$ 160.10
Initial collection & stamp reimbursement:	\$ 40.00
Total:	\$2,682.10

Thank you Money Counters!

FROM THE PASTOR



Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

After feeding five thousand with five loaves and a couple of fish, Jesus withdrew to the mountain alone for prayer. He sent the disciples ahead of him to the other side of the lake and they had to face strong headwinds. Jesus came to them on the troubled waters. The disciples were so frightened. They cried out in fear, "It is a ghost!" Jesus spoke to them, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."



Peter called out, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." Jesus commanded, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and walked toward Jesus. But Peter became frightened by the strong wind and began to sink. He cried out, "Lord, save me!" And Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter. Jesus said to Peter, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"

Fear has a way of blinding our eyes while simple faith opens our eyes. Peter saw his master and wanted to walk across to him over the troubled waters and he did, at the word of his master. Then Peter lost his focus, saw how headstrong the wind was, became frightened, lost his strength, and began to sink into the deep water! Keep your eyes on the Lord and his strength!

On August 15th we celebrate the feast day of the Assumption of Mary, the oldest feast day of Our Lady. We will have a vigil mass on 14th evening at 5.30 at St Joseph. It is a holyday of obligation this year. The dogma of the assumption of Mary is ancient. In the early days of the Church, writings suggest that Mary did not die, or that her tomb was empty, just as Christ's was.

It wasn't until 1950 that Pope Pius XII declared the Assumption of Mary to be a dogma of the Church. The dogma is this: "that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory." The Assumption completes God's work in her since it was not fitting that the flesh that had given life to God himself should ever undergo corruption. The Assumption is God's crowning of His work as Mary ends her earthly life and enters eternity. The feast turns our eyes in that direction, where we will follow when our earthly life is over. The Assumption looks to eternity and gives us hope that we, too, will follow Our Lady when our life is ended. As we celebrate this great feast let's offer ourselves to our blessed mother.



Have a blessed week !

~ Live Jesus ~ Fr Biju MSFS

PARISH NEWS



Reminder for Food Donations:

Please bring any food donation to the back of church. These food items will be taken to a local food pantry to assist families in need.

DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS

~Eucharistic Revival— A Minute with Jesus:

The Eucharist is called Holy Mass

The word "Mass" comes from the Latin word "Missa." Missa is related to the word "missio," the root of the English word "mission." At Mass, we come to receive the Eucharist—the Real Presence of Jesus. He gives Himself to us out of love, to strengthen us in living out the Christian life. At the end of Mass, we are dismissed with the words, "The Mass is ended, let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord." Each of us is sent on mission, to show our love for God by loving and serving others and passing on the Catholic Faith to them. We want to help others to know the Truth – Jesus Christ – so that they also can find peace, which only He can give. Let's pray this right now and every day this week:

Jesus, please give me the courage to speak about my friendship with You in simple ways to others, when the opportunity arises. And let my actions speak louder than any words I say.

This week, read how we are to serve others in Hebrews 6:10. "Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another."

~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 !

~Sept. 13 - Rural Life Day - Marshfield - All are Welcome

The 42nd Annual Rural Life Day will be held on Sept. 13, 2023, hosted by Ken and Joellen Heiman of Heiman Holsteins, at 11875 US Hwy 10 in Marshfield. The day begins with a 10:00 AM Mass celebrated by Bishop Callahan, followed by awards, recognitions, the blessing of crops and machinery and a catered meal. There will also be wagon rides to tour the ridge-top farm. All are welcome to this celebration of the uniqueness of rural life, giving thanks to God for the contribution of rural values to the life of the Church in the Diocese of La Crosse.



~Aquinas High School and Aquinas Middle School welcome you to enroll for the 2023-2024 school year. Aquinas is committed to providing a safe and structured learning environment for its students. There is much to be excited about with the launch of the Viterbo Education Program, NEW STEM lab, and over fifty extracurriculars to get involved with. Call (608) 784-0287 to schedule a tour! Aquinas Catholic Schools is a Christ-centered family devoted to nurturing students of all faiths through educational excellence in its vibrant Catholic tradition.

Contact info@aquinasschools.org with any questions or visit www.aquinascatholicsschools.org/enrollment to get started.



"Be not afraid, I go before you always. Come follow me, and I will give you rest"

DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS (cont.)

~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~

~Franciscan Spirituality Center Hermitages

<https://www.fscenter.org/content/hermitages>

Franciscan Spirituality Center invites you to make a private retreat in one of their three hermitages (Chiara, Sophia and Thea). Here you can enter into silence and contemplation, while connecting to nature and God.

Hermitages may be reserved for a private or directed retreat (minimum two-night stay). Please call 608-791-5295 for more information. Cost is \$70 per night (spiritual direction is an extra fee). Hermitages are typically closed December-March, depending on the weather.

History: In 1895, farmland was purchased by the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration to provide food for the community of St. Rose Convent and St. Francis Hospital. The farm eventually became Villa St. Joseph, a retirement home for the FSPA. In July 1990, three newly built hermitages on Solitude Ridge became the Franciscan Spirituality Center's responsibility. The hermitages offer people a quiet place to unplug from their busy lives to pray in silence and solitude.

You may choose to meet with a trained FSC spiritual director during your stay. The hermitages are one-room cottages that feature modern conveniences. Hermitages are single occupancy and meant to be used for spiritual retreats only.

~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

~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.

~"Spiritual Armor for Everyday Life: Prayer, Humility, and Hope"

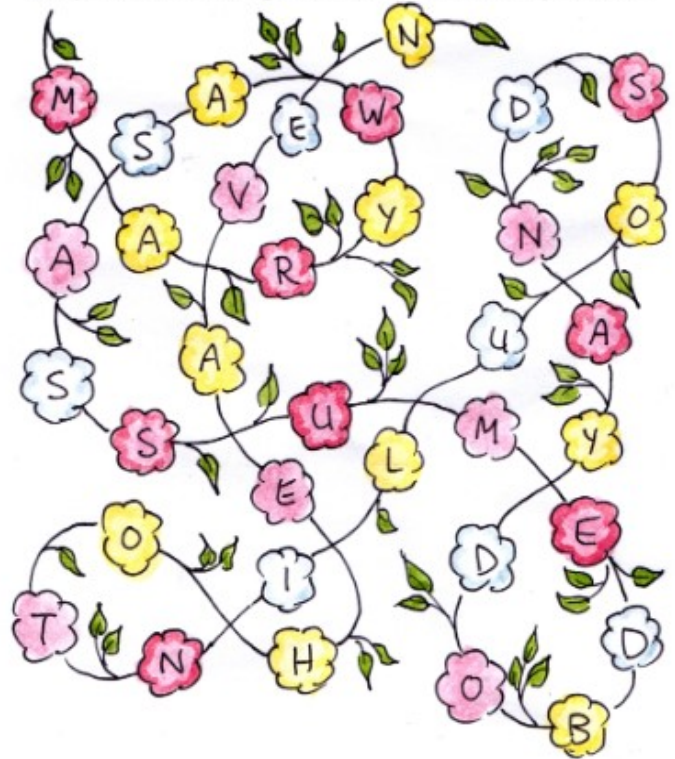
The La Crosse Guild of the CMA is sponsoring breakfast and spiritual reflection at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Saturday, August 19, 2023, following the 8:30 am Mass. This event is open to all persons. Cost for buffet breakfast is \$15. Registration deadline is Monday, August 14th .

Prayer in Honour of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**O Immaculate Virgin, Mother of God and Mother of men,
we believe with all the fervor of our faith,
in your triumphal Assumption, both body and soul,
into heaven, where you are acclaimed as Queen
by all the choirs of Angels and all the legions of the saints.
And we unite with them to praise and bless the Lord,
who has exalted you above all other pure creatures
and to offer you the tribute of our devotion and our love. Amen**

Flowers for Our Lady

*This Tuesday, August 15th, is a feast day of Our Lady.
What are we celebrating?
Follow the line, starting at M, and put the letters from
the flowers in the spaces at the bottom to find out.*



*With trust in God's goodness,
let us offer our prayers*

**POWER
OF
PRAYER**

- For favorable weather ☁️
- 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 and peace.
- For a greater respect for life throughout the world, from conception through natural death.
- For all who are grieving the loss of a loved one, may the Lord bring them peace and consolation .
- 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 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