

PARISH INTENTIONS

PARISH CALENDAR

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

MONDAY, August 21

~ 5:30 pm - † Robert Newburg (J&SB)

TUESDAY, August 22

~ 5:00 pm—*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*
~ 5:30 pm - † Steve Hundt (S&SM)

THURSDAY, August 24

~ 8:30 am—† Fr Bob Hegenbarth and Marie Meyers
(RK)

SATURDAY, August 26

~ 4:00 pm - † Rick Schermerhorn (J&PS)
Lector: Kathy Leis
Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, August 27

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

- **September 4**—Labor Day
- **September 11-15** -Fr Biju is attending a retreat in Texas
- **September 19**—7:00 pm Finance Council meeting
- **September 20**—Religious Education Classes begin
- **October 16—30** —**Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition** will be on display at St. Joseph Parish and at St Peters/ Middle Ridge More information to come.

~ 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.

Contributions for the past week

180 envelope holders

Adult Envelopes(24) :	\$1,455.00
Plate collection:	\$ 190.00
Assumption :	\$ 242.25
Total:	\$1,887.25

Thank you Money Counters!

*As followers of Jesus, we are filled with joy
because God has included all people
in his bountiful mercy.
That joy leads us to reach out to all
with compassion and mercy.*

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



**Twentieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

“Jesus heals the daughter of the Canaanite woman”

Today’s readings speak to us strongly about universal salvation: the hope that every person will be saved. This was a huge controversy at times in the early Church and even today. The Prophet Isaiah in today’s first reading speaks of God’s salvation for all those who honor the name of God, joining themselves to the Lord and becoming His servants. This was a huge breakthrough in the history of understanding God’s love for us. Even those who were not “the chosen people” could be saved.

The story of the Canaanite woman foreshadows the reception of the gospel among the gentiles. The woman, who is not Jewish, approaches Jesus, requesting that he heal her demon-possessed daughter. At first Jesus ignores her; he says nothing. The disciples ask Jesus to send her away, and Jesus agrees, remarking that he was sent to minister to the Jews alone. The woman persists, paying homage to Jesus, and yet Jesus denies her request again. He even insults her. But the woman cleverly turns Jesus’ insult into an affirmation of faith. The woman gets what she came for: her daughter is healed.

May our own faith grow as we reflect on these readings! May we grow in our respect and love for others who do not share our faith. May we find ways to speak about our own faith so that others may understand the incredible power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

Recently Pope Francis issued a message for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation that will be celebrated this year on September 1, 2023. The Holy Father's message is challenging and timely in light of the increasing drastic and dangerous climate events throughout the world.

Have a blessed week !

~ Live Jesus ~ Fr Biju MSFS



Dear God, We thank You for this new school year and all that it brings. Bless our teachers with strength, patience, and understanding as they guide students through their studies. May they be filled with grace to nurture our students' minds, hearts, and spirits, and inspire them to reach their fullest potential.

BACK TO SCHOOL



PARISH NEWS

Religious Education classes will begin on Wednesday, September 20th.

Grades 3 & 5 will be

6:00—7:05 pm

Grades 6—10 will be

6:55—8:15 pm

Registration will be soon.



7th Grade Teacher is needed

If you are interested in Teaching in our Religious Education program, Call Stacy Burns (608)769-8828

DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS

~Eucharistic Revival~ A Minute with Jesus:

At Mass, we want to focus on God

When we go to Mass, we want to think about God. This is our set-aside time with Jesus and we are to speak with and listen to Him because the Mass is the official public worship of God by the Church. This is the way that God invites us to worship Him as laid out in the Bible. Jesus wants us to sincerely focus on Him and what is happening at the altar. When we get distracted: don't get upset, but say a little prayer – ever so simple – and turn your thoughts gently and peacefully back to the Mass. Let's pray this right now and every day this week:

Jesus, help me to stay focused on You and what is happening at Mass every Sunday (or Saturday evening)

This week, read how we are to give thanks to the Lord in Psalm 95:1-6

~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.

DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS (cont.)

~Chicken-Que at Mary, Mother of the Church Parish, 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, on Thursday, September 14, from 11:00 - 6:00 p.m. for pick up and delivery only. The price is \$12 and includes a half chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, homemade beans and a dinner roll. For pre-sale tickets (guaranteed) and deliveries, call (608) 518-6145. No minimum order and no delivery charge. Enter at Weston Street driveway.

~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.

~Catholic Life needs writers

Our diocesan magazine, Catholic Life, needs writers from across our diocese who can help tell the vibrant Faith stories of our parishioners in our parishes and communities. Catholic Life reaches 55,000 registered families and writers have a tremendous ability to help spread the Good News. Please prayerfully consider joining our pool of writers and reach out to Pam at pwiller@diolc.org if interested.

~Worldwide Marriage Encounter

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is like springtime. It's a weekend of fresh air, the rebirth of romance and new beginnings. If you would like to make your marriage even more special than it already is, visit wwme.org, call 563.920.9419 for more information. The next weekend is Sept. 22-24 in Dubuque, IA and April 12-14 in Epworth, Iowa. **Do you know a couple who have been married for 70, 75 or more years?** Worldwide Marriage Encounter highlights and honors couples who have very long marriages. Every state in the U.S. will honor one nominated couple who is married the longest. Please nominate a couple by going to wwme.org Nominations should be in by Sept. 15. For questions, call 641.753.6953.

~Teaching the Way of Love:

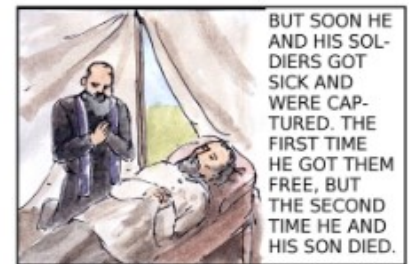
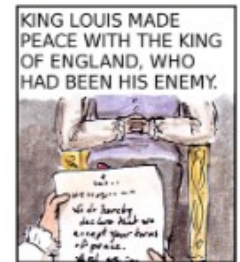
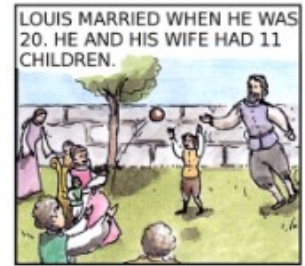
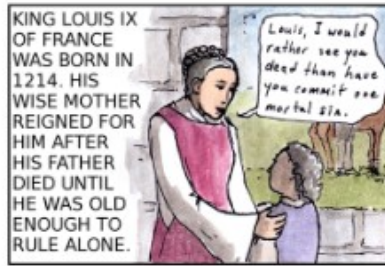
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"For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable."-ROMANS 11:29
God has a special mission in mind for each of us. He has given us the gifts we need to accomplish that mission. We are called to be good stewards by using those gifts to do the work He has planned for us. If we deny our gifts or fail to use them as God calls us to use them, then some part of His work will be left undone. Each of us has a role in God's salvation plan.

~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~

Saint Louis of France
August 25



KING SAINT LOUIS SAID THAT LOVING GOD WAS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IN LIFE. IT WAS EVEN MORE IMPORTANT THAN RULING WELL! BECAUSE HE PRAYED AND ATTENDED MASS SO OFTEN AND SO WELL HE WAS GIVEN THE GRACE TO RULE HIS PEOPLE JUSTLY. PRAY FOR YOUR COUNTRY'S LEADERS!

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*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