

PARISH INTENTIONS

PARISH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, August 5

~ 8:30 am—† Herb & Joyce Clements (S&CC)
 ~ 4:00 pm - † Sara Rose Hougom & John Thurk(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

MONDAY, August 7

~ 5:30 pm - † Matt Sackmaster (J&SB)

TUESDAY, August 8

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

THURSDAY, August 10

~ 8:30 am—† Rudy & Lucy Kammel (S&ML)

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

- **August 6**—1:00—4:00 pm
50th Wedding Anniversary Jubilee and Celebration at Holy Cross Diocesan Center in La Crosse
- **August 6**—Peace Day
- **August 11**—4:00—7:00 pm Visitation for Elaine Bina (Rosary at 7:00 pm)
- **August 12**—11:00 Mass of Christian Burial for Elaine Bina (Visitation 9:45-10:45 am)
- **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.

Contributions for the past week

180 envelope holders

Adult Envelopes(29) :	\$1,895.00
Plate collection:	\$ 211.00
Total:	\$2,106.00

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.

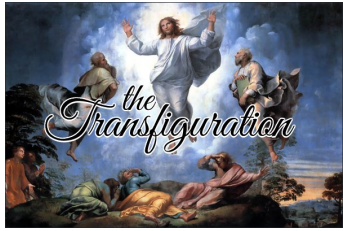


Summer Blessing for Families

May we make our homes places of relaxation, joy, love, peace and safety.
 May we be generous and considerate, not thinking only about ourselves, but helping others enjoy the blessings of the summertime.

Lord God, Creator of all things, guide our steps and strengthen our hearts during these months of summer and vacation days. Grant us refreshment of mind and body. May we constantly strive to make a meaningful difference in the lives of our loved ones and in the world around us as we enjoy the warm days of summertime.

FROM THE PASTOR



Eighteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time
Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

“It is good to be here; I shall build three booths.”

This weekend we celebrate a feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. It is celebrated each year on August 6th . This year it happened to be on Sunday. We have already reflected on this event in the middle of the Season of Lent before Easter. And now once again, in the middle of this Ordinary season, the church presents to us the event of Transfiguration for our consideration.

Transfiguration is one of the high moments that reveal about Jesus. Father revealed him and said “He is my beloved Son, listen to him. It is in listening to Jesus the disciples realize their own identity. The discipleship of Jesus is to realize that we are dear sons and daughters of God and learn ways to be dear Sons and daughters of God.

Last Monday I had an opportunity together with some of the CCD Students and teachers from St. Peters to watch the movie “Sound of Freedom”. Thanks to Tom Schaub for organizing it. you may have noticed it in the bulletin about it. ‘God’s Children Are Not for Sale’- is a compelling theme in the movie. Released in 2023, it’s a story about rescuing innocent lives from human traffickers. It also reveals some extent the dark underbelly of human trafficking which is a global crisis. It is inspired by a real-life government agent who quits his job to rescue a young girl from sex traffickers in Colombia. It is said globally, almost 50 million people and enslaved and many of the enslaved are children. A particularly evil form of slavery is the enslaving of children for sex trafficking. I encourage you to see the movie if possible.

This weekend we also observe a commemoration proper to our diocese’s liturgical calendar-Peace Day. This observance was mandated by the Fourth Diocesan Synod, held in 1986. It occurs usually on the first Sunday of August, near the anniversaries of the explosion of the atomic bombs in 1945 over Hiroshima on August 6 and Nagasaki on August 9. We are urged to pray for peace as we remember the incredibly destructive power of such armaments.

Funeral of Elaine A. Bina will be on Saturday, August 12 at St. Joseph.

Tuesday, August 15 – The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation. Please see the bulletin for mass times.

Have a blessed week !

~ Live Jesus ~
Fr Biju MSFS



PARISH NEWS

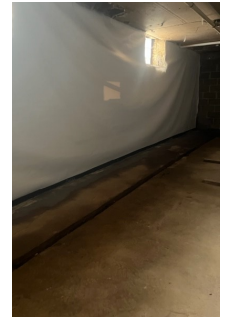
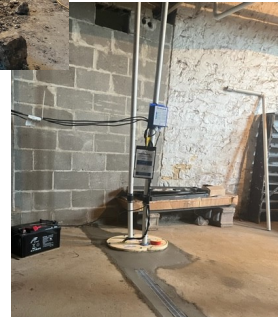
Thank You

- Phil Braun for replacing the door knob and lock on the Sacristy door.
- Ken Silha for repairing the drain in the rectory kitchen.



Badger Basement installed 2 sump pumps and WaterGuard materials in the church basement to control the water problem that has been an issue for years.

This project was funded by the donations made to the Inspired by the Spirit Campaign.



DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS

~Eucharistic Revival— A Minute with Jesus:

The Eucharist is called the Holy Sacrifice

A sacrifice is an offering of love for someone. Jesus rescued us and set us free from the bondage of sin by offering Himself through His painful sacrifice on the Cross. At each Mass, Jesus offers Himself to the Father for love of us. Jesus is not being “re-sacrificed” but the sacrifice of Calvary is being made present at each Mass. To express our gratitude and to open our hearts more deeply to Him, we can show our love by offering small sacrifices to Him: our willingness to forgive after being hurt by someone, cutting our time short with TV to take time for prayer, visiting someone who is sick etc.

Let’s pray this right now and every day this week: *Thank You, Jesus, for loving me so much that You were willing to die in order to save me and set me free from the bondage of sin.*

This week, read how we are to imitate Jesus by walking in the way of love in Ephesians 5:2 “Walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved me and gave Himself up for me as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God” (Ephesians 5:2).

~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 !

~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

~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

