FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE

Lord

St. Joseph Parish ~ St. Joseph Ridge

W2601 State Road 33 • La Crosse • WI 54601

August 6, 2023—18th Sunday in Ordinary

PASTOR

Fr. Biju Chennala Kunjukutty, MSFS 715-495-2338 bchennala@diolclergy.org

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	4:00 pr	n
Sunday	8:30 ar	n

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

First Saturday	y Mass	8:30 am
Monday		5:30 pm
Tuesday	Adoration	5:00 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

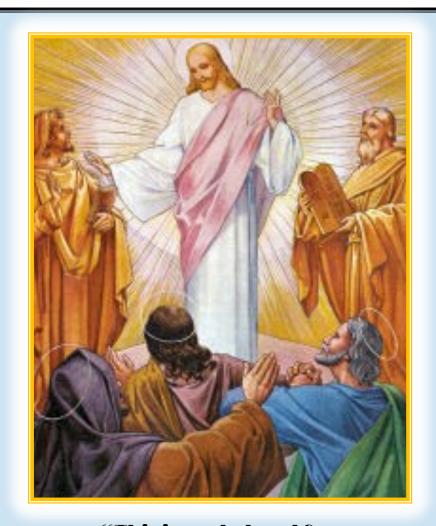
St. Peter's Parish, Middle Ridge

(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



"This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased; Listen to him."

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 Stacy Burns-CRE

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, 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

 $\sim 4:00 \text{ pm}$ - † Larry Silha (DS)

Lector: Kathy Leis

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, August 13

 $\sim 8:30$ am - Our Parish Family

Lector: Jim Weber

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

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://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

• **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
- Pray Spontaneously Ask the Saints for help Scriptures

 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.

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.

Email: sjrp2601@gmail.com

FROM THE PASTOR





Eighteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Jeast of the Transfiguration of the Jord

"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.



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

DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS (cont.)

~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

~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. To register, please send check to Charlie Peters, MD, N8536 County Road TT, Holmen. For questions, contact Dr. Pavela at: slpavela@gmail.com.

National Eucharistic Congress Pilgrimage:

In July 2024, the National Eucharistic Congress will be held in Indianapolis, Ind. This 5-day experience, "Eyes Opened, Hearts on Fire," will be held July 17-24, 2024. Speakers such as Bishop Robert Barron, Fr. Mike Schmitz, Fr. John Burns, Bishop Andrew Cozzens, and many more, will inspire and invite people to return to the source and summit of our Faith in the celebration of the Eucharist. In addition to the work being done in our Diocese as part of the Eucharistic Procession to Indianapolis, we are exploring the possibility of taking a group from the Diocese of La Crosse to attend the Eucharistic Congress. To prepare for such a pilgrimage, we need to know the number of pilgrims interested in joining a group from the Diocese of La Crosse to attend the National Eucharistic Congress. If you are interested in being part of this special pilgrimage, please email dbrannon@diolc.org with the number of people interested in attending. Once we know the number of people wishing to participate, we can provide further information related to costs, travel, and registration.

~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~

Feast of the Transfiguration August 6th, 2023

took Peter, James and John up a



Suddenly His

became dazzling white, like the

began to speak with Moses and Elijah,

who appeared beside Him.

were terrified.

Peter said, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. Shall we

build : one for You, one for Moses and

one for Elijah?" Then a came over them, and a



voice came out of it and said, "This is my beloved Son.

Listen to Him." Then only

was there with them.

Coming down the



not to tell

anyone what happened until after He rose from the dead.

Use the pictures to help read the story from today's Gospel reading!

🟃 Dear Lord Jesus, we pray

★ • For favorable weather!

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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 $\stackrel{\wedge}{\mathbb{A}}$ their faith in order to strengthen their relationship.
- For those who are grieving the loss of a loved one, may they be $\stackrel{\wedge}{\sim}$ filled with the hope of the Resurrection and comforted by $\stackrel{\wedge}{\Rightarrow}$ 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 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 *****