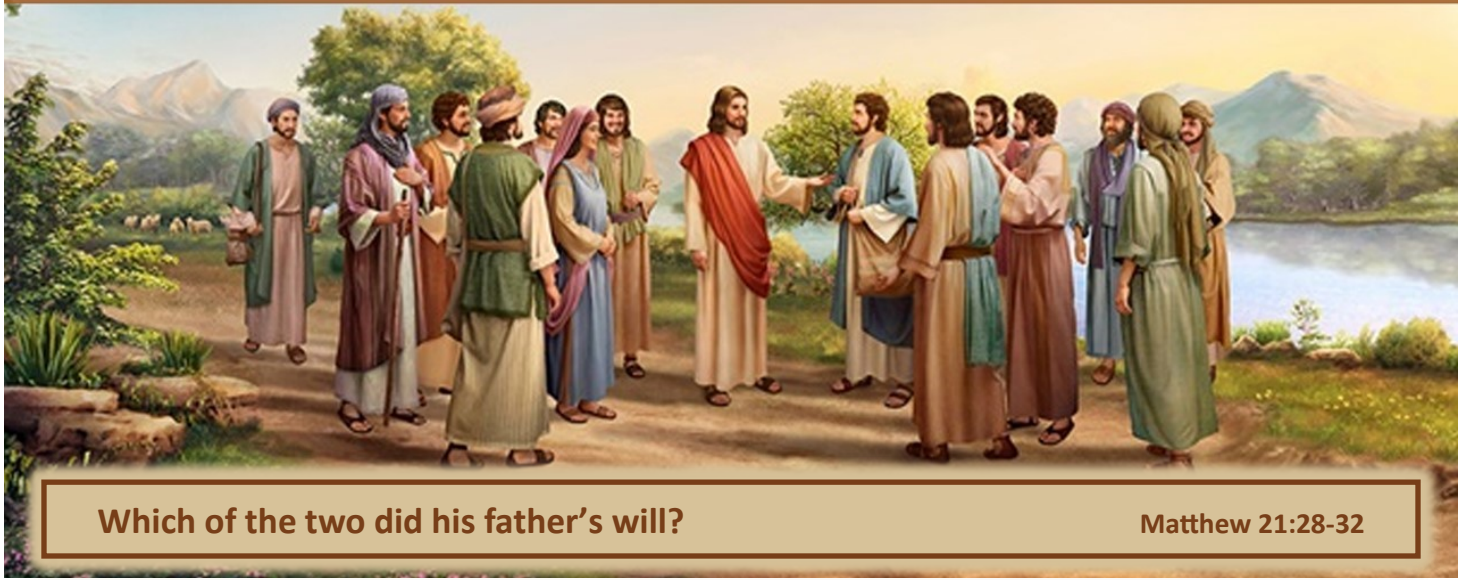


St. Joseph Parish ~ St. Joseph Ridge

W2601 State Road 33 • La Crosse • WI 54601

October 1, 2023—26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Parable of the Two Sons



Which of the two did his father's will?

Matthew 21:28-32

PASTOR

Fr. Biju Chennala Kunjukutty, MSFS
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bchennala@diolclergy.org

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday.....4:00 pm
Sunday.....8:30 am

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

First Saturday Mass.....8:30 am

Monday5:30 pm
Tuesday.....Adoration.....5:00 pm
 Mass.....5:30 pm
Thursday.....8:30 am

CONFESSIONS

-First Saturday after 8:30 am Mass
-3:30—3:45 pm (before Saturday
Mass) or by appointment

**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

PARISH OFFICE

Barb Mikshowsky.....608-788-1646
Bulletin deadline:Wednesday
 sjr2601@gmail.com
Office hours vary, call or email with
questions

**Fr Biju also serves
St. Peter's Parish, Middle Ridge**

(608) 452-4680
Adoration: Wednesday...7:30-9:00 PM
Weekend Mass: Saturday.....8:00 PM
 Sunday.....10:00 AM
Weekday Mass: Wednesday.....8:00 AM
 Friday.....8:00 AM

**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

*'Thank you'
for your
time and
talent to
support our
parish.*

**PCCW - Parish Council of
Catholic Women**

Lori Clements-President
Mary Jo Hess-Treasurer
Jill Murphy-Secretary
Polly Hilby-Funeral Prep

**Cemetery Sexton Building
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Dave Brown 608-792-1006
dbrown039@centurytel.net
Rick Meyer

MUSIC

Stacy Burns, Coordinator
608-769-8828
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Accompanist

Leland Gregorich
LuAnne Gregorich
Mary Beth Smith

Sacristan:

Sally Miller

"Whoever serves me, the Father will honor." John 12:26

PARISH INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, September 30

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

SUNDAY, October 1

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

MONDAY, October 2

Memorial of the Guardian Angels
 ~ 5:30 pm—† Darlene Kammel (RK family)

TUESDAY, October 3

~ 5:00 pm *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*
 ~ 5:30 pm—† Kimmy Clements (MB)

THURSDAY, October 5

~ 8:30 am—† Herbert Clements (L&DC)

SATURDAY, October 7

Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary
 ~ 4:00 pm - † John, Bernice,
 Steve, and Sam Mashak (J&SM)
 Lector: Jim Weber
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, October 8

~ 8:30 am—† Bill Patterson (SP)
 Lector: Donna Clements
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

Contributions for the past week

Adult Envelopes(28) :	\$2,125.00
Plate collection:	\$ 206.00
Total:	\$2,331.00

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

- **October 4**—Religious Education
 - **October 9** (Monday) - Mass at 8:30 am
 - **October 11**—Religious Education
- Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition will be on display**
October 16—22 — at St. Peters/Middle Ridge
October 23—30—at St. Joseph Parish
- **October 24-Nov 2**—Father Biju going to Poland

Dates of Community Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Where</u>	<u>Event</u>
October 1	La Crosse(from 2-3 p.m. along Losey Blvd. from La Crosse St. to Ferry St.)	Annual Life Chain
October 9	Town of Greenfield Hall	Blood Drive
October 12	St. Peters—Middle Ridge	Sauerkraut Supper 4:00—8:00 pm
October 12	Holy Trinity, La Crosse	Chicken Q
October 13&14	Mary Mother of the Church, La Crosse	Rummage Sale
October 15	St. Mary’s—Coon Valley	Pancake Breakfast
October 15	Shrine of Our Lady Guadalupe	Organ Recital 3:00 pm
November 11	Aquinas Catholic Schools	Gold Gala

~ 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.

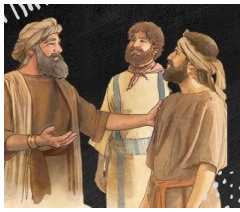
*** Confession**

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



**Twenty-Sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

THE PARABLE OF THE TWO SONS

Jesus told them "A man had two sons." One, when asked to go out and work in the vineyard, said "I will not," but afterwards changed his mind and went." The other replied, "Yes, sir," but did not." The key to the correct understanding of this parable of the two sons is that it is not really praising anyone. It is setting before us a picture of two very imperfect sets of people, of whom one set were none the less better than the other. Neither son in the story was the kind of son to bring full joy to his father. Both were unsatisfactory; but the one who in the end obeyed was incalculably better than the other. The ideal son would be the son who accepted the father's orders with obedience and with respect and who unquestioningly and fully carried them out. The story compares Jewish leaders, tax collectors, and prostitutes and how they respond to God's invitation. Religious leaders did not respond to the message of repentance announced by John the Baptist with a change of heart. Instead, John's message was heeded by those one would not expect to repent—tax collectors, prostitutes, and other sinners. Do our words and actions indicate our obedience to God?

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, one of the best known of all Catholic devotions. The feast was introduced by Pope St. Pius V (1504-1572) in the year 1571 to commemorate the miraculous victory of the Christian forces in the Battle of Lepanto on October 7, 1571. The pope attributed more to the "arms" of the Rosary than the power of cannons and the valor of the soldiers who fought there. The Battle of Lepanto was at first celebrated liturgically as "Our Lady of Victory"; Later, the feast of October 7th was renamed "Our Lady of the Rosary"; and extended throughout the Universal Church by Pope Clement XI in 1716 (who canonized Pope Pius V in 1712). When asked her name In Fatima, Portugal Our Lady, said: "I am the Lady of the Rosary" At Fatima, Our Lady taught us to pray the Rosary every day. Pope Pius V in 1712). When asked her name In Fatima, Portugal Our Lady, said: "I am the Lady of the Rosary"; At Fatima, Our Lady taught us to pray the Rosary every day.

In October, the Catholic Church in the United States also celebrates Respect Life Month, and the first Sunday of October is designated as Respect Life Sunday. Respect for human life involves defending the defenseless unborn, welcoming the stranger, working for social justice, comforting the suffering, strengthening families and consoling the dying, to mention just a few ways that we express fraternal charity for our fellow human beings.

Have a blessed week ~ Live Jesus

Fr Biju MSFS



PARISH NEWS

Religious Education News

'Thank you' to Grace (Weber) Bayer who has volunteered to teach the 3rd grade, so every class has a teacher now. That frees me up to do admin stuff and be support for all of the teachers. I am currently organizing prayer partners for each class, let me know right away if you are interested. Thank you, Stacy Burns (608)769-8828



Corrective Landscaping was done so that rain water will drain away from the buildings. The ground was higher between the Church and the Rectory.

On Friday, Miller Earthworks was here and excavated the dirt to correct the rain water flow.

DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS

~Eucharistic Revival— A Minute with Jesus is meant to inspire parishioners during the Eucharistic Revival, a movement to help all Catholics know and believe that the Eucharist is Jesus.

After Mass, Holy Communion is reserved in the tabernacle. The red sanctuary candle in the front of the church is constantly burning to remind us that Jesus is present in the tabernacle in the sacred Host. He waits for us to come and spend some time with Him, just as we would spend time with any friend. We can speak with Him about anything and simply be quiet in order to listen to Him. It is helpful to bring a book like The Divine Encounter by Mark Hart to have something to help stay focused when distractions arise. This time with the Lord will help bring solace and peace as worries take on a proper perspective, and we will gradually know that when we receive Holy Communion, we are truly receiving Jesus. Let's pray this right now and every day this week:

*Jesus, help me to set aside some time to spend with You
in church so that You can strengthen my faith that
You are truly present in Holy Communion.*

This week, read how Jesus asked Peter and the Apostles to spend time with Him in prayer in Matthew 26:40.

~Sauerkraut Supper - Oct 11 St. Peters Catholic/ Middle Ridge will be as a dine in or carry out on Wednesday, October 11th from 4 to 8 PM or until sold out. Cost of dinner is \$15 for church-made kraut & pork ribs, polish sausage, glazed carrots, mashed potatoes and gravy, and homemade pie. Raw Kraut for sale at \$5 for 2.5 lbs.

DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS (cont.)

~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~

~GRACE Community Bags Program – Donation Items Needed

In the beginning of the year, Catholic Charities Pregnancy Support Program saw a need in our communities. Several women and families were reaching out for services for items like diapers, wipes, and resources. Since starting the program in April, we have distributed bags to 300 families in need. With our GRACE Community Bags being dispersed from our Eau Claire and La Crosse offices, and the success of our outreach, we are in need of items to continue supporting families, specifically diapers (open and partially used packs are ok) and wipes. Drop off at Catholic Charities, 3710 East Ave South, La Crosse, WI. Questions, please contact Meghan Brennan at mbrennan@cclse.org or call 608-782-0710.

~40 Days for Life Vigil Campaign, Sept. 27-Nov. 5

The fall campaign to end abortion will run Sept. 27-Nov. 5 on the sidewalk outside Planned Parenthood, 1201 Caledonia in La Crosse. Please consider coming to pray for an hour, anytime between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sign up at 40daysforlife.com/en/ or scan the QR code to the right. Call Marie Allen for more information or signs: 608.784.5189.



~Men of the Cross Conference | Oct. 14 (8:30 a.m. - 5:15 p.m.)

The La Crosse Center, La Crosse, WI

Connect with other Catholic men from around the Diocese of La Crosse who will lift you in this role and be encouraged and challenged by men of deep faith. Tickets are \$45 per person. For registration and more information visit www.menofthecross.org

~Registering Crafters for December 2nd Craft Sale

St. Mary's Annual Craft Show in Coon Valley is now accepting crafters. Save \$5 by registering before November 1st. Visit our website at: www.stmaryscv.org/craft-show for more information and download the registration form. Coordinator is Nancy Peters, call (608) 790-6034 or email: Peters@mwt.net

~Gospel of Life White Mass, Banquet & Presentation - Oct. 18

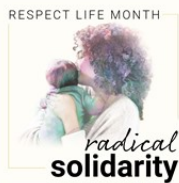
Join us at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman on Wednesday, Oct. 18, the Feast of St. Luke, Patron of Physicians, for the 'White Mass' celebrated by



Bishop Callahan, in which the faithful honor and pray for Catholic healthcare professionals. The Mass will be followed by a banquet and a keynote presentation by Fr. Justin Kizewski on "Standing Strong for Conscience in Healthcare: A Battle that Touches us All." Cost for the banquet and presentation is \$20/person, \$10/students. All the faithful are warmly invited. To learn more and to register, visit www.dioc.org/GospelofLife

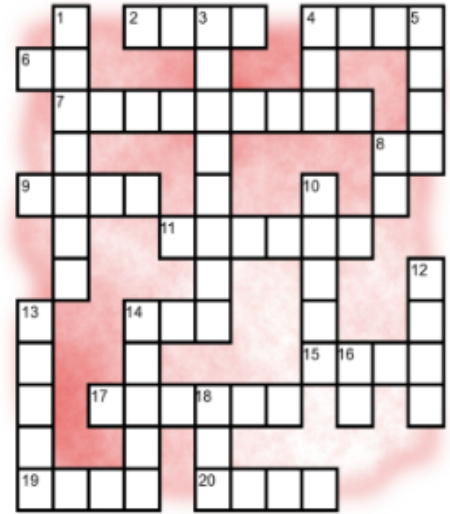
~October is Respect Life Month

Many parish resources from the USCCB for October, Respect Life Month, are available at www.respectlife.org. Also visit the Diocesan website, www.dioc.org/respect-life, for information on Pregnancy Resource Centers, Post-Abortion



Ezekiel 18 Cross-Word

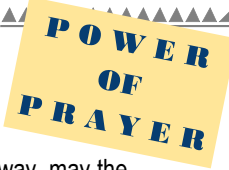
Use the words from the list to fill in the blanks in the reading and the puzzle. a=across & d=down.



- COMMITTED
- INIQUITY
- BECAUSE
- UNFAIR
- VIRTUE
- TURNS
- SHALL
- SINCE
- MUST
- LORD
- SAYS
- JUST
- DOES
- IT
- IS
- IF
- HE
- DIE
- ALL
- SAY
- FAIR
- SINS
- LIVE

Thus _____ (5d) the _____: (20a) You _____, (14a) "The Lord's way is not _____!" (2a) Hear now, house of Israel: _____ (8a) it my way that is unfair, or rather, are not your ways _____? (17a) When someone virtuous _____ (10d) away from _____ (11a) to commit _____, (3d) and dies, _____ (8d) is _____ (1d) of the iniquity he committed that _____ (6a) _____ (12d) die. But _____ (16d) he turns from the wickedness he has _____, (7a) and _____ (4a) what is right and _____, (9a) he shall preserve his life; _____ (14d) he has turned away from _____ (18d) the _____ (15a) that he committed, he _____ (13d) surely _____, (19a) he shall not _____. (4d)

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



- 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

St Joseph's Ridge Community Blood Drive

Monday, Oct. 9 from 1—6 PM

At the Town of Greenfield Hall, N1800 Town Hall Road

Walk in's welcome but appointments are preferred,
call 877-232-4376

or scan the code on the flyer in back of church