

PARISH INTENTIONS

PARISH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, September 9

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

SUNDAY, September 10

~ 8:30 am—Our Parish Family
 Lector: Donna Clements
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

MONDAY, September 11

No Mass

TUESDAY, September 12

**No Adoration
 No Mass**

THURSDAY, September 14

No Mass

SATURDAY, September 16

~ 4:00 pm - †Madonna Bahr (Leis family)
 Lector: Bill Weber
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, September 17

~ 8:30 am—† George & Evelyn Miller (T&MP)
 Lector: Volunteer
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

Fr. Biju
 will be at
 a Retreat
 in Texas

- **September 10**—10:30 am St. Teresa of Kolkota Parish of West Salem Fall Festival
- **September 11**—6:30 pm PCCW meeting
- **September 11-15** -Fr Biju is attending a retreat in Texas
- **September 13**—Rural Life Day is being hosted by Ken and Joellen Heiman of Heiman Holsteins, at 11875 US Hwy 10 in Marshfield.
- **September 18**—La Crosse Deanery of Catholic Women Fall Assembly at Mary, Mother of the Church
- **September 19**—7:00 pm Finance Council meeting
- **September 20**—Religious Education Classes begin
- **October 11** - Sauerkraut Supper-St Peter's/Middle Ridge

La Crosse Deanery of Catholic Women Fall Assembly

Have you heard about or seen the movie the “Sounds of Freedom?”, a story about child and human trafficking. Come learn more about this problem from Deacon Steve Przedpelski of the Franciscan Peacemakers of Milwaukee. He is the speaker for the La Crosse Deanery of Catholic Women Fall Assembly which is being held at **Mary, Mother of Church, September 18, 2023**. The program will start at **6 p.m.** with a light supper and desserts. Please call Rita Sanchez, 608-780-3621 or Kay Kesler, 608-780-0485 to let us know.

~ ENHANCE YOUR FAITH ~

*** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

No Adoration and No Mass Tuesday, September 12th

~ 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

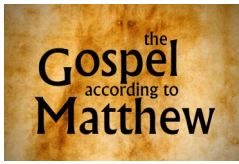
Adult Envelopes(31) :	\$1,936.00
Plate collection:	\$ 216.00
Total:	\$2,152.00

Thank you Money Counters!

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.

FROM THE PASTOR



**Twenty-Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone . . . If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that”; every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three Witnesses”; If he refuses to listen to them, tell the church . . .
Matthew 18: 15-20

What happens when someone misbehaves and hurts you? Retaliate? No. That is not being a Christian. Jesus lays out a detailed plan in the gospel about how to help a person. First step is to go to the person, then later other means are relied on. There is an urge in Jesus to restore the relationship. It means that sometimes we have to take the first step, even though we know that the other person is in the wrong. We are called to be messengers of love. St. Francis of Assisi had the wonderful prayer which begins, “Lord, make me an instrument of your peace, Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon..”

September commemorates the Exaltation of the Holy Cross and the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows one after another on Sept. 14 and 15, respectively. Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross commemorates the finding of the True Cross in 325 by Saint Helena, the mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine. The mystery this feast commemorates is the redemption accomplished by our Lord’s sacrificial death on the cross and his resurrection from the dead.

On September 8th, we celebrated the nativity of blessed mother. On September 15th we celebrate the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows. It’s also called the feast of the mother of compassion. We are invited to mediate on the seven principal sorrows:

1. The Prophecy of Simeon (Luke 2:34-35)
2. The Flight into Egypt (Matthew 2:13-21)
3. The Loss of Jesus for Three Days (Luke 2:41-50)
4. The Carrying of the Cross (John 19:17)
5. The Crucifixion of Jesus (John 19:18-30)
6. Jesus Taken Down from the Cross (John 19:39-40)
7. Jesus Laid in the Tomb (John 19:39-42)

September 10th is ‘National Grandparents Day’ - a time to honor grandparents. Celebrating it is a reminder for us to show greater understanding and respect to grandparents and elderly who are often ignored by many. Many grandparents inspire us to face faith and life with confidence. Therefore, cherish your grandparents when they are with you.

I will be out for my retreat from Monday to Friday. I will keep all of you in my prayer.

Have a blessed week!

Live Jesus ~ Fr Biju MSFS



PARISH NEWS

Religious Education classes will begin Wednesday, September 20th.

Grades 1, 3 & 5: 6:-00—7:05 pm
Grades 6—10: 6:55—8:15 pm



An email was sent out a few weeks ago, if you did not get it or couldn't print, there are sheets available in the back of church.

We will be looking for prayer partners for each grade again, this was done a few years ago and we would love to implement it again. If you have a grandchild in a class or a certain group stands out to you, please call me to volunteer your prayers. Thank you. If you have any questions or if you did not receive an email, please call Stacy Burns (608)769-8828

**Due to changes, there is a need for
3rd & 5th Grade Teachers**

Call Stacy Burns (608)769-8828 if you are interested.
Thank you for consideration and Thank you to those who have agreed to teach religious education to our children.

**PCCW meeting—Monday September 11th 6:30 pm
All women of the parish are welcome!**

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. We respond with thanksgiving after receiving Jesus in Holy Communion.

**We Respond with Thanksgiving
after Receiving Jesus in Holy Communion**

Through the power of the Holy Spirit, and the words of Jesus repeated by the priest, a miracle happens at every Mass. The substance of the bread and wine become the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus, even though the bread and wine still look the same. When we receive Jesus, we want to thank Him for this incredible Gift. Then we can speak with Him about anything that is on our heart. We also want to listen to what He might say to us in the quiet of our heart.

Let's pray this right now and every day this week: *Jesus, I believe in you. Jesus, I hope in You. Jesus, I want to love You with all my heart. Jesus, I thank You for having come to dwell in me as I receive You in Holy Communion. I welcome You into my heart and I ask you to “crowd out” whatever might be there that is not of You. And I desire to give You full reign as my Lord, my Savior and my King. Thank You for giving Your life for me on the Cross, loving me this much and allowing me to receive You into my heart in this present moment. And now that You are so close to me, please help me love You more and more, and serve You by loving the people around me. Amen.*

Visit dioc.org/deeper for a downloadable Prayer Card with this prayer. This week, read Psalm 107:1. "Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever!"

~**Sauerkraut Supper -St. Peters Parish/Middle Ridge, October 11th.** 4:00– 8:00 pm. The traditional sit-down supper and festivities along with full dinner carry-outs will be happening this year.

DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS (cont.)

~**Chicken-Que at Mary, Mother of the Church Parish**, on Thursday, September 14, from 11:00 - 6:00 p.m. for pick up and delivery only. For pre-sale tickets (guaranteed) and deliveries, call (608) 518-6145.

~**Aquinas Fest** is Friday, September 15 • 3:00 - 8:00 pm • Aquinas High School (Cameron St. Parking Lot). There is still time to get Aquinas Fest Sweepstakes entries!

~**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. Fathers, make this a Father/Son day and bring your high school-age son for free! If you are planning to bring your son, please put his name in the comment section on the online registration form.

So get your family members, best buds, men at your parish, and even acquaintances, together and join your brothers from all over the Diocese of La Crosse to reignite your identity as a catholic man.

For registration and more information visit www.menofthecross.org

~**Chicken-Q and Bake Sale-Holy Trinity Parish**, Thursday, October 12, 11:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. ½ Chicken, Coleslaw, Beans and Bun for \$11.00. Carry Out, Drive Through

~**Lectio Eucharist Classes-Dr. Brant Pitre**

September 18 - December 1, 2023

Participants only need to attend one class each week.

Mondays: Blessed Sacrament • 6:30-8:00 pm

Tuesdays: Mary, Mother of the Church • 8:15-9:45 am
 St. James the Less • 9:00-10:30 am

Wednesdays: Holy Trinity • 1:00 - 2:30 pm

Thursdays: St. Patrick's Onalaska • 9:15-10:45 am
 St. Patrick's Onalaska • 5:00-6:30 pm
 St. Patrick's, Onalaska • 6:00-7:30pm

Fridays: Cathedral • 10:30 - 12:00 noon

OR it can be done as a Home Study. Registration for class can be done:

• Online at stpatsonalaska.com or the direct link to the registration page is Give (wesharegiving.org)

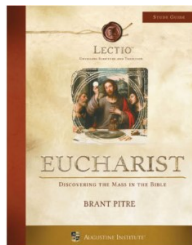
• By contacting Amy Capelli at 608-783-0847 or amy_capelli@charter.net
 Workbooks are only \$15.00 each and include the answer sheets. Already have a workbook or do you want to join us without a workbook? Classes are free! We are also offering **Brant Pitre's** book "**Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist**" for only \$2.00 each. This is the book that the program is based on.

~**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



~**Post-Abortion Healing Ministry** in the Diocese of La Crosse Do you know someone who is carrying the grief and sorrow of past abortions? Project Rachel Ministry offers a compassionate heart and confidential help. Call 608.860.6698 or email projectrachel@dioc.org



~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~

...Where two or three are gathered in my Name...

TWHICHPRTA Here is the last part of
 HHEARTHSHT today's Gospel reading.
 REAGAINHEO See if you can find all
 ERVRMYWARG the words in CAPITALS
 EEEEEEGLEE in the puzzle. Use the
 PINENARLNT left-over letters to fill in
 RTLHOYATAH the blanks.
 ANYTHINGME
 YOUFATHER
 GATHEREDHE
 RTWOMIDSTS

What is Our Lord asking us to do?

AGAIN, AMEN, I SAY to YOU, if two of you AGREE on EARTH about ANYTHING for WHICH they are to PRAY, it SHALL be GRANTED to them by my HEAVENLY FATHER. For WHERE TWO or THREE are GATHERED TOGETHER in my NAME, THERE am I in the MIDST of them.



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