

# St. Joseph Parish ~ St. Joseph Ridge

W2601 State Road 33 • La Crosse • WI 54601

## September 24, 2023—25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### PASTOR

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

### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

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

### WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

First Saturday 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 8:30 am Mass  
-3:30—3:45 pm (before Saturday Mass)  
-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

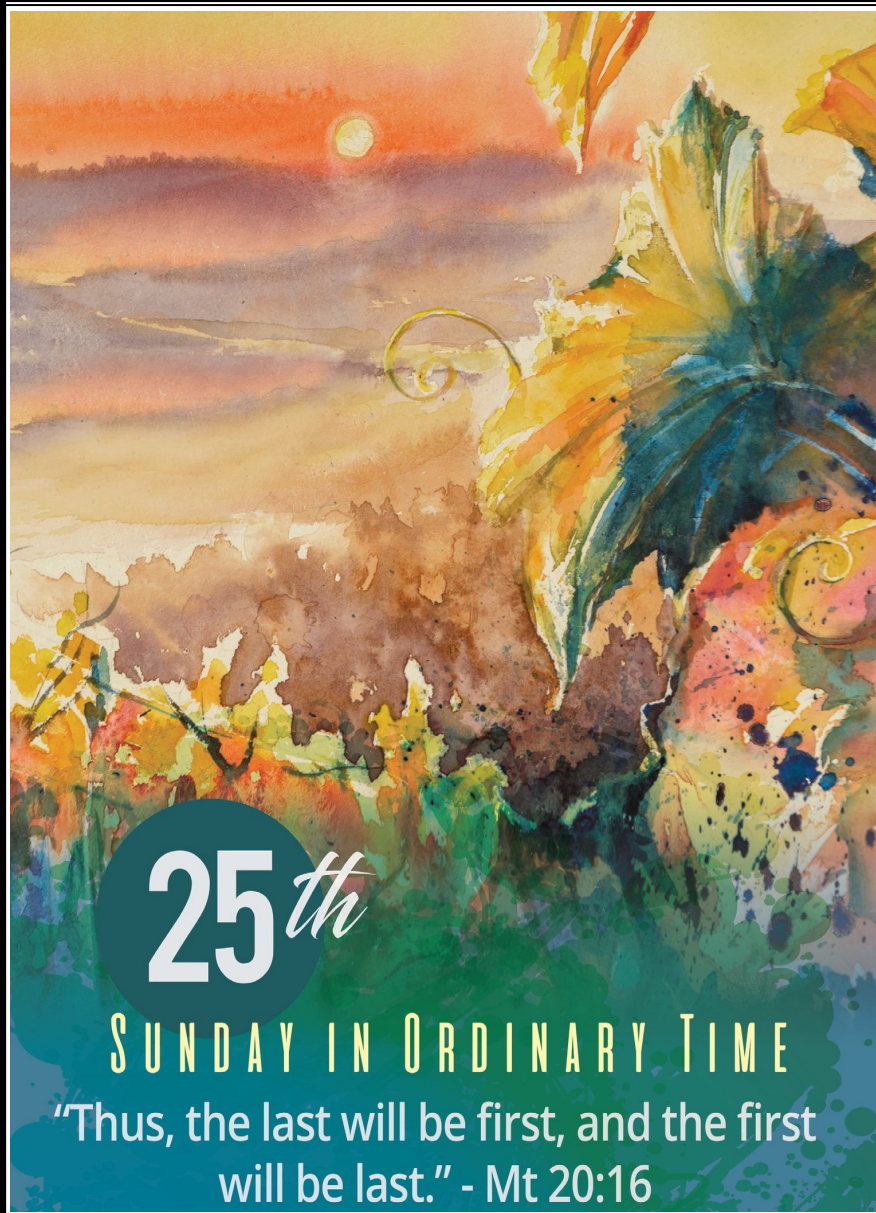
Adoration: Wednesday .....7:30-9:00 PM

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

### 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."*

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

**PARISH INTENTIONS**

SATURDAY, September 23

~ 4:00 pm - † Caroline Martin (LM)  
 Lector: Kathy Leis  
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, September 24

~ 8:30 am—Our Parish Family  
 Lector: Paula Silha  
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

MONDAY, September 25

~ 5:30 pm—† Bill Patterson (SP)

TUESDAY, September 26

~ 5:00 pm *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*  
 ~ 5:30 pm—† Jim Malin (M&LM)

THURSDAY, September 28

~ 8:30 am—† Gerald Kneifl (DK)

SATURDAY, September 30

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

SUNDAY, October 1

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

**PARISH CALENDAR**

- **September 27**—Religious Education
- **October 4**—Religious Education
- **October 11**—Religious Education
- **October 11** - Sauerkraut Supper  
 St. Peters Parish/Middle Ridge
- **October 16—30** —**Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition**  
 will be on display at St. Joseph Parish and at St Peters/  
 Middle Ridge More information to come.

**God rewards generously those who place  
 their trust in him.**



**~ 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](mailto:sjrp2601@gmail.com) if you would like to schedule mass intentions. Or envelopes are in the back of church.

**Contributions for the past week**

Adult Envelopes(23) :	\$891.00
Plate collection:	\$ 226.00
Votive Candles:	\$173.60
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,290.60</b>

*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-Fifth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time**

Last week we listened to the question of Peter, how often must I forgive? To which Jesus answered “I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times. This answer of Jesus points to the fact that God’s ways and reason are different from ours. Today we have another instance in the parable of the landowner and the Workers in the Vineyard where the owner pays the same amount to all who came for work irrespective of hours each one put in. We may wonder how this can be possible? Secular wisdom would have a huge problem with this.

On the surface, the scene in the Gospel appears unfair, even unjust, as workers who come at the 11th hour are paid the same as those who work all day. From a purely human standpoint this scenario makes little sense. And that’s when we realize something deeper is unfolding. God is generous in a way that far surpasses our best human standards of justice and fairness. This generosity of God is highlighted in the message conveyed by the prophet Isaiah: “my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord”.

The paradox we encounter in Gospel parables is meant to open us up to a deeper understanding of who God is and who we are in relationship to God. It also shows us how God looks at us, sees our needs, and meets those needs. How much he wants us to be saved. He is exceptionally generous with us.

On September 29th we celebrate the feast of the Archangels, Michael, Gabriel and Raphael. Prayers for all those who bear their names.

Have a blessed week  
Live Jesus  
Fr Biju MSFS

**Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition Coming to St. Joseph’s:**

In the entire history of the Catholic Church, there have been numerous Eucharistic miracles approved by the Catholic Church as truly worthy of belief. The Vatican Eucharistic Miracles Photographic Exhibition faithfully recounts many well-documented miraculous occurrences for us. Knowledge of these miracles strengthens our faith in Christ and His Church. They are visible proof of Jesus Christ’s Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist. The Exhibit was created by Blessed Carlo Acutis, a 15-year-old from Milan, Italy, who was beatified on October 10, 2020. The Exhibit will be available for viewing at our parish in the second half of October. We highly encourage you to schedule a time to view the exhibit during this Year of the Eucharistic Revival. Watch the bulletin for more information.

PARISH NEWS

**Religious Education** classes began

on Wednesday, September 20th.

Grades 1, 3 & 5: 6:-00—7:05 pm

Grades 6—10: 6:55—8:15 pm

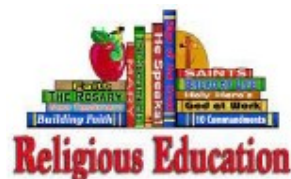
Since there are such low numbers for

the lower grades, please follow the schedule set up for your class.

Due to a schedule change, we are looking for someone to teach OR co-teach the 3rd Grade, please contact Stacy if interested.

We are also looking for prayer partners for each grade again, a few have already signed up. 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 please call Stacy Burns (608)769-8828



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.**

Preparing to Receive Holy Communion

When we are at Mass, and preparing to receive Jesus in Holy Communion, our minds will sometimes wander. When we find ourselves distracted in this way, simply return our eyes to the altar and listen with our hearts as the priest prays the words of Jesus, asking the Holy Spirit to change the bread and wine into His Body and Blood of Jesus. As we go forward to receive Jesus in Holy Communion, it is a good practice to repeat the following prayer: “Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.” (Matthew 8:8)

Let’s pray this right now and every day this week in preparation for next Sunday: “Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.” (Matthew 8:8)

This week, read Isaiah 26:3: He does keep in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee.

**~Participate in Life Chain on Respect Life Sunday, Oct. 1**

The annual Life Chain in La Crosse will take place from 2:00-3:00 PM along Losey Blvd. from La Crosse St. to Ferry St., with signs available at each of the intersections. Participants stand silently and prayerfully on the public sidewalks on both sides of the street, holding signs witnessing to the sanctity of human life.

**~Sauerkraut Supper - Oct 11**

St. Peters Catholic Church in Middle Ridge will again hold their annual Sauerkraut Supper this year 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. There will be a beverage tent, bake sale and raffles throughout the dinner.

**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.

**~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

**~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](http://www.menofthecross.org)

**~Annual Pancake Breakfast – Oct 15**

St. Mary Parish, Coon Valley will hold their annual All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 AM – Noon. Includes: delicious stack of pancakes (from our own local Great American Pancake Co.) with local real maple syrup, eggs, sausage, cheese curds, applesauce, milk, orange juice and coffee! Also purchase a tasty treat to take home from the bake sale! \$10 for adults, \$5 children ages 6-12, 5 and under free.

**~Registering Crafters for December 2<sup>nd</sup> Craft Sale**

St. Mary's Annual Craft Show in Coon Valley is now accepting crafters. Save \$5 by registering before November 1<sup>st</sup>. Visit our website at: [www.stmaryscv.org/craft-show](http://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](mailto:Peters@mwt.net)

**~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

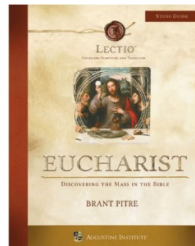
St. Patrick's Onalaska • 5:00-6:30 pm

St. Patrick's, Onalaska • 6:00-7:30pm

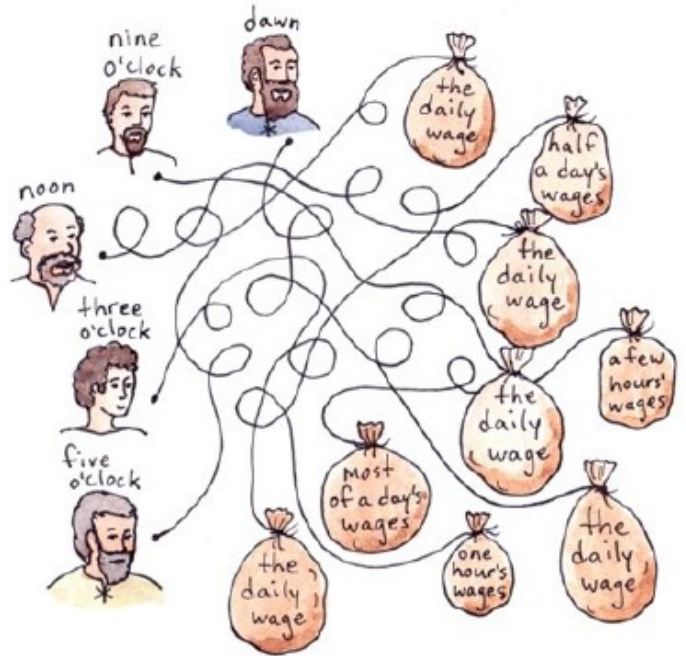
**Fridays:** Cathedral • 10:30 - 12:00 noon

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

- Online at [stpatsonalaska.com](http://stpatsonalaska.com) or the direct link to the registration page is Give ([wesharegiving.org](http://wesharegiving.org))
- By contacting Amy Capelli at 608-783-0847 or [amy\\_capelli@charter.net](mailto:amy_capelli@charter.net)



**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 24th, 2023**



*In the parable in today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells the story of a man with a vineyard who went out to hire men at different times of the day. At the end of the day, how much did each man get paid? Follow the wiggly lines to see!*

**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

**POWER OF PRAYER**

*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](mailto:Sjrp2601@gmail.com)