



St. Joseph Parish ~ St. Joseph Ridge

W2601 State Road 33 • La Crosse • WI 54601

September 3, 2023—22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.....Adoration5:00 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: Wednesday7:30-9:00 PM
Weekend Mass: Saturday.....8:00 PM
Sunday.....10:00 AM

Weekday Mass: Wednesday.....8:00 AM
Friday8:00 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 2

~ 4:00 pm - † Ralph & Evelyn Mikshowsky (M&CM)

Lector: Kathy Leis

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, September 3

~ 8:30 am - † Darlene Kammel (S&ML)

Lector: Sally Miller

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

MONDAY, September 4 Labor Day

~ 5:30 pm - † Gerald Kneifl (DK)

TUESDAY, September 5

~ 5:00 pm—*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

~ 5:30 pm - † Ralph & Evelyn Mikshowsky (S&ML)

THURSDAY, September 7

~ 8:30 am—† Joyce Clements (DS)

SATURDAY, September 9

~ 4:00 pm - † Rick Schermerhorn (J&PS)

Lector: Volunteer

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, September 10

~ 8:30 am—Our Parish Family

Lector: Donna Clements

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

Contributions for the past week

180 envelope holders

Adult Envelopes(34) :	\$1,640.00
Plate collection:	\$ 218.50
Votive candles :	\$ 120.00
Syl & Marce Liebl Family:	\$ 180.00
Total:	\$2,158.50

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.

PARISH CALENDAR

- **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 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. Peters Parish/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. All ladies of all area parishes are invited, but please let us know if you are coming so we have enough food! If needed, rides will be provided. 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**

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.

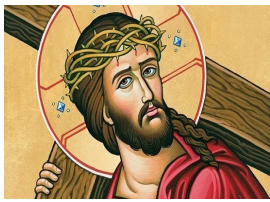
*** Confession**

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



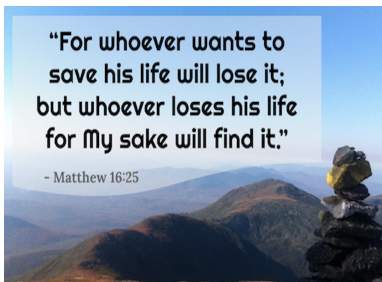
**Twenty-Second Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

First Reading Jeremiah 20:7-9
Second Reading: Roman 12:1-2
Gospel: Matthew. 16:21-27

Jesus teaches the disciples regarding the suffering Messiah who will suffer die and rise again. Peter could not understand why Jesus must suffer and die. He tries to admonish him. He received reprimand from Jesus and also receives the correct teaching about the cross. Jesus tells his disciples that they have to deny themselves, carry the cross and follow him to be his followers. He tells them “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me”.

Being a disciple of Jesus has a price. To be a Christian to be on the journey of discipleship is to have our life changed, to be led in unexpected ways sometimes it is in ways we would rather not go as our cross is heavy and painful. Sometimes we are called to carry the cross of being hurt by others. At times we look for life of false expectations, life of illusions that is free from all pain and sufferings.

If we can hold on, discipleship will lead us to the life with God. It’s the road that leads to the way, the truth and life. The promise of Jesus is there for all of us to seize, hold on today and make our own. Jesus tells us “Whoever loses his life for my sake will find it”.



September 4 is Labor Day. Since, 1894 the first Monday in September has been observed as a federal holiday to honor workers in the USA. Originally established to honor the nation’s working people, this holiday has come to be seen as the end of the summer season. The Catholic Church has a long history of speaking out for the rights of workers. Papal encyclicals such as Pope Leo XII’s Rerum Novarum helped establish rights and better treatment for workers everywhere. Pray for people who are engaged in various works contributing the growth of the nation. I encourage you and your family to join for the 5:30 Mass on Monday, September 4th at St. Joseph to ask God’s blessing upon all our endeavors.

On behalf of the Parish my heartfelt sympathy to the family of James “Jim” Hesselberg, of St. Joseph’s Ridge, who passed away on August 25th, 2023. May his soul rest in peace. Amen

*Have a blessed week! ~ Happy Labor Day!
Live Jesus ~ Fr Biju MSFS*

*My soul is thirsting for you
O LORD MY GOD*
Psalms 63

PARISH NEWS

Heartfelt Sympathy and prayers
to the family of
Jim Hesselberg
Jim passed away Friday, August 25th.
Funeral and Visitation Saturday, September 2nd.
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*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon him.  
May the souls of the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace, Amen.*

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



Religious Education classes will begin  
Wednesday, September 20th.  
Grades 3 & 5: 6:00—7:05 pm  
Grades 6—10: 6:55—8:15 pm

Information has been emailed to families. If you have any questions or if you did not receive an email, please call Stacy Burns (608)769-8828

**7th Grade Teacher is needed**

Call Stacy Burns (608)769-8828 if you are interested

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.

Jesus Wants to Remain within Us

The second part of the Mass is the Liturgy of the Eucharist. We know that Jesus wants to remain with us – to abide within us. We celebrate at Mass the enduring self-gift of Jesus Christ by which He fulfills His promise to remain with us always (unless we choose to separate ourselves from Him through serious sin.) When we receive the Eucharist, we are united to Jesus. He dwells within our heart. This is why the Eucharist is called Holy Communion. Let’s pray this right now and every day this week: *Jesus, please continue to “stay with us”, to abide in us so that we can be strengthened as Your faithful followers.* This week, read how after the Resurrection Jesus walked with two disciples, explained the Scriptures to them and then celebrated the Eucharist so that they could abide in Him in Luke 24: 13-35

~**September 13th - 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. The day begins with a 10:00 AM Mass celebrated by Bishop Callahan, followed by awards, recognitions, the blessing of crops and machinery and a catered meal. All are welcome to this celebration of the uniqueness of rural life, giving thanks to God for the contribution of rural values to the life of the Church.



**DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS (cont.)**

**~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~**

**~Sauerkraut Supper at St. Peters Catholic Church in Middle Ridge on Wednesday, October 11th.** More information to follow.

**~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. The price is \$12 and includes a half chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, homemade beans and a dinner roll. For pre-sale tickets (guaranteed) and deliveries, call (608) 518-6145. Enter at Weston Street driveway.

**~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)

**~Getting to know Jesus Christ in a deeper way: Reading the Catechism in 10 months**

We grow in our love for someone as we get to know them better. Would you like to grow in your love for Jesus Christ through coming to know Him better? Reading a few pages of the Catechism each day will help you deepen your understanding of His incredible love for you. A modest schedule of 15 paragraphs per night (roughly 3 pages) has been arranged that will take about 10-15 minutes of reflective reading, 5 nights a week over 38 weeks, beginning September 18th. A schedule is emailed to participants every two weeks. To sign up, email Ann Lankford at [alankford@diolc.org](mailto:alankford@diolc.org) with the word Catechism in the subject line. There are usually more than 100 people who participate each year and they express that the fruits are well worth the effort. Please invite your friends to join.

**~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

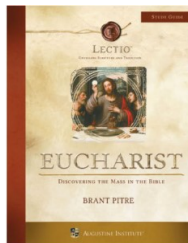
**Thursdays:** St. Patrick's Onalaska • 9:15-10:45 am  
St. Patrick's Onalaska • 5:00-6:30 pm  
St. Patrick's, Onalaska • 6:00-7:30pm

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

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

• Online at [spatsonalaska.com](http://spatsonalaska.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)  
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.



What did Jesus say that the people would have to do to be His disciples?  
Find your way through the maze and then use the letters from that path to fill in the blanks.

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

**POWER  
OF  
PRAYER**

- For Jim Hesselberg may he be welcomed into the heavenly kingdom by the communion of saints and for Jim's family, may they find comfort in knowing their loved one is resting in eternal peace.
- 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)

*Stewardship Prayer*

*That each of us may have the strength and courage to  
put Jesus first above worldly ways and material gains.*

*Let us pray to the Lord.*