

PARISH INTENTIONS

PARISH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, October 21

~ 4:00 pm - † Edwin & Evelyn Hegenbarth,
Rudy & Lucy Kammel (RK family)
Lector: Bill Weber
Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, October 22

~ 8:30 am— † Rick Schermerhorn (J&PS)
Lector: Donnie Weber
Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

MONDAY, October 23

~ **8:30 am Mass**—† George & Evelyn Miller (T&MP)

TUESDAY, October 24

~ **No Adoration** ~ **No Mass**

THURSDAY, October 26

~ **No Mass**

SATURDAY, October 28

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

SUNDAY, October 29

~ 8:30 am— † Curtis Strittmater (CS)
Lector: Paula Silha
Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

- **October 21-22**—Diocesan Annual Appeal presentation
- **October 21-22**—World Mission weekend
There will be a second collection
- **October 23** (Monday) - Mass at 8:30 am
- **October 24-Nov 2**—Father Biju going to Poland for a 10-day Pilgrimage to Honor the Life and Legacy of Pope St. John Paul II
- **October 25 –5:45—8:15 pm**
- **October 28 –4:45—6:00 pm**
- **October 29—9:20am** Coffee&Donuts
- **October 30—6:30 pm** Pat Brueggen from the Shrine to speak on the Eucharistic Miracle Exhibition
- **November 1—All Saints Day—**
Mass at 6:00 pm
(Holy day of Obligation)
Religious Education classes are required to attend this Holy Day of Obligation

Eucharistic
Miracle
Exhibition
on display at
St. Joseph
School Hall



~ ENHANCE YOUR FAITH ~

*** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Tuesday: No Adoration ~ No 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.

Contributions for the past week

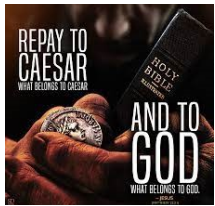
Adult Envelopes(37) :	\$ 2,885.00
Plate collection:	\$ 1,187.65
Religious Education:	\$ 275.00
World Mission:	\$ 25.00
Wedding:	\$ 300.00
Total:	\$4,672.65
Diocesan Annual Appeal 2023-2024 Goal:	\$21,915.00

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.

FROM THE PASTOR



**Twenty-Ninth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

**Spiritual Reflection
for October 22nd**

Today's readings encourage us Christian stewards to always be mindful of who we are and Who we are in every aspect of our lives.

Jesus reminds us of this truth in our Gospel passage today as He cleverly puts the Pharisees in their place while attempting to entrap Him verbally. They ask Him whether it is lawful to pay the tax to Caesar. But the Pharisees were thinking small. Christ, on the other hand, thinks big.

We all know how the story goes. Christ asks to see the coin that pays the tax and has them state whose image is on it. They, of course, reply, "Caesar." In response, Christ tells them to "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

He reminds us that while civil authorities should be obeyed, we answer to an infinitely higher Authority, God, Who is the Lord of everything and everyone. All things and all people were created by God. In Baptism, we have been claimed for Christ. Our lives are a gift from God, and we have the privilege and responsibility to use every aspect of our lives in grateful response to Him.

Let us joyfully thank this wonderful God by the way we live our daily lives. We belong to Him, and there is no other!

That we realize we aren't "owners" of anything but merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us.



This Sunday is World Mission Sunday. A second collection will be taken up at this weekend's Masses. Please be generous in support of the Church's missionary effort throughout the world.

Have a blessed week!

**World Mission Sunday
October 22, 2023**
The Society for the Propagation of the Faith

Embrace the Pope's Mission with
Hearts on fire, feet on the move.

This World Mission Sunday!

Today, Pope Francis echoes the universal call of our baptism—to be Christ's witnesses to the world. As we gather with global Catholics on this World Mission Sunday, our prayers and contributions to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith bolster the Pope's missions, enabling:

- Over 844,000 catechists to share the faith
- 258,540 Religious Sisters to tend to families and children
- 38,140 seminarians to journey towards the priesthood
- Education for 26 million children
- Medical assistance in 12,000 clinics
- Comfort in 8,750 homes for the orphaned and elderly

By supporting this cause, we truly live out the call to be the spark that transforms lives. May your prayers and gifts create ripples of love and transformation. Thank you for your missionary zeal!

PARISH NEWS



This week and next weekend, we are blessed to have the exhibition of the Eucharistic Miracles. This exhibit will be in the school hall. The miracles are written on posters and it's recommended to just spend time walking around reading them.

-Wednesday, Oct. 25th, the school basement will be open to all from 5:45 - 8:15 PM. At 7 PM there will be a short video about Blessed Carlo Acutis.

-Saturday, Oct 28th, the school will be open after Mass for about an hour, so from about 4:45 - 6 PM

-Sunday, Oct 29th, the school will be open after Mass until people are done and at 10 AM the short video about Blessed Carlo Acutis will again be shown.

-Monday, Oct. 30th, the school will be open at 6 PM, at 6:30, Pat Brueggen from the Shrine of our Lady of Guadalupe will be giving a talk and he will also bring a first class relic of Blessed Carlo for us to see. Please spread the word and invite everyone, all are welcome.

There will also be some books and items for sale from the Marian Catechist bookstore, there will not be any cash change so please bring a checkbook or small bills if you would like to purchase anything.

Any questions, please call Stacy Burns at 608-769-8828.

PCCW News:

Sunday, October 29 Donuts & coffee after 8:30 Mass
Eucharistic Miracles on Display

Monday, October 30 Light refreshments will be provided during the Eucharistic Miracles presentation

Saturday, November 11th: Soup Supper after the 4pm mass in the school hall . This is a free will offering parish social event. Soups, fresh baked bread & dessert

With Sadness comes the announcement that Shirley Servais passed away on Monday, October 16th.



Mass of Christian Burial will be on Monday, October 23rd at 3:00 pm with visitation from 1:30 pm until time of mass.

Heartfelt Sympathy to Shirley's family and friends.

† Eternal rest grant on to her O Lord. †

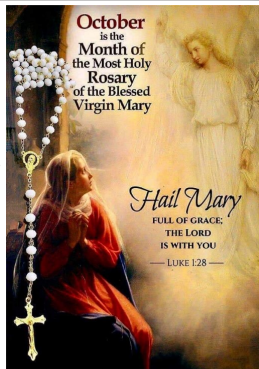
DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS

~As Catholics, we want to grow in our understanding that the Eucharist is Jesus. This is the focus of the three-year Eucharistic Revival. God gave you a soul that will live forever. God created you with a body and a soul. Your soul allows you to think and choose. Your soul gives you the power to choose what is right and good, most importantly to choose to love God and be faithful to Him. We choose to receive God's love when we receive Jesus in Holy Communion at Mass. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: *Heavenly Father, help me always to choose to love and be faithful to You.*

DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS (cont.)

~The Rosary is a powerful Prayer

In praying the Rosary, we think about one great saving event in the life of Jesus while we pray a decade: one Our Father, ten Hail Mary's and a Glory Be. While we meditate on a mystery of Jesus' life, we come to know Him better and find that the events of Jesus' life guide us in dealing with the challenges we face. Further, we will find greater peace by praying a Rosary, or just a decade, each day.



~"the Answer" Eucharistic Rally

We are very excited to announce "the Answer" Eucharistic Rally that will be held on June 7, 2024 at the La Crosse Center in La Crosse, WI. This event kicks off the six days that the Marian Route of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will be in the Diocese of La Crosse. "the Answer" Eucharistic Rally will begin with a Eucharistic Procession across the Cameron Street Bridge in La Crosse and will end at the La Crosse Center where the rest of the rally will take place. The day will include Mass, Adoration, Confession, powerful speakers such as Chris Stefanick, Immaculee Ilibagize, and Josh Rosa, music from Luke Spehar, and plenty of vendors. The cost for this event is only \$15 per person. This rally is for youth, young adults, adults, families, etc. Tickets will go on sale Dec. 15, 2023. You can find more information about the event and the other days the Marian Route will be in our diocese by visiting: <https://diolc.org/the-answer/>.

~Legacy Guild Dinner Please join us for the Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II annual benefit dinner on Nov. 3 at Blessed Sacrament Church. The night will begin with a social at 5 PM, dinner at 6:30PM; following Msgr. Joseph Hirsch will share an update on what has been going on at Casa Hogar this year. Use the QR code to register or www.homeajpm.org/events.



~October is Respect Life Month

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.diolc.org/respect-life, for information on Pregnancy Resource Centers, Post-Abortion Healing, and much more.



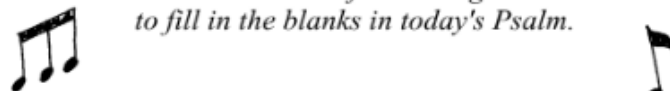
Dates of Community Events:

Date	Where	Event
October 22	Mary Mother of the Church Parish	Pancake Breakfast 8:00—Noon
October 31	St. Joseph School Hall	St. Joseph Ridge Lions Club's Halloween Party
November 3	St. Joseph School Hall	St. Joseph Ridge Lions Club Fall Fundraiser
November 3	Blessed Sacrament Parish	Legacy Guild Dinner Benefiting Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II
November 11	Aquinas Catholic Schools	Gold Gala
November 10, 11, 12	Aquinas High School Campbell Theatre	AHS Musical—Annie

~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~

Sing 2 the Lord...
a math puzzle

Figure out the answers to the math questions and use the answers to find the right words to fill in the blanks in today's Psalm.



Sing to the _____ a new _____;
4+4=___ 1+4=___

_____ to the Lord, all you _____.
4+2=___ 6+3=___

Tell his _____ among the _____;
3+4=___ 1+1=___

among all _____,
2+1=___
his wondrous _____.
2+2=___

2 nations 6 sing
3 peoples 7 glory
4 deeds 8 Lord
5 song 9 lands

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

ALWAYS
pray
and
NEVER
give up!

- For favorable weather.
- For the repose soul of Shirley Servais who passed away on Monday and for the consolation to her loved ones. May her soul and the soul of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
- 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 the people of Israel and Gaza whose lives have been affected by the acts of war.
- 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