



**PARISH INTENTIONS**

**PARISH CALENDAR**

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

MONDAY, October 30

~ No Mass

**6:30 pm Pat Brueggen presentation of the Eucharistic Miracle Display at the school hall**

TUESDAY, October 31

~ No Adoration ~ No Mass

WEDNESDAY, November 1st—All Saints Day

~ 6:00 pm - † Darlene Kammel (RK & family)

Lector: Donna Clements

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

THURSDAY, November 2nd

~ No Mass

SATURDAY, November 4th

~ 8:30 am - † Marilyn Marx (D&MS)

~ 4:00 pm - † Leona Pittman (J&KS)

Lector: Donnie Weber

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, November 5th

~ 8:30 am— Our Parish Family

Lector: Sally Miller

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

• **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

Eucharistic Miracle Exhibition on display at St. Joseph School Hall

• **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

• **November 9—7:00 pm**—Pastoral Council meeting

• **November 13—7:00 pm**—Finance Council meeting

**~ 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 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(20) :	\$ 997.00
Plate collection:	\$ 329.00
World Mission (12env.&plate collection):	\$ 1,037.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$2,363.00</b>
<b>Diocesan Annual Appeal 2023-2024 Goal:</b>	<b>\$21,915.00</b>

☞ Thank you Money Counters! ☜

**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



Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Spiritual Reflection for October 29th

Today's readings are all about love — the radical love of God for His people and the radical love we live out in response. The stewardship way of life is nothing more and nothing less than the practical application of loving God and neighbor in our daily lives.

Jesus summarizes all the prophets' messages and the purpose of all God's laws in today's Gospel passage from Matthew. It is a message we have likely grown up hearing — but it is so beautiful and challenging that it bears repeating repeatedly. It is Christ's response to a question about which commandment is greatest. His answer reveals both the greatest and the second-greatest commandments.

He says, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind... The second is like it: you shall love your neighbor as yourself." How is the second like the first? What do the two commands have in common? Love.

Love God first and love neighbor as self. This commandment is the heart of the stewardship way of life — simple enough for a child to understand, challenging enough to be the life's work of every "grown-up."

Have a blessed week!



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY
THANK YOU Your generous response to the World Mission Sunday request for prayer and financial support is much appreciated!

PARISH NEWS



This weekend and Monday, 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.

-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

Sunday, December 10th: Ladies Christmas party at The Ridge Social 5:30pm Dinner 6pm Full menu, Dutch treat.



Thank you Jackson Roesler for the pumpkins. It was so much fun!



Pumpkin Carving Fun!!!

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

~Now is the time for each one of us to grow in our understanding that the Eucharist is Jesus. God wants you to spend eternity with Him. Our destiny (goal) is to spend eternity in Heaven with the Blessed Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Jesus was willing to die for us so that we may be with Him in Heaven forever. Jesus came on this rescue mission to save His children so that we can spend eternity with Him. Our closest union with Jesus on earth is receiving the Holy Eucharist – Jesus Himself – at Mass. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: *Jesus, help me to receive Your love. I am so thankful for You, and that You want me to be with You forever.* This week, read how God saved us out of love in John 3:16-17



*Encounter Jesus  
in the Eucharist.  
He waits for you!*

~**Amen App** The Amen app is the free Catholic prayer app that inspires your daily conversation with God through faithful meditations and nourishing Scripture. You are welcome to register for this app from the Augustine Institute by clicking here: [www.augustineinstitute.org/program-and-resources/amen](http://www.augustineinstitute.org/program-and-resources/amen)

~**“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://dioc.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](http://www.homeajpm.org/events).

**Dates of Community Events:**

Date	Where	Event
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 11	St. James Parish, La Crosse	Holly Berry Fair
November 10, 11, 12	Aquinas High School Campbell Theatre	AHS Musical—Annie

~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~

**Unscramble The Gospel**

*Unscramble the words to fill in the blanks in today’s Gospel reading, and use the letters in boxes to fill in the blanks at the end.*

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a scholar of the law, tested him by asking, "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_?" He said to him, "You shall love the <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, your God, with all your <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, with all your <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, and with all your <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. This is the greatest and \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ commandment. The second is like it: You shall \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ your neighbour as \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. The \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ law and the prophets depend on these two commandments.

*What is the most important thing for us to ever do?*



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**ALWAYS pray and NEVER give up!**

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

- For favorable weather.
- For Fr Biju as he Honors the Life and Legacy of Pope St. John Paul II on a Pilgrimage in Poland
- 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.

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