



St. Joseph Parish ~ St. Joseph Ridge

W2601 State Road 33 • La Crosse • WI 54601

October 8, 2023—27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

PASTOR

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

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

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

First Saturday Mass.....8:30 am
Monday5:30 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) or
by appointment

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

PARISH OFFICE

Barb Mikshowsky.....608-788-1646
Bulletin deadline:Wednesday
sjrp2601@gmail.com
Office hours vary, call or email with questions

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



"...the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit."

MATTHEW 21:43

PerfectInChrist

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

*‘Thank you’
for your
time and
talent to
support our
parish.*

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
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Rick Meyer

MUSIC

Stacy Burns, Coordinator
608-769-8828
jsburns0093@gmail.com

Accompanist

Leland Gregorich
LuAnne Gregorich
Mary Beth Smith

Sacristan:
Sally Miller

“Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.” John 12:26

PARISH INTENTIONS

PARISH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, October 7

Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary

~ 8:30 am—Safe and successful harvest season

~ 4:00 pm - † John, Bernice,

Steve, and Sam Mashak (J&SM)

Lector: Jim Weber

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, October 8

~ 8:30 am—† Bill Patterson (SP)

Lector: Donna Clements

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

MONDAY, October 9

~ **8:30 am**—† Mary Hilby Weiner (TP)

TUESDAY, October 10

No Adoration ~ No Mass

THURSDAY, October 12

Liturgical Feast of Carlo Acutis

~ 8:30 am—† George Bahr (MB)

SATURDAY, October 14

~ 4:00 pm - † Jim Malin (M&LM)

Lector: Kathy Leis

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, October 15

~ 8:30 am—Our Parish Family

Lector: Donnie Weber

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

• **October 9** (Monday) - Mass at 8:30 am

• **October 10** (Tuesday) - No Adoration or Mass

• **October 11**—Religious Education

• **October 16** (Monday) - Mass at 8:30 am

• **October 18**—Religious Education

• **October 21-22**—Diocesan Annual Appeal presentation

• **October 21-22**—World Mission weekend

• **October 24-Nov 2**—Father Biju going to Poland

• **November 1**—*All Saints Day*—Holyday of Obligation

Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition will be on display

October 16—22 — at St. Peters/Middle Ridge

October 23—30—at St. Joseph Parish

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 and we encourage you to schedule a time to view the exhibit during this Year of the Eucharistic Revival.

~ 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 if you would like to schedule mass intentions. Or envelopes are in the back of church.

Contributions for the past week

Adult Envelopes(39) :	\$2,729.30
Plate collection:	\$ 229.19
Total:	\$2,958.49

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-
Seventh Sunday
in Ordinary
Time*

THE PARABLE OF THE TENANTS

This weekend we hear twice about vineyards. One in the first reading and another in the gospel. In the first reading we hear “My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside; he spaded it, cleared it of stones, and planted the choicest vines; within it he built a watchtower and hewed out a wine press. Then he looked for the crop of grapes, but what it yielded was wild grapes”. (Isa 5:1-2). The Bible often expresses the relationship between God and His people through the imageries of vine and vineyard. Through Isaiah God described his chosen people as vine. He was disappointed as they only bore wild grapes.

In the gospel we have the parable of the wicked tenants and the vineyard. This parable of the wicked tenants is a theological summary of the entire history of the ingratitude, infidelity, and hard-heartedness of the Chosen People. This story is one of the three “parables of judgment” which Jesus told in response to the question put forward by the Scribes and the Pharisees about his authority to teach in the Temple. It was intended to be a strong warning to the Jews in general and to the Scribes and the Pharisees in particular, as they were planning to kill Jesus, the Messiah for whom Israel had waited for centuries.

We see that the landowner sent servants many times to collect the produce of the vineyard which he took much care. The servants represent the prophets of the Old Testament. The people of Israel mistreated the prophets, and some were killed. Showing unbelievable patience, God sent His Son as His representative, thinking the tenants would welcome Him. Instead, they killed Him. In both cases God is disappointed. Through the parable of today’s Gospel and the first reading, the Church confronts you and me to bear multiple fruits which God expects and be faithful.



Have a blessed week!

~ Live Jesus~

Fr Biju MSFS

PARISH NEWS

With Great Appreciation

The family of Jim Hesselberg would like to Thank the St. Joseph Ridge Parish community for their prayers, thoughtfulness, and support to our family. A special “Thank You “ to Father Biju for his prayers, guidance and spiritual support; to the people who were part of the beautiful music performed at Jim’s funeral; and also to Polly Hilby and the ladies who made and served the lunch. Your kindness during our time of need will never be forgotten.



Rita Hesselberg and family

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.

It’s so important to remember that God is not just loving but He is LOVE itself. Our Heavenly Father reveals—shows us—that He is love and that He desires to share His love by creating us. He created each one of us out of love. Our Heavenly Father only wants to love us. We are able to recognize His love in that Our Father sent His only Son to give Himself to us in the Eucharist and to give His life for us on the Cross. Pray this right now and every day this week:

Heavenly Father, thank you for Your love for me.

This week, read how St. John the Evangelist explains how we know that God is love: “Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us” (1 John 4: 7-12).

~Sauerkraut Supper - Oct 11 St. Peters Catholic/ Middle Ridge

will be 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.



Blessed Carlo Acutis

The life of Carlo Acutis shows us the great love with which the youth may love Christ! He was normal Italian kid, known for his cheerfulness and love of sports, computer games, and the outdoors. His parents were not especially devotional, and it was their son’s faith, manifest from an early age, that brought them back to the Church. After receiving his First Communion, Carlo would frequently attend daily Mass and Eucharistic adoration, and he began to teach catechism at age 12. Wanting to spread Eucharistic devotion, he devoted much of his time to developing a website to document every Eucharistic miracle in the world.

At the age of 15, Carlo suddenly contracted leukemia and lived just a few short days after the diagnosis. His final words were, “Mom, don’t be afraid. Since Jesus has become a man, death has become the passage towards life, and we don’t need to flee it. Let us prepare ourselves to experience something extraordinary in the eternal life!” Carlo Acutis’ website of his work detailing Eucharistic miracles of the world, apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and information on the Rosary, Heaven and angels is available <http://www.carloacutis.com/en/association>

“To always be close to Jesus, that’s my life plan”.

DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS (cont.)

~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.

~40 Days for Life Vigil Campaign,

Sept. 27-Nov. 5



The fall campaign to end abortion will run Sept. 27-Nov. 5 on the sidewalk outside Planned Parenthood, 1201 Caledonia in La Crosse. Please consider coming to pray for an hour, anytime between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sign up at 40daysforlife.com/en/ or scan the QR code to the right. Call Marie Allen for more information or signs: 608.784.5189.



~Registering Crafters for December 2nd Craft Sale

St. Mary's Annual Craft Show in Coon Valley is now accepting crafters. Save \$5 by registering before November 1st. Visit our website at: 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

~October is 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.dioc.org/respect-life, for information on Pregnancy Resource Centers, Post-Abortion Healing, and much more.



Dates of Community Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Where</u>	<u>Event</u>
October 9	Town of Greenfield Hall	Blood Drive 1:00—6:00 pm
October 11	St. Peters—Middle Ridge	Sauerkraut Supper 4:00—8:00 pm
October 12	Holy Trinity, La Crosse	Chicken Q
October 13&14	Mary Mother of the Church, La Crosse	Rummage Sale
October 15	St. Mary's—Coon Valley	Pancake Breakfast
October 15	Shrine of Our Lady Guadalupe	Organ Recital 3:00 pm
October 18	St. Mary's, Viroqua	Fall Turkey Dinner and Quilt Raffle
November 11	Aquinas Catholic Schools	Gold Gala

~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~

The Evil Tenants Word-Find



Find the words that are in CAPITALS in the puzzle and use the left-over letters to fill in the blanks:

D G W I T O P D S O N
E V I N E Y A R D S W
A E N H N P R E S S I
T S E E A R A S E T L
H E I R N O B P R O L
R I N I T D L E V N L
E Z A T S U E C A E E
W E G A T C H T N D A
I D A N B E A T T S S
S O I C O M E S S N E
O W N E R K I L L E D

Jesus told this PARABLE: There was a landowner who planted a VINEYARD and built a tower and a WINE PRESS. When he went away, he LEASED it to tenants. In time, he sent SERVANTS to get his PRODUCE, but the tenants BEAT one, killed one, and STONED another. The man sent more servants, but the TENANTS did the same thing AGAIN. Finally, he sent his SON, thinking that they would RESPECT him at least. But the tenants saw the son coming and said, "Here comes the HEIR. If we kill him we can get his INHERITANCE!" So they SEIZED him, THREW him out and KILLED him too!

Jesus asked, "What will the land OWNER do when he COMES?"

The people said, "Put the tenants to DEATH and lease the vineyard to tenants who WILL pay."

*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

ALWAYS
pray
and
NEVER
give up!