



~ PARISH INTENTIONS ~

SATURDAY, November 11th—Veterans Day  
 ~ 4:00 pm - Steve & Sally Miller Family  
 Lector: Teresa Brown  
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, November 12th  
 ~ 8:30 am— † George & Evelyn Miller (T&MP)  
 Lector: Donna Clements  
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

MONDAY, November 13th  
 ~ 5:30 pm— † Joe and Clara Bahr (MB)

TUESDAY, November 14th  
 ~ 5:00 pm—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
 ~ 5:30 pm— † Stanley Hundt (S&SM)

THURSDAY, November 16th  
 ~ 8:30 am— † Bill Patterson (SP)

SATURDAY, November 18th  
 ~ 4:00 pm - † John and Bernice, Steve, and Sam Mashak (J&SM)  
 Lector: Teresa Brown  
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, November 19th  
 ~ 8:30 am— † William and Rose, Frank, and Dennis, LeJeune (ML)  
 Lector: Jim Weber  
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

**Contributions for the past week**

Adult Envelopes(23) :	\$ 1,145.00
Plate collection:	\$ 343.38
Mission Sunday:	\$ 50.00
All Saints Day (12):	\$ 458.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,996.38</b>



**St. Joseph Parish's Goal**  
**\$21,915.00**

Please prayerfully discern how you can contribute to our shared mission to worship God, teach the Catholic faith and serve the needs of the human person.

~ PARISH CALENDAR ~

- **November 11**—Soup Supper after 4:00 pm Mass
- **November 13**—7:00 pm –Finance Council meeting
- **November 14**—Religious Education
- **November 21**—No Religious Education classes
- **November 22**—Thanksgiving



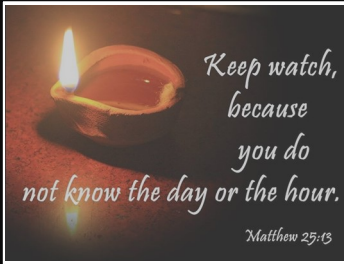
~ ENHANCE YOUR FAITH ~

- \* **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  
 - 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 of each month 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 [sjr2601@gmail.com](mailto:sjr2601@gmail.com) if you would like to schedule mass intentions. Or envelopes are in the back of church.

- 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



**Thirty  
Second Sunday  
in Ordinary Time**

We have entered the final weeks of the liturgical year. We encounter Jesus at Jerusalem. He is in his last

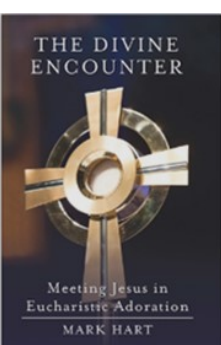
days before his passion and death. He is looking ahead to the time of the Church, and urging his disciples, in no uncertain terms, to spiritual vigilance. It's in this context he tells them the parable of the Ten Virgins. A parable which reminds us of the need to be vigilant. The parable of the Ten Virgins is found in St. Matthew's Gospel alone. The Ten Virgins represent all Christians as they wait for Christ to return at the end of time in glory.

In the center of today's parable there is a thrilling cry. "Behold the Bridegroom! Go out to meet him!" It's the cry each of us will hear, in some way, at the moment of our death. But according to the parable, when the bridegroom came, he found out that half of them were unprepared. They weren't evil; just rather lazy, shallow, thoughtless. They were just unprepared. So, they were destined to hear those words of the bridegroom "Amen, I say to you, I do not know you." Therefore, Jesus tells us stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." Fill our lamps with the oil of sanctifying grace, and love, replenished by frequent reception of the sacraments. Be vigilant. God is merciful.

On Saturday we celebrate Veterans Day! For over 100 years, we have remembered those who served our country in uniform on November 11th— first as Armistice Day, and then, since 1954 as Veterans Day. Let's honor the veterans by remembering them in our prayers and acknowledging the great sacrifice they have done for our country.



*Have a blessed week!  
Live Jesus  
Fr Biju MSFS*



**The Divine Encounter: Meeting Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration by Mark Hart.**

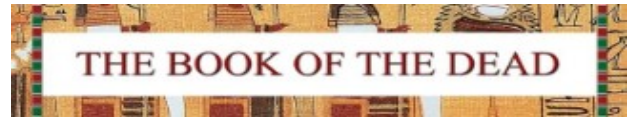
With busy schedules, carving out time for Adoration can seem daunting, but this latest book from Mark Hart will help parishioners spiritually exhale and give them tools to make the most out of their time with Jesus. This book includes:

- Mark's story about his own introduction to Eucharistic Adoration.
- 7 chapters on key aspects of Adoration, including "Dealing with Distractions."

•12 Gospel Encounters of Adoration, including reflection & questions.

**Please help yourself to a copy of this book from the back of church for your personal reflection on the Eucharistic Adoration.**

~ PARISH NEWS ~



During the month of November we honor and pray for those who have gone before us. Our book of the Dead is displayed in the back of church. Please add any names you do not see inside and pray for those whose names are listed. *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

**PCCW News:**

**Ladies Christmas Party:**

**Sunday, December 10th at The Ridge**

Social 5:30pm Dinner 6pm Full menu, Dutch treat.

All Ladies of the Parish are welcome to attend!

**Upcoming Meat Raffle Fundraiser**

The Parish Pastoral Council will be conducting a Meat Raffle in December. Tickets will be sold the first two weekends in December after masses.

Then Drawing will be the third weekend. More information to come.



~ DIOCESAN NEWS ~

**~The Eucharistic Revival is meant to stir a deeper love for the incredible Gift of our Eucharistic Lord.**



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

God created you to be His beloved son or daughter so that you may spend eternity with Him. God is our Creator, and He only wants what is best for us.

We must remember! It is our choice:

we want to knowingly be open and receive God's love; or we can refuse it. God gives us the freedom to choose Him. Let us choose to receive God's love by receiving the Eucharist—Jesus Himself. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: *God, help me not to prefer anything more than You, nor to substitute anything for You. Thank You for the grace that will always strengthen me to choose You above everything.*

**~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](https://www.augustineinstitute.org/program-and-resources/amen)

**~Pilgrimage for Life - January 17-21, 2024**

We are excited to offer the Pilgrimage for Life. We will be traveling by coach bus to Washington, DC to participate in the annual March for Life. This opportunity is for anyone ages 13 and up. The estimated cost is estimated to be \$400 per person. Parishes/Schools wishing to get a group to join us will have their participants complete the registration online by filling out all of the required forms and pay a non refundable deposit of \$100. The remainder of the fee will be paid to the parish/school. All information and registration link can be found at <https://dioc.org/vya/youth-opportunities/pilgrimage-for-life/>



~ DIOCESAN NEWS(cont.)~

**~DEATH IS AN END, BUT IT'S NOT THE END**

We all have very real questions about death. What Happens when we die? What does scripture teach about death? How do we prepare for the life to come? The art of dying well is also the art of living well. St. Patrick's Parish (Onalaska) and Cathedral Parish will be offering three sessions of "Eternal Rest" on Tuesdays - November 7th (The Story of Death and the Afterlife), November 14th (The Hour of Death), and November 28th (The Faithful Departed). The Cathedral sessions will run from 1 pm - 2:30 pm. The sessions at St. Patrick's will run from 6:30 pm - 8 pm. A video will be shown in each class followed by a question and answer period. Classes are free! All are welcome!

**~Please Support "Hope's Door" Pregnancy and Family Resource Center**

Hope's Door is being planned as a state-of-the-art pregnancy resource center for the La Crosse area. It will be an interfaith, Christ-centered facility that will offer compassionate assistance to women and families, including mentoring and classes, as well as medical resources like ultrasounds and abortion pill reversal treatment. Its services will be in harmony with Catholic teaching. For more information visit [www.dioc.org/respect-life](http://www.dioc.org/respect-life).

**~Courage Apostolate**

Everyone is called to chastity. The Courage Apostolate ([couragerc.org](http://couragerc.org)) is a ministry dedicated to the spiritual needs of persons who experience same-sex attraction and wish to faithfully live the Church's beautiful teachings on human sexuality. A Courage chapter with a trained chaplain is active in our diocese, meeting monthly online. Contact Ann Lankford, the Director of Catechesis & Evangelization at 608-791-2658 or [alankford@dioc.org](mailto:alankford@dioc.org) for details.

**~42nd Annual La Crosse Community Thanksgiving Dinner—November 24th**

Donations needed can be in the form of food (canned green beans, punch, cans of cranberry sauce), money, and/or as volunteers. More information available at <https://laxthanksgivingdinner.com/contact/>



**~St. Nicholas Event - December 3, 2023 1:00 pm.** Come to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe for Holy Mass and stay to meet Saint Nicholas! Hear him tell the story of his life, sainthood, and how he became "Santa Claus." Join for cookies, hot chocolate, and picture opportunities. Learn more at [GuadalupeShrine.org/events](http://GuadalupeShrine.org/events)!



**Dates of Community Events:**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Where</u>	<u>Event</u>
November 18	Blessed Sacrament	Advent Christmas Fair
December 2	St. Mary's Parish, Coon Valley	Craft Show 8 am—2 pm
December 2	St. Joseph Workman Cathedral	Christmas Bazaar & Bake Sale 8 am - 2 pm
December 9	Holy Trinity	Cookie Walk and Craft Sale 8:00 a.m. until gone - Craft Sale featuring 10 tables of crafts

~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~

**Psalm 63 Word-Find**

See if you can find all the words in CAPITALS in this part of today's Psalm. The leftover letters will spell out a little prayer to God when you write them in the blanks at the end.



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

O GOD, you are my God whom I SEEK;  
for you my FLESH PINES and my soul THIRSTS  
like the EARTH, PARCHED and WITHOUT WATER.

Thus have I GAZED TOWARD you in the SANCTUARY  
to see your POWER and your GLORY,  
for your KINDNESS is a greater GOOD than LIFE;  
my lips shall glorify you.

Thus WILL I BLESS you while I LIVE;  
lifting up my HANDS, I will CALL upon your NAME.  
As with the RICHES of a BANQUET shall my SOUL be  
satisfied,  
and with exultant LIPS my MOUTH shall praise you.

**ALWAYS**  
*pray*  
**and**  
**NEVER**  
*give up!*

*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 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](mailto:Sjrp2601@gmail.com)