

~ PARISH INTENTIONS ~

SATURDAY, November 25th

~ 4:00 pm - † Karen Williams (RK&family)
 Lector: Bill Weber
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, November 26th

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

MONDAY, November 27th

~ 5:30 pm— † Bill Patterson (SP)

TUESDAY, November 28th

~ 5:00 pm—*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*
 ~ 5:30 pm —† George & Evelyn Miller (M&CM)

THURSDAY, November 30th

~ 8:30 am—† Alice Silha (JD)

SATURDAY, December 2nd

~ 8:30 am— † Randy Bahr (MB)
 ~ 4:00 pm - † John, Bernice, Steve, and Sam Mashak
 Lector: Jim Weber (J&SM)
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, December 3rd

~ 8:30 am—† Joe Murphy (B&DC)
 Lector: Paula Silha
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

Contributions for the past week

Adult Envelopes(28) :	\$ 1,405.00
Plate collection:	\$ 215.35
All Saints Day:	\$ 10.00
Total:	\$1,630.35

~ PARISH CALENDAR ~

- **November 29**—Religious Education Classes
- **December 4 (Monday)** - No mass
- **December 6**—Religious Education Classes
- **December 8**— 6:00 pm mass *Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary* (Holy day of obligation)
- **December 13**—6:00 Confessions
- **December 23 & 24** — Fourth Sunday of Advent regular mass schedule (Sat-4:00pm; Sun-8:30am)

Christmas mass schedule

- **December 24** - 4:00 pm St. Joseph Parish
8:00 pm—St. Peters —Middle Ridge
- **December 25** - 8:30 am St. Joseph Parish
10:00 am—St. Peters—Middle Ridge

~ 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

*** 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 sjrp2601@gmail.com if you would like to schedule mass intentions. Or envelopes are in the back of church.



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

Recently, you should have received a letter regarding the Diocesan Annual Appeal. **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.

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



**The Solemnity of
Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe**

Jesus replied to Pilate’s questioning: My Kingship is not of this world... At a later stage in the interview Jesus tells the Roman Procurator: I am a King. For this I was born... (John 18:36-37). People often ask the meaning of the initials “I.N.R.I.,” which appear on the scroll at the top of a crucifix. When a criminal was crucified, the crime for which he was charged and convicted was posted over his head. Pontius Pilate had the crime for which Jesus was crucified written in Hebrew, Latin and Greek. (Cf. John 19:20) “I.N.R.I.” are the initials of the Latin words of this inscription: Iesus Nazarenus, Rex Iudæorum, meaning, “Jesus the Nazorean, King of the Jews.” (John 19:19)

This weekend, the last Sunday of the liturgical year, is the Solemnity of Christ the King. Happy Feast to everyone. Yes, Jesus is the King Who Conquered Death! By the power of His cross, death was defeated. St Paul tells us “The last enemy to be destroyed is death”. Jesus did conquer death. In him there is only life. Life in abundance. Worldly kings do not have this power. Their last enemy is death, which ends their power, wealth, and prestige.

Today’s Feast also anticipate the Second Coming of Christ in power and majesty as King and judge. His criterion of judgement is based on how much we have loved the other. Jesus shares the vision of the final judgement, describing himself as a king sitting on a throne. He is like a shepherd separating sheep and goats. Jesus groups people based on how they lived their lives. “Sheep” show love and concern for others. They feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, cloth the naked, care for the sick and visit the imprisoned. Acts of compassion in corporal works of mercy. Jesus tells them “Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.” Jesus reminds us that the easiest way of recognizing him and of following him is by seeing him in the poor and the weak around us. Whatever we do to the least of his sisters and brothers, we do to him. Belonging to his kingdom, we need to reach out and be of service to our sisters and brothers. Let Jesus reign in our mind, our will and our actions. Have a blessed week!

~ Live Jesus ~ Fr Biju MSFS



Holy Baptism

Our Parish welcomes
**Evelyn Swartz-
Jacobs**
who received the
Sacrament of Baptism
last Sunday

~ PARISH NEWS ~

Meat Raffle Fundraiser



The Parish Pastoral Council will be conducting a Meat Raffle in December.

Prizes: 1—\$100.00 meat basket and 2 smaller meat/meal baskets.
\$5.00 tickets will be sold after mass on December 2nd, 3rd, 9th, & 10th.
Drawing will be on Saturday, December 16th(do not need to be present)

PCCW Christmas Party

All women of the parish are welcome to attend!



Sunday, December 10th
at The Ridge

Social 5:30 pm ~ Dinner 6:00 pm
Full menu, Dutch treat.

\$\$\$ **2023-2024 PCCW Dues are \$13.00** \$\$\$

All women of the parish are members of PCCW.
Dues can be mailed to rectory or put in collection
basket in an envelope marked “PCCW”. Thank you

~ DIOCESAN NEWS ~



Encounter Jesus
in the Eucharist.
He waits for you!

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

Let us grow in our understanding and love for this incredible Gift. How do we get to know Jesus better? Jesus knows each one of us better than we know ourselves and He loves us. Friendship always involves two persons. We want to get to know this Person who loves us so much through reading the Scriptures (the Bible). As we prepare to enter Advent, it is a perfect time to read the Scriptures and remember how Jesus came to us, born as an infant.

Let’s pray this right now and every day this week: *Jesus, please give me the desire to read the Bible a few minutes each day.*
This week, read the words of the Annunciation of Gabriel to Mary that she will be the Mother of the Son of God in Luke 1: 26-38

~St. Nicholas Event—December 3rd

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 <https://www.guadalupe Shrine.org/events>

~Solemnity of Our Lady of Guadalupe—December 12th

Nearly 500 years ago, Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared to Saint Juan Diego in Mexico. The Solemnity of Our Lady of Guadalupe is December 12th. All are invited to celebrate at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, in La Crosse, WI. The day includes a Bilingual Mass offered by Cardinal Burke. Learn more at <https://www.guadalupe Shrine.org/events/solemnity-of-our-lady-of-guadalupe>



~ DIOCESAN NEWS(cont.)~

Advent: A Time of Preparation

This year, the season of Advent begins on Sunday, December 3rd. Advent is the four weeks we set aside for preparing our hearts before the annual celebrations of Christ's birth on Christmas. The Incarnation – God becoming man – is the turning point of history. Our Heavenly Father loves us so much that He promised to send us a Savior after the Original Sin of Adam and Eve. And He kept His promise. The Son of God was born in Bethlehem to give His life for us on the cross so that our sins can be forgiven, so that we “may have life, and have it to the full.” (John 10:10). This preparation during Advent is to include interior penance, which involves a conversion of heart toward God and away from sin. Let us take Advent seriously by taking more time for prayer, offering small sacrifices for peace in families and the world, and receiving the Sacrament of Penance.



DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING INSTANCES OF CHILD ABUSE:

The Diocese of La Crosse, through its [policies and procedures](#), seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor or volunteer). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Mrs. Teresa Brown, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Brown at 608.791.0179 or intakeagent@diolc.org. The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at: diolc.org/safe-environment/reporting. **Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities.** Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local Parish and on the [diocesan website](#). If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, please contact Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at 608.791.2679 or tbrown@diolc.org.

Upcoming Dates of Community Events:

- December 2 (8:00—2:00): St. Mary's, Coon Valley, -Craft Show & Bake Sale
- December 2 (8:00-2:00): St. Joseph Workman Cathedral -Christmas Bazaar & Bake Sale
- December 9 (9:00 am): Town of Greenfield Town Hall -St. Joseph Ridge Holiday Craft Show
- December 9 (8:00 until gone): Holy Trinity -Cookie Walk and Craft Sale
- December 9 (7:30-1:00): Mary Mother of the Church -Cookie Walk & Craft Sale

~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~

*Feast of Christ the King
November 26th, 2023*



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*What does God say about His people in the first reading?
Use the code to find out some of what He said.*

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**ALWAYS
pray
and
NEVER
give up!**

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

- For Kay Roesler who is in the hospital as she is recovering from procedure.
- 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