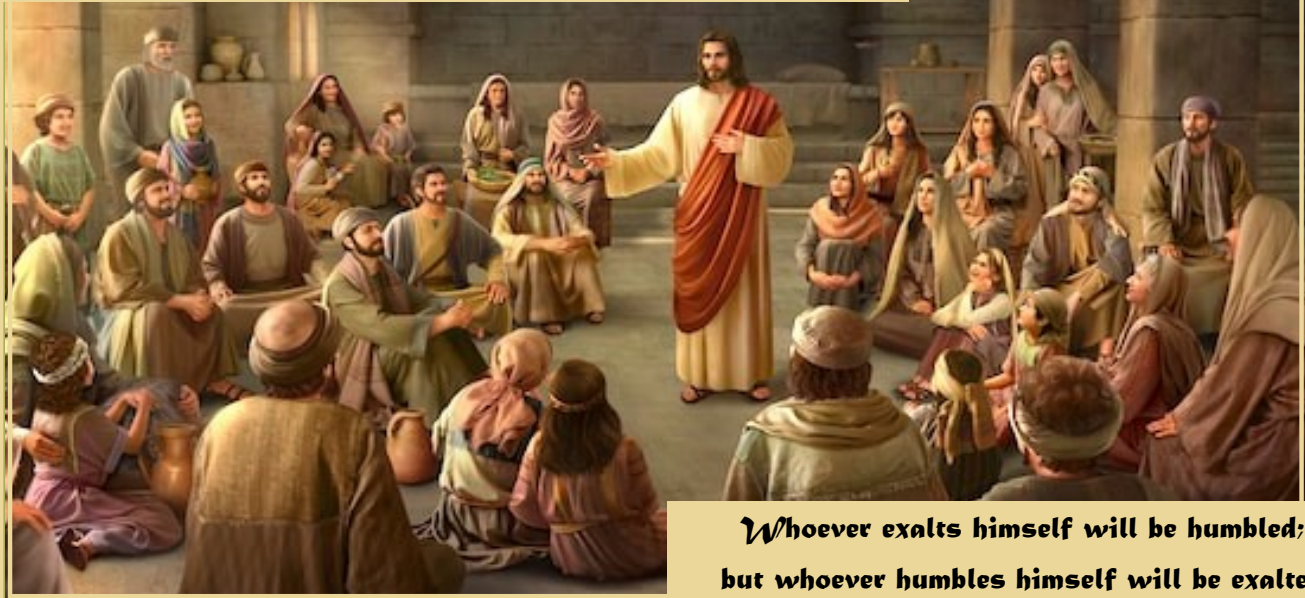


St. Joseph Parish ~ St. Joseph Ridge

W2601 State Road 33 • La Crosse • WI 54601

November 5, 2023—31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Greatest among you must be your servant



**Whoever exalts himself will be humbled;
but whoever humbles himself will be exalted**

PASTOR

Fr. Biju Chennai Kunjukutty, MSFS
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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 and 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

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Coordinator:
Stacy Burns

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

PCCW - Parish Council of Catholic Women

Lori Clements-President
Mary Jo Hess-Treasurer
Jill Murphy-Secretary
Polly Hilby-Funeral Prep

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Dave Brown 608-792-1006
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MUSIC

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Accompanist

Leland Gregorich
LuAnne Gregorich
Mary Beth Smith

Sacristan:

Sally Miller

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

PARISH INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, November 6th

~ 5:30 pm— †Darryl & Terry Miller (T&MP)

TUESDAY, November 7th

~ 5:00 pm—*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

~ 5:30 pm—† William & Ida Bahr (MB)

THURSDAY, November 9th

~ 8:30 am—† Rossi Weber (JW)

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

Contributions for the past week

Adult Envelopes(27) :	\$ 2,668.30
Plate collection:	\$ 253.00
Votive Candles:	\$ 132.00
All Saints Day (2):	\$ 110.00
Total:	\$3,163.30



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 4**—End of Daylight Savings
Remember to turn your clocks back an hour
- **November 8**—Religious Education
- **November 9**—7:00 pm—Pastoral Council meeting
- **November 11**—Soup Supper after 4:00 pm Mass
- **November 13**—7:00 pm –Finance Council meeting
- **November 14**—Religious Education

☸ Cemetery Flower Pot Removal ☸

Please help out by removing all flower pots from the sites of your loved ones. Any flowers or urns left in the cemetery will be removed by cemetery personnel very soon. Urns will be marked by gravesite and stored for the winter in the basement of the church

~ 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
- 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 sjrp2601@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 First Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

Spiritual Reflection for November 5th

There is no question that Jesus had a way with words. The Word of the Lord is filled with what we are familiar with in our society — soundbites, which convey so much meaning. The last verses of today’s Gospel from St. Matthew contain one short statement with much more meaning. Jesus says, “The greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, but whoever humbles himself will be exalted.”

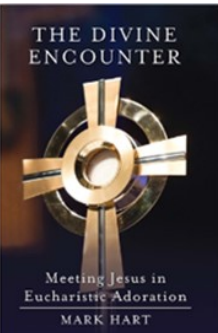
Those two sentences are the key to a stewardship way of life, which revolves around service and humility. There is no question that these are powerful words. They reveal to us all that we need to understand to be a true disciple of Christ. In his letter to the Philippians, St. Paul wrote, “Though He was in the form of God, He did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.” (Phil. 2:5-8).

God will ultimately exalt true humility. Our society teaches us to strive to reach the top, but Jesus reminds us to regard others as more important than we are. Perhaps we have two choices in life: to be self-exalters or God-exalted. Is there any doubt about what we should pursue as Christians?



Have a blessed week!

Book of the Dead: 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.*



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

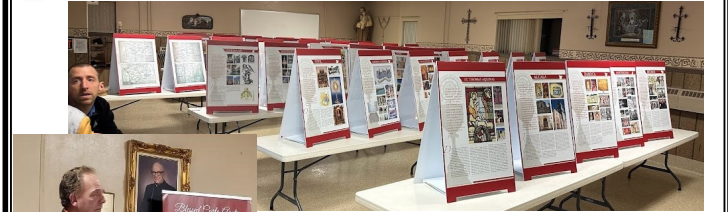
With busy schedules, carving out time for Adoration can seem daunting, but this latest book from Mark Hart will help parishioners spiritually exhale and give them tools to make the most out of their time with Jesus.

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



Thank you to Fr. Biju, Stacy Burns and Lisa Meyer for arranging to have this incredible exhibition available to us.

Thank You to PCCW for providing refreshments.



Thank you Pat Brueggen for the informational presentation on Carlo Acutis.



PCCW News:

Soup Supper:

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



Ladies Christmas Party:

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

DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS

~The focus of the Eucharistic Revival is that we grow in our understanding that the Eucharist is truly Jesus.

God wants you to spend eternity with Him. God desires

that you spend eternity in Heaven with the Blessed Trinity – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Jesus was willing to die for you so that we may be united with Him forever in Heaven. Jesus came on this rescue mission to save His children so that all of us 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.*



Encounter Jesus in the Eucharist. He waits for you!

DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS (cont.)

~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

~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://diolc.org/yva/youth-opportunities/pilgrimage-for-life/>

~Wisconsin Bishops' Statement on Hamas Attack:

"The Bishops of Wisconsin unequivocally condemn the Hamas terrorist attack on unarmed Israeli civilians and the taking of women, children, and elders as hostages. We deplore this and every form of antisemitism. We mourn for the innocent Israelis and Palestinians who will now lose their lives because of this brutality. We pray that the hostages and refugees from this conflict may find safety. May nations welcome them with compassion."

~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.diolc.org/respect-life.

~Courage Apostolate

Everyone is called to chastity. The Courage Apostolate (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@diolc.org for details.

~42nd Annual La Crosse Community Thanksgiving Dinner

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/>



Dates of Community Events:

Date	Where	Event
November 11	Aquinas Schools	Gold Gala
November 11	St. James Parish,	Holly Berry Fair
November 10, 11, 12	Aquinas High School Campbell Theatre	AHS Musical—Annie
November 18	Blessed Sacrament	Advent Christmas Fair
December 2	St. Mary's, Coon Valley	Craft Fair
December 2	St. Joseph Workman Cathedral	Christmas Bazaar & Bake Sale

~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~

St. Paul's Letter

Cross-Word

Use the words from the list to fill in the blanks in today's reading from the letter to the Thessalonians and then fill in the puzzle.

A=Across
D=Down

- PROCLAIMED
- IN
- TO
- GOD
- THE
- TOO
- TOIL
- DAY
- HER
- GIVE
- WITH
- BELOVED
- MOTHER
- GOSPEL
- GENTLE
- HUMAN
- AMONG
- NIGHT
- WORK
- WORD
- WELL



Brothers and sisters: We were _____ (4D) _____ (12D) you, as a nursing _____ (8D) cares for _____ (16A) children. _____ (10D) such affection for you, we were determined to share with you not only _____ (1D) gospel of God, but our very selves as _____ (10A), so dearly _____ (5A) had you become _____ (1A) us. You recall, brothers and sisters, our _____ (11A) and drudgery. Working _____ (17A) and _____ (13A) in order not to burden any of you, we _____ (6D) to you the _____ (3D) of God.

And for this reason we _____ (9A) _____ (2A) thanks to _____ (2D) unceasingly, that, in receiving the _____ (7D) of God from hearing us, you received not a _____ (14A) word, but, as it truly is, the word of God, which is now at _____ (7A) _____ (15D) you who believe.

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