

~ PARISH INTENTIONS ~

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13TH

Second Sunday in Ordinary time

~ 4:00 pm—† Gerald Kneifl (DK)

Lector: Teresa Brown

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14TH

Second Sunday in Ordinary time

~ 8:30 am— Our Parish Family

Lector: Paula Silha

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

MONDAY, JANUARY 15TH

~ 5:30 pm—Good health in the Evenson Family (D&SE)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16TH

~ 5:00 pm—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

~ 5:30 pm -† Mary Hilby Weiner (TP)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18TH

~ 8:30 am—† Reiny & Darlene Kammel(R&BM)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19TH

~ 8:30 am— Harold & Susan Muenzenberger (R&BM)
St. Peter's mass being celebrated at St. Joseph Church
due to repairs being done on their Sanctuary

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20TH

Second Sunday in Ordinary time

~ 4:00 pm—† George & Evelyn Miller (T&MP)

Lector: Bill Weber

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21ST

Second Sunday in Ordinary time

~ 8:30 am— † Bill Patterson (SP)

Lector: Donna Clements

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

Contributions for the past week

Adult Envelopes(24) :	\$ 1,045.00
Plate collection:	\$ 183.00
Funds received for Choir:	\$ 130.00
Votive Candles:	\$ 158.00
Religious Education:	\$ 150.00
Solemnity of Mary(2):	\$ 45.00
Initial Offering(4):	\$ 16.00
Total:	\$ 1,727.00

~ PARISH CALENDAR ~

- **January 15** - 6:30 pm PCCW meeting
- **January 16** - 7:00 pm Pastoral Council meeting
- 7:30 pm Finance Council meeting
- **January 17**—Religious Education Classes
- **January 22—February 5th**—Father Biju will be going home to India to see family.
Msgr Hundt will be celebrating weekend masses.
There will be no weekday masses.
- **January 23**— ‘Sound of Freedom’ Movie at St. Joseph school hall—organized by the PCCW
- **January 24**—Religious Education Classes
- **February 14**— † Ash Wednesday †



~ 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 8:30 am 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 there are 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



**Second Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

Having left the Celebration of Christmastide, we enter into Ordinary time "Wearing of the Green,".

However, it is by no means "Ordinary" because we will hear in the Sunday Gospels the mystery of Christ himself. In Gospel Readings in Ordinary times, His life and preaching unfold.

Today's Gospel, the second Sunday in Ordinary time, we see the witness of John and Jesus encountering his first disciples. John declares Jesus as the "lamb of God" in front of two disciples that choose to follow Him, literally. He tells the world the true identity of Jesus, as the Messiah. "Behold the Lamb of God." These words could be a reference to the paschal lamb whose blood saved Israel (Exodus 12) or to the victorious apocalyptic lamb who would destroy evil in the world (Revelation 5-7; 17:14). Jesus came among us to be the lamb of sacrifice. He shed his blood on the cross. He told the apostles in the last supper "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins". Mt 26:28.

To the question of John's disciples "where are you staying?" Jesus tells them, "Come, and you will see." The first disciples wanted to know him more. Do I have that deep desire to know him more and to be with Jesus and abide in him. Am I ready to start on a new journey with Jesus?

Condolences to the family of Alan E. Cavadini, 68, who died Sunday January 7, 2024 at Mayo Clinic Health System in La Crosse. Funeral will be on January 17th visitation at 10 and mass 10.30 am. Please keep Dina in your thoughts and prayers.

St. Peter's/Middle Ridge is having some repair work on the ceiling above the altar. Therefore this Friday's morning mass will be at St. Joseph Church. All are welcome.

Have a great week and Live Jesus!

Fr Biju, MSFS



2023-24 Goal:	\$21,915.00
Pledged:	\$9,925.00
Received:	\$8,850.00
Remaining Amount Due:	\$13,065.00

We have pledged only 45% of our goal for this year ending June 30th. Please consider donating according to your financial status. Thank you for your generosity!

~ PARISH NEWS ~

Heartfelt Sympathy and prayers to the family of

Alan Cavadini

Alan passed away on Sunday, January 7th

Mass of Christian Burial will be on
Wednesday, January 17 at 10:30 am
with visitation from 10:00 am until time of mass.



† *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord* †

PCCW NEWS:

- * **January 23rd**—PCCW will be hosting a movie night featuring the film **Sound of Freedom**, based on a true story and draws attention to child trafficking problem. The movie is produced by Angel Studios (which produced The Chosen). A light meal (sandwich & chips) will be provided. The movie is rated PG-13- so not suitable for younger children. Sign up sheet in back of church or RSVP to church office 608-788-1646 (count needed for planning food). Parish members & community members are invited.
- * **January 15th**—6:30 pm Meeting at the school hall. All women of the parish are welcome to attend.

Fr. Biju to Visit Family

Fr. Biju will be returning to India to visit his family from Jan. 22 through February 5th. During those days he is away, if anyone wishes to be remembered in his daily Mass or prayed for, let him know.

If you have an intention, place it in an envelope marked "Fr Biju Masses" and drop it in the collection.



~ DIOCESAN NEWS ~

~A Minute with Jesus during the National Eucharistic Revival
Jesus' name means "God saves"

The angel told Joseph in a dream that this Child was to be called "Jesus, for He will save His people from their sin" (Matthew 1: 21). Jesus saves us from our sins by dying on the Cross and then giving us His Resurrected Body in the Eucharist. The Holy Eucharist is the Church's most precious treasure. What a Gift, that we may have a life-giving encounter with Jesus, truly present in the Eucharist.

Let's pray this right now and every day this week: *Jesus, thank You for coming into the world to give us the greatest Gift – Yourself in the Holy Eucharist.*

This week, read the account of the angel appearing to Joseph in Matthew 1: 18-25

"HERE I AM, LORD; I COME TO DO YOUR WILL"

~ DIOCESAN NEWS (continued) ~

~"The ANSWER" Eucharistic Rally Tickets are now on sale!

The time has come to say "Yes!" to this life-changing event that will be held **June 7, 2024** at the La Crosse Center. Discounted tickets are now available for purchase. Please check out the official website for all the detailed information. The registration link is found at the following link <https://dioc.org/the-answer/> There is a whole day of events that are listed on the Diocese website.

THE EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE day will begin with a Eucharistic Procession. The Marian Route of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will be ending their time in the Diocese of Winona-Rochester on the morning of June 7, 2024 and entering into the Diocese of La Crosse. Bishop William Patrick Callahan will greet Bishop Robert Barron, Bishop of the Diocese of Winona-Rochester, to transfer the Eucharistic Procession from the Diocese of Winona-Rochester to the Diocese of La Crosse. This historic moment will be an opportunity for people of all generations to join in the Eucharistic Procession as we journey to the La Crosse Center where we will immediately enter into Mass. Participants in this Eucharistic Procession do not have to buy a ticket for the rest of the day if they do not plan to stay for the event.

~50th Wedding Anniversaries

If you will be celebrating 50 years of Marriage in 2024, please email the parish office at sjrp2601@gmail.com or call (608)788-1646 The diocese has a celebration to honor the marriages of 50 years.

~CALIX—For Help with Addiction from a Catholic Perspective.

Do you or a family member or friend need help with an addiction concern? CALIX (calixsociety.org) is an association of Catholics in addiction and family members and friends affected by addiction who are maintaining their sobriety through participation in their Catholic faith and a 12-step program. You can make a confidential call to 612.383.8232 (Jim R.) or 651.587.4668 (Jim B.) for information on meetings and recovery support. You need not disclose your name.

~"Behold: God is With Us" Young Adult Retreat - January 27, 2024

The world needs Jesus. Our souls need Jesus. Out of God's abundant love for us, He became man: the Word became flesh and dwelt among us (John 1:14). All 18-35 year olds are welcome to join us for a day of enriching talks, silent prayer/reflection, small group discussion, adoration, confession, and Mass. This day-long retreat will occur at Blessed Sacrament Parish in La Crosse, WI. Check-ins will begin at 8:30am and the retreat will conclude after the 4:30 pm vigil Mass. An optional after party will take place to follow! Lunch will be provided! All of this and more for the low cost of \$20. Let us behold the Lord together! Register here: <https://argentasoftware.com/interfaces/49870/fmEventTicketSalesForm.aspx?EventID=4042>

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

- For those who are sick or suffering in any way, may the healing and strength of our Lord Jesus Christ come upon them and give 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

~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~

Samuel's Call Cross-Word

See if you can find all the words in CAPITALS in the puzzle.
Use the left over letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

SAMUEL was sleeping in the TEMPLE. He heard a voice calling him, so he RAN to ELI and said, "Here I am. You called me."

"I did not call you," Eli said. "Go BACK to sleep." So he went back to sleep. Then the same thing happened again. The voice CALLED Samuel again, for the THIRD time. Getting up and going to Eli, he said, "HERE I am. You called me."

Then Eli UNDERSTOOD that the Lord was calling the YOUTH. So he said to Samuel, "Go to SLEEP, and if you are called, REPLY, "SPEAK, Lord, for your SERVANT is listening." When Samuel went to sleep, the LORD came and REVEALED his presence, calling out as BEFORE, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel ANSWERED, "Speak, for your servant is LISTENING."

Samuel grew up, and the Lord was with him, not permitting any word of his to be without effect.

What's another way of saying this was Samuel's calling?
It was



Be Ready to do God's Will

God does not call all of us to very important jobs like the prophet Samuel and Saint Peter. But each of us should follow Jesus and be ready to do His will. If we always try to do what God wants, then we will be ready if He does have a special job for us! How can you do God's will today?

