



St. Joseph Parish of St. Joseph Ridge

W2601 State Road 33 • La Crosse • WI 54601

January 21, 2024—Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



“Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men”

PASTOR

Fr. Biju Chennala 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

Cemetery Sexton Building & Grounds

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, JANUARY 20TH

Third Sunday in Ordinary time

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

Lector: Bill Weber

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21ST

Third Sunday in Ordinary time

~ 8:30 am— † Bill Patterson (SP)

Lector: Donna Clements

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

MONDAY, JANUARY 22ND

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23RD

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25TH

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27TH

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary time

~ 4:00 pm—† Caroline Martin (LM)

Lector: Kathy Leis

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28TH

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary time

~ 8:30 am— Our Parish Family

Lector: Paula Silha

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

No
Weekday
Masses



Contributions for the past week

Adult Envelopes(23) :	\$ 1,869.00
Plate collection:	\$ 126.00
Initial Offering(4):	\$ 7.00
Total:	\$ 2,002.00

☞ Thank you Money Counters! ☞

	5-year Goal:	\$140,000.00
	Pledged:	\$148,255.00
	Received:	\$59,577.50
	Remaining Amount Due:	\$80,422.50

~ PARISH CALENDAR ~

- **January 22—February 5th**—Father Biju will be going home to India to see family. Msgr Hundt will be celebrating weekend masses.
- **January 22—January 26**—No Weekday masses
- **January 23 6:30 pm**— ‘Sound of Freedom’ Movie at St. Joseph school hall—organized by the PCCW
- **January 24**—Religious Education Classes
- **January 29—February 2**—No Weekday masses
- **January 31**—Religious Education Classes
- **February 5th and 6th**—No Weekday masses
- **February 7**—Religious Education Classes
- **February 14**— † Ash Wednesday †



~ ENHANCE YOUR FAITH ~

* Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday: No Adoration ~ No Mass

~ 8 Ways to Pray During Eucharistic Adoration ~

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|------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| - 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



**Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time continues the unfolding of the public ministry of Christ, and the calling of the Apostles. The Gospel speaks of the opening of the hearts and minds of the first apostles Simon and Andrew, James and John as they leave behind everything at the invitation of Jesus “Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.” They “abandoned their nets and followed Him.”

These men did not seek to become Jesus’ disciples. They had not presented Jesus with their resumes and begged him to accept them as students. It was Jesus’ initiative, not theirs, that resulted in their becoming Jesus’ followers. That is typical of call stories. See the story of Abraham (Genesis 12:1-9) and Moses (Exodus 3:1-21) and Samuel (1 Samuel 3:1-18) and Isaiah (Isaiah 6:1-8). God chooses whom God chooses. Apparently, Jesus sees something worthwhile in these four men—not necessarily what they are but what they could be. Apparently the four men see something compelling in Jesus—something that causes them to walk away from that which is precious to follow him. For Simon and Andrew, the sacrifice is leaving their nets. For James and John, it is leaving their father. How do I respond to the precious vocation that the Lord has given me? What does Jesus ask me to leave behind?

Home visit. This Monday I will be flying out from La Crosse to India. I am looking forward to spend time with family and friends. Moving from one continent to another is also a transition from Subzero temperature to 68 above Fahrenheit. Thanks to all who offered mass intentions while I am in India. Thanks to Msgr Robert Hundt and Fr Dan Sedlacek for covering mass at St Peter and Msgr Hundt at St Joseph. The first Saturday of Feb 3rd Fr Hundt has his birthday. Happy birthday in advance.

May the good Lord bless you

Live Jesus

Fr Biju, MSFS

~ PARISH NEWS ~

The family of Reiny Kammel would like to thank the entire St. Joseph Ridge parish for the outpouring of love and support.

Special thanks to Fr. Biju, Stacy Burns, David Brown, Polly Hilby and the PCCW ladies for assisting with the arrangements for Reiny’s funeral.



PCCW NEWS:

* **January 23rd 6:30 pm**—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.



Our Parish welcomes
Ava Adalyn Morgan
who is receiving the
Sacrament of Baptism

On Saturday after 4:00 pm mass

Pray for Safe Travels for Fr. Biju

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
Why does Jesus want to stay with us always?

You know that Jesus wants to stay with you always because He loves you unconditionally. Why? Because He wants to be with the person He loves. How do you (we) know He loves you so much? Jesus gave His life for you by dying on the Cross so that your sins can be forgiven. Let’s pray this right now and every day this week. *Thank You Jesus that You want to be with me all the time.*

This week, read Psalm 139: 13-16 which speaks of how well God knows me and how close He is to me.

~50th Wedding Anniversaries

Congratulations to all couples who are celebrating their 50th Jubilee Wedding Anniversary in 2024. The Diocese of La Crosse would like to invite you to a special Mass and social/dinner as an opportunity to celebrate your marriage and bless your covenant love. Please contact the Diocese crogers@dioc.org or your Parish Office.

	2023-24 Goal:	\$21,915.00
	Pledged:	\$9,925.00
	Received:	\$8,870.00
	Remaining Amount Due:	\$13,045.00

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!

~ DIOCESAN NEWS (continued) ~

~**"The ANSWER" Eucharistic Rally—June 7, 2024**

Eucharistic Procession with Bishop Callahan & Bishop Barron.
Inspiring speakers: Christ Stefanick, Immaculée Ilibagiza & more
Music by the Luke Spehar Band

THE EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE day will begin with a Eucharistic Procession. The Marian Route of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage (<https://diolc.org/pilgrimage/>) schedule is to transfer the Eucharistic Procession from the Bishop Robert Barron of Diocese of Winona-Rochester to the Bishop William Patrick Callahan Diocese of La Crosse on the morning of June 7. 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 events. The registration link along with the schedule of the day can be found at the following link <https://diolc.org/the-answer/>

~**Birthright—Baby Bottle Campaign**

Birthright offer love, friendship, and support to women who are pregnant or think they may be pregnant. Birthright's focus is on loving the mother, reminding her that there is hope and ensuring she is not alone. Pick up a bottle today and fill with loose change or cash and return to the parish by February 18th. Every life matters, every cent counts!



~**Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) Collection** Jan. 27-28 or Feb. 3-4: The special collection envelopes that are in your box (and extras are located in the back of church) will support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 24% of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. More information on CCHD can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd.

~**January Pro-Life Events, Prayers and Intentions**

Though the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision declaring a right to abortion was overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court on June 24, 2022, many states' laws are hostile to preborn children. And so our pro-life prayers and efforts are just as important as ever. Learn more, find resources, and see how you can make a difference at the diocesan website (diolc.org/respect-life) and the U.S. Bishop's website (respectlife.org).

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



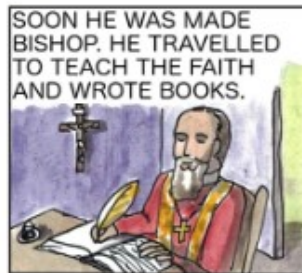
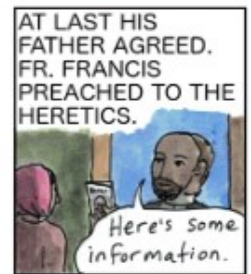
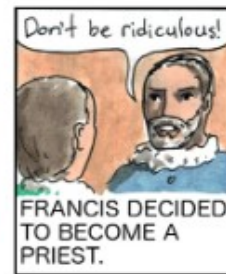
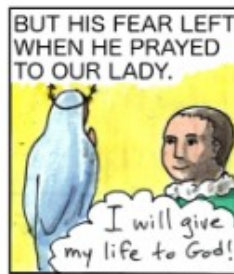
- For those who are sick or suffering in any way, may the healing and strength of our Lord Jesus Christ come upon them and give them comfort and peace.
- For a greater respect for life throughout the world, from conception through natural death.
- For the people of Israel and Gaza whose lives have been 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 ~

Saint Francis de Sales

January 24



BEFORE HE BECAME A PRIEST, ST. FRANCIS WORKED AT TRYING TO BE HOLY IN ORDINARY LIFE. HE TRIED TO SHOW PEOPLE THAT HOLINESS IS NOT JUST FOR RELIGIOUS MEN AND WOMEN BUT FOR EVERYONE. YOU CAN PRAY TO ST. FRANCIS TO HELP YOU BE HOLY IN EVERY DAY LIFE.

Come, follow Me...

We are all called to follow Jesus in some way. God wants some people to give up their lives for others like Jesus did, and some people He wants to look after the poor and sick. Some people are called to care for children and some to build things. Some people are called to be special followers of Our Lord as priests and religious.



Do you know how you can best follow Jesus? When you're young the best way to be like Him is to be kind to everyone and honour and obey your parents like the Child Jesus did. Also, you can already start praying that when the time comes you will know how to follow Our Lord in the way that you can serve Him best.

