

St. Joseph Parish of St. Joseph Ridge

W2601 State Road 33 • La Crosse • WI 54601

April 14, 2024—Third Sunday of Easter

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

*Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
Alleluia, Alleluia!!!*



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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Rick Meyer

MUSIC

Stacy Burns, Coordinator
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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, APRIL 13TH

~ 4:00 pm - † Deidre & Jim Martin (M&AC)
 Lector: Kathy Leis
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, APRIL 14TH

~ 8:30 am – Our Parish Family
 Lector: Donnie Weber
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

MONDAY, APRIL 15TH

~ 5:30 pm -† Ralph & Evelyn Mikshowsky (M&CM)

TUESDAY, APRIL 16TH

~ No Adoration
 ~ 8:30 am -† Madonna Bahr (Leis family)

THURSDAY, APRIL 18TH

~ 8:30 am-† Herbert & Joyce Clements (L&DC)

SATURDAY, APRIL 20TH

~ 4:00 pm - † Earl Martin (RM)
 Lector: Bill Weber
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, APRIL 21ST

~ 8:30 am – † Stanley & Steve Hundt (S&SM)
 Lector: Jim Weber
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

~ PARISH CALENDAR ~

- April 15—6:30 pm PCCW meeting
- April 17- Religious Education class
- April 21—3:00—5:00 pm **BINGO**
- April 24—Last class for Religious Education.
 Mass at 6:00 pm for all students and families with a party following in the school hall.
- April 28—Noon -Prepare for new carpet/move pews
- April 29—May 2nd—New Carpet installed

~ Ways to Enhance your FAITH ~

* Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday: No Adoration ~ 8:30 am 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 in the back of church.

Contributions for the past week

Adult Envelopes(33) :	\$ 3,787.00
Plate collection:	\$ 420.00
Total:	\$ 4,207.00
DCCW collection:	\$ 319.00

Thanks for your Generosity!

2023-24 Goal:	\$21,915.00	
Pledged:	\$12,640.00	
Received:	\$11,990.00	
Remaining Amount Due:	\$9,925.00	

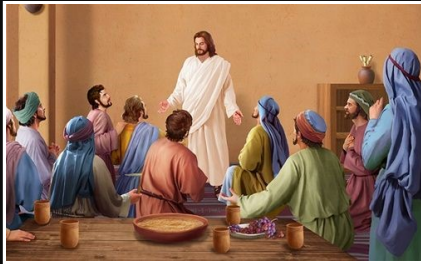
Only 55.0% of our goal has been received for the Diocesan Annual Appeal which ends June 30th. Please consider donating according to your financial status.

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 OF EASTER
HE IS RISEN!
ALLELUIA!**

On the third Sunday of Easter, we continue to hear Gospel accounts of Jesus' appearances to his disciples following his Resurrection. Today's reading, taken from the Gospel of Luke, follows immediately after the report of Jesus' appearance to his disciples on the road to Emmaus. This is the event being recounted by the disciples in the opening verse of today's Gospel.

Jesus greets his disciples with the word, "Shalom," God's peace. This is a most appropriate greeting. As the disciples have witnessed the death of someone they loved, and they now fear for their own lives as well. They were in fear and confusion. Jesus comes to them and wishes Shalom. Peace is what they need more than anything else. Then he shares a meal with his disciples and uncovers for them the significance of what was written about him in the Scriptures. He also mentions "that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem".

Jesus reveals himself again and again because He wanted his disciples to be authentic witnesses to the reality of his life as their risen Lord with his glorified soul and body. By inviting them to look closely at him and touch him, Jesus removed any fear that they were seeing a ghost. He instilled confidence in them that He loved. By eating a piece of fish before their eyes, he convinced them that they were not dreaming or having a mere vision or hallucination. They believed him. They were empowered by him. We know how they boldly preached him after Pentecost and were not afraid of being killed. They all, except John, became martyrs for Christ.

Have a good week!

Live Jesus, Fr Biju MSFS

~ PARISH NEWS ~

PCCW Meeting:

**Monday, April 15th 6:30 pm—School Hall
All women of the parish are welcome to attend!**

BINGO Social:



**Sunday April 21st from 3-5 pm
We will be playing Bingo in the school hall. Bingo cards will be \$1.00 each. All monies collected will be paid out. Snacks & soda available for purchase.**

Cemetery Flower Order

Forms to order flowers are located in the back of church. Prices are the same as last year. \$100 to order the urn and flowers, if needed. \$40 for just the flowers if you already have the urn. Return order forms by Sunday, May 5th.



~ DIOCESAN NEWS ~

~A Minute with Jesus during the National Eucharistic Revival

The Eucharist is the Risen Christ

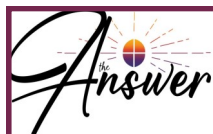
On Easter, two disciples were leaving Jerusalem without hope as they believed that the Savior was dead. Jesus joined them as they walked but the disciples did not recognize Him as He now had a glorified body. The disciples were unable to interpret the events of Jesus' passion and death because they did not understand the whole Story. Jesus explained the things concerning Himself from "all the Scriptures." When Jesus was at the table with the disciples at Emmaus, they recognized Him upon receiving the Eucharist. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: *Lord, make my heart burn with a desire to read Your Word in Sacred Scripture.* This week, read how Jesus explained how He fulfilled the Old Testament in His passion, death and resurrection, and allowed the disciples to recognize Him in the breaking of the bread - the Eucharist - in Luke 24:13-35.

Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us; make our hearts burn while you speak to us!!!

Why Attend "the Answer" Eucharistic Rally on June 7?

Be Part of This Amazing Day!

Do you desire more joy, hope and peace in your heart? God wants to shower you with His healing grace during this time of Eucharistic Revival. Join Catholics from around the Diocese and surrounding states on June 7th for "the Answer." Be inspired by Bishop Battersby, Bishop Callahan, Bishop Barron and internationally-known speakers as we seek to encounter Jesus Christ in the Eucharist, His gift of Himself to us with unconditional love.



Schedule of Events:

1:00 pm Opening, Bishop's welcome	
Gathering at La Crosse Center	1:25 pm Christ Stefanick
10-11:00 am Eucharistic Processing—	3-4:15 pm Immaculée Ilibagiza
pilgrimage from Cameron Street	4:45-5:30 pm Luke Spehar Concert
Bridge	5:30 pm Josh Rosa
to the La Crosse Center	7-7:30 pm Father Justin Kizewski
1:00 am—Mass	7:30-8:30 pm Holy Hour of Adoration

The registration link along with the schedule of the day can be found at the following link <https://diolc.org/the-answer/>

~ DIOCESAN NEWS ~

~Spring Rummage Sale—Mary, Mother of the Church

On Friday, April 26, 11 AM - 3 PM, \$6 a bag; and on Saturday, April 27, 8 - 11 AM, \$3 a bag. Some items priced individually.

~Men's Choir Concert at Shrine of our Lady of Guadalupe on April 28, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm to hear a magnificent performance of Maurice Duruflé's Messe "Cum Jubilo" by a men's choir. This choral masterpiece blends traditional Gregorian chant with modern harmonies. This concert is free and open to the public. More information at guadalupe Shrine.org/events.

~Spring Carnival—St. Charles School—Genoa—April 21 10:30-1:30

Fun for the whole family! There will be games, raffles, dessert walk, food and beverages. Raffle tickets available, call (608)689-2642.

~St. Mary's Spring Luncheon—April 27th 11:00 am—1:00 pm

Bring your family and friends together for lunch at St. Mary Parish, Coon Valley. Cost is only \$10. We will have guest speakers Joyce and Roger Humfeld discussing their beekeeping and honey business starting at 11:30 a.m. (honey will also be available for purchase) Offering door prizes throughout the event. All are welcome to attend!

~"Six Tips for Talking to 'Pro-Choice People' (What We've Learned from Talking to More than 5000)" |April 27 |St. James Parish, La Crosse

Come to a pro-life breakfast and talk featuring Emily Geiger, Director of Education & Outreach for the Equal Rights Institute (ERI). Emily is the former Co-President of Oles for Life at St. Olaf College, where she worked to transform campus culture using ERI's apologetics to foster respectful and productive dialogues about abortion. A sought-after speaker, Emily frequently gives talks on college and high school campuses and for churches and conferences. She has also been interviewed on MSNBC, BBC Newsday, EWTN, Focus on the Family, Relevant Radio, and Christianity Today.

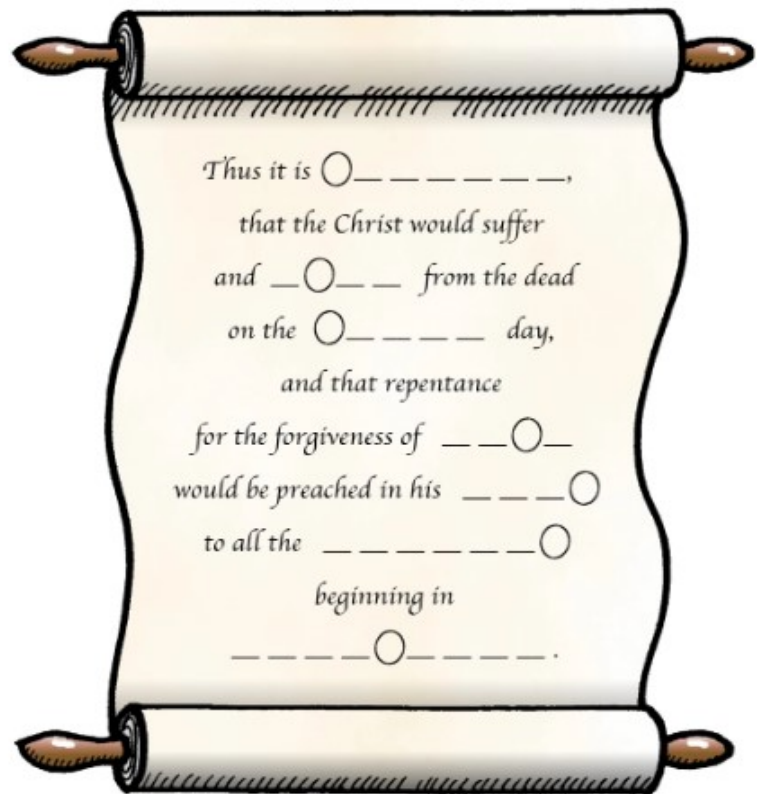
~Trivia Night at St. Charles School, Genoa – Friday April 26th

Trivia Night BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!!! The cost to play is \$10/ player. A simple supper, snacks and drinks can be purchased throughout the evening starting at 5:30. Trivia begins at 6:30. Call Mariette Donovan at 608-381-0220 with your team's name, number of players on your team, and contact person's name and phone number. See you there!

~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~

An Easter Word Puzzle

Use the words from the list to fill in the blanks. Then use the letters in circles to fill in the blanks at the end.



Jesus wants you to be His

_ _ _ _ _ to the world!

JERUSALEM THIRD NAME
WRITTEN NATIONS SINS RISE

Stewardship Thoughts for April:

The concept of Stewardship is simply recognizing that everything, our entire existence, is a gift from God. When we recognize and accept this fact, we have no alternative but to be grateful for our gifts, develop them, and generously share them with others. It is about developing an attitude of gratitude.

Gifts are typically categorized as Time, Talents, and Treasure. How do you practice these in everyday life?

TIME - The most valuable. Time is finite: we only get so much time here - invest in your prayer life. Pray to God frequently throughout the day, every day. Don't just talk; listen and watch for God. Investing our time in good works is a form of prayer.

TALENT - willingness to help others.
Participate in parish ministries and other charitable good works.
Accept responsibility for helping others.
Afford others the chance to share their talents.

TREASURE - generosity with your financial gifts.
Generously return a portion of the money God has given you.
Give cheerfully without expecting anything in return.
No gift is too small or insignificant.

Stewardship isn't some exclusive club: We are all stewards!

Living a stewardship lifestyle involves a series of conversions—changes that soften our hearts and allow the Holy Spirit to enter and work through us.

As the Body of Christ, we are to help each other strengthen our relationship with the Holy Trinity and with each other.

The whole point of Stewardship is to help each other get to Heaven!

Living a stewardship lifestyle: It takes time – time to pray.

It is difficult, as it demands placing God first in all things and not putting other "gods" before God.

It means taking risks – detaching ourselves from our time, comfort, possessions, and money.

We must trust God and be generous with our gifts, especially those that mean the most to us.

Stewardship requires action. Past generations' actions built the Church.

It is our responsibility to develop and nurture our gifts for future generations.

Stewardship isn't easy, but it has tremendous rewards—

Love, Peace, and Joy on earth and Eternal Life in Heaven!

Question: When you stand before God, and He asks what you have done with the gifts He has given you, how will you respond?