



# St. Joseph Parish of St. Joseph Ridge

W2601 State Road 33 • La Crosse • WI 54601

**April 21, 2024—Fourth 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  
Monday .....5:30 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



**The Good Shepherd has risen,  
who laid down his life for his sheep  
and willingly died for his flock, 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  
dbrown039@centurytel.net  
Rick Meyer

**MUSIC**

Stacy Burns, Coordinator  
608-769-8828  
jsburns0093@gmail.com

**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 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

**MONDAY, APRIL 22ND**

~ 5:30 pm -† Arnold & Theresa Arentz,  
 and Rick Schermerhorn (J&PS)

**TUESDAY, APRIL 23RD**

~ 5:00 pm—*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*  
 ~ 5:30 pm -† Matt and Steven Sackmaster (D&SE)

**THURSDAY, APRIL 25TH**

~ 8:30 am-† Reiny & Darlene Kammel (Family)


**SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH**

~ 4:00 pm - † Jim Hesselberg (SP)  
 Lector: Paula Silha  
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

**SUNDAY, APRIL 28TH**

~ 8:30 am – Our Parish Family  
 Lector: Dan Steiger  
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

~ PARISH CALENDAR ~

- **April 21**—3:00—5:00 pm 
- **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 2 Weekday masses will be in the school
- **May 5**— Presentation of quilts to the Confirmation students at 8:30 am mass and breakfast following mass provided by PCCW

~ Ways to 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.


**Contributions for the past week**

Adult Envelopes(28) :	\$ 1,525.00
Plate collection:	\$ 454.00
Easter :	\$ 50.00
Votive candles:	\$ 100.50
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 2,129.50</b>



**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.

2023-24 Goal:	\$21,915.00	
Pledged:	\$12,540.00	
Received:	\$12,010.00	
<b>Remaining Amount Due:</b>	<b>\$9,905.00</b>	

**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.**

FROM THE PASTOR



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY  
or VOCATION SUNDAY**

In each of our three lectionary cycles, the Sunday Gospel is taken from the 10th chapter of the Gospel of John. This chapter of John's Gospel follows Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the rejection of this miracle by the Jewish leaders who question Jesus' authority to heal. Jesus responds to this challenge by calling himself the Good Shepherd.

Jesus describes his relationship with his followers as similar to the relationship between a good shepherd and his sheep. As a good shepherd will risk and lay down his life in order to protect his sheep, Jesus willingly sacrifices himself for the sake of his sheep. Jesus contrasts the actions of the good shepherd with the actions of the hired shepherd who abandons the sheep in the face of danger. In the verses following Jesus' teaching, we learn that the Pharisees and the other religious leaders understand that Jesus is referring to them when he describes the hired shepherds.

The concern of a good shepherd for his sheep is part of the shepherd's job. The good shepherd knows the sheep and therefore acts out of love. This is at the heart of the difference between the good shepherd and the hired shepherd. For the Good Shepherd, shepherding is never simply part of a job; but it's an integral part of his identity. On this day we are especially asked first of all to pray that the Church may be provided with the leaders needed to do its work of spreading the Gospel. Pray for also for priests, deacons and religious and laity. Following is a prayer from our diocese for vocations.

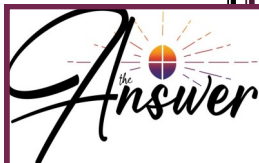
Prayer for Vocations:

*Heavenly Father, Bless your Church with an abundance of holy and zealous priests, deacons, brothers, and sisters. Give those you have called to the married state and those you have chosen to live as single persons in the world, the special graces that their lives require. Form us all in the likeness of Your Son, so that in Him, with Him, and through Him, we may love you more deeply and serve you more faithfully, always and everywhere. With Mary, we ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*Have a great week!*

*Live Jesus ~ Fr Bijw MSFS*

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



~ PARISH NEWS ~



**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.**

**The Church will be getting new carpet!**

Help will be needed on Sunday, April 28 (Noon) to move pews and clear areas to replace the carpet. Please consider helping out on April 28th. Many hands make light work! Hope to see you there!

**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.



**Thank You** to our Religious Education Team for teaching our children about our Catholic faith and providing them with religious activities.

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|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1st Grade: Sherry Hougom | 7th Grade: Ann O'Donnell  |
| 3rd Grade: Grace Bayer   | 8th Grade: Stacy Wieman   |
| 5th Grade: Bill Weber    | 9th Grade: Terry Dickman  |
| 6th Grade: Mary Reeck    | 10th Grade: Ruben Mendoza |
- Stacy Burns - Director of Religious Education

*Thank You*



**National Eucharistic Pilgrimage**

To see the 'roadmap' and the details of Jesus processing through our Diocese during the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage, you can scan the QR code to the left using your smartphone's camera.

**This is EPIC! "the Answer" Eucharistic Rally | June 7 |**

Chris Stefanick is an internationally acclaimed author, speaker and television host who has devoted his life to inspiring people to live a bold, contagious faith. Chris, a father of six children, speaks in a lively, honest, and uplifting manner about the intersection of faith and everyday life. He will inspire you, as Chris is a man of God and speaks from his heart about his relationship with Christ. For further details about this amazing Eucharistic Rally, scan the QR code to the right. This is BIG! This is EPIC!



~ DIOCESAN/Community NEWS ~

~ **A Minute with Jesus during the National Eucharistic Revival**

Why does Jesus give us Living Bread?

Jesus loves us more than anyone and wants to dwell within us. We become God's children through the sacrament of baptism. As a part of His family, Jesus desires to lead us on the right path and to live a life of joy and peace under His protection. He knows we need His help to follow Him. Jesus gives us the Holy Eucharist - His Body and His Blood - to strengthen us to follow His Way. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: *In your own words thank God for the gift of your baptism in which you became a child of God and are privileged to receive Jesus in Holy Communion.*

This week, read how Jesus says that He is the Living Bread in John 6:51.

~**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 Durufle's Messe "Cum Jubilo" by a men's choir. This concert is free and open to the public. More information [guadalupe Shrine.org/events](http://guadalupe Shrine.org/events).

~**Aquinas Booster Club Chicken-Q:**

The annual Chicken Q will be held in the Cass Street parking lot at Aquinas High School on Wednesday, April 24! Food will be served from 11 am until gone. Delicious chicken and fixings for \$12 per plate. Yum!

~**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.

~**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!

~**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!

~**Healthy Living with Diabetes Workshop**

Gundersen Health System will be hosting this workshop on Wed., mornings for 6 wks starting May 22. This workshop is designed to help adults with type 2 diabetes, pre-diabetes or for those caring for someone who has diabetes to learn self-management skills, healthy eating strategies and more. For more information, please call Vicky at 608-775-6870.

~**St Joseph Ridge Community Blood Drive—May 6th 1:00—6:00 pm**

At the Town of Greenfield town hall. Walk ins are welcome but appointments are encouraged, to schedule online: [versiti.org/wi](http://versiti.org/wi) or call 877-232-4376. Thank you for the support.

**Stewardship Reflections**

*"I am the good shepherd...and I lay down my life for the sheep...and they will heed my voice." JOHN 10:14-16*

When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for what you want? Do you ever ask Jesus what He wants from you? How do you listen for His response? Jesus often responds in "quiet whispers" that are not so obvious. So, in silence, take time every day to actively listen to His voice.

~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~

Good Shepherd Word-Find



F O C O N C E R N L M  
S C A T T E R S G L A  
F J T L A Y S N O T N  
A E C S O W H W O L F  
T S H E P H E R D E W  
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R J L I F E E S N E K  
S K N O W D U S E S S

Try to find the words in CAPITALS. The left-over letters will tell you what Jesus wants you to do.

JESUS said: "I am the GOOD Shepherd. A good shepherd LAYS down his life for the sheep. A HIRED MAN, who is not a shepherd, and whose sheep are NOT his own, SEES a WOLF coming and LEAVES the sheep and RUNS away, and the wolf CATCHES them and SCATTERS them. This is because he WORKS for PAY and has no CONCERN for the SHEEP. I am the Good SHEPHERD, and I know mine and MINE know me, just as the FATHER knows me and I KNOW the Father; and I will lay down my LIFE for the sheep.



*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.
- That, as God's chosen people, we may accept and follow God's plan to generously share our time, talent, and treasure with others.
- For all struggling with depression or anxiety, may the Lord pour his grace upon them and grant them healing and comfort.
- All the military men and women who are supporting our freedom.
- All political leaders, may their decisions be made for the good of all citizens, born and unborn.
- That God strengthens families, provides for their needs, and surrounds them with support and individuals who will teach and model good parenting skills..
- For the elderly who are homebound or unvisited, may the Lord fill them with his presence and comfort them with friendship.
- For the intentions listed in our parish book of prayer.



To add a request call 608-788-1646 or email [Sjrp2601@gmail.com](mailto:Sjrp2601@gmail.com)