

# St. Joseph Parish of St. Joseph Ridge

W2601 State Road 33 • La Crosse • WI 54601

April 7, 2024—Divine Mercy Sunday

#### **PASTOR**

Fr. Biju Chennala Kunjukutty, MSFS 715-495-2338 bchennala@diolclergy.org

#### 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

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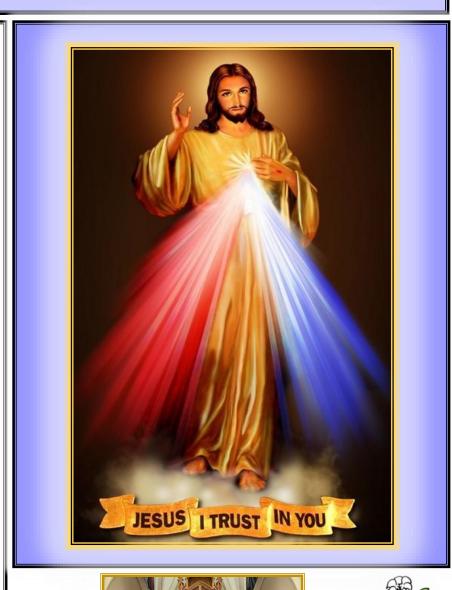
to all who assisted

in the Glorious

faster masses.

Music was beautiful!

Church was beautiful!





# ~ PARISH INTENTIONS ~

# SATURDAY, APRIL 6TH-DIVINE MERCY

- $\sim 8:30$  am † Don & Elaine Bina (SR)
- ~ 4:00 pm † Reiny & Darlene Kammel (Family)

Lector: Kathy Leis

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

# SUNDAY, APRIL 7TH—DIVINE MERCY

 $\sim 8:30 \text{ am} - \dagger \text{ Gerald Kneifl (Family)}$ 

Lector: Teresa Brown

Servers: Volunteer Ushers: Volunteers

# MONDAY, APRIL 8TH

Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

~ 5:30 pm -† Bill and Patty Silha (D&JD)

# TUESDAY, APRIL 9TH

- ~ 5:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- ~ 5:30 pm -† Leo & Shirley Servais (W&JG)

### THURSDAY, APRIL 11TH

 $\sim 8:30$  am-† George Bahr (MB)

# SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH

 $\sim$  4:00 pm - † Deidre & Jim Martin (M&AC)

Lector: Kathy Leis

# **SUNDAY, APRIL 14TH**

~ 8:30 am – Our Parish Family

Lector: Donnie Weber

#### Contributions for the past week \$ 1,600.00 Adult Envelopes(28): Holy Thursday collection: \$ 244.00 de 735.67 Good Friday collection: Thank \$ 1,825.00 Easter Envelopes (44): for your \$ Easter plate collection: 400.00 Gener \$ 124.75 Votive candles: \$ Initial Offering: 2.00 Easter Flowers: \$ 158.00 \$ 5,089.42 **Total:**

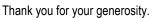
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# ~ PARISH CALENDAR ~

- April 7- 9:00 am—5:00 pm Celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday at the Shrine of Our Lady Guadalupe
- April 8—Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord
- April 10—Religious Education class
- April 17- Religious Education class
- **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.



Reminder: Please drop your BOWL or BOX in the COLLECTION!





# ~ 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
- Pray Spontaneously Ask the Saints for help Scriptures

  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.



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.

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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





# DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY ALLELUIA! HE IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!

Yes, we are still celebrating Easter

Sunday! Today is Divine Mercy Sunday and it is the final day of Octave of Easter. After this day, we will move into the Season of Easter and continue the celebration of Easter until the end of the day on Pentecost Sunday.

Divine Mercy Sunday, is a day of unfathomable and ineffable graces! Here is a brief summary of the message of Divine Mercy: The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us all of us. And, he wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy. On this day **Ask for His Mercy**. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world. **Be merciful**. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us. **Completely trust in Jesus**.

The Deanery of the La Crosse Diocese has chosen the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe for the celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday. Confession will be available in English and Spanish throughout the day from 8:30 am – 4:00 pm. It begins at 9:00 am with Traditional Latin Mass and concludes with the following program led by Cardinal Burke.

2:45 pm – Divine Mercy Reflection and Consecration, 3:00 pm – Divine Mercy Chaplet

3:15 pm – Benediction & Reposition,

3:30 pm – St. Faustina Relic Blessing and Veneration. Please Check their website for more information.

Today's gospel is about doubting the resurrection of Jesus by one of his own disciples! Presenting the famous profession of Faith from Thomas, "My Lord and my God," the Gospel illustrates how Jesus showed his mercy to this doubting apostle and emphasizes the importance of faith and surrender.

Congratulations to Andrew Hammes, Ethan Hegge, and Hunter Raab for receiving the sacrament of confirmation this past Wednesday (April 3rd). Thanks to their teachers and CCD coordinators for preparing them.

Live Jesus, Fr Biju MSFS

# ~ PARISH NEWS ~



# Parish Fundraiser!

Winning tickets #'s! 783545—Bill Stewart 783594—Rick Mikshowsky 783599—Kathy Shikonya



PCCW Meeting: Monday, April 15th 6:30 pm



Sunday, April 21st 3—5:00 pm





Congratulations to
Ethan Hegge, Andrew Hammes, and Hunter Raab
for being Confirmed on April 3rd

at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman.

Special thanks to Ruben Mendoza and Stacy Burns in their help to prepare them for this Sacrament.

May God watch over and lead them in their walk of faith.

# ~ DIOCESAN NEWS ~

# A Minute with Jesus during the National Eucharistic Revival The Eucharist is the Great Miracle of Mercy

In His great love for us, Jesus gave us a great miracle of mercy: The Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. God did not only become man in the Incarnation to give His life for us on the cross and to rise again in glory for our salvation. The Incarnation also looked forward to Jesus remaining physically with us in the Eucharist as we journey through this life. The Divine Mercy Image of Jesus with the white and red rays represents our Eucharistic Lord, whose Heart has been pierced and now pours forth the water of Baptism and the Precious Blood of the Eucharist as a fountain of mercy for us. This week, as we continue the Easter Season and celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, let's pray right now 3 times the words that Jesus gave St. Faustina: "Jesus, I trust in You!"

This week, read how Jesus appears to Thomas who was not present when He first appeared to the Apostles after His Resurrection. Thomas, when He does see Jesus, falls before Him and says "My Lord and My God". John 20:19-29



# Why Attend the Answer Eucharistic Rally on June 7? "The Answer" will be a great way to grow in your knowledge

and love for Jesus truly present in the Eucharist. Join others across the Diocese to hear internationally known speakers.

You won't want to miss this!

#### Schedule of Events:

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

# ~St. Mary's (Coon Valley) Men's Club Spaghetti and Pasta Dinner—

The Men's Club will be hosting a spaghetti and pasta dinner on **April 13**, 2024 from 4-7 PM at St. Mary's Church, Coon Valley. \$12 adults, \$5 kids under 12, and children under 3 free. Get a plate of spaghetti or pasta with sauce and meatballs, garlic bread, salad, coffee, milk or water and ice cream for dessert. Wine and beer will be available for purchase.

# ~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.

~Roncalli Newman Campus Ministry Fundraiser Dinner. Will be on Saturday, April 27th at Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall for dinner, fellowship, and inspiration as we hear from and support the Catholic college students of La Crosse, in their growth in virtue and fervor for the faith. There will be testimonies from alumni and current students, a raffle, and swing dance (with lessons from Fr. Dodge)! \$35/ticket or bring a friend 2/\$60. Registration and more information can be found at <a href="https://roncallinewmancenter.regfox.com/making-saints">https://roncallinewmancenter.regfox.com/making-saints</a>

~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 an 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!

#### ~Family Camp:

A family Camp will take place at Crosswoods Camp in Mason, WI. The cost is \$350 for a family of four, with an additional \$30 for each person above that number. It starts on Friday afternoon to early evening and ends on Sunday at noon. The camp will take the families on adventures and include family-style meals, arts and crafts, prayer, faith talks, family time, bonfires, Mass, and great fellowship! Please contact Cheryl Kauffer at goshawkcpk@gmail.com for more information.

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

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!!! Another St. Charles School Trivia Night will be held on FRIDAY, April 26! There will be no buzzers or putting you on the spot. Teams will come up with their answers together and turn in one answer sheet. Teams can be as small as 2 players or as big as 10. The cost to play is \$10/player. Cash or check only. A simple supper, snacks and drinks can be purchased throughout the evening starting at 5:30. Trivia begins at 6:30. New this time: lifelines can be purchased for \$5 or \$10. Come prepared! 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!



"The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own..." -

Acts 4:32

All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God! Think of your family, friends, life, talents, and treasure – these are all God-given gifts! We aren't owners of anything; we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has blessed us with. We are called to be grateful and generous with all of our gifts for the benefit of others.

# ~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~

# The Annunciation

This year we celebrate the feast of the Annunciation on Monday April 8th. The Annunciation is the day that Jesus became a tiny baby inside Mary.

Finish this story by filling in the blanks with words from the lists and using the letters in boxes to fill in the blanks at the end.

God an angel to a virgin who was engaged to  Her was Mary.
He told her that the was with he But Mary was about what the angel said.
So the said to her, "Do be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with "

Then the angel told her that she would have a Baby and that He would be the

CONFUSED ANGEL NAME GOD



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# 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.
- 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.
- For the intentions listed in our parish book of prayer.

To add a request call 608-788-1646 or email Sjrp2601@gmail.com