

St. Joseph Parish *of* St. Joseph Ridge

W2601 State Road 33, La Crosse WI 54601

July 28, 2024—17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

PASTOR

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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

PARISH OFFICE

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Fr Biju also serves

St. Peter's Parish, Middle Ridge

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Adoration:

Wednesday..... 7:30-9:00 pm

Weekend Mass Schedule:

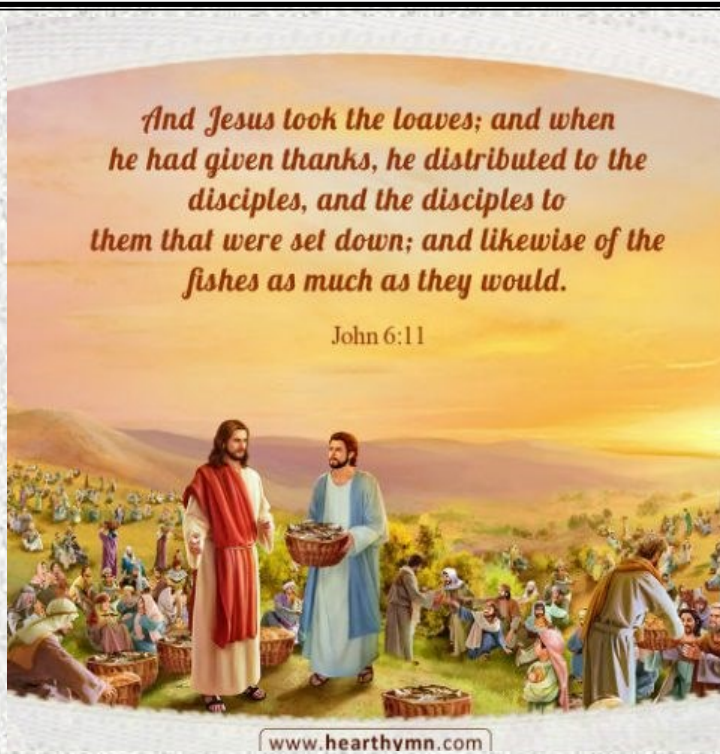
Saturday..... 8:00 pm

Sunday..... 10:00 am

Weekday Mass Schedule:

Wednesday..... 8:00 am

Friday..... 8:00 am



Readings:

First Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6

Gospel: John 6:1-15

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 INTENTIONS ~

SATURDAY, JULY 27TH

~4:00 pm - † Don & Elaine Bina (SR)

Lector: Lorie Liss (Liebl)

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, JULY 28TH

~8:30 am Our Parish Family

Lector: Dan Steiger

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

MONDAY, JULY 29TH

~5:30 pm -† Myra Klos (C&ES)

TUESDAY, JULY 30TH~5:00 pm *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

~5:30 pm -† Reiny & Darlene Kammel (family)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1ST

~8:30 am-† Bob Strittmater (CS)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3RD

~8:30 am—† Kay Roesler (J&SB)

~4:00 pm—†John Thurk & Sara Rose Hougom

Lector: Paula Silha (ST)

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4H

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

Lector: Jim Weber

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

~ PARISH CALENDAR ~

- **August 5**—11:00 am Solemn Pontifical High Mass
Celebrant: Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke
- **August 7**—6:00 pm Pastoral Council Meeting
- **August 26—30**—Fr Biju will be at a Retreat
in New Orleans

~ FAITH Enrichments ~

*** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Tuesday evenings 5:00 pm - 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 in the back of church.

MASS STIPEND FEE CHANGE

In accordance with a decision of the Bishops of Wisconsin, starting on July 1st, Mass stipend fees will increase from \$10 to \$20

~ Contributions for the past week ~

Adult Envelopes(39) :	\$ 2,835.00
Plate collection:	\$ 302.00
Votive candles:	\$ 78.25
Total:	\$3,215.25

Pray so big and so often that
when God meets you in Heaven,
He says, "you kept me busy"



17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish;"

Through most of Lectionary Cycle B, our Sunday Gospel readings are taken from the Gospel of Mark. Our Lectionary, however, leaves Mark's Gospel John for the next several weeks. This week's scripture from St John chapter 6 begins a series of Eucharistic discourses. This chapter is sometimes called the "Bread of Life Discourse." John uses this story in his gospel to introduce Jesus' profound and extended reflection on the Eucharist and the Bread of Life.

The Eucharistic coloring of the multiplication of bread is clear in Jesus' blessing, breaking, and giving the loaves. Thus, the miracle itself becomes a symbol of the Eucharist, the sacrament of unity. In this miracle, Jesus transforms a young boy's offering of five barley loaves and two fish. In the offertory at Mass, we present the fruits of our labors, represented by bread and wine. These gifts, given to us first by God as grain and fruit, are returned to God in our offering of thanksgiving. God in turn transforms our gifts, making this bread and wine the very Body and Blood of Jesus. We also offer ourselves in this exchange, and we, too, are transformed by the Eucharist.



This daily breaking of the bread also had eschatological associations. It was an anticipation of the messianic banquet. John's description of this event anticipates the Messianic banquet of heaven, as the crowd sits down in rows to enjoy a great free meal. Each time we celebrate the Eucharist, we are anticipating the eternal banquet of heaven.

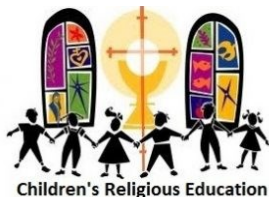
National eucharistic congress which concluded last Sunday was the new Pentecost for the Church in the United States. The pilgrims have returned home, the stage in Lucas Oil Stadium has been dismantled, and the Blessed Sacrament has been reposed in the tabernacle. But I hope the revival that has been renewing the Eucharistic belief and devotion of Catholics across the country will not be a one-and-done moment. Rather it would revitalize our Eucharistic faith and live it out each and every day: to participate in Mass more fully and faithfully, to prioritize spending time with the Lord in Eucharistic adoration, and to confess Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist with more clarity and conviction.

Have a blessed weekend!

Live Jesus ~ Fr Biju MSFS

~ PARISH NEWS ~

Luke Sawaya who joined our parish this spring has been accepted to the seminary of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Lincoln, Nebraska. Please pray for Luke as he begins his journey to priesthood.



Registration for Religious Education classes will be coming soon!

~ DIOCESAN NEWS ~

A Minute with Jesus:

The Eucharist is called Holy Communion

When we receive Holy Communion at Mass, we are receiving Jesus Himself, which is our closest union with Him on earth. As we receive Jesus' Body and Blood into our own body and soul, we are united with Him in a deep and intimate bond. Jesus feeds our soul, strengthening us to be faithful by following Him and loving and serving Him through serving others, particularly those in need. Let's pray this right now and every day this week:

Jesus, thank you for the incredible treasure of Holy Communion in which You allow us to be united with You in the closest possible bond of friendship and love. This week, read how Jesus encourages us to "remain" in Him in John 15:4-5.

~ DIOCESAN/Community NEWS ~

-60,000 Catholics Gather for Eucharistic Congress

A National Eucharistic Congress is an especially powerful manifestation of the unity of the Church. This was evident as a massive throng of 60,000 Catholics gathered to worship Jesus in the Eucharist through the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, adoration and engaging sessions with dynamic speakers. The Congress was a very important time for our country, as prayer and worship of Jesus reaffirmed the source and summit of our faith, putting Jesus where He belongs—at the center. 75 people from the Diocese of La Crosse attended this historic and transformative Congress. Photos of the Massive Eucharistic Procession is available here: ncregister.com/cna/photos-massive-eucharistic-procession-through-downtown-indianapolis

-Sara Rose Hougom Foundation Day At The Lake

On August 4th. There will be one-on-one fishing adventures -a child and police officer. Yard games, water slide, saw dust pile, scavenger hunt, fire engine, and lunch. Honoring Sara, Sara's Style, with smiles, laughter and memories!

-Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II, our orphanage in Lurin, Peru, is looking for volunteers to work with the families, visitors, and, best of all, the children at the orphanage. If you are interested, please go to www.homeajpm.org/volunteer

-Gardens and Gazing on St. Joseph Ridge August 17th 5:30 pm to 9:00 pm

at FSPA land on St. Joseph Ridge, All are invited to join us for a family-friendly evening on FSPA land on St. Joseph Ridge -- complete with a garden tour, a short hike and stargazing! Attendees are encouraged to bring their own snacks, lawn chairs and telescopes or binoculars to enjoy the ridgetop views.

Also, check out information regarding the Villa's prairie <https://www.fspa.org/stories/cultivating-a-legacy-of-sustainability-and-stewardship-on-st-joseph-ridge>

❖ Stewardship Reflection ❖

It is easy to give something; it is difficult to provide the finest gift. This concept challenges us to reevaluate our priorities in life and commit to giving our best to God.

When we strive to live out our call as Christian stewards by entrusting all that we have to the One who graciously gave us these gifts, we will be blessed beyond measure. As we begin a new week, let us evaluate our relationship with God by asking, 'What is my very best, and am I giving it to God?'

~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~



Loaves and Fishes Word-Find



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

When Jesus saw that a large CROWD was coming to him, he said to PHILIP, "Where can we BUY enough food for them to eat?" He said this to TEST him, because he knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Two hundred days' wages worth of BREAD would not be enough for each of them to have a LITTLE." ANDREW said to him, "There is a boy here who has five BARLEY loaves and two FISH; but what good are these for so MANY?" Jesus said, "Tell the people to sit down." Now there was much GRASS in that place. So the men SAT down, about five THOUSAND in number. Then JESUS took the loaves, gave THANKS, and distributed them to those who were seated, and also as much of the fish as they WANTED. When they had EATEN their FILL, he said to his disciples, "GATHER the PIECES left over, so that nothing will be wasted." So they collected them, and filled TWELVE BASKETS with fragments of the loaves, left by those who had eaten.



Jesus _____ the bread and fish.

ALWAYS
pray
and
NEVER
give up!

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

* For all who are sick, may Christ who knew pain and suffering in his own life fill them with healing and hope.

* For all struggling with depression or anxiety, may the Lord pour his grace upon them and grant them healing & comfort.

* For all the military men and women who are supporting our freedom.

* That we generously use our God-given gifts to do the work God has placed us here on earth to do.

* 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.

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