

# St. Joseph Parish of St. Joseph Ridge

W2601 State Road 33, La Crosse WI 54601

# August 4, 2024—18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### **PASTOR**

Fr. Biju C 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	
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**

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:

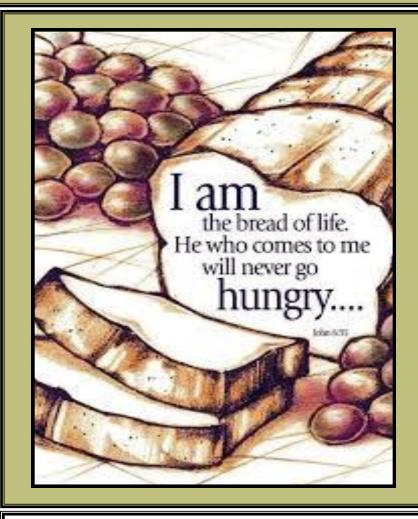
Wednesday ...... 7:30-9:00 pm

#### Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday ...... 8:00 pm Sunday......10:00 am

#### Weekday Mass Schedule:

Wednesday ...... 8:00 am Friday ...... 8:00 am



#### 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 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** 

Coordinator:

Stacy Burns

**EDUCATION** 

'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

**W2601 State Road 33** 

# ~ PARISH INTENTIONS ~

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 3RD

~8:30 am—† Kay Roesler (J&SB)

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

Lector: Kathy Leis

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

## **SUNDAY, AUGUST 4TH**

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

Lector: Jim Weber

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

#### MONDAY, AUGUST 5TH

~5:30 pm -† Rudy & Lucy Kammel (R&BM)

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 6TH

- ~5:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- ~5:30 pm -† Arnold & Jean Meyers (L&DC)

#### THURSDAY, AUGUST 8TH

~8:30 am-† Leona Pittman (J&KS))

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 10TH

~4:00 pm—† Kimmy Clements (MB)

Lector: Kathy Leis

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 11TH

~8:30 am - Our Parish Family Lector: Paula Silha

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

~ Contributions for the past week ~		
Adult Envelopes(30):	\$ 1,694.00	
Plate collection:	\$ 211.00	
Total:	\$1,905.00	
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#### **Donations:** Here are some ways to contribute:

- Use the online giving portal set up by the Diocese: <a href="https://diolc.org/st-joseph-parish-st-joseph-ridge/">https://diolc.org/st-joseph-parish-st-joseph-ridge/</a> (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.

# ~ 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 15—The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 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 Intentions 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

Dear God, please give me strength when I am weak,

love when I feel forsaken, courage when I am afraid, wisdom when I feel foolish, comfort when I am alone.



hope when I feel rejected, and peace when I am in turmoil. Amen

## ~ FROM THE PASTOR ~



# Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary 7ime

"I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst."



This Sunday we would hear Jesus tells us "I am the Bread of Life; he who comes to Me shall not hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.' (John 6:35) Following the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes, the enthusiastic multitude went again in search of Jesus. When they discovered that He and His disciples had already departed, they got into their boats and sailed for Capharnaum. According to St. John in today's Gospel it was there that the revelation of the Holy Eucharist took place. (John 6:24-35)

With the miracle of the previous day, Jesus had awakened the crowd's deepest hopes and longings. Thousands of people had left the comfort of their homes to come and hear Him. They wanted to make Him their king. But the Lord departed from them. Upon meeting them again, Jesus says to the people, Truly, truly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. St. Augustine comments: You seek Me for worldly motives, not for spiritual ones. How many people there are who seek Jesus solely for worldly ends!... Rarely does someone look for Jesus for the sake of Jesus. We want to be among those few. This attachment to earthly goods is not what Jesus is looking for in men. With great courage and an infinite Love, He presents to the people the ineffable treasure of the Holy Eucharist, in which He becomes Food for us.

We receive the same Christ in every Communion. When we receive Communion, we receive Christ Himself with His Body, His Blood, His Soul and His Divinity. He gives Himself to us in an intimate union which binds us to Him in a real way. Our life is transformed into His life. In Holy Communion Christ is not only God with us, but God in us.

The month of August is dedicated to devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Let us seek the grace to know and understand the Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to place our trust in our Blessed Mother's loving intercession!

Have a blessed week!

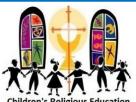
~ Live Jesus ~

Fr Búw MSFS



One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

# ~ PARISH NEWS ~



Look for more information in the mail soon.

# ~ Happy August ~

Religious Education classes will begin on September 18th.

We still need a teacher for 7th grade. if you are interested and have questions about it, please call Stacy Burns at 608-769-8828. The time for 7th grade is

7:00 pm - 8:15 pm on Wednesdays.

# ~ DIOCESAN NEWS ~

#### A Minute with Jesus:

### The Eucharist is called the Holy Sacrifice

A sacrifice is an offering of love for someone. Jesus rescued us and set us free from the bondage of sin by offering Himself through His painful sacrifice on the Cross. At each Mass, Jesus offers Himself to the



Father for love of us. Jesus is not being "re-sacrificed" but the sacrifice of Calvary is being made present at each Mass. To express our gratitude and to open our hearts more deeply to Him, we can show our love by offering small sacrifices in union with Jesus: Our willingness to forgive after being hurt by someone; cutting our time short with TV to take time for prayer; visiting someone who is sick etc. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Thank You, Jesus, for loving me so much that You were willing

to die in order to save me and set me free from the bondage of sin. This week, read how we are to imitate Jesus by walking in the way of love in St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians: "Walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved me and gave Himself up for me as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God" (Ephesians 5:2).

#### ~A Profound Moment for the Whole Church - Watch Opening **Ceremony: Eucharistic Congress**

The 10th National Eucharistic Congress was a Catholic experience unlike any other, with a historic outpouring of God's grace. 60,000 participants of our Catholic family gathered to experience profound, personal renewal through the power of Christ's love. Like the first Pentecost, may the grace of the Holy Spirit strengthen each one of us in our belief, love and devotion for Jesus, truly present in the Holy Eucharist. Be moved deeply by watching The Opening Ceremony of the Eucharistic Congress at this link: (scroll to the bottom, in right corner) ondemand.ewtn.com/free/Home/Play/en/NEC24001

~Healing Service and Mass, Monday, Sept 9th 4:30—9:00 pm Join us for a special Healing Service and Mass at Sacred Heart in Cashton. This is an opportunity for physical, emotional, and spiritual healing through prayer and the sacraments.

Location: Sacred Heart Church - Cashton

4:30 PM: Adoration (Praise/Worship, Rosary, Confessions)

5:30 PM: Holy Mass

6:00 PM: Group Prayer for Healing 7:00 PM: Individual Healing Ministry

Jesus Promised: "These signs will accompany those who believe... They will lay hands on the sick and they will recover." - Mark 16:17

> All are welcome. Please come and experience the healing power of Christ.

# ~ DIOCESAN/Community NEWS ~

#### ~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!

# ~Come to Rural Life Day | Sept. 18, from 10 AM-2 PM | Schmidt Family Farm in Lone Rock:

Join hundreds of the faithful for the 43rd Annual Rural Life Day at the Schmidt Family Farm on Wednesday, Sept. 18 from 10 AM-2 PM at 29281 Fairview Rd. in Lone Rock. Bishop Battersby will celebrate Mass at 10 AM, after which he will present awards recognizing parishioners and farm families, and bless animals, crops and machinery. Lunch will be served.

# ~Gardens and Gazing on St. Joseph Ridge August 17th 5:30 pm to 9:00 pm at FSPA land on St. Joseph Ridge.

A tour of the Villa St. Joseph gardens with a guided sunset hike and ridgetop stargazing will be offered by Mississippi Valley Conservancy in partnership with the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration (FSPA) and the La Crosse Area Astronomical Society. This popular annual event offers a family-friendly experience with the unique opportunity to visit the FSPA land and gardens and enjoy the views and night skies. REGISTER BY AUGUST 12, 2024.

Details, directions, and registration for this FREE event are on the Events page at <a href="www.mississippivalleyconservancy.org">www.mississippivalleyconservancy.org</a>. With questions, contact Karen Solverson at karen@mississippivalleyconservancy.org or call 608-784-3606 ext. 8.

#### ~La Crosse Area Heritage Center Exhibition

Egid Hackner created a lasting legacy with his company's expertly designed and crafted church furnishings. For nearly a century, the E. Hackner Co. of La Crosse built altars, statues, and furnishings for churches locally and nationwide, including the Franciscan. This exhibition at the La Crosse Area Heritage Center at 506 Main Street features the works of the E. Hackner Company and those of Egid's daughter, FSPA Marietta Hackner. The exhibit runs through October 5, 2024. The Heritage Center is open Thursday-Saturday, 10:30-4:30, last admission at 4:00 pm.

# ❖ Stewardship Reflection ❖

Often, we live our lives working for temporary happiness. But today, Jesus reminds us to "not work for food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life." Recognizing this contrast between the fleeting and the everlasting helps to enlighten us and inspire us to seek a deeper, more enduring form of joy.

Our Eucharistic meal is the Spiritual Food we consume — Jesus Himself, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. It will satisfy us as Jesus says, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst." This Spiritual Nourishment helps us to feel spiritually fulfilled and content.

We all need to be satisfied. It is in our humanity. And in that incompleteness, we grab what surrounds us to satisfy our hearts. Many of those things are good and bring us joy, they are only a tiny glimpse of the more profound, lasting joy the Lord offers us. They are gifts that should remind us of our Good and Gracious Creator. Instead of placing undue importance on those things or people,

put it on Jesus - He is the One who fills our hearts.

#### ~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~

# **God Provides Bread**

word puzzle

John 6 24-35

Fill in the missing words.
Use the letters in boxes to fill in the blanks at the bottom.

The people came looking for Jesus after the miracle of			
the loaves and fishes. Jesus said to them, "You are			
only looking for me because you the loaves			
and were filled. Don't work for food that perishes			
but for the that lasts for eternal			
The people asked, "What can [1]			
do to do the works of ?" Jesus said to them,			
"This is the work of God, that you			
in the one he sent." So they			
asked him, "What [ can you show us so			
that we can believe in you? Our ancestors ate manna			
in the desert, like it is written in the Scriptures, "He			
gave them bread from Heaven to eat."			
So said to them, "It was not Moses			
who gave you bread from Heaven; my			
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Heaven. The bread of God comes down from Heaven			
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people said to Jesus, "Sir, give us this			
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Jesus said to them, "I am the			

#### ALWAYS pray and NEVER give up!

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

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

\* For Luke Sawaya as he begins his journey to priesthood.

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- \* 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.

To add a request call 608-788-1646 or email sjrp2601@gmail.com