



# St. Joseph Parish

of St. Joseph Ridge

W2601 State Road 33, La Crosse WI 54601

**November 24, 2024—Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ**

## PASTOR

Fr. Biju C 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

## 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



# KING of the UNIVERSE



## 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 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, NOVEMBER 23RD**

~4:00 pm - † Madonna Bahr (Leis family)

Lector: Kathy Leis

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH**

~8:30 am - Our Parish Family

Lector: Jim Weber

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH**

~5:30 pm - † Timmy Kammel (Kammel family)

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH**~5:00 pm - *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*~5:30 pm - † Curtis Strittmater; Deceased members of  
Maynard & Emma Mulder Olson (CS)**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH****Thanksgiving**

~8:30 am - † Ralph &amp; Evelyn

Mikshowsky (M&amp;CM)

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH**

~4:00 pm - † George &amp; Evelyn Miller (T&amp;MP)

Lector: Paula Silha

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1ST**

~8:30 am - † Alice Silha (D&amp;JD)

Lector: Sally Miller

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

## ~ Contributions for the past week ~

Adult Envelopes (35) :	\$ 3,356.00
Plate collection:	\$ 311.00
Votive candles:	\$ 64.00
Christmas flowers:	\$ 55.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$3,786.00</b>



2024-25 Goal:	\$23,335.00
Pledged:	\$ 14,303.00
Received (32) :	\$ 12,055.00
<b>Remaining Amount Due:</b>	<b>\$ 11,280.00</b>

## ~ PARISH CALENDAR ~

- **November 27 ~ No Religious Education Classes**
- **December 4 ~ Religious Education Classes**
- ***Immaculate Conception to be celebrated on Monday, December 9th 5:30 pm***
- **December 11 ~ 6:15 pm Confessions at St. Joseph**
- **December 16 ~ 9am-6pm Confessions at Cathedral**
- **December 18 ~ Religious Education Christmas Party**
- **December 18 ~ Confessions at St. Peters(Middle Ridge)**
- **December 24 ~ 4:00 pm Christmas Eve**
- **December 25 ~ 8:30 am Christmas Day**
- **January 5 ~ Bishop Battersby will celebrate mass at St. Joseph Parish**

## ~ EMBRACE YOUR FAITH ~

**\* 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**

If you would like to schedule mass intentions, please contact the Parish office phone #788-1646 or there are envelopes in the back of church or email [sjrp2601@gmail.com](mailto:sjrp2601@gmail.com).

**Mass Intentions Fee change**

In accordance with a decision of the Bishops of Wisconsin, starting on July 1st, Mass stipend fees are \$20

	5-year Goal: (2023-2027)	\$140,000.00
	Pledged:	\$148,405.00
	Received (61):	\$73,232.50
	<b>Remaining Amount:</b>	<b>\$66,767.50</b>



~ FROM THE PASTOR ~



"My kingdom  
is not of  
this world."

— JOHN 18:36 —

**Solemnity of  
Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe**

The liturgical year of the Church concludes with this Feast of Christ the King, instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 to celebrate the Jubilee Year and the 16th centenary of the Council of Nicaea. The

Council of Nicaea was convened on July 4th 325. It was the first council in the history of the Christian church that was intended to address the entire body of believers. It was convened by the emperor Constantine to resolve the controversy of Arianism.

Solemnity of Christ the King reminds us that our earthly cities, governments, and rulers will pass away, and that our lasting city will be in heaven, with Jesus Christ as our only King and Ruler. "When He comes again in glory" (Mt. 25:31) "the Lord will reign as king forever" (Psalm 29:10) and "all things will be subjected to His rule." (1 Corinthians 15:28). In the preface of today's Mass it is mentioned that his kingdom will be "an eternal and universal kingdom, a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love, and peace". How blessed we are to know that we are his subjects and He is our King.

As the month of November draws to a close, we continue to pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. The Book of Remembrance will remain open during this whole month. Next Sunday, December 1, we begin a new Liturgical Year with the Season of Advent. At the entrance of the church there will be several copies of Advent and Christmas daily reflections booklets. This booklet contains meditations for each day of Advent. I invite everyone to take a copy home and read as one way to come closer to Christ during this holy season.

Have a wonderful week!

*Live Jesus, Fr Biju MSFS*



**Thanksgiving: A Day of Public Thanksgiving and Prayer**

Since this national holiday is to be "a day of public thanksgiving and prayer," it is helpful to specify things for which we are grateful to God. In fact, naming five things each day in a simple prayer of thanksgiving leads to an ongoing attitude of gratitude and a better outlook on dealing with the difficult parts of life. The list can include such things as good health, family and friends, the grace to forgive, delicious food, the ability to walk, something going well at work or school, God knowing us personally and loving us, being able to communicate with God through prayer, our baptism, when we became children of God and He begins to dwell within us, Jesus giving His life for us on the cross, being healed from ongoing habits of sin and their effects through the sacrament of reconciliation. Happy Thanksgiving!

~ PARISH NEWS ~

**PCCW News:**

The PCCW will providing the lunch at the auction at St. Joseph Equipment on Tues. Dec. 10th. Help will be needed in preparing the food ahead of time and serving the day of the auction.

If you can help in any way, please contact Lori Clements at 608-786-2927 or 608-780-5212

To Father Biju, Choir members and Parishioners,  
*A Big THANK YOU, with much appreciation and love for all, for the Prayers and concern since my accident. Please continue the prayers.*

Sharon Everson

**Family Fun Night—November 8th**

Income and donations: \$6,937.00

Expenses: \$ 870.30

**Net Profit: \$6,066.70**

*Thank you to everyone that donated, worked, and participated to make this fundraising event a success! The funds will be used for repairs and maintenance on our church.  
(All baskets have been claimed.)*

~ DIOCESAN NEWS ~

**A Minute with Jesus: The Best Way to Offer Thanks to God**

The very best way to offer thanks to God is through the holy Eucharist. The word Eucharist, from the Greek, means "thanksgiving." When the holy Eucharist is celebrated, it is an action of thanksgiving to God for His works of creating everything out of nothing, redeeming us through the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus, and sanctifying us in being cleansed, healed and strengthened through our cooperation with God's grace received in the sacraments. Let us join the people in our parish community and attend Mass on our national day of Thanksgiving. Receiving Jesus in the holy Eucharist and expressing gratitude to our heavenly Father for all of His benefits will help us to keep the proper focus amidst family relations, good food and the other enjoyable activities of Thanksgiving Day. Let's pray this right now and every day this week:



***Thank you, Jesus, for the many blessings in my life, most especially that You give Yourself to me in the holy Eucharist.***

This week, pray this verse: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God" (Philippians 4:6)

**~St Mary's Craft Show~ Saturday, December 7—Coon Valley**

Come join the fun and find that one of a kind gift for the Holiday Season from several local vendors and crafters. Open from 8:00 AM-2:00 PM at the Coon Valley Village Hall. Concessions available throughout the show. Free admission!

~ DIOCESAN/Community NEWS ~

**~St. Nicholas of Myra Celebration for Children**

Saint Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, will visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Sunday, December 1 (1:00-4:15).

1:00 PM Holy Mass in the Shrine Church

2:00 PM Refreshments and Cookies in the Crypt

2:30 PM St. Nicholas Arrives/Greeting

3:00 PM Presentation (St. Nicholas will tell them the story of his life, how he became a Saint, and how "Saint Nicholas" became "Santa Claus." Best of all, he loves to tell the story of the first Christmas! Saint Nicholas will hand out some little remembrances for the children and will be available for photos. Refreshments (cookies & hot chocolate) will be provided. Time for Photos. Conclusion at 4:15 pm

**~St. Nicholas Celebration: A Feast of Generosity**

DECEMBER 6 (Friday, 5:30-7:30 p.m.): This family-friendly event honors traditions related to the beloved saint known for his generosity. Supper, treats, crafts, stories and a surprise visit are part of the festivities. In the spirit of the season, participants will have an opportunity to take gifts over to Mayo Clinic Health System. Donations appreciated. Franciscan Spirituality Center -<https://www.fscenter.org>

**~Mayo La Crosse Auxiliary and Aquinas Impact** are collecting diapers, baby wipes, infant clothing, and other baby essentials from November 29th- December 14th. Please drop off your donations at Moka on West Avenue in La Crosse, Mayo Clinic La Crosse Cafeteria entrance or the lobby in the Mayo La Crosse Hospital. All donations will be distributed to local families through Catholic Charities in La Crosse.

**~43rd Annual La Crosse Community Thanksgiving Dinner**

Celebrate Thanksgiving Dinner at the La Crosse Center. This event celebrates our community every year. Doors open at 10:00 am; 11am – 3pm – Dinner's Available for Dine-In, Carry-Out, and Delivery. Volunteers are needed. See <https://laxthanksgivingdinner.com/>

**~Cathedral Christmas Bazaar~December 7** from 8 am - 2 pm in the church undercroft. Unique gift items, Christmas decor, hand made greeting cards and religious items. The bake sale will feature a fabulous selection of cookies, cakes, breads and candy.

**~Mary, Mother of the Church Parish Cookie Walk & Craft Sale** on Saturday, December 14 from 7:30 AM - 1:00 PM. Homemade cookies, candies, breads, pies, Scandinavian sweets, handcrafted items, Scrip gift cards and raffles are available for sale. Serving breakfast and lunch. Door Prizes every half hour.

**~Holy Trinity Cookie Walk Saturday, December 14**, 8:00 am-1:00 pm. Large assortment of Christmas Cookies. Basket raffle drawing at 11 (need not be present to win).

❖ **Stewardship Reflection** ❖

*Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*

*"Jesus answered, 'My kingdom does not belong to this world.'" (John 18:36)*

Life is short. How much time, energy, and money do you put into building "your" kingdom here on earth? We all know we can't take it with us. The real kingdom is in the next life. Yet, how much time, energy, and money do you invest in working for that eternal kingdom? Ask God for His guidance. Detach from earthly possessions. Generously share your material goods with others for the greater glory of God.

**Stewardship Prayer:** That we help build God's kingdom on earth but also invest our gifts in God's eternal kingdom.

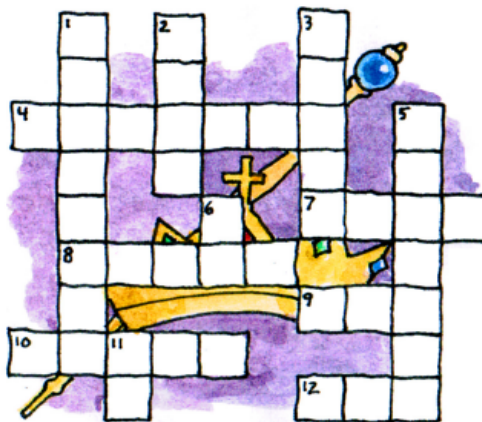
~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~

# Christ the King Crossword

Revelation 1:5-7

Here is a part of today's second reading. Use the words at the bottom to fill in the blanks and the puzzle.

D=down  
A=across.



(3D) \_\_\_\_\_ Christ is the (1D) \_\_\_\_\_  
(4A) \_\_\_\_\_, the firstborn (11D) \_\_\_\_\_  
the dead and ruler of the (2D) \_\_\_\_\_s of  
the earth. To (12A) \_\_\_\_\_ who loves us and  
has (8A) \_\_\_\_\_ us from our (7A) \_\_\_\_\_  
by his blood, who has made us into a  
(5D) \_\_\_\_\_, priests for his (9A) \_\_\_\_\_ and  
Father, to him (6D) \_\_\_\_\_ (10A) \_\_\_\_\_  
and power forever and ever. Amen.

**OF GLORY BE HIM WITNESS  
GOD FAITHFUL SINS KING  
FREED KINGDOM JESUS**



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

**ALWAYS  
pray  
and  
NEVER  
give up!**

- \* 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 and Will Sawaya as they journey to priesthood and Brother Matthew Kotek as he continues his religious path.
- \* For all struggling with depression or anxiety, may the Lord pour his grace upon them and grant them healing & comfort.
- \* That those who feel a call to and desire single blessedness, marriage, priesthood and religious life may find the courage to say yes to what God asks of them.
- \* For all the military men and women who are supporting our freedom.
- \* 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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