

# St. Joseph Parish of St. Joseph Ridge

W2601 State Road 33, La Crosse WI 54601

April 13, 2025 ~ *Palm Sunday*  
of the *Passion of the Lord*

**Blessed be the King  
That cometh in  
The name of the Lord:**

Luke 19 : 38



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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 Mikshowskey 608-788-1646  
Bulletin deadline: Wednesday  
[sjrp2601@gmail.com](mailto: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

### 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  
[davidteresabrown457@gmail.com](mailto:davidteresabrown457@gmail.com)  
Rick Meyer

### MUSIC

Stacy Burns, Coordinator  
608-769-8828  
[jsburns0093@gmail.com](mailto: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 ~



# Holy Week & Easter

**SATURDAY, APRIL 12TH - Palm Sunday**

~4:00 pm - † Billy and Patty Silha (D&JD)  
 Lector: Jim Weber and Sally Miller  
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

**SUNDAY, APRIL 13TH—Palm Sunday**

~8:30 am - † Ken & Lois Davis (J&SD)  
 Lector: Donna Clements and Lorie Liss  
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

**MONDAY, APRIL 14TH**

~8:30 am-† Evelyn Rutz-Thornton (LH) Note different time this week

**TUESDAY, APRIL 15TH**

~5:00 pm—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
 ~5:30 pm - † Lawrence Malzacher (RM)

**THURSDAY, APRIL 17TH**

***Holy Thursday—Mass of the Lord’s Supper***

~7:00 pm—Reiny & Darlene Kammel (G&KF)  
 Lector: Lorie Liss  
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers  
 ~ until 11:00 pm Adoration—please consider spending some time in prayer

**FRIDAY- APRIL 18TH—Service**

***Good Friday-The Passion of our Lord***

~2:30 pm Stations of the Cross  
 ~3:00 pm Service  
 Lector: Dan Steiger and Paula Silha  
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

**SATURDAY, APRIL 19TH**

***Holy Saturday ~ Easter Vigil***

~8:30 pm - Our Parish Family  
 Lector: Sally Miller and Kathy Leis  
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

**SUNDAY, APRIL 20TH ~ Easter Sunday**

~8:30 am - † Leo & Shirley Servais (W&JG)  
 Lector: Bill Weber  
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers



~ PARISH CALENDAR ~

- April 14 ~ 9:00 am—6:00 pm Confessions at St. Joseph Workman Cathedral, La Crosse
- April 15 ~ Bible Study (after 5:30 pm mass)
- April 15 ~ 7:30 pm Pastoral Council meeting
- April 21 ~ 6:30 pm PCCW meeting
- April 22 ~ Farewell Reception for Father Biju
- April 23 ~ Confirmation
- April 27 ~ First Communion



~ 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 is \$20.00**

~ Contributions for the past week ~

Adult Envelopes (29) :	\$ 1,582.00
Plate collection:	\$ 232.00
Easter flowers:	\$ 20.00
Votive candles:	\$ 62.50
Easter:	\$ 100.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 1,996.50</b>

~ PASTOR LETTER ~



On Palm Sunday, we enter the holiest week of the year, walking with our Lord as He journeys to the Cross and to the morning of the Resurrection. Today's readings reveal the profound courage of Jesus, who endured humiliation, suffering, and death to fulfill the will of the Father. They invite us to reflect on our own call to courageously follow God's will, even when it is difficult or demands sacrifice.

From the Last Supper to His betrayal, trial, and crucifixion, Jesus remains steadfast in His mission. Knowing the suffering ahead, He prays in the garden, *"Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me; still, not my will but yours be done."* Jesus accepts the Cross with unwavering courage, showing that discipleship often involves embracing trials for God's greater plan. Even as Jesus enters Jerusalem in triumph, with crowds cheering and waving palms, He knows what awaits Him – a stark contrast to the joy of this moment. Yet He moves forward with courage, fully aware that His obedience to the Father is the path to salvation for humanity.

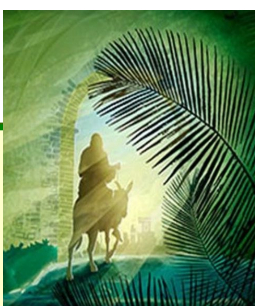
Gospel challenges us to consider our own response to God's will. Discipleship may require sacrifices, but God's grace sustains us every step of the way. But remember Cross is not the end of the story. Cross opens the way to resurrection and new life. As we enter Holy Week, let us pray for the courage to embrace God's will in our lives, even when it is difficult. Let us fix our eyes on Christ, who walked this path before us and who walks with us still.

On Tuesday, April 15, Bishop Battersby will gather with all the priests of our diocese to bless the Holy Oils of Catechumens, Chrism and Oil of the Sick at the cathedral. Please try to take part of the chrism mass celebrations.

In addition to being Palm Sunday, this weekend is very special for me because this will be the last weekend when I celebrate mass for both the parishes as Msgr. Hundt will be at St Joseph for Easter Triduum. He has been appointed as Priest Moderator for St. Joseph and St. Peter Parishes.

Thanks to the PCCW at St Joseph for all the extra steps that they have taken to make my last weekday mass on April 22 memorable. Also, thanks to all those who are going to be at St Peter on 15<sup>th</sup> April for the Passover soup supper. Hope to see you there. THANK YOU

*Happy Holy Week ~ Live Jesus*  
*Fr Biju MSFS*



~ PARISH NEWS ~

Fr Biju's last mass at St. Joseph Parish will be on  
 ✦ **Tuesday, April 22nd (5:30 pm)** ✦  
 After mass, there will be a Reception for Father Biju.  
 A light meal will be served. Please plan to attend  
 to thank Father Biju for his years of ministry at our  
 parish and to wish him well at his new Parishes.

**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, if needed, and flowers, or \$40.00 for just the flowers if you already have the urn. Please return your order form and payment by Sunday May 4.



**High School Students Scholarship Opportunity**

The PCCW is offering graduating high school seniors that will be attending college in the fall an opportunity to apply for a scholarship. To apply please submit a short essay describing your involvement in the parish and plans for future schooling, a transcript of their grades and photo if available. Please mail to the parish office - W2601 St Rd 33 La Crosse, WI 54601 or put in the collection box at church. Applications are due by May 11th.

**Next PCCW meeting: Monday, April 21st 6:30 pm**

~ DIOCESAN NEWS ~

**A Minute with Jesus: Jesus wants to live in our heart always.**

At the Last Supper, Jesus gave His Apostles – the first priests – the command to repeat His actions and words: to “do this in memory of Me.” The presence of Christ, by the change of bread and wine in becoming His Body and Blood, takes place by the power of Jesus' Word and the Holy Spirit. The priest, in the role of Christ through his ordination, pronounces the words of Jesus but their power and grace are God's. At Mass, as the priest speaks the words of Jesus, the bread and wine become His Body and Blood by the power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus wants us to receive Him at Mass every Sunday because He wants to live in our heart. Let's pray this right now and every day this week. **Thank you Jesus for Father Biju as he stands in for You, and thereby, we are able to receive You in Holy Communion at Mass.** This week, read the passage of Jesus instituting the Holy Eucharist at the Last Supper in Matthew 26:26-28.



~ Prayer for Palm Sunday ~

Heavenly Father, We give you thanks for the gift of your son, Jesus Christ, who came not as a conquering king but as a humble servant. On this Palm Sunday, we celebrate his victory over sin and death, paving the way for our salvation. Help us to live in gratitude for his sacrifice, reflecting his love and grace in all that we do. Amen

~ DIOCESAN/Community NEWS ~

**~Pancake Breakfast in Coon Valley, Palm Sunday, April 13th.**  
American Legion Post 116 will be having a pancake breakfast at the Coon Valley Legion Hall. Serving 8:00—Noon. Meal will consist of pancakes, sausage links, scrambled eggs, biscuits & gravy.

**~Divine Mercy Sunday - April 27—Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
You are invited to make a pilgrimage for Divine Mercy Sunday- April 27. The schedule for the day can be found <https://guadalupe Shrine.org/post/events/divine-mercy-sunday/> Cart shuttles will be available for pilgrims from 8AM-5PM. For more information, please call the Shrine at (877) 799-4059.



**Divine Mercy Novena begins Good Friday, April 18th.**  
A downloadable page for praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, along with the short daily novena prayer, is also available <https://diolc.org/catechesis/divine-mercy/>

**~Spring Luncheon—St. Mary's Parish, Coon Valley-April 26, 2025**  
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
\$10 per person. Open to the general public. Invite your family and friends and join us for lunch and door prizes. Beginning at 11:30 AM, Linda Schulte will present her mission trip to Casa Hogar in Peru. For more information call 608-452-3841.

**~La Crosse Auxiliary 45 Annual Flower sale for local nursing scholarships** We have awarded over \$400,000.00 in scholarships for Viterbo and WWTC nursing students. This year's sale will showcase a fresh look and an expanded selection of flowers. For best selection pre orders are available April 1-24th at <https://fnauxiliaryflowers.square.site>, or call Pat at 507-895-4084 or Patty at 608-799-8562. A supply of plants will be available on site at the garage on the corner of 11th and Ferry Street, in La Crosse from April 29- May 1,2025


**~Chrism Mass | April 15, 2025 |Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman** The Chrism Mass is one of the diocesan highlights at which the Bishop blesses the oils for the celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism, the Anointing of the Sick, and consecrates the Sacred Chrism used in the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Orders. Priests also renew their priestly promises at this Mass, and the faithful pray for them. The Chrism Mass will be celebrated on April 15, at 10:30 am at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral. Please consider attending!

**Lent: Reclaim your joy!**

As we enter this last week of Lent - the holiest week of the year - it is essential to make a good confession before the feast of Easter. We need the strength of God's grace received in the sacrament of reconciliation to persevere in setting aside our phones for at least 15 minutes each day. Further, God will bless us in what we ask of Him in Psalm 51: 12-14

A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me.  
Cast me not out from Your presence, and Your Holy Spirit take not from me.  
Give me back the joy of Your salvation, and a willing spirit sustain in me.

May our Holy Week be a time of quiet reflection as we remain close to Jesus through His grueling Passion, torturous Death and glorious Resurrection, all for love of us!



~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~

# Holy Thursday Unscramble

*What happened on Holy Thursday?  
Unscramble the words to fill in the blanks  
and use the letters in circles to fill in the last blanks.*

The day  (EFROBF) He died, Jesus went to celebrate the  (SPSVROEA) with His  (ISLEPSCDI)

During the meal, Jesus began to wash their feet, but Peter would not let Him. Jesus told him, "Now  (UOY) don't understand what I'm doing, but  (DRAWFTRAE) you will." Peter replied, "You will  (VNEER) wash my feet!" Jesus said, "If I do not wash you then you will have no part with Me." Then Peter said, "Then Lord, wash not just my feet but my head and  (DNSHA) too!"

Then Jesus took  (EADRB) and made it into His Body and took wine and made it into His Blood.

This  (STLA) Supper was the first Mass. Jesus wants to  (CMOE) to us in Holy Communion and wants us to go  (TOU) and do His work in the  (LWROD)

Jesus finished His work by offering His  to God the Father for us on the cross.



*With God's mercy and love, 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 Luke Sawaya and Will Sawaya as they journey to priesthood and Brother Matthew Kotek as he continues his religious path.
- \* For our world, may Christ's peace touch the hearts of leaders and influencers and lead them to harmony
- \* For all who struggle to care for loved ones, may the Lord in his mercy offer provision for their needs, .
- \* 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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