



St. Joseph Parish of St. Joseph Ridge

W2601 State Road 33, La Crosse WI 54601

April 20, 2025 ~ *Easter Sunday*

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday..... 4:00 pm
 Sunday 8:30 am

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday 5:30 pm (April 21)
 Tuesday
 Adoration..... 5:00 pm (April 22)
 Mass 5:30 pm
 Thursday 8:30 am (April 24)
 (Communion Service)

CONFESSIONS

- 3:30—3:45 pm (before Saturday 4:00 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:

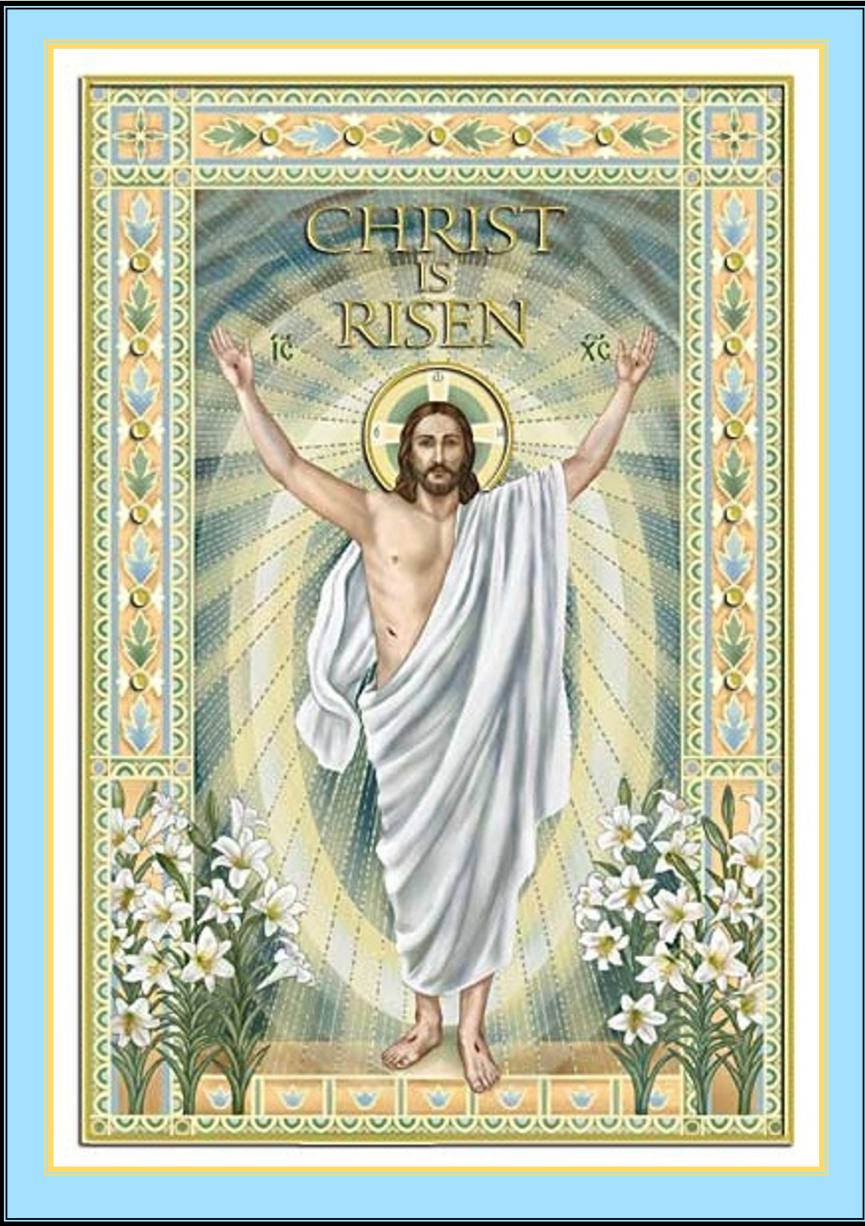
Wednesday 7:30-9:00 pm

Weekend Mass Schedule:

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

Weekday Mass Schedule:

Wednesday..... 8:00 am (April 23)



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
 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, APRIL 19TH

Holy Saturday ~ Easter Vigil

(Msgr Robert Hundt)

~8:30 pm - † Herbert & Joyce Clements (L&DC)

Lector: Sally Miller and Kathy Leis

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, APRIL 20TH ~ Easter Sunday

(Msgr Robert Hundt)

~8:30 am - † Leo & Shirley Servais (W&JG)

Lector: Bill Weber

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers



MONDAY, APRIL 21ST

~5:30 pm - Father Biju

TUESDAY, APRIL 22ND

~5:00 pm—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

~5:30 pm - † Arnold & Theresa Arentz and

Rick Schermerhorn (J&PS)

THURSDAY, APRIL 24TH

~8:30 am Communion Service (Deacon Allen)

SATURDAY, APRIL 26TH ~ Second Sunday of Easter

(Msgr Robert Hundt)

~4:00 pm - † Earl Martin (RM)

Lector: Kathy Leis

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, APRIL 27TH — Sunday of Divine Mercy

(Msgr Robert Hundt)

~8:30 am - † Patty Silha (D&JD)

Lector: Paula Silha

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

~ PARISH CALENDAR ~

- April 21 ~ 6:30 pm PCCW meeting
- April 22 ~ After 5:30 pm Mass-Reception for Father Biju
- April 23 ~ 6:30 pm Confirmation at St. Joseph of Workman Cathedral
- April 27 ~ 8:30 am First Holy Communion
- April 30 ~ 6:00 pm Communion Service for last night of Religious Education classes—Everyone is welcome
- May 4th ~ 8:30 am Mass—Quilts presented to Confirmation students; Celebration of HS Graduation, Confirmation, and First Communion students
- May 11 ~ Mother’s Day

~ 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 - Call the office (608)788-1646 or email sjrp2601@gmail.com to arrange the anointing of the sick.

* Confession

3:30—3:45 pm before 4:00 pm Mass or by appointment.

* 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. Mass Intentions Fee is \$20.00

~ Contributions for the past week ~

Adult Envelopes (46) :	\$ 3,178.00
Plate collection:	\$ 343.00
Easter flowers:	\$ 45.00
Votive candles:	\$ 12.00
DCCW:	\$ 10.00
Total:	\$ 3,588.00

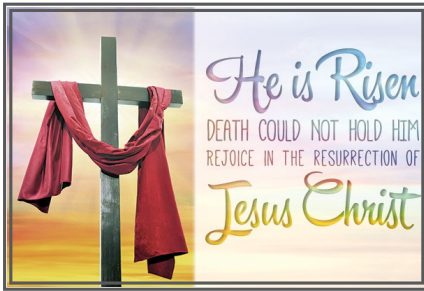
	2024-25 Goal:	\$23,335.00
	Pledged:	\$ 22,038.00
	Unpaid pledges \$760.00	
	Received (48) :	\$ 21,278.00
	Amount Due: Due June 2025	\$ 2,057.00

Donations: Here are some ways to contribute:

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

~ PASTOR LETTER ~



EASTER SUNDAY

Stewardship Reflection

His Resurrection is not just a past event we commemorate but a living reality that brings hope and transformation. Jesus, crucified for our sins, rose from the dead, conquering death once and for all.

As we gather on this Easter Sunday, let's not just acknowledge the Resurrection as a historical fact, but let's feel its truth in our hearts. Do we live as witnesses to the glorious reality of the Resurrection in our daily lives?

Of course, a witness has first-hand knowledge. Our readings today focus on the Resurrection itself and those who witnessed it.

In the Gospel, St. John describes the very first witnesses to the empty tomb: Mary Magdalene, John ("the disciple whom Jesus loved"), and Peter. Each had an individual "experience" of the empty tomb and went up close to see what Jesus' love had accomplished.

How can we, as Christian stewards all these years later, see for ourselves and become His witnesses? We "see for ourselves" when we prayerfully read the Scriptures, knowing they are a living love letter from God with a message to each of us. We "see for ourselves" each time we receive our Lord's precious Body and Blood in the Eucharist. We "see for ourselves" when we experience His personal and healing power in our hearts during Reconciliation. We "see for ourselves" when we pour out our lives in loving service to those around us and experience the deep satisfaction that only comes when we imitate our Savior.

This Easter, resolve to live as if the saving power of the Resurrection is true. Experience Jesus for yourself every day from now on. You will be a powerful witness to the truth that He is risen! He is indeed risen!



Students receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation On Wednesday, April 23rd

Anna, Breckin, Jack, Gabriel, John, Zachary, Breeley, Madelyn, Jackson

God bless you and guide you on this important occasion as you continue your faith journey. Amen

~ PARISH NEWS ~

Fr Biju's last MASS at St. Joseph Parish is

◆ **Tuesday, April 22nd (5:30 pm)** ◆
After mass, there will be a Reception for Fr. 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.

- ◆ **PCCW meeting:** Monday, April 21st 6:30 pm
- ◆ **Second Collection on Sunday, April 27th** for the La Crosse Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. The DCCW support seminarians, young people to go on a mission trip to Casa Hogar, Books for Catholic Schools(including Bibles), education for lay Catechists, summer camp, scholarships for Catholic Women to pursue religious education, Catholic Charities and their outreach to young moms, warming centers, food banks, and a whole lot of Catholic miscellaneous projects.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Cemetery Flowers.** Order forms for flowers to be placed in the cemetery by your loved ones' burial sites are located in the back of the church. Please return your form and payment by **Sunday May 4.**
- ◆ **Thank you Jim Weber** for praying the Stations of the Cross during Lent. Your faithfulness was shared with all that attended!

~ DIOCESAN NEWS ~

A Minute with Jesus: Jesus rose from the dead on Easter Sunday. Jesus is alive! We receive the living resurrected Christ in holy Communion. Jesus holds nothing back in the holy Eucharist. He gives Himself completely to us when we receive Him at Mass every Sunday. Receiving His resurrected body and blood will raise us to Him to live forever. Let's pray this right now and every day this week:



Jesus, help me to realize that You are alive, and every time I receive You, that You are alive in me.

This week, as we celebrate Easter, make a practice that was common after the resurrection with the early Christians to say to family members and friends, "Jesus Christ is risen; He is alive!"

~ DIOCESAN/Community NEWS ~

~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://guadalupeshrine.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://fhauxiliaryflowers.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

~Carlo Acutis: Roadmap to Reality
This movie explores the life and legacy of the soon-to-be Saint Carlo Acutis and how he navigated the modern world. It tackles urgent technology-related questions, examining how the virtual landscape threatens our fundamental understanding of what it means to be human. The movie will be in theatres **April 27 - 29** (3 days only) at the following cities: Marcus - La Crosse; Micon Downtown - Eau Claire; Marcus Cedar Creek - Rothschild. Be part of this national Catholic moment. Gather your friends, your youth group or your parish. For more information, visit carloacutisfilm.com

~ Message from Bishop Battersby ~

“Experience the Tenderness and Love of our Father”
You are invited to listen to a compelling message from Bishop Battersby about God’s love and mercy. His 7-minute message is available at diolc.org/mercy, or by using your smartphone to scan the QR code to the right where you’ll also find information about parishes hosting Divine Mercy celebrations.



The Feast of Divine Mercy will be celebrated on April 27, with the Divine Mercy Novena beginning on Good Friday, April 18th. A downloadable page with simple directions for praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy (which takes about five to seven minutes), along with the short daily novena prayer, is also available at the same link.

“Let no one fear to approach the fountain of mercy - the Sacred Heart of Jesus - seeking His healing, strength for daily life and the help to reorient ourselves to the love of Christ.”
— Bishop Battersby

~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~

Easter Word-Find

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O I B U R I A L O W M S
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See if you can find all the words in CAPITALS. Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks at the end.



EARLY in the MORNING, while it was still DARK, Mary MAGDALENE had gone to see JESUS' TOMB. But when she got there she found it EMPTY! She ran and got SIMON PETER and the other DISCIPLE to show them. The STONE had been rolled back. The two men went in and saw that the BODY was gone, and only the BURIAL CLOTHS were sitting there. They BELIEVED although they didn't yet understand what the SCRIPTURE said about the RESURRECTION of Jesus. Mary stayed WEEPING outside, but when as she stood LOOKING in, she saw two ANGELS. Then she saw a man in the GARDEN. She thought He was the gardener until He said, "MARY!" Then she knew who it was:

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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.
- † We pray that through the power of the Holy Spirit, that God fills those called to vocations of marriage, priesthood and religious life with the courage and faith to respond to a life of service.

