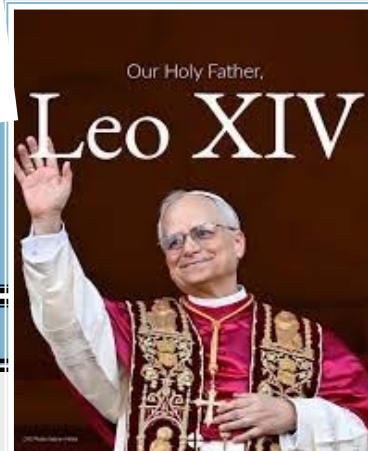


St. Joseph Parish *of* St. Joseph Ridge

W2601 State Road 33, La Crosse WI 54601

May 11, 2025 ~Fourth Sunday of Easter

Our new
elected
Pope!



Parish Director

Deacon David Allen

Priest Moderator

MSGR Robert Hundt

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday 8:30 am

WEEKDAY SCHEDULE

ADORATION

Tuesday 5:00 pm

COMMUNION SERVICE

Tuesday 5:30 pm

Thursday 8:30 am

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

St. Peter's Parish, Middle Ridge

(608) 452-4680

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 8:00 PM

Sunday 10:00 AM

COMMUNION SERVICE

Wednesday 7:00 PM

ADORATION

Wednesday 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM

*"My sheep
hear my voice;
I know them, and they follow me."*



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, MAY 10TH

(Msgr. Robert Hundt)

~4:00 pm - † Ralph & Evelyn Mikshowsky (M&CM)

Lector: Bill Weber

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, MAY 11TH

(Msgr. Robert Hundt)

~8:30 am - † George & Evelyn Miller (M&TP)

Lector: Jim Weber

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

TUESDAY, MAY 13TH

~5:00 pm—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

~5:30 pm - Communion Service (Deacon Allen)

THURSDAY, MAY 15TH

~8:30 am Communion Service (Deacon Allen)

SATURDAY, MAY 17TH

(Fr. John Parr)

~4:00 pm - † Reiny & Darlene Kammel (J&SD)

Lector: Donnie Weber

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, MAY 18TH

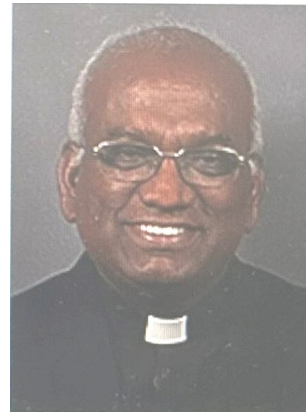
(Fr. John Parr)

~8:30 am - † Curtis Strittmater (CS)

Lector: Sally Miller

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

~ Our New Priest! ~

**Welcome**

**Father Sengole
Vethanayagam
(Father Sen)**

This week, the diocese announced that Father Sen was appointed as Pastor for St. Joseph and St Peters Parishes.

A Big Warm welcome to him!

Fr. Sen has travel plans in July, so he will not be at our Parish until August.

During May, June, and July, we will have various priests celebrating masses on weekends and Deacon Allen will have Communion Services on Tuesdays & Thursdays.

~ EMBRACE YOUR FAITH ~

*** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Tuesday evenings: 5:00 pm; 5:30 pm Communion Service

~ 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 (32) :	\$ 1,451.00
Plate collection:	\$ 264.00
DCCW(4):	\$ 60.00
Easter(3):	\$ 200.00
Votive candles:	\$ 133.50
Total:	\$ 2,108.50



2024-25 Goal:	\$23,335.00
Pledged: Unpaid pledges \$540.00	\$ 22,338.00
Received (50) :	\$ 21,798.00
Amount Due: Due June 2025	\$ 1,537.00

Mother's Day Prayer

Heavenly Father,

We lift up all mothers today and thank them for their guidance and love.

We ask You to bless them with Your own special love, today and always.
Amen.



~ Stewardship Reflection ~



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Throughout the Easter season, our readings have given us glimpses into the life of the newborn Church and the early disciples' bold witness in spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ to all who would listen.

The disciples, our spiritual ancestors, were the first to practice stewardship. Their example, rooted in Jesus' teachings, remains as relevant and powerful today as it was 2,000 years ago.

In the First Reading, from the Acts of the Apostles, we catch up with Paul and Barnabas in Antioch. While they certainly have some success in reaching many people with the message of salvation, others are downright infuriated by their words and send them packing. Yet, we read that "the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit." Overall, it seems as if Paul and Barnabas had failed in Antioch. But seeing failure has not robbed them of their joy. What's more, they are filled to the brim with the abundant gifts of the Holy Spirit. How is this possible?

It was possible because Paul and Barnabas saw themselves as nothing more and nothing less than stewards of Christ and His Good News. This realization brought them a profound joy—to offer themselves and their lives to others for the sake of the Gospel. The "results" of their efforts were up to God, and this trust in God's plan filled them with joy.

This Spirit-filled, joy-filled life is available to us all today. It can be achieved when we recognize, as did Paul and Barnabas, that all we have is a gift from God meant to be shared with others for His glory. Living as God's stewards does not guarantee a life of ease or a life free of sacrifice. Sometimes, the steward's life involves challenges, but when faced with God's strength and love, these challenges can be opportunities for growth and resilience. In the end, there is simply no more satisfying way to live.



Thank you PCCW ladies for all your hard work in putting on an awesome breakfast. It was sooo good!

Thank You
to all who
attended the
Celebration
Breakfast on
Sunday
May 4th

~ PARISH NEWS ~

Cemetery Maintenance Day

On Saturday, May 17 (8:00 am), please consider helping in some general maintenance of the cemetery such as trimming some bushes and straightening stones. More hands make light work.

Thank
You
Angels

Want to thank the two individuals who have been busy cleaning up the landscaping in front of church and around the St. Joseph statue in front of the school hall. Looks Great!

~ DIOCESAN NEWS ~

~A Minute with Jesus: Why does Jesus give us Living Bread
Jesus loves us more than anyone, and He wants to dwell within us. Through Baptism, we become children of God. As part of His Family, Jesus wants to guide us on the right path – to live a life with joy and peace under His protection. He knows we need His help to follow Him. Jesus gives us the Holy Eucharist - His Body and His Blood - to strengthen us to follow His Way. Let's pray this right now and every day this week:



In your own words thank God for the gift of your Baptism in which you became a child of God, and for your First Holy Communion in which you are privileged to receive Jesus Himself. This week, read how Jesus says that He is the Living Bread in John 6:51.

~Holy Trinity Chicken-Que and Bake Sale Wednesday, May 21 –
13th Street and Park Avenue. Serving 11:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. ½ Chicken, Coleslaw, Beans and Roll \$12.00. Dine in, Carryout, Drive Through. Pre-sales preferred – Tickets after Masses, at the Parish Office or Call the Chicken Line at 608-782-2028 Ext. 2
Bake Sale in Leo Hall – Pies, Breads, Cookies, Bars – Something for everyone.

The Confirmation students received beautiful quilts that were sewn by Maxine Jacobs and Diane Elsen.



Thank you Maxine and Diane for sharing your sewing talents.



~ DIOCESAN/Community NEWS ~

~Healing Service – Friday, June 13 at Sacred Heart in Cashton
Come experience God's supernatural love! The evening begins at 4:30 PM with Adoration, followed by 5:30 PM Mass, corporate prayer for healing, and individual healing ministry. All are welcome—come for part or all of the evening. Sacred Heart Parish, 1223 Front St., Cashton, WI.

~Grow your garden and help support a young woman in need!

Saturday, May 17th from 8am - 1pm Blessed Sacrament's Women's Club will be sponsoring a Plant Sale in the BSP parking lot. Proceeds from your purchase go directly to fund the education, housing and safety of a young woman living at Hosea's Heart in eSwatini. Learn more about Hosea's Heart and donate at hoseasheart.org.

~Mark Your Calendars for the March for Life Wisconsin!

Join Pro-Life Wisconsin, Wisconsin Catholic Conference, Wisconsin Family Council, and Wisconsin Right to Life for a joyful and peaceful march to protect every human life at the Wisconsin State Capitol on Saturday, June 14, 2025, from 2-4pm. Find out more and sign up to take the bus at MarchforLifeWisconsin.org. Bus tickets are \$15 for individuals and \$45 for families. Questions? Contact Pro-Life Wisconsin Outreach Director Lesley Chisholm at 262-796-1111 X116 or Lesley.C@ProLifeWI.org.

~STILL THE ANSWER" EUCHARISTIC RALLY 2025

Saturday, Aug. 9, 2025 The Pablo Center, Eau Claire, WI
Last June, "the ANSWER" Eucharistic Rally at the La Crosse Center was a powerful and transformative encounter with Christ in the Eucharist. But our journey as disciples of Jesus doesn't end there—because Jesus is Still the Answer today, tomorrow, and forever. On Saturday, August 9, 2025, we have another incredible opportunity to pause, reflect and be renewed in His presence. The 2025 Eucharistic Rally will take place at the Pablo Center in Eau Claire, WI, bringing together Catholics from across the Diocese for a day of faith, fellowship and encounter like no other.



**May 15th
Feast Day**

Prayer to St. Isidore

Good Saint, we are told that your devotion to the Holy

Sacrifice of the Mass was so great that you would rise before it was light in order to be able to attend Mass before beginning your work in the fields. Obtain for us, we pray, some of that loving devotion to the

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. There it is that the fruits of our farm labor, bread and wine, are brought and offered to God by the priest. Then, in the Consecration, Christ Himself, Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity, becomes present on our altars under the appearances of this same bread and wine. And in what was the altar bread, He comes to us to be the very food of our souls. If we deeply realize the value and beauty of Holy Mass, we will be very happy to attend as often as we possibly can. Help us to understand that in the Mass we offer ourselves to God with Christ by the hands of the priest. There we can bring to God all that we do and offer it to Him in union with His Holy Sacrifice. The more often we do this now, the happier we shall be hereafter. Good Saint Isidore, bless us and our labors, that we may someday reap the reward of good works with you in heaven. Amen.

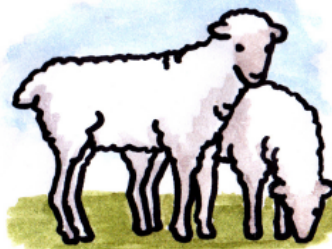
~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~

Jesus' Sheep Word Puzzle

*Use the words in the list to fill in the blanks.
Use the numbered letters to fill in the blanks at the very end.*

Jesus _____⁴ *John 10:27-30*
"My sheep hear my voice;
I _____³ them
and they _____² _____⁷
I give them eternal life;
and they shall never _____⁸ _____
and no one can take them out of my _____¹²
My Father, who has _____¹ _____¹⁰ them to me,
_____⁵ _____⁶ than all,
and no one can take _____⁶ _____
out of the Father's hand.
The _____⁹ _____ and I _____¹¹ one."

FOLLOW	ME	FATHER
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Jesus is the

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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.
- † For an up-building of all vocations in the Church and in a particular way for priestly vocations to the Diocese of La Crosse from our parish.

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

**ALWAYS
pray
and
NEVER
give up!**