



St. Joseph Parish of St. Joseph Ridge

W2601 State Road 33, La Crosse WI 54601

May 25, 2025 ~Sixth Sunday of Easter

Pastor (starting August 1, 2025)

Father Sen (Sengole Vethanayagam)

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

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Bulletin deadline: Wednesday

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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

**Whoever loves me
will keep my word,
and my Father will love him.**



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 24TH

(Fr. Sam McCarty)

~4:00 pm - † Bob Strittmater, Guanella, and
Strittmater families (CS)

Lector: Kathy Leis

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, MAY 25TH

(Fr. Sam McCarty)

~8:30 am - † Pat McKenzie (J&SB)

Lector: Donnie Weber

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

TUESDAY, MAY 27TH~5:00 pm—*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

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

THURSDAY, MAY 29TH

~8:30 am Communion Service (Deacon Allen)

SATURDAY, MAY 31ST

(Fr. John Parr)

~4:00 pm - † Rick Schermerhorn (J&PS)

Lector: Kathy Leis

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, JUNE 1ST

(Fr. John Parr)

~8:30 am - † Evelyn Rutz-Thornton (P&SG)

Lector: Jim Weber

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

~ Contributions for the past week ~

Adult Envelopes (38) :	\$ 2,376.00
Plate collection:	\$ 254.00
DCCW(1):	\$ 20.00
Total:	\$ 2,650.00

~ Thank you Money Counters! ~

Pray that the next time

worry, anxiety, or fear enters your life,

make GOD your first choice

and not your last resort.

**MEMORIAL DAY****MONDAY, MAY 26**Coon Valley American
Legion Schedule to honor
veterans at area cemeteries

★ 7:30 am Koethe Cemetery

★ 7:45 am Trinity Church Cemetery—Mormon Coulee

★ 8:15 am St Joseph Ridge Cemetery

★ 8:30 am North Ridge Cemetery

★ 9:30 am Bethany Church Esofea—Cemetery

★ 10:00 am Coon Valley Lutheran Church -Cemetery

★ 10:30 am Parade begins at Post Office in Coon Valley.
At conclusion of parade program begins at Veterans
Memorial behind Legion Hall. Lunch served by
Legion Auxiliary in the Legion Hall.

~ 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**

2024-25 Goal:	\$23,335.00
Pledged:	\$ 22,338.00
Received (51) :	\$ 23,343.00
Our Goal has been met!!!	\$.00

Thank you for your Generosity!!!

~ Stewardship Reflection ~

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The concept of hospitality, which is warm and inclusive, is fundamental to a stewardship way of life. When we envision hospitality, we naturally think of offering newcomers in our parish a sincere and warm welcome. We picture inviting them in and helping them feel at home and at ease in our presence, conveying that they are highly valued.

Today's Gospel reading from John invites us to consider hospitality in a slightly different light. In it, we hear Jesus saying this to his disciples: "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him." This passage is not just about love and obedience; it also reflects the hospitality of the heart, inviting God to dwell within us.

Jesus invites us to welcome the Blessed Trinity to dwell within us. This extraordinary request reminds us that our highest and most cherished form of hospitality should be directed toward God Himself.

How does one show hospitality to God? How do we make God "at home and ease" within us? How can we communicate to God that He is "highly valued" by us? Jesus tells us how: We are to keep His word and follow His teachings.

We must know His word to keep it. This requires discipline and effort. We must prioritize studying Scripture and Church teachings in our daily lives; through this study, we gain a deeper understanding of God's word and His teachings, which inspire and motivate us to live lives of stewardship.

If we want our parish to be a place of genuine Christian hospitality, we must ensure that our hearts are hospitable dwelling places for the Blessed Trinity. Then our smiles, words, greetings, and ministries—each an integral part of our parish community—will radiate with the warmth of God's love. This way, our parish family will become something like Heaven on Earth, and we will all share this larger purpose. This embodies the simplicity and glory of a stewardship way of life.

~ PARISH NEWS ~

- ♦ Our Goal for the Diocesan Annual Appeal has been met! Thank you to everyone that contributed. (Just so you know that any funds that are donated over our Goal are donated back to the Parish.)
- ♦ Monsignor Hundt celebrated his 64th anniversary of his ordination on Tuesday, May 20th. Thank you Msgr Hundt for your continued dedications and your faithfulness to the St. Joseph Parish and the Catholic community. God Bless You.
- ♦ Father Sen will be starting at St. Joseph Parish and St. Peters Parish on August 1st. Until that time we will have various priests celebrating masses on weekends. Deacon Allen will celebrate Adoration on Tuesdays at 5:00 pm with a Communion Service following at 5:30 pm; Communion Service on Thursdays (8:30 am)
- ♦ Cemetery flowers have been placed on sites as per orders. Thank you David and Teresa Brown. Our cemetery always looks so nice. Also Thank you to Rick Meyer for mowing and trimming!

~ DIOCESAN NEWS ~

~A Minute with Jesus: Eucharist means thanksgiving

When we receive Jesus, we want to receive Him sincerely and thank Him for the total gift of Himself to us - the greatest gift possible. After receiving Holy Communion, we want to give heartfelt thanks to Jesus for this tremendous blessing. This thanksgiving is the only proper response, for through this gift of Himself in the celebration of the Eucharist our union with Jesus is augmented, our charity toward others is revived and more merciful, and we are strengthened to avoid future mortal sins.



Let's pray this right now and every day this week: **Jesus, help me to have a grateful heart, most especially to our Heavenly Father, to You, and to the Holy Spirit.**

This week read how St. Peter speaks words of thanksgiving for all that God our Father has done for us through Jesus Christ in 1 Peter 1: 3-9



About Pope Leo XIV:

- ♦ Robert Francis Prevost was born on Sept. 14, 1955, in Chicago to Louis Marius Prevost, of French and Italian descent, and Mildred Martínez, of Spanish descent. He has two brothers, Louis Martín and John Joseph.

- ♦ His father was a World War II Navy veteran and school superintendent; his

mother was a librarian who was very involved in parish life.

- ♦ The new pope speaks multiple languages, including English, Spanish, Italian, French, and Portuguese.
- ♦ He earned a bachelor of science degree in mathematics from Villanova University in 1977 before pursuing his religious vocation.
- ♦ He completed his secondary studies at the minor seminary of the Augustinians in 1973 in Michigan. In 1977, he became a member of the Order of St. Augustine and took his solemn vows in 1981.
- ♦ He completed a master of divinity degree at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago and earned a licentiate and doctorate in canon law from the Pontifical College of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome. He went on to teach canon law in seminaries during his time in Peru.

- ♦ He was ordained a priest on June 19, 1982, by Archbishop Jean Jadot in Rome.
- ♦ He served extensively in Peru from 1985 to 1998, working as a parish pastor, seminary teacher, and diocesan official. He was also part of the leadership of Caritas Peru, the Church's charitable organization.
- ♦ After being elected the head of the Augustinian Province of Chicago, he returned to the U.S. in 1999. He was elected prior general of the Augustinians in 2001 and then reelected in 2007, serving as head of the order until 2013.
- ♦ Pope Francis appointed him apostolic administrator and then bishop of the Diocese of Chiclayo, Peru, in 2014 and 2015 respectively, and received episcopal consecration on Dec. 12, 2014, at St. Mary's Cathedral in Chiclayo.
- ♦ He was made a cardinal by Pope Francis on Sept. 30, 2023.
- ♦ While serving the Church in Peru, Francis made him a member of the Dicastery for the Clergy in 2019 and then a member of the Dicastery for Bishops in 2020. In 2023, Francis made him prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops.
- ♦ His episcopal motto — which is a bishop's personal motto — is "In illo uno unum," which means "**In the one Christ we are one,**" reflecting his commitment to unity.

~ DIOCESAN/Community NEWS ~

~Novena to the Holy Spirit starts May 30 - June 7, 2025

A nine-day Novena to the Holy Spirit in preparation for the celebration of Pentecost is available for download here: diolc.org/catechesis/catechetical-leaders-info. The focus of each day of the Novena is to pray for an increase of one of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. These supernatural gifts are necessary to live the Christian life. It will be powerful if all are encouraged to join in as a parish to pray the Novena.

~March for Life Wisconsin – This is BIG – Join us on June 14!

The 2025 March for Life Wisconsin on Saturday, June 14, 2025 will for the first time be hosted by all four major pro-life forces in the state – the Wisconsin Catholic Conference, Pro-Life Wisconsin, Wisconsin Right to Life, and Wisconsin Family Council. Buses to the March, which will be held starting at 2:00 PM at the Capitol in Madison, will travel from around the state, including from Chippewa Falls, Onalaska, and Sparta. Cost is \$15/person or \$45/family and you may register at marchforlifewisconsin.org. Come bear witness to the sanctity of human life as we march around the Capitol building and hear from inspiring speakers! Pro-life signs will be provided.

~36th Aquinas Golf Scramble—July 9th Cedar Creek Golf Club

Year after year, the golfers have a great time generating \$20,000 for need-based tuition assistance benefiting families at all of our Aquinas Catholic Schools. For more information <http://www.aquinasatholicschools.org/golf-scrabble>

~Wisconsin Bishops' Pastoral Letter on End of Life Decisions

Last fall, Wisconsin's bishops released the 4th edition of their pastoral letter on end of life decisions, Now and at the Hour of Our Death. The letter provides guidance on many aspects of end-of-life planning and decisions, and it can be accessed at wisconsincatholic.org/parish-resources/endoflife/. For questions related to the moral principles for end of life decisions, you may contact Christopher Ruff in the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns (cruff@diolc.org).

~Catch the Fire of the Spirit, Grow in your Faith—Join Lay Formation!

Registration is now open for the next two-year Lay Formation Institute cycle that begins in the fall of 2025. Deepen your knowledge of the Faith in a community of learners, catch the fire of the Holy Spirit and let Him make you a contagious witness to Christ! See the complete information and application form at diolc.org/lay-formation. Discuss with your pastor and contact the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns at ministries@diolc.org or call 608.791.0161.

~Healing Service – Friday, June 13 at Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 400 Congress Ave, Viroqua, 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.

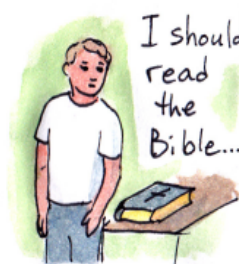
~Action Alert on Behalf of our International Priests: Urge Congress to Support Foreign-Born Religious Men and Women and the Communities They Serve

An increasing number of priests, religious sisters and brothers, and others serving the Church throughout the United States will be forced to abandon their ministries if policymakers do not act soon. Unfortunately, many parishes, schools, and other Catholic institutions have already had to part with men and women who served them for years because of challenges with the Religious Worker Visa Program. To learn more, and to make your voice heard in favor of the bipartisan Religious Workforce Protection Act, visit votervoice.net/USCCB/home. The Diocese of La Crosse is grateful for the ministry of nearly 30 international priests!

~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~

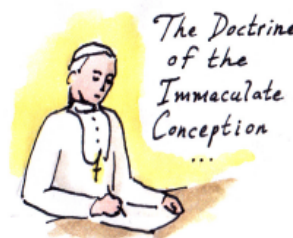
Jesus Promises to Send the Holy Spirit

In today's Gospel reading Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit to the disciples after He was gone. The Holy Spirit would teach them all they needed to know.



After Jesus left, the disciples would be confused about what Jesus had wanted them to do and how to go about building the Church He had started. But Jesus promised that they would not be alone. God the Holy Spirit would come to them and show them what they needed to do.

Where is the Holy Spirit now? He is still working in the Church. He inspires people to do what is right and to learn the truth. He also shows the leaders of the Church what God wants of them and keeps the Church's teachings free of error. Can you think of times when the Holy Spirit helped you?



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!