



St. Joseph Parish *of* St. Joseph Ridge

W2601 State Road 33, La Crosse WI 54601

June 1, 2025

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord ~ Seventh 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

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

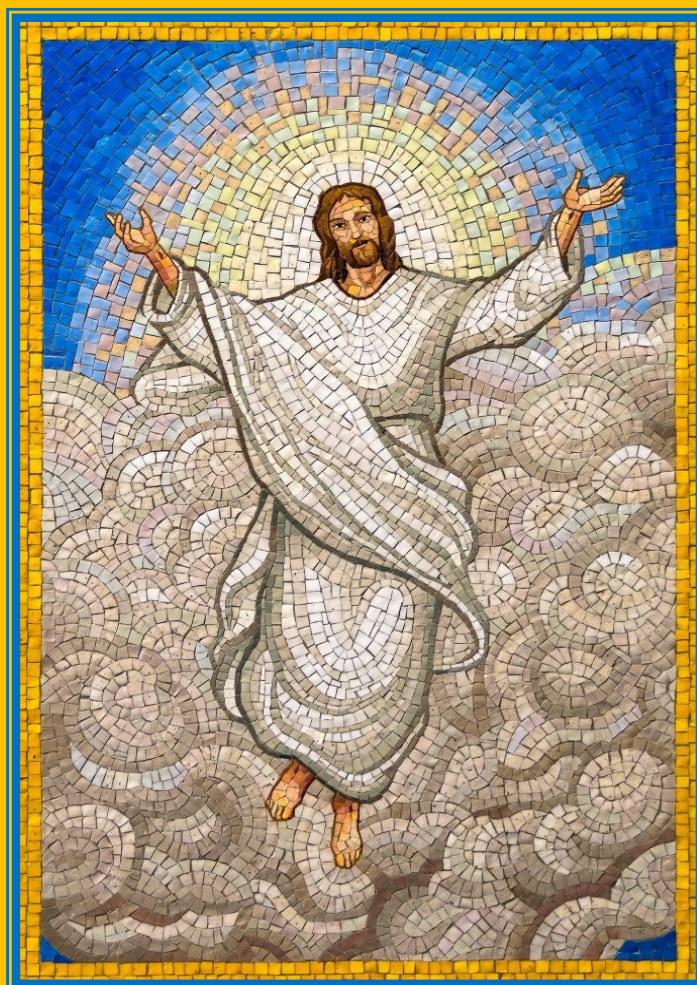
Saturday 8:00 PM

Sunday 10:00 AM

COMMUNION SERVICE

Wednesday 7:00 PM

*He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the
right hand of the Father.*



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

Director:

Lorie Liss

*'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

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Rick Meyer

MUSIC

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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 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

TUESDAY, JUNE 3RD~5:00 pm—*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 5TH

~8:30 am Communion Service (Deacon Allen)

SATURDAY, JUNE 7TH

(Fr. Timothy Reither)

~4:00 pm - † Caroline Martin (LM)

Lector: Donnie Weber

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, JUNE 8TH

(Fr. Timothy Reither)

~8:30 am - † Bill Patterson (SB)

Lector: Donna Clements

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

~ Parish Calendar ~

- June 15 ~ Father's Day
- June 26 & 27 ~ Priest Unity Days in La Crosse

~ 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**

DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING INSTANCES OF CHILD ABUSE:

The Diocese of La Crosse, through its policies and procedures, seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor or volunteer).

Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Mrs. Teresa Brown, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Brown at 608.791.0179 or intakeagent@diolc.org.

The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at: diolc.org/safe-environment/reporting.

Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local Parish and on the diocesan website.

If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, please contact Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at 608.791.2679 or tbrown@diolc.org.

~ Contributions for the past week ~

Adult Envelopes (27) :	\$ 1,656.00
Plate collection:	\$ 258.00
Ascension (5):	\$ 210.00
Rectory remodel:	\$ 375.00
Votive candles:	\$ 124.50
Total:	\$ 2,623.50

	2024-25 Goal:	\$23,335.00
	Pledged:	\$ 23,838.00
	Received (52) :	\$ 23,568.00
	Over Goal!!!!	\$ 233.00 Over
Thank you for your Generosity!!!		

~ Stewardship Reflection ~



SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

On this Feast of the Ascension, a day filled with deep joy and celebration, we commemorate Christ's victorious return to the Father after fulfilling His mission on earth. This Feast, which holds great significance in our spiritual journey, marks a joyful commemoration of the "launch day" of our commissioning as Christ's disciples. This moment fills us with hope and inspiration.

Today's Gospel focuses on the explicit guidance Jesus provided to His disciples—and, by extension, to us—just before His ascension to the Father: "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You, each of you, are witnesses of these things, entrusted with the crucial task of spreading His message.

Adopting a stewardship lifestyle—focused on how we use our time, talent, and treasure—enables us to live in a way that reflects the Good News of the Gospel. As a parish family, we take time each year to renew our commitments in these three domains. However, it is essential for each of us to allocate time throughout the year to continually evaluate our commitments, considering both our strengths and areas where we can grow further.

On this Feast of our 'launch day,' let us pause to celebrate our achievements as Christ's disciples. Let us reaffirm our unwavering commitment to remain faithful to Him and the unique mission He has given us, recognizing that our accomplishments reflect His grace and our steadfast dedication.

~ PARISH NEWS ~

♦ Stan, La Verne and Donna Clements will water the flowers in the Cemetery on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays this summer. **THANK YOU SO MUCH** ☸☸☸. If anyone would prefer to water their own flowers, please call (608)452-4540.

♦ On June 8th, *Nora Reese Servais*, daughter of Brent and Shaylah Servais, will receive the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, June 8th. Blessings to Nora and her family!!!



♦ Fr. Biju is celebrating his 50th Birthday on Sunday, June 1st. Happy Birthday Fr. Biju!!! God Bless you for your ministry at St. Joseph Parish and prayers to you at your new parishes.

♦ The remodeling at the rectory is moving along. The upstairs bathroom will be updated, kitchen is being painted along with a couple of cabinets being replaced., porch is being painted and stained, main floor bathroom window being replace,...

♦ Our Goal for the Diocesan Annual Appeal has been met! Thank you to everyone that contributed. (FYI-any funds that are donated over our Goal are donated back to the Parish—if you still want to contribute.)

~ DIOCESAN NEWS ~

~**A Minute with Jesus:** **Receiving the Eucharist – Our Closest Union with Jesus on Earth** The Mass is a representation of the Holy Sacrifice that Jesus made of Himself on the cross for our salvation. Because God is outside time and space, at Mass the same sacrifice that Jesus offered for our sins is made present. When we receive holy Communion at Mass, we are receiving Jesus Himself, which is our closest union with Him on earth. Taking His Body and Blood into our own bodies, we are united with Him in a deep and intimate bond. Jesus feeds our souls, strengthening us to be faithful by loving and serving Him through serving others, most especially those in need. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: ***Jesus please strengthen me to be committed to coming to Mass early so that I can spend some time quietly preparing to be united with You in holy Communion.*** This week read the words of Jesus about remaining in Him and He in us in John 6:54-58.



Jesus Ascends into Heaven!



Today we celebrate the feast of the Ascension- when Jesus went up, body and soul, into Heaven. Forty days after Jesus rose from the dead He took his disciples up to a big hill and told them that He was going to send the Holy Spirit to them soon. Then He went up into the sky and disappeared behind the clouds.

At first it seems kind of sad that Jesus left His friends, doesn't it? But how could they be sad when Jesus was returning with joy to His Father in Heaven?

Sometimes we are sad when somebody we love dies or moves away, and that's okay. We can't stay with our friends forever in this world, but we will in Heaven. Jesus is there waiting for us to come and live forever with Him and all our friends.

So today we should celebrate Jesus' going into Heaven, and remember that He has gone ahead of us to make a place ready for us when we die.

~ 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.

~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.aquinascatholicschools.org/golf-scramble>

~DARE to Follow July 8-10 at Holy Cross Diocesan Center

We are called to be Holy Men of God. Dare to Follow is for young men in grades 6-10 who are interested in hearing where God is calling them. Join us for activities, discernment, and time with Bishop Battersby and priests from our area. <https://diolc.org/priesthood/2025-dare-to-follow/>

~Counted as Mine: Come see the Guadalupe story as an operetta!

Counted as Mine, by Mother Mary Francis, PCC, and Fr. Joseph Roff, is being performed for the first time since 1962. Performances will be Saturday, June 21, 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, June 22, 2:30 p.m. at the Weber Center in La Crosse. GuadalupeShrine.org/Events

~The Renewal Project: Simple, Achievable, Life-Changing

The Renewal Project is not a checklist or a program—it's a personal invitation for you to engage with your faith on your time and on your terms. Rooted in prayer and community, this diocesan-wide effort encourages each of us to take a simple step deeper in our relationship with Jesus Christ. You will find a variety of invitations to help you reflect, grow, and respond to the Lord in your daily life—whether as parents, couples, singles, or students. It's about opening your heart to His presence and letting Him renew you from the inside out. To learn more and begin your journey, visit diolc.org/renewal. Come and see what the Lord desires for you.

~La Crosse Warming Center Summer Services

Catholic Charities is providing Summer Services for those who are unhoused at the La Crosse Warming Center which include showers, laundry, access to other community resources such as Economic Support, CCS/Pathways Outreach Team, and St. Lawrence Community Services Housing Counseling. In order to provide these services, a need for monetary donation which can be done on their website www.cclse.org

~**Family Caregiver Support Group** The Franciscan Spirituality Center has teamed up with the Aging and Disability Resource Center of La Crosse County to offer a FREE Family Caregiver Support Group. In-person meetings are 1:30-2:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month starting June 12 at the Franciscan Spirituality Center, 920 Market St., La Crosse. The group is open to ALL caregivers. The focus will be on reducing the stress of family caregivers, not on a specific diagnosis. Meet others and share the caregiving journey! No registration is required. For more information, please contact Kristine Meyer at 608-386-0922 or kmeyer@lacrossecounty.org.

~**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.

~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~

Feast of the Ascension May 29th or June 1st, 2025



Luke 24:46-53

*Jesus disappeared into a cloud forty days after
He rose from the dead. Where did He go?*

*Colour in the spaces with crosses (+)
to find out!*

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!