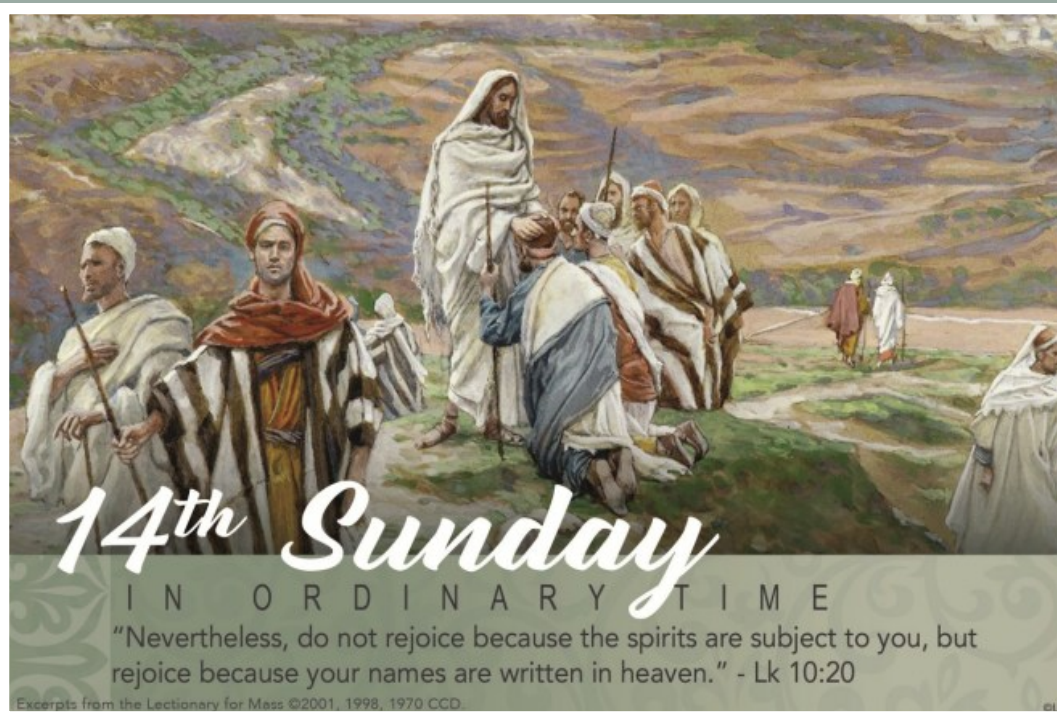


St. Joseph Parish *of* St. Joseph Ridge

W2601 State Road 33, La Crosse WI 54601

July 6, 2025

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

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

PARISH OFFICE: 608-788-1646 sjrp2601@gmail.com; Bulletin deadline: Wednesday Office hours vary, call or email with questions

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

PCCW - Parish Council of Catholic Women

Lori Clements-President

Mary Jo Hess-Treasurer

Jill Murphy-Secretary

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Leland Gregorich

LuAnne Gregorich

Mary Beth Smith

Sacristan:

Sally Miller

'Thank you for your time and talent to support our parish.'

"Whoever serves me, the Father will honor." John 12:26

~ PARISH INTENTIONS ~

SATURDAY, JULY 5TH

(Msgr David Kunz)

~4:00 pm - † Randy Bahr
(MB)

Lector: Bill Weber

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

**SUNDAY, JULY 6TH**

(Msgr David Kunz)

~8:30 am - † Reiny & Darlene Kammel (J&SD)

Lector: Donna Clements

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

TUESDAY, JULY 8TH

~5:00 pm—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

THURSDAY, JULY 10TH

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

SATURDAY, JULY 12TH

(Fr. Deihn)

~4:00 pm - † Francis Schmidt and Roxanne Blakey (IS)

Lector: Cecilia Sawaya

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, JULY 13TH

(Fr. Deihn)

~8:30 am - † Alice & Robert Silha (D&JD)

Lector: Dan Steiger

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

~ Parish Calendar ~

- **July 26**—Rescheduled March for Life Wisconsin in Madison
- **August 2** ~ Fr. Sen celebrates his first mass at our parish
- **August 9**—“Still the Answer” Eucharistic Rally 2025
Pablo Center in Eau Claire
- **September 13** ~ Chicken Q hosted by our PCCW

~ 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 (29) :	\$ 1,342.00
Plate collection:	\$ 228.50
Total:	\$ 1,570.50

First Reading: Isaiah 66:10-14c
Second Reading: Galatians 6:14-18
Gospel: Luke 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

Isaiah says to rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad because of her, for there we will find comfort. Paul writes to the Galatians: May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. Circumcision and uncircumcision no longer mean anything, but only being a new creation. Paul bears the marks of Christ on his body. In the Gospel, Jesus sends out seventy-two disciples ahead of him to prepare for his ministry and to proclaim the kingdom of God.

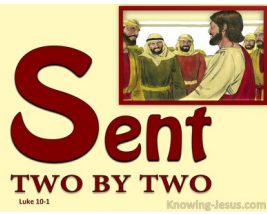
Donations: Here are some ways to contribute:

- 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.



5-year Goal: (2023-2027)	\$140,000.00
Pledged:	\$148,405.00
Received (61):	\$87,465.00
Remaining Amount:	\$52,535.00

~ STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION ~



Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the Gospel passage from Luke, we find our Lord appointing disciples to go out and prepare others to receive His invitation into the Kingdom of God. Every verse offers guidance on how a Christian steward should approach others. Let's examine at least one of the coaching tips Christ provides.

"The Lord appointed seventy-two others whom He sent out ahead of Him in pairs to every town and place He intended to visit." In His wisdom, Christ sent His disciples out not as individuals, but in pairs, forming teams. This approach to evangelization not only offered practical advantages but also fostered a sense of unity and shared mission. The disciples could rely on each other for mutual support and encouragement, helping one another stay focused and collaborate in prayer and problem-solving. This teamwork approach remains just as relevant for us, modern-day Christian stewards. It takes courage and commitment to invite others into the Christian life. We need to work together to do it effectively, and in doing so, we can inspire and motivate one another.

But there is also symbolic importance in working as a team. It highlights the reality that when we invite others to embrace the Good News of the Gospel, we are not merely inviting them into a belief system, but into a relationship with Christ and, through that relationship, into Christ's family — our fellow Christian disciples near and far.

Our parish is our immediate spiritual family in this vast worldwide community. We are not meant to live as isolated individuals within the parish any more than we are meant to live in isolation within our families. We are called to be a community, one that is supportive and welcoming, offering reassurance and comfort. This is why it is essential to cultivate a vibrant, welcoming parish life. We emphasize hospitality as one of the pillars of stewardship. It is not enough to point others to Christ; we must also invite them to join us in community with Him, providing a place and a mission for them within the Church and our parish family.

❖ Stewardship Reflection ❖

"He said to them, 'The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few...'" LUKE 10:2


As Catholics, we are all called to serve. Each of us has been given "charisms," otherwise known as gifts from the Holy Spirit, to help build God's Church. Our charisms can only be used for good. We know we are using them in the right ministry when we are filled with joy and want to share stories about our charitable works. Discern how God is calling you to use your charisms. Say "yes" to what God is calling you to do and then do it! Share your joy and invite others to do the same.

~ PARISH NEWS ~

- ♦ **Rectory Updates:** Some electrical updates are to be done next week, main floor bathroom window to be replaced, upstairs bathroom flooring to be replaced. This past week there has been a lot of cleaning, sprucing up the décor, and replacing of some furniture. Thank you to everyone involved!!!
- ♦ **Chicken Q** on Saturday, September 13th— PCCW will be hosting a Chicken Q (prepared by Pogy's Catering).
- ♦ **Mission Appeal:** On the weekend of July 19 & 20 we will have a visit from Fr. Victor Inbam from the Vellore Diocese in TamilNadu India for an appeal for his mission. Please plan ahead & thank you for your generosity.

~ DIOCESAN NEWS ~

~"Need Hope? Take a Minute to Get to Know the God of All Hope"

"For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from Him. He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken" (Psalm 62:5-6). Hope is based on trusting in God's goodness, infinite mercy and faithfulness. The Act of Hope may be prayed at any time, acknowledging God's power, promises, and willingness to grant forgiveness, grace, and eternal life through the merits of Jesus Christ. You are invited to pray the Act of Hope each day during the Jubilee Year of Hope: "O Lord God, I hope by our grace for the pardon of all my sins and after life here to gain eternal happiness because You have promised it who are infinitely powerful, faithful, kind, and merciful. In this hope, I intend to live and die. Amen." 

~**122nd St. Charles Homecoming Picnic Sunday, July 6th,** at the church, 707 Eagle St., Genoa. Food will be served from 11 am to 2 pm. Each meal includes Pogy's grilled chicken and sides, as well as a serving of homemade risotto, which is a cheesy rice delicacy passed down through generations of Italian immigrants who settled in the area. Raffle drawings will begin at 3 p.m. Meals cost \$15 each, smaller hot dog plates available for younger attendees for \$6. For more information, visit St. Charles School and Parish Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/StCharlesSchoolGenoa>.

~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/>

~**Celebrate NFP Awareness:** There will be a gathering at the St. Peter's rectory on Wednesday July 16th at 6 PM for couples currently using or interested in Natural Family Planning. Dr. & Mrs. Mark Koehne will speak on the beauty of NFP in marriage. Come connect with other couples. One lucky couple will win a date night gift certificate! See the flier in the back of church for more information and RSVP to Rachel Persson by July 13th.

July Fireworks

Saturday, July 12th
5:00 pm—10:30 pm

St. Joseph Ridge Community Park
Food and Refreshments
for purchase by the Lions Club



~ DIOCESAN/Community NEWS ~

3rd Annual Picnic on the Lawn – A Community Celebration

Saturday, July 26, 2025 | 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM;

St. Mary Parish, Coon Valley, WI

All are welcome to join us for our 3rd Annual Picnic on the Lawn! This free community event features delicious pork prepared by Simply Smoked, walking tacos, kids' hot dogs and ice cream treats. Live music by Jen Wilder (11:30 AM – 1:00 PM) and Leather and Lace (1:00 – 3:00 PM), a bounce house, dunk tank, parents vs. kid's games, and more! Goodwill donations are appreciated. Some of the entertainment and beverages will be available for a small fee. Come enjoy a wonderful summer day with friends, family, and neighbors!

~Calling All Catholic Women! If you are a Catholic woman over the age of 21, please consider joining our Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court La Crosse #1183. We are currently fifty-two members strong and we want to grow! We meet monthly, the second Wednesday, from Sept. – June, 10:00 am, at Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman, 530 Main, Undercroft. The Catholic Daughters are one of the oldest and largest organizations of Catholic women in the Americas. Catholic Daughter women enjoy each other's company at monthly meetings, share Catholic spirituality, give generously to local and national charities, and work for the church and community. To learn more about our court and the Catholic Daughters, please contact Karol Smith, 608-769-1270, email: kschlo3004@aol.com or visit www.catholicdaughters.org. We'd love to meet you.

~St. Patrick's Church Rummage Sale and Bake Sale

127 11th Ave. N., Onalaska, Friday, July 25, 7:30 am - 4 pm, Saturday, July 26, 7:30 am - 3 pm. Holiday items, Collectors corner with antiques and unique items, household items, furniture, bikes, toys, bedding, jewelry, baked goods, and so much more!

Donations for the St. Patrick Rummage Sale will be accepted starting June 25. Contact the parish office for drop-off times and information at 608.783.5535, ext. 2.

~Help for End-of-Life Healthcare and Funeral Questions

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/, or by scanning the QR code to the right. 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).

~Family Caregiver Support Group (in-person)

Thu, Jul 10 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm

Meets the second Thursday of the month.

This new support group is open to ALL family caregivers and is a partnership between the Aging and Disability Resource Center of La Crosse County and the Franciscan Spirituality Center. The focus will be on reducing the stress of family caregivers, not on a specific diagnosis. Meet other family caregivers and share the caregiving journey. Free to attend, and no registration required. For more information, please contact Kristine Meyer at 608-386-0922 or kmeyer@lacrossecounty.org.

2025 DATES: June 12, July 10, August 14, September 11, October 9, November 13, December 11



Pray That we ask God how He wants us to use our gifts for the glory of His name and not our self-interest.

~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~

Labourers in the Harvest

Luke 10:1-12, 17-20



I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves.

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus sends out seventy-two disciples to tell the people in the towns that He is coming, and to heal the sick. He tells them that they should pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.

Jesus compares the souls of the people to a harvest. He needs people who will go out into the world and gather the souls for Him, and tells the people that they should pray that God will send out these labourers. Do you know who these people are? They are the priests and other missionaries who work to bring people to Jesus.

Do you think that God might be calling you to be a labourer in the harvest of souls? Pray every day that you will know how you can best serve God. Also pray that God will send many holy priests and missionaries into the world.



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.

† That we remember we are just passing through this life and to live each day with passion and purpose.

† 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