

JULY



The month of the
Precious Blood of
JESUS

St. Joseph Parish *of* St. Joseph Ridge

W2601 State Road 33, La Crosse WI 54601

July 13, 2025

Fifteenth 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 8:30 PM

***“Teacher, what must I do
to inherit eternal life?”***

Jesus said to him,

“What is written in the law?

How do you read it?”

He said in reply

“You shall love

the Lord, your God,

With all your heart,

With all your being,

With all your strength,

And with all your mind,

And your neighbor

as yourself.”

Do this and you will LIVE!

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**

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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 12TH**

(Fr. Dhein)

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

Lector: Cecilia Sawaya

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, JULY 13TH

(Fr. Dhein)

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

Lector: Dan Steiger

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

TUESDAY, JULY 15TH~5:00 pm—*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

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

THURSDAY, JULY 17TH

~8:30 am - Communion Service (Deacon Allen)

SATURDAY, JULY 19TH

(Fr. Victor—Mission priest from India)

~4:00 pm - † William & Ida Bahr (MB)

Lector: Kathy Leis

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, JULY 20TH

(Fr. Victor—Mission priest from India)

~8:30 am - † Evelyn Rutz-Thornton (DM)

Lector: Sally Miller

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**

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Second Reading: Colossians 1:15-20

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

Our Gospel challenges us with the question:

Who is my neighbor?

It is a question with profound implications for how we relate to and treat others in our world. As we hear the parable of the Good Samaritan, we are challenged by Christ to treat all with respect and love, especially the poor, the dispossessed, and the most vulnerable.

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.

~ Contributions for the past week ~

Adult Envelopes (39) :	\$ 2,582.00
Plate collection:	\$ 289.00
Votive candles:	\$ 110.50
Ascension:	\$ 6.00
Total:	\$ 2,987.50

CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE(608-788-1646 or email sjrp2601@gmail.com)**TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR:**

- ♦ Joining the Parish ♦ Weddings ♦ Baptisms
- ♦ Anointing of the sick
- ♦ If you are home-bound and would like to be visited

~ STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION ~



*Fifteenth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time*

The Gospel passage from Luke, we read the well-known parable of the Good Samaritan. Here, Jesus teaches us in rich detail what stewardship in action looks like. This parable could just as accurately be called the parable of the Good Steward.

The first thing we note about the Good Samaritan is that he is aware of the needs of those around him and responds generously. While the priest and Levite brush right past the man on the side of the road, the Samaritan is attentive to those who might need help. He has a hospitable way of viewing the world around him, enabling him to “see” in a way that the others did not, and he was “moved with compassion at the sight” of the man.

Next, we see the Good Samaritan spring into action to help this man, setting aside his schedule and plans to address his needs. He doesn’t just hand the man a few dollars or offer quick words of encouragement from across the road. He approaches the man directly, cleans and bandages his wounds, puts him on his animal, and takes him to an inn where he can recover. He ensures that the innkeeper will continue to care for him and commits to returning to the man on his way back.

That is how we fulfill God’s commandments.

That exemplifies genuine hospitality and service.

That is how a good steward springs into action upon encountering a neighbor in need. And Jesus says to each of us, just as He did in today’s Gospel, “Go and do likewise.”

❖ *Stewardship Reflection* ❖

“Jesus said to him, ‘Go and do likewise.’” Luke 10:37

This was Jesus’ command at the end of the parable of the Good Samaritan. Did you know that the Samaritans and Jews had a deep-seated animosity toward each other?

The moral of the story is to love our neighbor.

This means loving someone you may not know, someone who looks different from you, or someone who has different beliefs, or even someone you don’t particularly like. All of this should be done without expecting anything in return.

Pray That we may strive to be more like the Good Samaritan, helping those in need, without expecting anything in return.

~ PARISH NEWS ~

- ♦ **Rectory Updates:** Electrical updates were done this week, living room and dining room cleaned and arranged. Needs to be done: main floor bathroom window to be replaced, upstairs bathroom flooring to be replaced (scheduled for July 21st). 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

July 19 & 20 weekend

Fr. Victor Inbam from the Vellore Diocese in TamilNadu India will be making an appeal for Our Lady of Fatima School in India. Father Victor sends this message: *“There was a boy named Samuel who grew up in a small village. He was poor, hungry, and had never heard the name of Jesus. But through a mission school, he received food, education, and—most importantly—the gospel.*

Today, Samuel is a pastor, leading others to Christ in the same community that once lived in darkness.” One small donation helped Samuel hear the gospel. Your gift can do the same.

There will be a second collection next weekend.
Thank you for your generosity.

~ DIOCESAN NEWS ~

~“Need Hope? Take a Minute to Get to Know “the God of All Hope” (Rom 15:13)



“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead” (1 Pet 1:3). Our hope rests on the faithfulness of God who always keeps His promises. We trust with confidence in His plan of perfect goodness as He re-united us with Himself after the original sin of our first parents. This union with our heavenly Father was made possible through Jesus’ death and resurrection. We experience this union with God by receiving His very life into our soul in the sacrament of baptism, and through the reception of Jesus in holy Communion each Sunday (or Saturday evening), as well as receiving any of the Sacraments.

~Father Martin’s New “Martin’s Minutes” as our Diocesan Vicar for Clergy

Father Martin joined the diocese as our new Vicar for Clergy and while the role is new, his weekly “Martin’s Minutes” continues! Please check out his down-to-earth and brief thoughts at the following link or by using your smartphone to scan the QR code to the right or place on your website youtube.com/watch?v=89YHy7UE2rY



~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.

~ DIOCESAN/Community NEWS ~

~3rd Annual Picnic on the Lawn – St. Mary's Parish Coon Valley

Saturday, July 26, 2025 | 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM; All are welcome!

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 entertainment and beverages will be available for a small fee. Come enjoy a wonderful summer day with friends, family, and neighbors!

~March for Life Wisconsin – July 26, 2025

Joyful and peaceful march to protect every human life has been scheduled to 2-4pm on Saturday, July 26, 2025, on the State Street steps at the State Capitol in Madison.

~**Calling All Catholic Women!** If you are a Catholic woman over the age of 21, please consider joining our Catholic . We meet monthly, the second Wednesday, from Sept. – June, 10:00 am, at Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman, La Crosse. Catholic Daughter women enjoy each other's company to share Catholic spirituality, give generously to local and national charities, and work for the church and community. For more information, please contact Karol Smith, 608-769-1270, email: kschlo3004@aol.com or visit www.catholicdaughters.org. We'd love to meet you.

~Help those Afflicted by the Tragic Flooding in Texas

Catholic Charities is rushing assistance to those devastated by the recent catastrophic flooding in Texas, as the death toll continues to climb and whole communities are displaced. Please consider donating – visit www.cclse.org and click on the "Texas Flood Relief" tab.

Please hold in your prayers the souls of those who lost their lives, their grieving families and loved ones, and all who are suffering as a result of this tragic disaster.

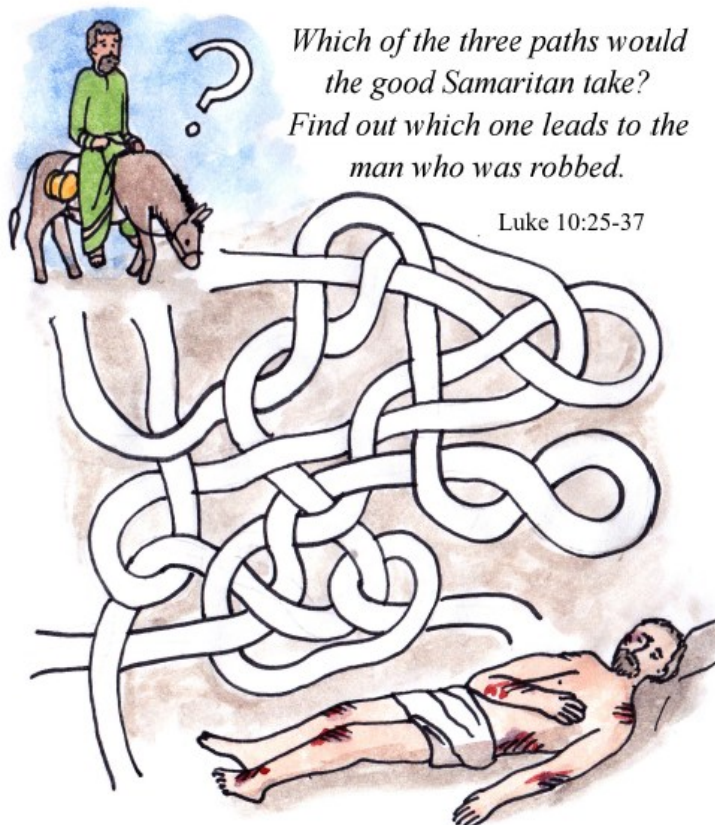
✠ The Ignatian Examen ✠

A short, reflective prayer or meditation meant to be practiced daily. It's not about judgment or perfection, but about cultivating awareness, gratitude, and intention in your everyday life. The Examen helps you look back on your day to notice where you were listening to God, where you struggled, and where you can grow. See the five steps below to be done in the evening:

1. **Recognize:** Begin by pausing and quieting yourself. Take a few deep breaths. Then, recall the moments of your day and thank God for your life, for anything beautiful or meaningful that happened.
2. **Request:** Ask for the Holy Spirit to be with you as you go through the memories of your day, to have ability to stay open and not shame yourself.
3. **Review:** Mentally walk through your day from beginning to end. Where did you feel joy, peace, or connection? Where did you feel off frustrated, or angry, unheard or unloved? Be attuned to your emotions-these often reveal what areas of your life need attention.
4. **Reconcile:** Ask God for forgiveness in where you have sinned. In mistakes, ask for healing that you may have inflicted on others. Ask the Holy Spirit for wisdom in handling these situations in the future.
5. **Resolve:** End by setting a simple intention. Whatever area you see need that needs work, ask for clarity, strength, or peace in facing the day ahead. Ask God to be with you in all the difficult moments and emotions the next day. What can you do the next day?

~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 13th, 2025



Jesus told the Parable of the Good Samaritan to show the people what it means to love your neighbour after someone asked Him "Who is my neighbour?"

*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.

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