

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 20, 2025

Sixteenth 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

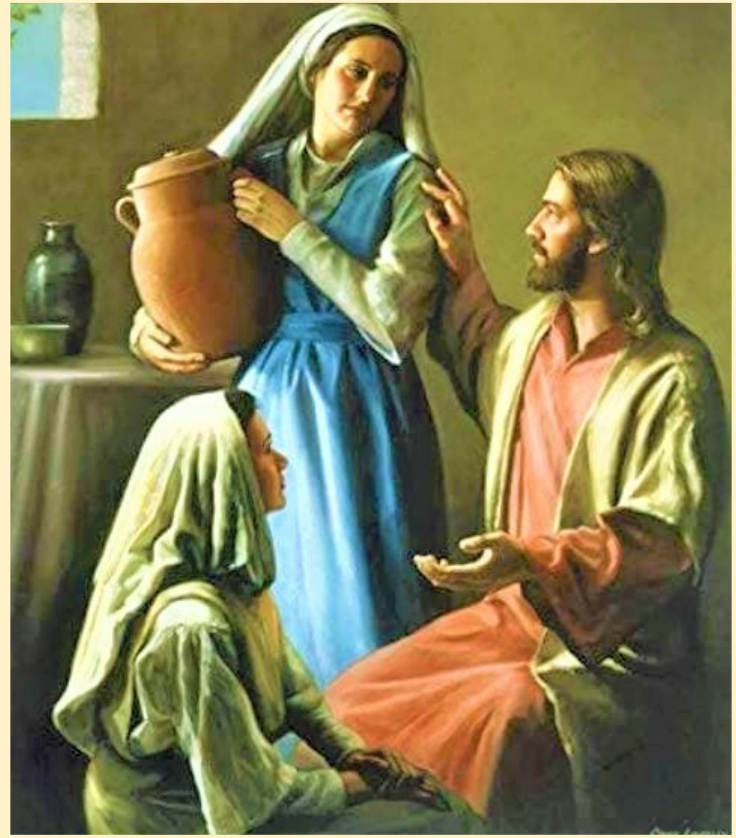
Sunday 10:00 AM

COMMUNION SERVICE

Wednesday..... 7:00 PM

ADORATION

Wednesday..... 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM



***Jesus said. "You are worried and
distracted about many things.
Only one thing is necessary."***

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

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

**PCCW - Parish Council of
Catholic Women**

Lori Clements-President

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Jill Murphy-Secretary

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Leland Gregorich

LuAnne Gregorich

Mary Beth Smith

Sacristan:

Sally Miller

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

~ PARISH INTENTIONS ~

**SATURDAY, JULY 19TH**

(Fr. Victor)

~4:00 pm - † William & Ida Bahr (MB)

Lector: Kathy Leis

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, JULY 20TH

(Fr. Victor)

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

Lector: Sally Miller

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

TUESDAY, JULY 22ND~5:00 pm—*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

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

THURSDAY, JULY 24TH

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

SATURDAY, JULY 26TH

(Fr. Sam Martin)

~4:00 pm - † George & Evelyn Miller (T&MP)

Lector: Sally Miller

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, JULY 27TH

(Fr. Sam Martin)

~8:30 am - † Ken and Lois Davis (J&SD)

Lector: Paula Silha

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
- **August 15**—Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven
- **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 (30) :	\$ 3,179.00
Plate collection:	\$ 203.00
Total:	\$ 3,382.00

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.

First Reading: Genesis 18:1-10a

Second Reading: Colossians 1:24-28

Gospel: Luke Luke 10:38-42

The Liturgy of the Word today highlights God's goodness through generosity. From blessing Abraham and Sarah with their long-awaited child to assuring Martha that she need not worry, the Lord knows our deepest needs and responds to them.

May we model this compassionate response
in all our relationships.

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

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

~ STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION ~



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Gospel reading from St. Luke, we are reminded about the proper use of the gift of time, an essential part of living as good stewards. Our passage highlights one of the most famous dinner parties ever hosted, recalling the day when Martha and Mary welcomed our Lord into their home. We are told that Martha, as a faithful steward, welcomes Christ in but then becomes “burdened with much serving,” while her sister and fellow hostess chooses to sit with Jesus, listening to Him speak.

Martha becomes indignant at Mary’s behavior and complains to Jesus, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me.” But Jesus, in His infinite wisdom, refuses to get pulled into this sisterly spat. Instead, He offers Martha a new perspective on the situation. “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing.”

What is that one thing?

It is to put Jesus first in our lives and above all else;

to “sit at his feet” and listen as Mary did, giving Him the priority of our time, no matter how busy we think we are. When we genuinely commit to putting Christ first in our daily routines through regular prayer and frequent participation in the sacraments, we can be confident that all our other concerns, no matter how urgent or overwhelming they seem, are under His loving care.

Why is this so? Because the time we invest in our relationship with God saturates all aspects of our lives with His grace, transforming even the most mundane tasks into opportunities for spiritual growth. And because God cannot be outdone in generosity, He will abundantly reward any sacrifice we make to spend time with Him.

~ PARISH NEWS ~

- ♦ **A Big Thank You** to all the parish members who worked so hard to repair and upgrade our parish rectory. Our rectory was in sound condition but needed some attention. There was a need some significant plumbing and minor repair work. Many parish members spent a great deal of their time and talent to improve this property for the new pastor.
- ♦ **Updating Parish information:** Starting this week, we are in the process of verifying our parish directory for better communication with our parish members. As we all know phone numbers and emails change from time to time. So we are in the process of verifying and updating parish listings. In the back of church there are two notebooks that contain what the parish has on file. Please take a minute on your way out to review what is listed and correct contact information if necessary.
- ♦ **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 this weekend.
Thank you for your generosity.



~ DIOCESAN NEWS ~

“Need Hope?” Take a Minute to Get to Know

“the God of All Hope” (Roman 15:13)

“But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; so great is His faithfulness” (Lam 3:21-23). Christian hope is a theological virtue. The word “theological” means that hope is a gift from God and leads us to God. It is through hope that we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ’s promises and relying not on our own strength, but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit” (CCC #1817). Hope has to do with the future, which deals with the unknown and so is directly related to trusting Jesus. Ask Jesus for an increase of the gift of hope so that your trust in Him will grow.

HOPE

“Still the Answer” Eucharistic Rally 2025 August 9th



You won’t want to miss this Eucharistic Rally at the **Pablo Center in Eau Claire on Saturday, August 9th!** We have an incredible opportunity to pause, reflect and be renewed in Jesus’ presence. This eucharistic rally will bring together Catholics from across the

diocese for a day of faith, fellowship and encounter like no other.

Whether you are seeking inspiration, healing or simply a day to reconnect with Christ, this event is for you! Invite a friend to attend with you! You may visit diolc.org/still-the-answer to learn more about the event and to register.

Jesus is Still the Answer—Come experience His presence!

~ DIOCESAN/Community NEWS ~

~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.

~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 this QR code or place on your website youtube.com/watch?v=89YHy7UE2rY



~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!

~**DAY AT THE LAKE** Sunday August 3rd, 2025 11:00 to 2:00 Swarthout Park / Lake Neshonoc West Salem W3373 WI-16 We're looking forward to sharing a Sara Style Smile with you! Please feel free to contact Sherry Hougom, 608-792-1045, for more information and registration.

~**Consecrated Virginity Lived in the World** "Arise, my beloved, my dove, my beautiful one and come." Do you hear these words in prayer? If so, join us as we ponder the Song of Songs through the mind and heart of St. Gregory of Nyssa during our Information/Discernment/Formation Weekend, August 1-3, 2025 at the Holy Cross Diocesan Center, 2nd floor, House of Formation. For more information visit the Diocesan Event page or contact Miss Barbara Swieczak, consecrated virgin, Diocese of La Crosse at bswieczak@diolc.org.

~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.

❖ Stewardship Reflection ❖

"...I am a minister in accordance with God's stewardship given to me to bring to completion for you the word of God."

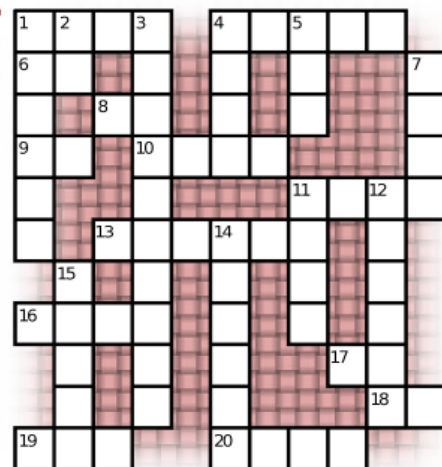
Colossians 1:25

We are all called to evangelize – to transform individuals and society through the divine power of the Gospel. Our faith attracts others more through our actions than through words alone. While we may not be called to evangelize like St. Paul, we should seek opportunities to share our faith through both actions and words, especially with those closest to us, such as family, friends, and neighbors. Pray for the courage to express your faith joyfully the next time an opportunity arises.

~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~

*Martha
and
Mary*

cross
word
puzzle



Across:

1. The _____ came to Martha's house
4. Mary _____ the better part
6. Jesus was _____ Martha's house
8. "One thing _____ needed."
9. Jesus said _____ her, "Martha, Martha."
10. "Do you not care? _____ tell her to help me!"
11. Martha was concerned about _____ things.
13. Which sister was working in the kitchen?
16. Mary sat at Jesus' _____.
17. "Mary has chosen the better part, which shall not _____ taken..."
18. "_____ you not care?"
19. "...away from _____."
20. Jesus _____ to her, "Martha, Martha."

Down:

1. Mary just wanted to _____ to Jesus speak.
2. She sat _____ the ground near Him.
3. Martha was _____ with much serving.
4. "Lord, do you not _____ that my sister has left me to serve?"
5. "_____ thing is needed..."
7. The better part would not be taken _____ from Mary.
11. Which sister was not in the kitchen?
12. "...one thing is _____..."
14. Martha was anxious about many _____.
15. "My sister has left me to _____ alone."

*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

