



# St. Joseph Parish of St. Joseph Ridge

W2601 State Road 33, La Crosse WI 54601

July 27, 2025

Seventeenth 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

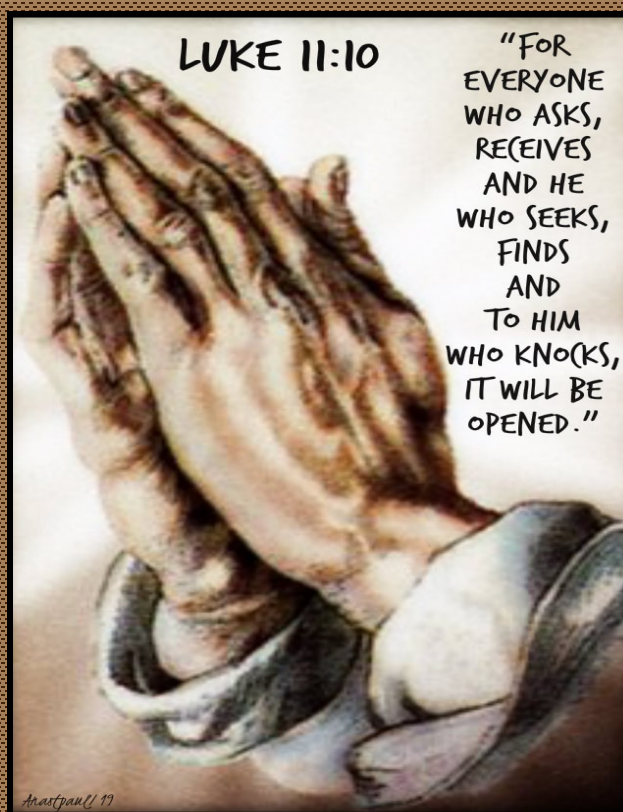
Sunday ..... 10:00 AM

**COMMUNION SERVICE**

Wednesday..... 7:00 PM

**ADORATION**

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



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

Mary Jo Hess-Treasurer

Jill Murphy-Secretary

Polly Hilby-Funeral Prep

**Cemetery Sexton Building & Grounds**

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davidteresabrown457@gmail.com

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Stacy Burns, Coordinator

608-769-8828

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**Accompanist**

Leland Gregorich

LuAnne Gregorich

Mary Beth Smith

**Sacristan:**

Sally Miller

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

## ~ PARISH INTENTIONS ~

**SATURDAY, JULY 26TH**

(Fr. Sam Martin)

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

Lector: Sally Miller

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

**SUNDAY, JULY 27TH**

(Fr. Sam Martin)

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

Lector:

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

**TUESDAY, JULY 29TH**

~5:00 pm—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

**THURSDAY, JULY 31ST**

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

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 2ND***First Saturday Mass celebrated by Fr Sen at our parish*

~4:00 pm - † Therese Hess (M&amp;CB)

Lector: Jim Weber

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 3RD***First Sunday Mass celebrated by Fr Sen at our parish*

~8:30 am - Our Parish Family

Lector: Donna Clements

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

## ~ PARISH CALENDAR ~

- **August 2** ~ Fr. Sen celebrates his first mass at our parish
- **August 5** ~ 6:00—7:30 pm **Ice Cream Social**  
**Meet & Greet Fr. Sen**
- **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](mailto: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](mailto:sjrp2601@gmail.com). **Mass Intentions Fee is \$20.00**

## ~ Contributions for the past week ~

Adult Envelopes (25):	\$ 1,486.00
Plate collection:	\$ 409.00
Mission Co-op:	\$ 757.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 2,652.00</b>
☞ Thank you Money Counters! ☞	

**CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE**(608-788-1646 or email [sjrp2601@gmail.com](mailto: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

*May our prayers connect us with  
God and increase our faith.*

**God Gives us What We Need**

In today's Gospel reading, the disciples asked Jesus to teach them how to pray, so He taught them the "Our Father."

In the first part of the "Our Father" we give glory to God by praising Him, and in the second part we ask Him for the things we need. First we ask for our daily bread. This can be asking both for the things like food that our bodies need, and for the spiritual things as well, especially Holy Communion. Next we ask for forgiveness for our sins and for God to keep us away from temptation and evil.



~ STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION ~



**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

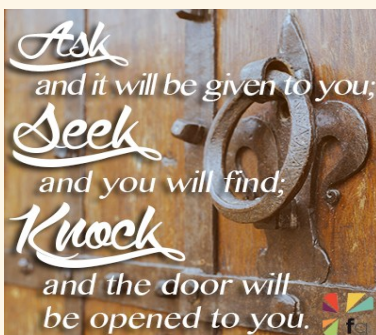
In the Gospel reading from Luke, some of Jesus's disciples ask our Lord to teach them how to pray. Jesus immediately gives them the beautiful prayer, which we, of course, call the *Our Father*.

The Our Father is truly a prayer of stewardship. In it, we intimately call upon God as Father. We ask that His will be done (not ours!) and that His kingdom come (not ours!). In other words, we remember that He is our Creator, and everything belongs to Him. Our focus in life should be on His priorities, not our own. Then we ask Him to supply our needs (to give us our daily bread), forgive our sins, and protect us from evil. That is, we proclaim our complete trust in His provision for us and His mercy towards us. We, too, have the responsibility to extend mercy ourselves, as we forgive those who sin against us.

As we pray the words of the Our Father, we acknowledge this fundamental truth about ourselves and God: God is our Father, and we are beloved and infinitely blessed to be His children. This forms the foundation of a stewardship lifestyle.

At the end of the Gospel passage, Jesus encourages us to build a relationship with the Father: Ask Him, seek Him, and knock on His door!

He eagerly anticipates blessing us, His children. Keep this in mind throughout the week; then go out and be a source of blessing to others! Stewardship is as joyous and straightforward as that.



First Reading:  
Genesis 18:20-32

Second Reading:  
Colossians 2:12-14

Gospel:  
Luke 11:1-13

All of Scripture tells of the necessity of prayer, and Jesus exhorts us to be persistent because something powerful happens in that repetition. As we ask, as we return to the source of mercy and love, we are changed by our encounter with God. God is faithful. God is merciful.

~ PARISH NEWS ~

- ♦ **Mission Co-op Appeal.** Fr. Victor Inbaraj from the Vellore Diocese in TamilNadu India made an appeal for Our Lady of Fatima School in India. Thank you for your generous donations. If you would still like to contribute, there are envelopes in the back of church. Also, Fr. Victor spoke of sponsoring a student at the Our Lady of Fatima School in India. If you are interested in this sponsorship, there is more information and envelopes in back of the church.
- ♦ **Updating Parish information:** If your phone number, email or address changed, please notify the office. There is a book in back of church to update or you can call or email the office. Thank you.
- ♦ **Chicken Q** on Saturday, September 13th— PCCW will be hosting a Chicken Q (prepared by Pogy's Catering).



**Meet & Greet Gathering  
for Fr. Sen  
On Tuesday, August 5th  
6:00 – 7:30 pm**

~ Thank you from Deacon David Allen ~

I wanted to thank everyone for being so welcoming to me in the parish this summer. It has been a treasure. My time with you has been a blessing to me on my own journey in faith, and as a Catholic deacon. You are such a great people of faith. I know that many of you have never spent much time with a deacon, and I hope I represented the order well. To anyone I may have disappointed I apologize, and to anyone who I assisted in their faith journey it is for the Lord's glory.

St Joseph you are a faith filled, and affirming community, and I am confident that God will continue to bless all of you on our great journey of Hope.

Please pray for me, as I pray for all of you.

Blessings, Deacon David

~ DIOCESAN NEWS ~

**~Jubilee Year of Hope: Need Hope? Take a Minute to Get to Know "the God of All Hope" (Rom 15:13)**

Our hope is in Jesus because we know that we can trust Him. Why? The reason is because all the promises of the Old Testament were fulfilled by Christ. The initial promise God made to us was given when our first parents committed the original sin. Through their free act of choosing against God, Adam and Eve became separated from Him, with the loss of God's life within them, which we call sanctifying grace. Thankfully, God promised a Savior to draw us back into union with Himself. Jesus came and gave His life for us on the cross and rose from the dead, opening the gates of heaven and allowing for this re-union for us with the Father. Throughout this Jubilee Year of Hope, let us ask for an increase of hope, and trust that God is a promise keeper

*Pray that we may learn to see the difference between what we need and what we want.*

## ~ DIOCESAN/Community NEWS ~

### ~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](https://youtube.com/watch?v=89YHy7UE2rY)



~**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.

~**Enrollment to Aquinas Catholic Schools** for this school year is now open to current & new families! Call (608) 784-8585 to schedule a tour! Cathedral Elementary School (La Crosse): 3P - 2nd Grade St. Patrick Elementary School (Onalaska): 3P - 6th Grade Blessed Sacrament Elementary School (La Crosse): 3rd Gr- 6th Gr Aquinas Middle School (La Crosse): 7th Grade - 8th Grade Aquinas High School (La Crosse): 9th Grade - 12th Grade Aquinas Catholic Schools is a Christ-centered family devoted to nurturing students of all faiths through educational excellence in its vibrant Catholic tradition. Contact [info@aquinasschools.org](mailto:info@aquinasschools.org) with any questions or visit [www.aquinascatholicschools.org/enrollment](http://www.aquinascatholicschools.org/enrollment) to get started.

~**"Still the Answer" Eucharistic Rally 2025—August 9th** You won't want to miss "Still the Answer," the 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.

~**17th Anniversary of the Shrine's Dedication July 31, 2025 @ 9:00 am - 5:00 pm** You are invited to come and thank God for all who have shared in Cardinal Burke's vision for this place of pilgrimage under Our Lady's mantle since the church's Solemn Dedication on July 31, 2008. The 12:15 pm Mass will be celebrated by Cardinal Burke. For this year's Anniversary, the Shrine welcomes His Eminence Willem Jacobus Cardinal Eijk, Archbishop of Utrecht in The Netherlands. Cardinal Eijk will be the homilist for the Dedication Anniversary Mass.

### ❖ Stewardship Reflection ❖

*"Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."* LUKE 11:9

Jesus assures us that God will provide what we need if we ask. The problem is that our culture often confuses needs with wants. The truth is that many of us need very little. However, we usually desire so much more! Stewardship is simply being grateful for all we have received and generously sharing our God-given gifts with others. Gratitude and generosity are gifts that open doors to new relationships with others and with God.

**Pray for a strengthening of all vocations,  
that we may all strive  
to follow God's call to holiness.**

## ~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~

### The Lord's Prayer

Fill in the blanks to complete the "Our Father."  
Use the letters from the numbered boxes to fill in the blanks at the end.

Our <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_, who art in  
\_\_\_\_\_, <sup>17</sup>\_\_\_\_\_, <sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_, hallowed be thy  
<sup>1</sup>\_\_\_\_\_, <sup>14</sup>\_\_\_\_\_. Thy <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_, <sup>19</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ come.  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.  
<sup>15</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ us this day our <sup>7</sup>\_\_\_\_\_, <sup>20</sup>\_\_\_\_\_  
<sup>13</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ and <sup>21</sup>\_\_\_\_\_, <sup>16</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ us our  
trespasses as <sup>9</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ forgive those who  
<sup>8</sup>\_\_\_\_\_, <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ against <sup>22</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ and  
<sup>12</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ us not into temptation but  
<sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_, <sup>11</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ us from <sup>18</sup>\_\_\_\_\_, <sup>10</sup>\_\_\_\_\_.



*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](mailto:sjrp2601@gmail.com)

