

St. Joseph Parish *of* St. Joseph Ridge

W2601 State Road 33, La Crosse WI 54601

August 10, 2025

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor *Father Sen*

Fr. Sengole Vethanayagam
(715) 615-1774

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday..... 4:00 PM

Sunday 8:30 AM

WEEKDAY SCHEDULE

ADORATION

Tuesday 5:00 PM

MASS

Tuesday 5:30 PM

Thursday 8:30 AM

CONFESSIONS

3:30—3:45 pm (before Saturday 4:00 Mass)
or by appointment

PARISH OFFICE

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Office hours vary, please call 608-788-1646 to
leave a message or email sjrp2601@gmail.com
Bulletin deadline: Wednesday

St. Peter's Parish, Middle Ridge

(608) 452-4680

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday..... 8:00 PM

Sunday 10:00 AM

WEEKDAY MASS

Wednesday..... 8:00 AM

Friday..... 8:00 AM



**Do not be afraid any longer, little flock,
for your Father is pleased to give you
the Kingdom**

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
Lorie Liss-DRE

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
davidteresabrown457@gmail.com
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MUSIC

Stacy Burns, Coordinator
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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, AUGUST 9TH**

~4:00 pm - Deacons of the
La Crosse Diocese(D&MA)
Lector: Bill Weber

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10TH

~8:30 am - † Bill Patterson (SP)

Lector: Dan Steiger

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12TH

~5:00 pm—*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

~5:30 pm - † Ralph & Evelyn Mikshowsky (M&CM)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14TH

~8:30 am - † Ken & Lois Davis (J&SD)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15TH

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

~4:00 pm - † Kimmie Clements (MB)

Lector: Sally Miller

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16TH

~4:00 pm - † Rick Schermerhorn (J&PS)

Lector: Cecilia Sawaya

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17TH

~8:30 am - † Alice, Robert, Larry, Patty, and Bill Silha

Lector: Paula Silha (D&JD)

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

~ Contributions for the past week ~

Adult Envelopes (41):	\$ 2,550.00
Plate collection:	\$ 335.00
Postage donation:	\$ 40.00
Total:	\$ 2,925.00

Donations: Here are some ways to contribute:

- 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.
- Use the online giving portal set up by the Diocese: <https://diolc.org/st-joseph-parish-st-joseph-ridge/> (processing fees maybe 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)

~ PARISH CALENDAR ~

- **August 15**—the celebration of the *Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary* into heaven, which means that at the end of her life on earth, Mary experienced the “resurrection of the body” promised to all believers at the end of time who faithfully follow Jesus Christ.



O Immaculate Virgin, Mother of God and Mother of humanity, we believe with all the fervor of our faith in your triumphal Assumption, both body and soul, into heaven, where you are acclaimed as Queen by all the choirs of angels and all the legions of the saints. And we unity with them to praise and bless the Lord who has exalted you above all other pure creatures, and to offer you the tribute of our devotion and our love.

Pope Pius XII

~ EMBRACE YOUR FAITH ~

* **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Tuesday evenings: 5:00 pm; 5:30 pm Mass

~ 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**

CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE

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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 ~

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

Whether you are just starting your stewardship journey or have been living a stewardship lifestyle for years, today's readings encourage us to ask ourselves an important question.

The question is this: "What do you treasure?" Of course, we all know the "right" answer: we treasure our faith, our family, and our friendships. But Jesus tells us in the Gospel passage from Luke how we can discover the honest answer to this question. He says, "For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be."

To discover what we treasure, we need to take a moment to examine our hearts. Each of us can ask ourselves, "Where do I spend most of my energy? Where do my thoughts tend to settle? How do I choose to spend my time when I have a few free moments? What do my spending habits say about what matters most to me?"

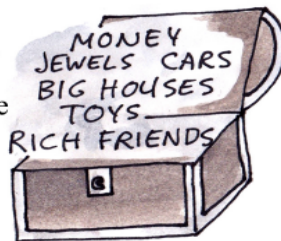
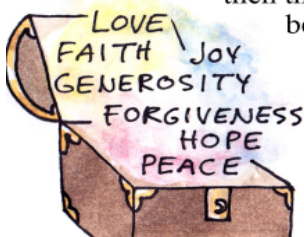
As Christian stewards, we are called to live our lives in grateful response to everything God has given us. Do I recognize and cherish these gifts?

What is Your Treasure?

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus talks about being ready for when He comes again. He reminds us that having nice things here on earth does not help us get into Heaven.

Jesus said "Where your treasure is there will your heart be also." He means that the things that are important to you show what it is that you love. If money or food or nice clothes are the most important things in your life then it shows that you love them more than you should. But if being kind and helpful to others and loving God are more important to you than having nice things, then you have a good treasure stored up for Heaven.

When we die everything we have will be gone. All that we will have to show to Jesus are the things that are in our hearts. If you only loved having nice stuff then the treasure box of your heart will be empty. If you loved God and others and were faithful to God then your treasure will still be full. So fill your heart with treasure that will last forever!



~ PARISH NEWS ~

- ♦ **Thank you to everyone who came to the ICE Cream Social to welcome Father Sen.** It was an opportunity to meet our new Pastor and build fellowship in our parish community.
- ♦ **Sincere Sympathy** to the Philip Hess family for the sudden passing of his granddaughter, Rose Raquel Francis (26) of Sun Prairie. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Michael Catholic Church, Dane, WI. May Eternal rest be granted unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. †
- ♦ **August 9**—We would also like to extend our sympathy to the family of Eugene Breidel. Eugene passed away in January and is being put to his eternal rest in our cemetery on Saturday, August 9th. May he rest in peace. †

St. Joseph Parish PCCW Will be sponsoring a



~ Chicken Que ~



Catered by Pogy's

Saturday, September 13th

11:00 am ~ until gone

Pre-Sale tickets (\$12.00) will be sold after
mass on the following weekends

Aug. 16 & 17, Aug. 23 & 24, Aug. 30 & 31

~ DIOCESAN NEWS ~



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

It is by God's gift of hope that we trust Jesus is with us and will help us through every difficulty, so that we might live with Him forever. Hope helps us to put our priorities in order, so that our relationship with God is central in our lives. We cannot "muster" the virtue of hope with our own will power, but we can ask Jesus for an increase of hope and cooperate with this gift so that our trust in Him might increase. "May the God of all hope fill you with a joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope" (Rom 15:13)

~Rural Life Day - Sept. 22, 2025 - Warrens, WI

Join us for the 44th Annual Rural Life Day at the Van Wychen Family Farm in Warrens on Monday, Sept. 22! Mass with Bishop Battersby at 10:00 AM will be followed by awards, the blessing of farm animals, crops, and machinery, and a delightful lunch. The Van Wychen Farm is located at 3365 Auger Road, Warrens, WI 54666. This is a day to celebrate rural life and to rejoice in the way its values contribute to the Church at large.



~ DIOCESAN/Community NEWS ~

~Enrollment to Aquinas Catholic Schools for this school year is now open to current & new families! Call (608) 784-8585 to schedule a tour! 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 with any questions or visit www.aquinascatholicschools.org/enrollment to get started.

~Mass of Hope and Healing | Sep 23 | Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman: Bishop Gerard Battersby will celebrate a Mass of Hope and Healing on Tuesday, September 23, 2025 at 6:30 pm at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman. This Mass will be offered for anyone grieving the loss of children through miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, abortion, stillbirth, accident or infant death. A book of remembrance will be available before and after Mass for those who would like to inscribe the name(s) of their child(ren). Votive candles will be given to families before Mass in remembrance of each child. Candles will be lit and carried forward by family members, just before the entrance procession, and placed before the image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. After Mass, refreshments will be served along with a display of resources and books in the Gathering Space.

~Action Alert on Behalf of our International Priests: Urge Congress to Support Foreign-Born Religious Men and Women and the Community They Serve an increasing number of priests, religious sisters and brothers, and others serving the Church throughout the United States will be forced to abandon their ministries if policymakers do not act soon. Unfortunately, many parishes, schools, and other Catholic institutions have already had to part with men and women who served them for years because of challenges with the Religious Worker Visa Program. To learn more, and to make your voice heard in favor of the bipartisan Religious Workforce Protection Act, visit votervoices.net/USCCB/home. The Diocese of La Crosse is grateful for the ministry of nearly 30 international priests!

~National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis, IN November 20 -23, 2025. NCYC is open to high school age young people and their adult group leaders. Many youth participants are leaders in their local parishes, and schools though holding a leadership role is not a requirement, a certain level of maturity and readiness to continue one's faith journey is. NCYC is an opportunity for young people to grow spiritually, dive deeper into their faith, and experience a true sense of larger church. Learn more and register at DIOLC.ORG/NCYC

We can trust God to provide for us.

First Reading: Wisdom 18:6-9

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

Gospel: Luke 12:32-48

The first reading recalls the Passover. On that night, God punished the Israelites' adversaries and glorified his chosen people who were offering sacrifice and putting into effect with one accord the divine institution. In the second reading, the author writes that by faith Abraham was obedient to God's call and saw the fulfillment of God's promises. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the vigilant and faithful servants who are celebrated for their readiness to receive their master the moment he arrives.

~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~

Assumption Cross-Word

We celebrate Our Lady's Assumption into Heaven this Friday, August 15th.

Across:

4. God chose a holy young woman to ____ His mother.

5. ____ wanted her to be perfect.

6. Her name was ____.

7. We ____ hymns about her.

9. Today we celebrate her ____

into Heaven.

13. God took her body ____ of the tomb

15. so He could ____ it up into Heaven.

17. She had lived a life of ____ for God.

19. "Blessed is the fruit of thy ____, Jesus."

20. Mary had given herself as a ____ sacrifice to God.

21. When we die, we hope to ____ to Heaven too.

Down:

1. She was the mother of ____.

2. Mary never committed any ____.

3. She is the greatest ____ in Heaven.

4. She proved her love of God ____ her obedience to His will.

8. Her ____ was God.

10. Mary's ____ went straight to Heaven

11. because she was so ____ and free from the stain of sin.

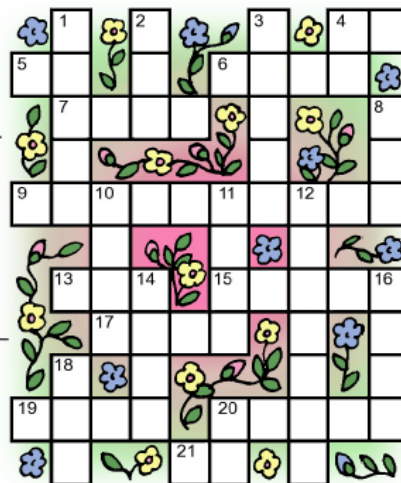
12. We should try to ____ her virtues.

14. God would not permit His mother's body to decay in the ____.

16. Mary's obedience to God overcame the ____ of Eve's sin.

18. ____ Mary is in Heaven with her Son.

20. We will try ____ love and obey God like Mary did.



*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

ALWAYS
pray
and
NEVER
give up!