



St. Joseph Parish *of* St. Joseph Ridge

W2601 State Road 33, La Crosse WI 54601

August 31, 2025

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor

Father Sen

Fr. Sengole Vethanayagam
(715) 615-1774

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

1st Saturday of the month....8:30 AM
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

Barb Mikshowskey-Administrative Assistant
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

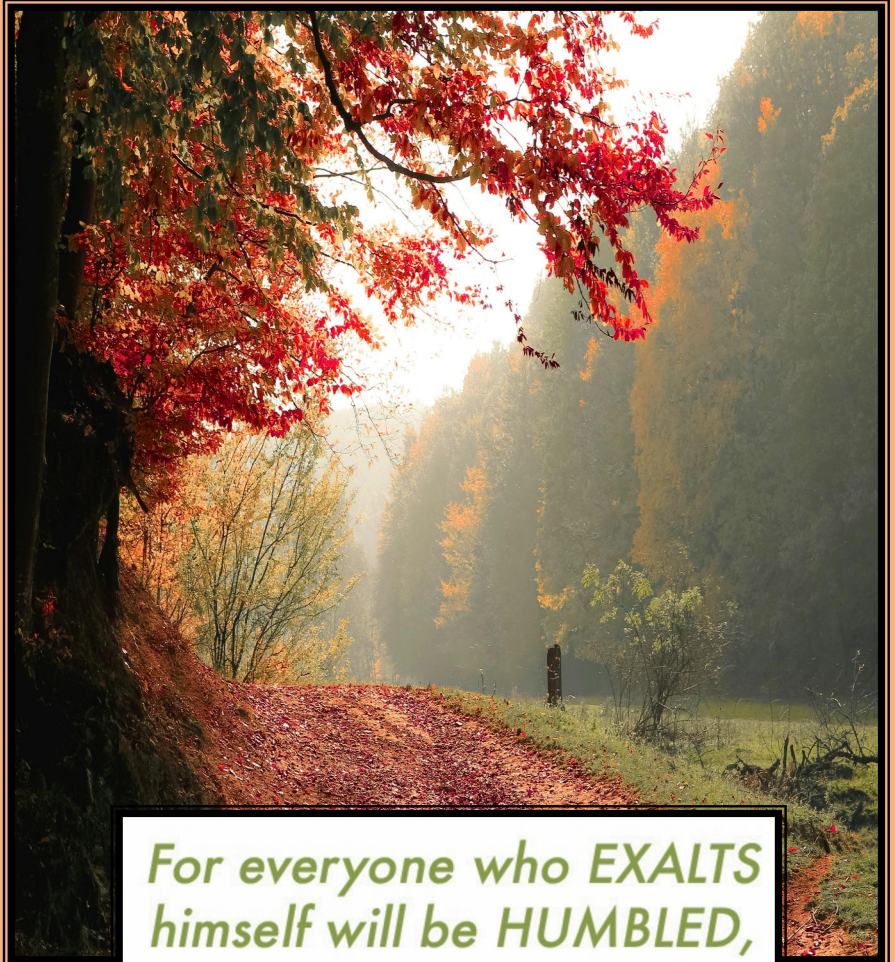
(608) 452-4680

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday..... 8:00 PM
Sunday 10:00 AM

WEEKDAY MASS

Wednesday..... 8:00 AM
Friday..... 8:00 AM



*For everyone who EXALTS
himself will be HUMBLLED,
but the one who HUMBLLES
himself will be EXALTED.*

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
Rick Meyer

MUSIC

Stacy Burns, Coordinator
608-769-8828
jsburns0093@gmail.com

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 30TH**

~4:00 pm - † John Thurk & Sara
Rose Hougom(ST)
Lector: Jim Weber

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31ST

~8:30 am - † Bob Strittmater (CS)

Lector: Dan Steiger

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND

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

~5:30 pm - † Henry Trinkes (RB)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH

~8:30 am - † Lawrence Malzacher (RM))

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH

~8:30 am -

~4:00 pm - † Ralph & Evelyn Mikshowsky (M&CM)

Lector: Donnie Weber

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH

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

Lector: Donna Clements

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

~ Contributions for the past week ~

Adult Envelopes (25):	\$ 1,615.00
Plate collection:	\$ 334.00
Total:	\$ 1,949.00

Bishop Battersby is inviting all of us to begin a serious process of renewal and conversion, personally and institutionally, throughout the Diocese of La Crosse. You are invited to attend a 90-minute session. A team will travel to facilitate 40 of these, inviting all of us to share in the first steps of what will be an extended process of strategic and pastoral planning. Please signup on this website:

www.diolc.org/rebuildmychurch

**The first listening session in our area is at the Virgin Blessed Mary Catholic Church, Viroqua
September 7 Noon.**

Brochures explaining 'Rebuild My Church' and a full list of listening sessions will be available next weekend.



~ PARISH CALENDAR ~

- **September 9** ~ 6:30 pm PCCW meeting
- **September 9** ~ 7:00 pm Pastoral Council meeting
- **September 13** ~ Chicken Q
- **September 17—7:00 pm Religious Education Classes begin**

~ 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 Intention offering is \$20.00**

**Mass Intention dates open for
September and October**

Saturday September 6 ~8:30 am
Tuesday, September 16 ~ :30 pm
Thursday, September 18 ~8:30 am
Tuesday, September 30 ~ 5:30 pm
Thursday, October 2 ~ 8:30 am
Saturday, October 4 ~ 8:30 am
Thursday, October 9 ~ 8:30 am
Thursday, October 23 ~ 8:30 am
Thursday, October 30 ~ 8:30 am

Diocese of La Crosse ~ Chancery Bulletin

The Chancery Bulletin exists to serve parishes by gathering all essential diocesan curia information into one clear, efficient document. Recognizing the many demands on parish time, our goal is brevity and focus—sharing with parishes helpful information.

The Chancery Bulletin can be found on the La Crosse Diocese website
<https://diolc.org/chancery/past-bulletins/>

~ STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION ~

HUMILITY

IS NOT THINKING
LESS OF YOURSELF,
IT IS THINKING
OF YOURSELF LESS.
-C.S. Lewis

**TWENTY-SECOND
SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

The readings remind us of a chief virtue that characterizes the Christian steward: humility. This virtue is often mistaken for self-abasement. However, that view misses the mark. Humility is simply the awareness of who (and Whose) we truly are. It's about acknowledging our dependence on God and recognizing that all we have is a gift from Him. With this understanding, we should reflect this in our daily interactions, decisions, and service to others.

On one hand, we are children of the Most High God who loved us into existence and who, by virtue of our Baptism, has the Holy Trinity dwelling within us. This divine origin of our being should fill us with awe and gratitude. On the other hand, we are children who are utterly dependent on God for our existence and every breath we take.

Jesus is reminding us that all glory belongs to God. The visual image He offers, of having to slide down to a lower seat at the table, shows how foolish we are when we forget to give God the credit for our blessings and talents.

On the other hand, when we live in humility — recognizing that all we have is a gift from God and using those gifts to serve Him and others — then God “exalts” us by filling us with even more of Himself and His grace. It's His grace that enables us to serve and share with humility, and it's through our humble service that we receive more of His grace, creating a beautiful cycle of divine love and human service.

Jesus continues to encourage us to serve and share our blessings with people facing circumstances that would make it impossible for them to offer us any worldly advantage or prestige — “the poor, the crippled, the lame.”

Our attitude, along with how we serve and share, should be rooted in genuine humility — recognizing that we are all “little” ones in God's eyes. This sense of equality in God's view helps everyone feel included and appreciated. We are all His children, brothers and sisters, invited to our Father's heavenly banquet.

God calls us to humble service.

First Reading: Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29
Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a
Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

Humility helps us to see ourselves clearly and not to grasp at what is beyond our strength. Both the reading from Sirach and Luke's Gospel tell us that those who humble themselves will find favor with God. They also point to a connection between humility and service. Those who give alms — who give without expecting repayment — will receive their reward in heaven.

~ PARISH NEWS ~



Religious Education classes will begin
Wednesday, September 17th.
The times will be the same as last year,

6:00 PM until 6:50 PM ~ Grades 1 –5

7:05 until 8:15 Grades 6—10

Our Parish is very blessed to have Lorie Liss lead our Religious Education program with her many years of experience! We look forward to assisting you and your family members in passing on the Faith. Registration forms have been emailed to you. If you did not get an email or if you have any questions, please email Lorie at lorieraeliss@gmail.com or call (715) 630-4809

Learn and Grow with Jesus together

Please return your completed forms before September 10th

St. Joseph Parish PCCW Will be sponsoring a



~ Chicken Q ~



Catered by Pogy's

Saturday, September 13th

11:00 am ~ until gone

**Pre-Sale tickets (\$12.00) will be sold after
mass on the this weekend.**

Dinner includes 1/2 chicken, potato salad, beans and roll

• Mark your calendars for Chicken Q on September 13th!

- **Wedding Anniversary Blessing:** At the first weekend masses in September (6th & 7th), Father Sen will bless all of the *Wedding Anniversaries* for the month of September. This Wedding Anniversary Blessing will continue for each subsequent month at the first weekend masses.
- **Birthday Blessings:** At the second weekend masses in September (13th & 14th), Father Sen will bless the September *Birthdays*. The Birthday Blessing will continue each subsequent month at the second weekend masses.

~ DIOCESAN NEWS ~

~ Jubilee Year of Hope 2025 Need Hope? Take a Minute to Get to Know “the God of All Hope” (Rom 15:13)

God our Heavenly Father is a promise keeper! God made a promise to Abraham that He would give him land for the Chosen People. This promise was made in the first book of the Bible, Genesis 12:1. This promise was kept through Moses as the Israelites were led by God into the “Promised Land” under the leadership of Joshua. (Deut 34:4) It is important that we know how God has kept every promise as this helps to deepen our hope in God, leading to greater trust in Him.

~ DIOCESAN/Community NEWS ~

~Special Collection for Gaza Relief

"At the request of the President of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, we are holding a special collection to bring relief to the terrible suffering of Christians and other innocent victims of violence in Gaza and surrounding areas. In his letter, Archbishop Timothy Broglio echoes Pope Leo XIV's words that "Gaza is starving." Please consider a donation. All funds collected will be divided between the Catholic Near East Welfare Association and Catholic Relief Services, both of which are providing vital humanitarian and medical relief. If writing a check, please make it payable to the St. Joseph Parish and we will send one check to the Diocese for Gaza Relief."

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

The 44th Annual Rural Life Day will be held at the Wetherby Cranberry Co., **3365 Auger Road, Warrens, WI** on Monday, September 22th. Join Bishop Battersby for Mass at 10:00 am followed by awards, the blessing of farm animals, crops and machinery and a delightful lunch. This is your chance to celebrate rural life, enjoy the beauty of God's creation and maybe even leave with a craving for cranberries!

~Healing Service – Sacred Heart Church~Cashton~ Friday Sept 12

Come and experience God's supernatural love! Join us at Sacred Heart Church, Cashton on Friday, Sept. 12 for Adoration & Confession at 4:30 PM, Mass at 5:30 PM, and Healing Prayer to follow. This evening is not only about physical healing but also about encountering Jesus and meeting the Divine Physician, who heals the heart, mind, and soul. Jesus promised, "They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover." (Mark 16:17) Contact: Sara Clements, 608-385-5285

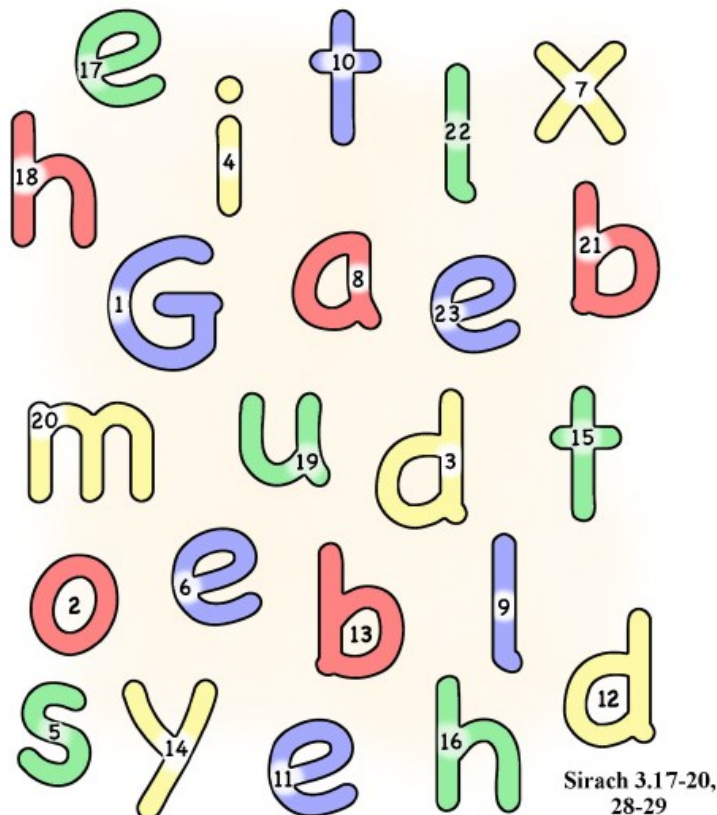
~Mass of Hope and Healing | Sep 23 | Cathedral of St. Joseph the

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. After Mass, refreshments will be served along with a display of resources and books in the Gathering Space.

~ A Prayer for Labor Day ~

Lord on this Labor Day,
we thank You for the blessing of work.
We ask for strength to complete each day.
We ask for rest when we are weary.
We ask Your guidance for everyone
seeking employment,
and we ask that You be
with those whose faces
we might never see
but who work tirelessly each day
for the good of us all.
Amen.

~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~



Sirach 3.17-20,
28-29

What can we learn from today's first reading?
Sort out the letters by their numbers to fill in the blanks.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12
13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23

God shows compassion to all his children.
Trusting in his love, we offer our prayers this day.



- † For bishops, priests, and deacons, may God fill them with his love and strengthen them in their ministry, let us pray to the Lord.
- † For civic authorities, may God guide them in pursuing policies that protect the dignity and sanctity of human life, let us pray to the Lord.
- † For those in need of hope in their lives, may they find comfort and strength in our loving God, let us pray to the Lord.
- † For this family of faith, may God teach us to share with joy the Gospel entrusted to us, let us pray to the Lord.
- † For all the faithful departed, may God grant them eternal bliss in his heavenly kingdom, let us pray to the Lord.

Heavenly Father, you are kind and gracious. Please hear and answer our prayers in your holy wisdom, we ask through Christ our Lord.

† Our Hearts and prayers are with the victims of the shooting at Annunciation Church in Minneapolis.
May Almighty God be with them, heal them, guide them, and comfort them. †