

St. Joseph Parish *of* St. Joseph Ridge

W2601 State Road 33, La Crosse WI 54601

September 7, 2025

Twenty-Third 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

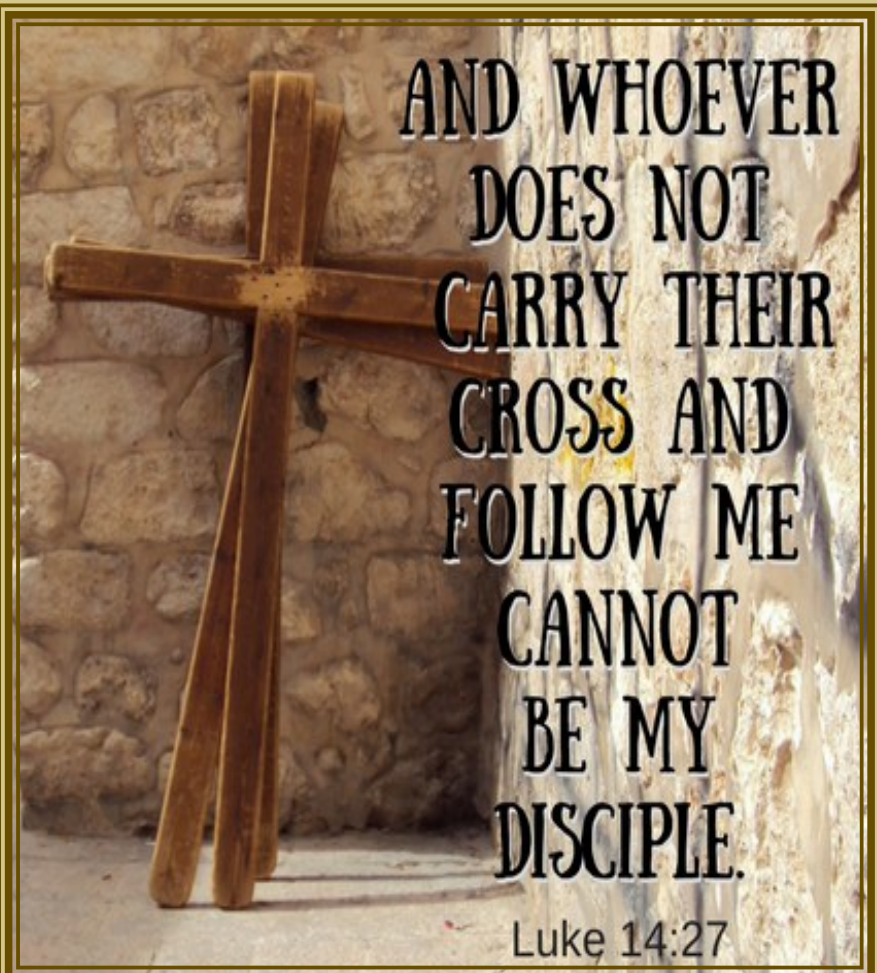
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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

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

WEEKDAY MASS

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



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, SEPTEMBER 6TH**

~8:30 am - For Peace in our
Communities
~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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH

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

~5:30 pm - † Deacons of La Crosse Diocese (D&MA)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH

~8:30 am - † Joseph & Clara Bina (MB)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH

~4:00 pm - † Rick Schermerhorn (J&PS)

Lector: Cecilia Sawaya

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH

~8:30 am - † Alfred and Evelyn Von Arx,
David Von Arx (CM)

Lector: Donnie Weber

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

~ PARISH CALENDAR ~

- September 9 ~ 6:30 pm PCCW meeting
- September 9 ~ 7:00 pm Finance Council meeting
- September 13 ~ Chicken Q
- September 17 ~ Religious Education Classes begin
- September 21 ~ Catechetical Sunday
- October 8 ~ Sauerkraut Supper at St. Peters in Middle Ridge

~ 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 Saturday 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**

~ Contributions for the past week ~

Adult Envelopes (32):	\$ 1,575.00
Plate collection:	\$ 210.00
Total:	\$ 1,785.00

Love for God should be the inspiration for and goal of everything we do.

First Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18b

Second Reading: Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

Christ challenges us in today's Gospel to allow our Christian vocation to affect every aspect of our lives. He calls us to order our love properly, with love for God as the inspiration for and goal of everything we do. If we love our families, our lives, and our possessions for God's sake and not for the sake of the things themselves, we will indeed be his disciples.

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)

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 ~



**TWENTY-THIRD
SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

The readings clearly show the demands placed on those who want to be called disciples of Christ. We must be ready to give our all to Him. But ultimately, the life of discipleship — this stewardship way of living — is the only life that can truly satisfy.

In the Gospel passage from Luke, Christ says, “If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.” Our Lord is not speaking of feelings but rather of priorities. He must come first in every part of our lives. Period.

He continues. “Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.” In other words, it’s all or nothing. Compromise simply isn’t an option. Christ wants us to give all of ourselves—our personal lives, our family, our parish—to Him and to the pursuit of His kingdom.

And just when we think our Lord might soften His message to make it easier to accept, He goes even further! “Anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.” Why is our Lord so demanding? Only because

He knows us deeply and loves us immensely. He knows that if we don’t prioritize Him above all, we’ll be easily overwhelmed by earthly concerns — our material things, our status, and our egos. He understands these things cannot truly satisfy us. He knows this because He is our Creator, and He made us for more.

We are created to be His disciples, to seek after Him and His Kingdom. Embracing stewardship as a way of life helps us to recognize the cost and then pursue Him with all our strength.

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.dioc.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 NEWS ~

♦ Watering of the flowers in the Cemetery will end on **Monday, September 8th.** **THANK YOU** to **STAN, LA VERNE & DONNA CLEMENTS** for watering the flowers. Our Cemetery is a beautiful memorial our loved ones.



♦ **September Wedding Anniversary Blessing**
at the September 6th & 7th masses

♦ **September Birthday Blessing**
at the September 13th & 14th masses



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

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 Liss 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 ~

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

~ DIOCESAN NEWS ~

~ **Jubilee Year of Hope 2025** Need Hope? **“Those Who Hope in the Lord Will Renew their Strength” (Isaiah 40:31).**

Another promise that God made to Abraham was that He would make his name great. (Gen 12:2) This promise was kept through King David who was a man after God’s own heart. David faithfully submitted to the will of God, was fervent in his prayer, including the writing of the psalms and humbly repented when his sin was pointed out to Him. His prayer was a faithful adherence to the divine promise and expressed a loving and joyful trust in God, the only King and Lord. God fulfilled His promise as He blessed David’s efforts to unite the Holy Land to be a great nation while making David’s name great. Let us ask Jesus to deepen our loving and joyful trust in God – the promise keeper – during this *Jubilee Year of Hope 2025*.

~ 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. 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."

~LDCCW SHARE SHOP ~ There will be an LDCCW Share Shop event on **Saturday September 20th** at Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine. **ADMISSION IS FREE!** 9:30 am Registration; 10 a.m. Welcome- Main Church Crypt, lower level; 10:30 a.m. ice breaker with Luann Miller; Deanery share shop projects; Mass at 12:15 and then a "Wedding Feast" lunch at 1:15 provided by Festiva Mexicana. Afterwards there will be a speaker from the St. Terese Foundation and a holy hour. Come to share what projects have been done throughout the deanery and to enjoy fellowship & prayer with other ladies in our deanery. Please email Kay@pmcmgmt.com, if you plan to attend.

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

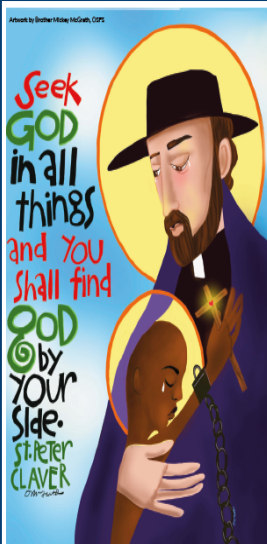
The 44th Annual Rural Life Day will be held at the Wetherby Cranberry Co., **3365 Auger Road, Warrens, WI** on Monday, September 22th. Join Bishop Battersby for Mass at 10:00 am. This is your chance to celebrate rural life, enjoy the beauty of God's.

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

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



by Pope Leo XIII in 1888. He called himself "the slave of the slaves forever" and is a patron saint of African Americans and of enslaved peoples. The Feast of St. Peter Claver is an occasion for heightened prayer and action to strive for peace in our communities.

History and Background on September 9th National Day of Prayer

In 2016, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops called for a National Day of Prayer to be observed on September 9th, the Feast of St. Peter Claver. This initiative was introduced as a means to foster open, honest, and respectful dialogue within communities facing heightened tensions and acts of violence.

Why September 9th?

September 9th is the Memorial of St. Peter Claver, who ministered to enslaved Africans. St. Peter Claver was a Jesuit priest from Catalonia who served African slaves in Cartagena, Colombia for 38 years, baptizing over 300,000 people. He died in 1654 and was canonized

~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~

Psalm 90 Word-Find

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N T I O D R E A M I A
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W A T C H M E S R Y A
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D A Y S Y W I S D O M

See if you can find all the words from today's Psalm that are written in CAPITALS.

The leftover letters tell what we are doing when we pray this Psalm.



A THOUSAND YEARS in thy sight are but as YESTERDAY when it is past, or as a WATCH in the NIGHT.

Thou dost SWEEP men AWAY; they are like a DREAM, like GRASS which is RENEWED in the morning: in the MORNING it flourishes and is renewed; in the EVENING it FADES and withers.

So teach us to number our DAYS that we may get a HEART of WISDOM. Return, O LORD! How long? Have PITY on thy SERVANTS!

SATISFY us in the morning with thy steadfast LOVE, that we may REJOICE and be GLAD all our days.

With trust in God's goodness, let us offer him our prayers and petitions.

† For the Church, may God be her guide as she serves as a sign of peace and unity in the world, let us pray to the Lord.

† For civic leaders, may the Holy Spirit inspire them to work for justice and peace in the world, let us pray to the Lord.

† For all who experience doubt in their faith lives, may God open their eyes to their need for him and assure them of his love, let us pray to the Lord.

† For those in this community who are sick and in need of God's healing this day, especially those who struggle with mental or emotional pain, let us pray to the Lord.

† For the faithful departed, may God grant them eternal rest and let perpetual light shine upon them, let us pray to the Lord.

Gracious God, in your mercy, hear our prayers, which we make through Christ our Lord.

To add a request call 608-788-1646 or email sjrp2601@gmail.com



Therefore I tell you, all that you ask for in prayer, believe that you will receive it and it shall be yours." Mark 11:24