

# St. Joseph Parish *of* St. Joseph Ridge

W2601 State Road 33, La Crosse WI 54601

**October 5, 2025**

*Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*Month  
of the  
Rosary*



## Pastor

**Father Sen**

Fr. Sengole Vethanayagam  
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## 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 Mikshowsky-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

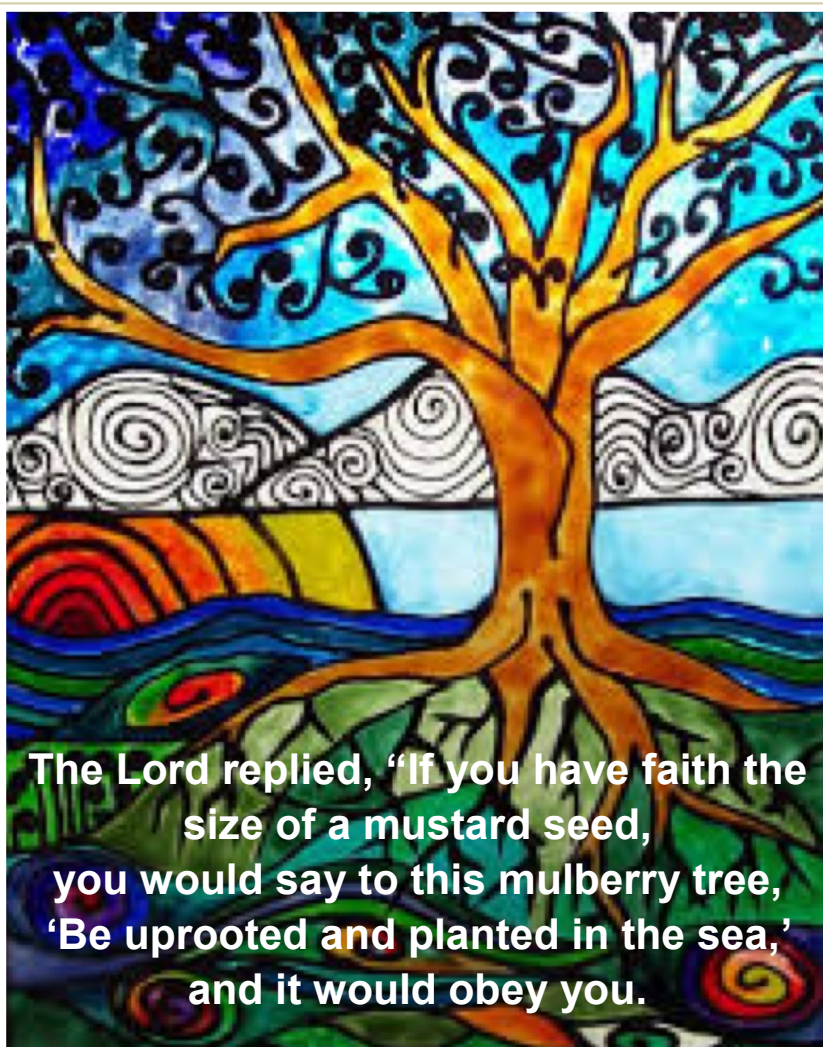
Sunday ..... 10:00 AM

## WEEKDAY MASS

Wednesday..... 8:00 AM

Friday..... 8:00 AM

## Increase our Faith!



The Lord replied, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."

## 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, OCTOBER 4TH**

~8:30 am - † Jim Drexler (MD)

~4:00 pm - † Robert Dowiasch Sr (CB)

Lector: Kathy Leis

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5TH**

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

Lector: Paula Silha (D&amp;JD)

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7TH**~5:00 pm—*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

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

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9TH**~8:30 am - **For the Church:** that we may be faithful stewards of the covenant of love God has made with us, sharing His blessings generously with the world.**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11TH**

~4:00 pm - † Rick Schermerhorn (J&amp; PS)

Lector:

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12TH**

~8:30 am - † Herbert Clements (L&amp;DC)

Lector: Sally Miller

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

## ~ Contributions for the past week ~

Adult Envelopes (29):	\$ 1,511.00
Plate collection:	\$ 309.25
Votive candles:	\$ 73.90
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 1,894.15</b>

*Faith is a gift that demands a response.*First Reading: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

Faith is a gift that God gives freely, but this precious gift can be rejected by us and lost through our failure to nurture it and grow in it. Scriptures encourage us to persevere in faith until the end, remembering that God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control. With the gift of faith, and the help of the Holy Spirit, we can do great things for God.

## ~ PARISH CALENDAR ~

- **October 4 & 5** ~ Blessing of October Wedding Anniversaries
- **October 8** ~ *Sauerkraut Supper*  
at St. Peters/Middle Ridge
- **October 11** ~ Noon, *Public Square Rosary Rally*  
at St. Peters in Middle Ridge
- **October 11 & 12** ~ Blessing of October Birthdays
- **October 13** ~ 6:30 pm PCCW meeting
- **October 16** ~ *Rebuild My Church* meeting at  
Blessed Sacrament in La Crosse at 6:30 pm
- **October 21** ~ Pastoral and Finance Council meeting

**Communion Antiphon:**

(Prayed prior to receiving the Eucharist)

The Lord is good to those who hope in him,  
to the soul that seeks him.

## ~ 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](mailto: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](mailto:sjrp2601@gmail.com). **Mass Intention offering is \$20.00**

**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



~ STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION ~

**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

Our readings this weekend remind us that living a stewardship way of life — a life centered on serving God and His kingdom — is not just a duty, but a source of joy. They also show us that our lives truly belong to God, not to us, and that God will indeed bring about the fulfillment of His Kingdom. We must have faith that He can do it and dedicate ourselves to our small part in His grand plan. This is both our privilege and responsibility as Christian stewards, a joyful journey of faith.

Jesus makes this privilege and responsibility clear in today's Gospel passage from Luke. When the apostles ask the Lord to increase their faith, He tells them that even a mustard seed-sized faith is enough to move mountains (because it is God who does the heavy lifting). This is a testament to His grace, a gift for which we should be grateful. We only need to take the tiniest step forward, and He will do the rest.

But living our lives in His service is also our responsibility, as Jesus explains through the parable of the unprofitable servant later in this passage. Our Lord describes a scene where a servant has just come in from tending to the master's affairs and asks whether it would be reasonable for the master to start waiting on his servant. Of course, it would not be reasonable! The servant would be expected to continue serving his master until he had finished the work the master had given him that day. Jesus says we should have this same attitude before God.

The time, talents, and treasure entrusted to us all belong to God. Our very lives are His. The trust He places in us, His children, demonstrates our value in His eyes. Whatever we do on God's behalf with our lives and gifts is our God-given responsibility, a sign of His trust and love for us.

The stewardship way of life makes the privilege and responsibility of serving Christ and His kingdom a reality.

~ PARISH NEWS ~

**Thank you** to the Religious Ed's teachers for sharing their *Time and Talent*



**Rueben Mendoza ~ Grade 10 &  
Confirmation Preparation**

**Terry Dickman ~ Grade 9**

**Mary Reeck ~ Grade 7 and 8**

**Grace Bayer ~ Grade 5**

**Becca Amundsen ~ Grade 3**

**Stacey Burns - Substitute; Sherry Hougom and Lisa Meyer to host and assist with for our special events.**

If you are able, assistance is always appreciated whether it be time, talent or financially.

It really does take a village and we are all on the same journey to help one another to get to heaven.

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**Students** should be working on their Art Contest Design as the final project is **due October 15**. Their teacher must approve of their design before they get their canvas to use for the project. The Art work is to represent the

**Theme: Our Catholic Faith Gives Hope to the World**  
Parishioners are needed to assist with judging the Art.

**Learn and Grow with Jesus together**

~ DIOCESAN NEWS ~

**~ Jubilee Year of Hope ~ Jesus is Our Hope (1 Tim 1:1)**

During this Jubilee Year of Hope, you will want to ask God, in an ongoing way, to deepen your gift of hope. Hope is based upon trust. You can place your trust in Jesus as He desires to give you everything that is good. When you pray for something, you can trust that Jesus will answer every prayer in a way that is best for you. Remember, sometimes the answer will be "yes," sometimes the answer will be "no" and sometimes the answer will be "not now, but later" as God's timing is perfect.

**~Rebuild My Church:** The Diocese is beginning a serious process of renewal and conversion, personally and institutionally, throughout the Diocese of La Crosse. We trust Jesus, the Good Shephard, to guide us into more abundant life. You are invited to a town hall meeting at a location near you. There will be a meeting at **Blessed Sacrament in La Crosse on October 16 th at 6:30 pm**. All are encouraged to attend with Fr. Sen. You can find more information at [diolc.org/rebuildmychurch](http://diolc.org/rebuildmychurch).

**~Annual Pancake Breakfast – Oct 12, 2025**

St. Mary Parish, Coon Valley will hold their annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, October 12, 2025 from 7:30 AM – gone or Noon (whichever comes first). Meal includes: delicious stack of pancakes with local real maple syrup, eggs, sausage, applesauce, milk, orange juice and coffee! Also purchase a tasty treat to take home from the bake sale! \$10 for adults, \$5 children ages 6-12, 5 and under free.

**~Sunday—Please join Life Chain for a prayerful pro-life witness along the sidewalk of Losey Blvd. in La Crosse this Sunday, Oct. 5, from 2:00-3:00 PM.** Come to the corner of Losey Blvd. & Madison St., where signs will be available.

**Annual Sauerkraut  
Supper**

**Eat-In or Carry-out**

**St. Peter's Church**

Middle Ridge, Wisconsin  
(W697 Highway 33, Rockland, WI)

**Wednesday October 8, 2025**

**Serving 4:00 pm to 7:30 pm**

Church-made Kraut & Pork, Polish Sausage, Glazed carrots, Mashed potatoes and Gravy, Home-made pie

Cost of Dinner **\$16.00**  
**Raw Kraut (2.5 lb)**  
available for **\$5.00**

**Beverage Tent  
Bake Sale  
Raffles**

## ~ DIOCESAN/Community NEWS ~

### ~Blood Drive—St. Joseph Ridge ~ Monday, October 6th 1-6:00 pm

If you have thought about donating blood, you have the opportunity on Monday, May 5th at the Town of Greenfield town hall. You can make an appointment on the Versiti website ([versiti.org/wi](http://versiti.org/wi)) or call 877-232-4376 or you can stop in on the 5th. Please consider. Great need!

### ~Public Square Rosary Rally:

On October 13, 1917, Our Lady performed the Miracle of the Sun, witnessed by 70,000 people at Fatima, including atheists, communists, and anti-Catholics (leading many to convert). To honor this miracle, which occurred around noontime, and to show Our Lady we hear her request to stop offending God by our sins, St. Peters/Middle Ridge is hosting a public rosary rally Saturday, October 11th at Noon. This will be 1 of 23,000 rallies happening across America. In The Secret of the Rosary, Saint Louis de Montfort said: "Public prayer is far more powerful than private prayer to appease the anger of God and call down His mercy, and Holy Mother Church, guided by the Holy Ghost, has always advocated public prayer in times of public tragedy and suffering." Please join St. Peters/Middle Ridge on October 11 th !

### ~Ham and Turkey Buffet—October 12th-St. Kevin Church, Melrose

Please come and enjoy a Ham and Turkey Buffet at the St. Kevin Church, 813 N Washington St Melrose on October 12th 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Meal will consist of Ham, Turkey, Cheesy potatoes, homemade dressing, corn, rolls, dessert and beverage. Carry-outs also available. \$16.00 Children 8 and under Eat FREE - Dine in Only

### ~October is Respect Life Month:

October is Respect Life Month. Every person is made in God's image and likeness from conception to natural death. This month, the Church calls us to recognize the sacred dignity of every human life and to act with love, compassion and courage in defense of the most vulnerable.



RENEWAL PROJECT

# Pray the Rosary as a Family

[DIOLC.ORG/RENEWAL-PROJECT](http://DIOLC.ORG/RENEWAL-PROJECT)

The Renewal Project is not a checklist or a program—it's a personal invitation for you to engage with your faith on your time and on your terms. Rooted in prayer and community, this diocesan-wide effort encourages each of us to take a simple step deeper in our relationship with Jesus Christ. You will find a variety of invitations to help you reflect, grow and respond to the Lord in your daily life—whether as parents, couples, singles or students. It's about opening your heart to His presence and letting Him renew you from the inside out.

## THE RENEWAL PROJECT

Simple. Achievable. Life Changing.  
"Behold, I make all things new." - Revelation 21:5

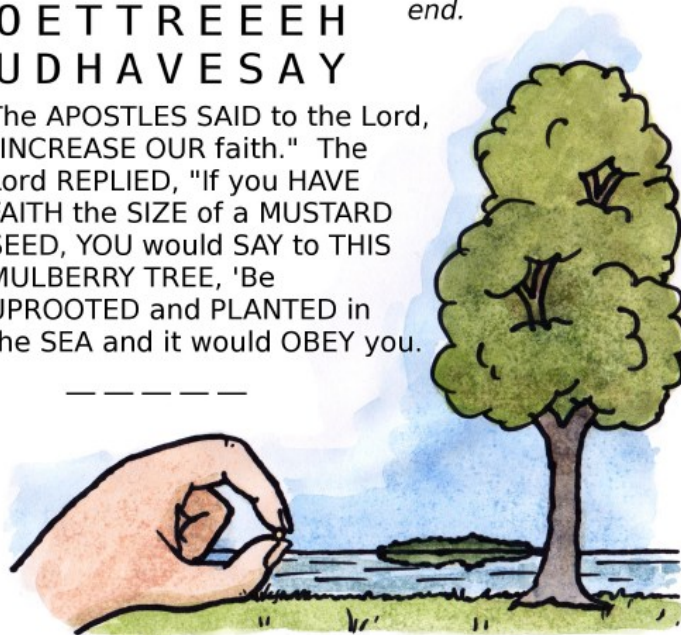
## ~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~

### Mustard Seed Word-Find

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Here is part of today's Gospel reading. See if you can find all the words written in CAPITALS. Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

The APOSTLES SAID to the Lord, "INCREASE OUR faith." The Lord REPLIED, "If you HAVE FAITH the SIZE of a MUSTARD SEED, YOU would SAY to THIS MULBERRY TREE, 'Be UPROOTED and PLANTED in the SEA and it would OBEY you.



As we strive to do God's will in our lives, we offer him our prayers and petitions.

- † For an increase in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life, may God equip young men and women to respond to his call to prayer, service, and sacrifice, let us pray to the Lord.
- † For public officials, may the Lord inspire them in advocating for just policies to protect human life at all stages, let us pray to the Lord.
- † For all who suffer illnesses of mind, body, and spirit, may the Lord grant them peace and health, let us pray to the Lord
- † For all members of the Church, may God help us in leading lives worthy of our call and sharing generously the Gospel message, let us pray to the Lord.
- † For all who have died in the peace of Christ, may they find eternal peace in his heavenly kingdom, let us pray to the Lord.

Heavenly Father, we praise your goodness and ask you to look with favor upon our petitions which we offer. Through Christ our Lord.

To add a request call 608-788-1646 or email [sjrp2601@gmail.com](mailto:sjrp2601@gmail.com)

