

St. Joseph Parish *of* St. Joseph Ridge

W2601 State Road 33, La Crosse WI 54601

October 12, 2025

Twenty-Eighth 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

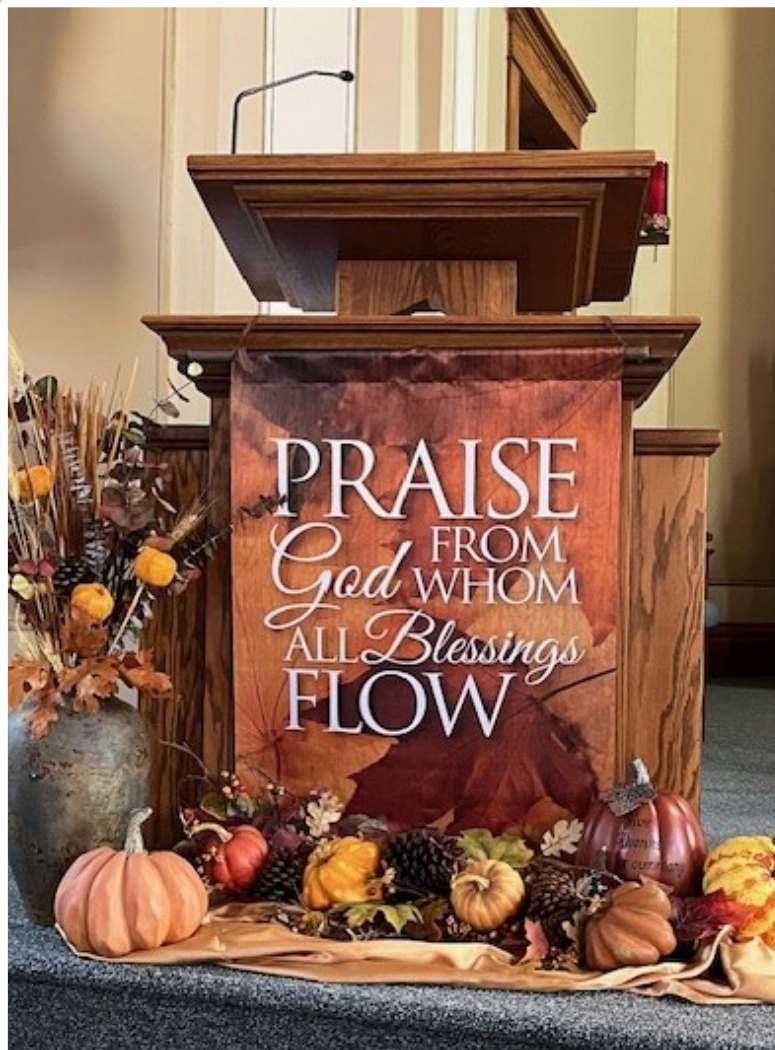
Saturday..... 8:00 PM

Sunday 10:00 AM

WEEKDAY MASS

Wednesday..... 8:00 AM

Friday..... 8:00 AM



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 11TH

~4:00 pm - † Rick Schermerhorn (J&PS)

Lector: Donnie Weber

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12TH

~8:30 am - † Herbert Clements (L&DC)

Lector: Sally Miller

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14TH

~5:00 pm—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

~5:30 pm - † Margaret Trinkes (RB)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16TH

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18TH

~4:00 pm - Our Parish Family

Lector: Bill Weber

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19TH

~8:30 am - Our Parish Family

Lector: Dan Steiger

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

~ PARISH CALENDAR ~

- **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 18 & 19** ~ Mission Sunday
- **October 21** ~ Pastoral and Finance Council meeting
- **October 25 & 26** ~ Diocesan Annual Appeal begins

Communion Antiphon:

(Prayed prior to receiving the Eucharist)

The rich suffer want and go hungry, but
those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

~ 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 (39):	\$ 3,172.00
Plate collection:	\$ 237.00
Donation to CCD program:	\$ 100.00
Donation to rectory project	\$ 1,230.00
Total:	\$ 4,739.00

☞ Thank you Money Counters! ☞

If we persevere, we shall also reign with him.

First Reading: 2 Kings 5:14-17

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-13

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

The readings feature those in extremely difficult circumstances finding hope and new life in their faith. Naaman is cleansed, Paul hopes in God in the face of trial, and desperate lepers are completely healed. In each of these examples, we see the transformative power of faith and the abundant power and grace of God. May the Lord increase and sustain us in faith so as to be strident witnesses of his love and mercy to the world

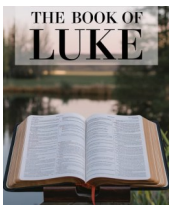
Diocese of La Crosse ~ Chancery Bulletin

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/>

In the October 7th Chancery bulletin, there are pictures and information regarding **Deacon Lang's Ordination**. **Deacon Kyle Lang is from the St. Teresa's of Kolkota parish in West Salem.**

~ STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION ~



TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Gratitude, as we learn from the readings, is not just a feeling, but a transformative force in the life of a Christian disciple. It leads us to worship God, the source of our salvation, and shapes our stewardship way of life.

The Gospel passage from Luke vividly illustrates the role of recognition in gratitude. Only one of the ten lepers recognized the blessing he had received from Jesus and returned to thank him. This prompts us to reflect: how often do we fail to acknowledge the blessings, answered prayers, and healings that the Lord showers upon us?

The truth is that our very lives and every breath we take are His gift to us. However, we can become so caught up in the stresses and distractions of daily life that we lose sight of this truth.

The Samaritan's response to his healing is a powerful example of the connection between gratitude and worship. His recognition of the Lord's blessing led him to glorify God and express his gratitude. This sequence of gratitude leading to worship is a profound spiritual truth that we should all strive to embody.

And because of this response, Jesus offered him a far more precious gift than physical healing; He offered him the gift of salvation. "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you."

Too often, we hear the phrase, "*Count your blessings*," and write it off as nothing more than a trite saying. Today's Gospel shows us otherwise. Gratitude is powerful. It deepens our faith in God and leads us to fitting worship of Him.

New Stairs in the Rectory

This week Borton Construction replaced the old stair case in the rectory.

Job was very well done, quickly and efficiently.

20 steps to 16 steps!

It is much more standard and is safer to use.

Thank you to all who donated.

If you would still like to contribute to this project, please make your check payable to St. Joseph Parish. You can mail your check to St. Joseph Parish, W2601 State Rd 33, La Crosse, WI 54601 or put it in the weekend offertory. Thank you.



~ PARISH NEWS ~



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

- PCCW meeting on Monday, October 13th at 6:30 pm. All women of the parish are welcome to attend.
- PCCW dues of \$13.00 are due in October. You can put your dues in an envelope marked PCCW Dues in the weekend's offertory basket or mail to St. Joseph Parish/PCCW Dues, W2601 State Rd. 33, La Crosse, WI 54601

~ DIOCESAN NEWS ~

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

Take a few quiet moments to look at Jesus hanging on a Crucifix, and you will recognize that He gave everything for you. Pope Benedict XVI explained how God "gives the cross to prove to us: 'I love you. You can trust Me.'" During this *Jubilee Year of Hope 2025*, ask Jesus to 7 increase in you the gift of hope so that you will trust Him through life's challenges and suffering, believing that He "works all things together for the good of those who love Him" (Romans 8:28).

~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 encouraged to attend. The next meeting in our area is this Thursday.

Blessed Sacrament/La Crosse, Thursday, Oct.16th ~ 6:30 pm.

Please consider to attend with Fr. Sen. You can find more information at diolc.org/rebuildmychurch.

World Mission Sunday

October 18 & 19

Envelopes
are available
in church

Please join all Catholics in our global annual celebration of worship, prayer and collection on World Mission Sunday (always the penultimate Sunday of October and not to be confused with summer Mission Coop Program). Your prayers and sacrifices support over 1,124 mission territories where the Gospel is being proclaimed for the first time, courageously upheld despite persecution, or brought to communities still discovering Christ's love.



~ DIOCESAN/Community NEWS ~

~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.

~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.



~40 days for Life: The fall campaign to end abortion runs through Nov. 2 on the sidewalk outside Planned Parenthood, 1201 Caledonia Street. Please consider coming to pray for an hour! Sign up at 40daysforlife.com/lacrosse. Contact Marie Allen for more information: 608.784.5189 or marie.v.allen@charter.information.

~Wisconsin Bishops' Pastoral Letter on End of Life Decisions

Last fall, Wisconsin's bishops released the 4th edition of their pastoral letter on end of life decisions, *Now and at the Hour of Our Death*. The letter provides guidance on many aspects of end-of-life planning and decisions, and it [can be accessed here](#). For questions related to the moral principles for end of life decisions, you may contact Christopher Ruff in the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns (cruff@diolc.org).

~Employment opportunities:

Cathedral Elementary School is looking for a **full-time Custodian**. This is a 40-hour per week position that includes cleaning and light maintenance. If you are interested in this position, please contact CES Principal, Mrs. Teresa Eliason (teresa.eliason@aquinasschools.org) or HR Specialist, Mrs. Lisa Caya (lisa.caya@aquinasschools.org)

Blessed Sacrament Elementary School is looking for a **part-time Food Service Assistant**. The position runs approximately 7:00 am - 1:00 pm. Candidates should be willing and able to take the [ServSafe food safety class at WTC](#), have strong time management and attention to detail, and be able to follow directions while also working independently when needed. Basic kitchen skills are preferred, and the role requires the ability to stand for several hours, lift 20-30 pounds, and perform repetitive tasks. If you are interested in this position, please contact BSE Principal, Mrs. Megan Bauser (megan.bauer@aquinasschools.org) or HR Specialist, Mrs. Lisa Caya (lisa.caya@aquinasschools.org)

~**St. James & Providence Academy 59th ANNUAL HOLLY BERRY FAIR** Saturday, November 8, 2025, 8am-2pm.; In the Providence Academy Gymnasium, 716 Windsor St. across the street from St. James church.

WHAT: Booths include Bakery (We have lefse!), \$5 Fill-a-Bag Rummage & Antiques, Crafts, Raffle Baskets, Silent Auction, Jewelry, Mystery Gifts, Religious Items. Win a 55" LED Smart TV! Visit Santa from 10am-Noon. NEW! Kid's Games to win prizes from 9am-1pm. Homemade Beef Stew, Gourmet Coffee & refreshments available for dine in or take out.

~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~

thankfulness

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus cured ten lepers. Leprosy is a horrible disease that eats away at a person's body until they die. It was pretty amazing for those people when Jesus just told them to go and show themselves to the priests and they realized that they were cured!



But then something interesting happened. Only one of the ten who had been cured came back to say 'Thank you' to Jesus. Do you think that the other nine were not happy that they were better? Why do you think they didn't come back to thank Jesus?

THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME RECEIVE YOU!



Now think about your life. You've probably never had a disease like leprosy, but God has still done amazing things for you. He made you and gave you everything you need to live. He gave you your friends and family, and most especially He gives Himself to us in the Mass and at Holy Communion.

Do you remember to say 'Thank you' to God?

As his faithful children, we turn to the Father in prayer to present our petitions to him.

+For the Church: that we may proclaim God's wisdom in the Word, guiding everyone toward lives of generous discipleship.

+For Christians everywhere: that we may recognize our possessions as gifts entrusted to God's mission and use them to serve others.

+For our parish community: that our stewardship may demonstrate trust in God's abundance, let go of fear, and embrace our mission.

+For those burdened by wealth or anxiety: that they may find freedom in surrendering to God's providence.

+For each of us: may we discover in Christ a treasure more valuable than gold and live as ambassadors of His Kingdom.

God of great mercy, please hear and answer our prayers in your holy wisdom, we ask through Christ our Lord.

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

