



St. Joseph Parish *of* St. Joseph Ridge

W2601 State Road 33, La Crosse WI 54601

October 19, 2025

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

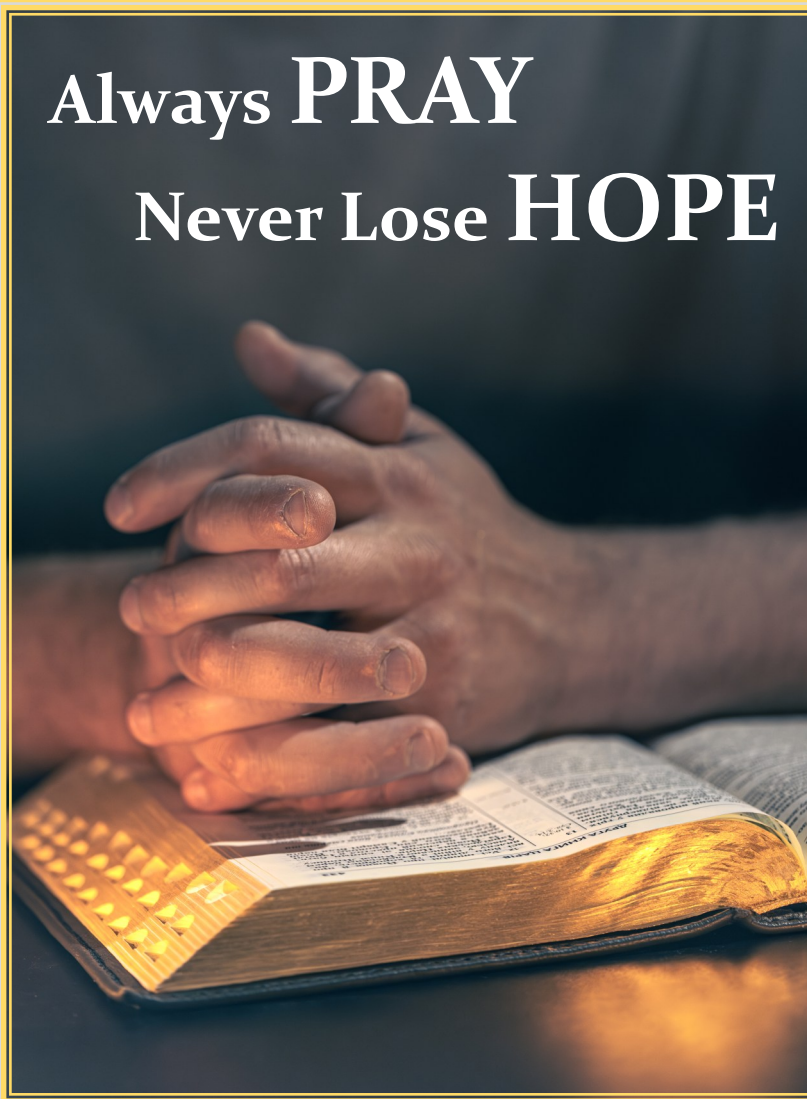
Saturday..... 8:00 PM

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 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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21ST~5:00 pm—*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

~5:30 pm - † George & Evelyn Miller (T&MP)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23RD

~8:30 am - † Jim Malin (M&LM)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25TH

~4:00 pm - † Earl Martin (RM)

Lector: Cecilia Sawaya

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26TH

~8:30 am - † Curt Strittmater (CS)

Lector: Sally Miller

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

~ PARISH CALENDAR ~

- **October 18 & 19** ~ World Mission Sunday
- **October 21** ~ 6:30 pm Joint Pastoral and Finance Council meeting
- **October 25 & 26** ~ Diocesan Annual Appeal begins
- **November 1st** ~ Solemnity of All Saints
- **November 2nd** ~ All Souls' Day

Communion Antiphon:

(Prayed prior to receiving the Eucharist)

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

~ 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**

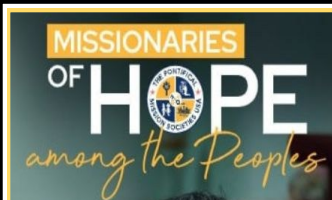
3:30—3:45 pm before Saturday 4:00 pm Mass
or by appointment.

* **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 (31):	\$ 2,101.00
Plate collection:	\$ 314.00
Total:	\$ 2,415.00



World Mission Sunday

October 19th

Celebrated every year on the second-to-last Sunday of October, World Mission Sunday is the day when Catholics around the world unite to support the missionary work of the Church. Established by Pope Pius XI in 1926, it remains the only annual global collection that directly supports the 1,124 mission territories where the Church is young, struggling, or persecuted. On this day, every parish, in every diocese, in every country, joins in prayer and giving to ensure that missionaries can continue their vital work—building churches, forming priests, supporting catechists, and serving communities in need.

Let us ask him in prayer ~ to help us answer his call

First Reading: Exodus 17:8-13

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14—4:2

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

In the first reading, when Joshua went into battle, as long as Moses kept his hands raised, Joshua had the better of the fight.

In the second reading, Paul encourages Timothy to *remain faithful to what [he has] learned and believed*. He tells him to *proclaim the word... whether it is convenient or inconvenient*. In the Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples a parable *about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary*

~ STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION ~

**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

The four pillars of parish stewardship are *hospitality, prayer, formation, and service*. These pillars serve not only as a guide but also as a reassurance of our spiritual growth. Today's readings highlight the profound importance of prayer and its unique role in both our individual lives and the life of our parish community.

Our Lord Himself calls us to prayer and persistence in prayer in the Gospel passage from Luke. Jesus shares the parable of the persistent widow who finally wears down the judge with her relentless pursuit of a just ruling on her behalf. This story powerfully reminds us of the transformative power of persistent prayer. Even a judge who "neither feared God nor respected any human being" was moved to deliver a just judgment because of the widow's persistence. This should fill us with hope and empowerment, knowing that our loving, all-merciful Father will respond to our persistent prayers to Him.

Jesus uses this vivid example to compare a reluctant, dishonest judge with our loving, merciful Father. This stark contrast should help us understand the depth of God's love and mercy. If even a bad judge responds to persistent requests, how much more will our good Father eagerly and perfectly answer our persistent prayers?

Even if God's response seems delayed or different from what we expected, we can remain confident and trust in His goodness. His response, whenever it comes and in whatever form, will be the very best for us. This reassurance should bring us peace and security in our faith.

Our role as Christian stewards is to stay faithful in our relationship with God through prayer. We should rely on each other in our communities—whether family or parish—as we support one another through prayer and mutual encouragement. Remember, a strong foundation of prayer will make all our other stewardship efforts successful. Together, we can strengthen our faith and community through prayer.

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Never give up on prayer, and should you find dryness and difficulty, persevere in it for this very reason. God often desires to see what love your soul has, and love is not tried by ease and satisfaction.”

St. John of the Cross

God wants to spend time with YOU! Will you let him?

~ PARISH NEWS ~



Students should be working on their Art Contest Design as the final project is due **October 22**.

The Art work is to represent the

Theme: Our Catholic Faith Gives Hope to the World

Winners will be announced on November 5th.

Learn and Grow with Jesus together

PCCW Dues - It's that time of year again to collect the annual dues of \$13.00 for PCCW

(Parish Council of Catholic Women)

You can put your payment (checks payable to PCCW) in the collection or you can mail it to the Parish office at
W2601 State Rd 33, La Crosse, WI 54601

Cemetery Cleanup:

If you have flowers or other decorations in the cemetery, please remove by November 3rd.

There is a wagon parked in the parking lot for any flower disposal.
Thank you

Thank you to Kathy Leis Stan Clements, Stacy Burns, and Sally Miller for leading the Rosary before weekend masses.

Your faithfulness is so appreciated!

~ DIOCESAN NEWS ~

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

God created us for life with Him - life without sorrow, pain, tears and all the difficulties that go with life on planet earth. Jesus gave His life for us so that our sins can be forgiven and we can spend eternal life with Him—a life of joy, peace and perfect love in the presence of God—a life that never ends. Wherever you are on your journey of friendship with God, ask Him for the grace to be more committed to deepening your relationship with Jesus Christ through daily conversation, attending Mass every Sunday and growing in the gift of hope to be with Him, along with family and friends, forever.

~**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 Sunday, October 19th 1:00 pm at MMOC. You can find more information at diolc.org/rebuildmychurch.

~**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.



~ DIOCESAN/Community NEWS ~

~**2025 Legacy Guild Benefit Dinner** supporting Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II on Friday, Nov. 7, 2025, at Blessed Sacrament Church in La Crosse. This annual fundraiser promises to be an inspiring evening of celebration, heartfelt stories and renewed commitment to the mission of the Father Joseph Walijewski Legacy Guild and Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II. <https://frjoesguild.org/events/>

~**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).

~**2nd Annual Granny Basketball Exhibition Game**, The La Crosse Doe's (Grannys) challenging some of our favorite priests, the Diocesan Padres. The game will be Monday, Oct. 27, 2025 at Aquinas High School in La Crosse. Doors open at 7 p.m. with all donations at the door supporting the children of Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II in Peru. Last year, we raised \$4,000... let's beat that with grit, giggles and granny hook shots!

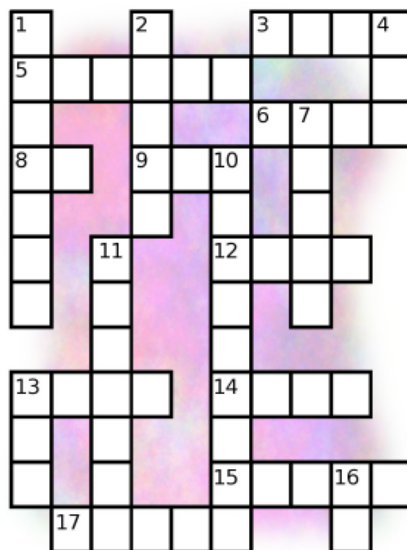
~**SAVE THE DATE. Sunday, November 2, All Souls Day Stations of the Cross** for the Holy Souls in Purgatory will be held in the Catholic Cemetery on Losey Blvd, La Crosse at 3:30pm. Come and pray for all the Poor Souls in Purgatory.

~**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. Booths including 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.

~Pontifical Mass with Cardinal Burke for All Saints Day

Saturday, November 1, 2025 @ 12:15 pm - 1:00 pm. Please join us at the Shrine on November 1st, the First Saturday of November, for Solemn Pontifical Mass offered by His Eminence Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke according to the Ancient Use of the Roman Rite. The Shrine is blessed with dozens of relics of the saints, and many of them will be on display at the Shrine for All Saints Day this year.

~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~



the parable of the unjust judge

*Here's a puzzle
about the story in
today's Gospel
reading.*



Across:

3. Jesus _____, "There was a judge..."
5. The judge was _____. (not fair)
6. The judge wanted the widow to go _____.
8. We should pray _____ God.
9. Who will always listen when we pray?
12. The judge was _____ to listen; God is fast.
13. The unjust judge did not _____ God.
14. What we do when we are talking to God.
15. The widow needed help against her _____.
17. Who told the story about the widow and judge?

Down:

1. Fairness.
2. What sort of person did the widow ask for help?
4. We pray to God _____ and night.
7. The parable is about a _____ and a judge.
10. Who did Jesus tell the story to?
11. Another name for the stories Jesus told.
13. God will do what is good _____ us.
16. The judge thought, "She will wear _____ out."



Our Lord generously provides for his faithful. Let us offer our prayers with confidence this day.

- + For the Church: that we may follow Christ the Servant, offering our gifts to serve God's mission in the world.
- + For all who exercise leadership: that they may govern with humility and a spirit of stewardship, seeking the common good above personal gain.
- + For our parish: that our service may come from gratitude, sending us out as missionaries of mercy to those in need.
- + For those who suffer in silence: may they find hope in Christ, who gave His life as a ransom for many.
- + May each of us strive for our daily stewardship to reflect Christ's example of humble service, making it a mission of love.

Heavenly Father, your love is beyond our comprehension. Please hear and answer our prayers in your wisdom, we ask, through Christ our Lord.

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respect life month novena



OCTOBER 22-30
respectlife.org

Join us in praying a
Respect Life Novena.
Today's intercession is:
May every person's life
be protected and cared
for from conception to
natural death.

Pray the Our Father,
3 Hail Marys,
Glory Be