



St. Joseph Parish *of* St. Joseph Ridge

W2601 State Road 33, La Crosse WI 54601

October 26, 2025

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor

Father Sen

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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
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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 whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles 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

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

'Thank you' for your time and talent to support our parish.

MUSIC

Stacy Burns, Coordinator
608-769-8828
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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 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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28TH~5:00 pm—*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

~5:30 pm - † George Bahr (MB)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30TH

~8:30 am - † Mary & Ray Sedevie (DL)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST**SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS**

~8:30 am - Our farming community

~4:00 pm - † Mike Brown (RB)

Lector: Jim Weber

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND — ALL SOULS DAY

~8:30 am - † Darryl, Terry, George & Evelyn Miller

Lector: Paula Silha (T&MP)

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

~ Contributions for the past week ~

Adult Envelopes (32):	\$ 1,800.00
Plate collection:	\$ 240.00
Votive candles:	\$ 142.75
World Mission (8):	\$ 445.00
Total:	\$ 2,627.75

*Humility before the Lord is its own righteousness.*First Reading: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

In the spiritual life, it is tempting to look at others' motivations and behaviors and compare them to ourselves. We may even comfort ourselves with the thought that at least we are "not like them." The Lord reminds us that our focus should be on examining our own actions, recognizing our own sins, and humbly repenting for these, seeking God's mercy.

~ PARISH CALENDAR ~

- **October 25 & 26** ~ Diocesan Annual Appeal begins
- **October 29** ~ Religious Education classes
- **November 1** ~ Solemnity of All Saints
- **November 2** ~ All Souls' Day
- **November 5** ~ Religious Education classes
- **November 11** ~ Veteran's Day
- **November 12** ~ Religious Education classes
- **November 19** ~ Religious Education classes

Communion Antiphon:

(Prayed prior to receiving the Eucharist)

We will ring out our joy at your saving help
and exult in the name of our God.

~ 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**

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)

~ STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION ~

**THIRTIETH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

In last week's readings, we were encouraged to stay persistent and consistent in our prayer life. This weekend, we focus on the proper attitude of a steward during prayer.

In the Gospel passage from Luke, Jesus vividly portrays the stark contrast in the attitudes of two men as they approach God in prayer. One is a Pharisee, a man of esteemed status, who confidently strides to the front of the temple to offer a self-centered prayer, thanking God for his perceived superiority. The other, a tax collector, known for his dishonesty, stands at the back and humbly cries out to God: "Be merciful to me, a sinner."

The other man is a tax collector, known during his time as a cheat and someone who betrayed his fellow Jews. Unlike the Pharisee, he stands at the back and honestly cries out to God: "Be merciful to me, a sinner."

Jesus tells us that it is the tax collector, not the Pharisee, who leaves the temple justified. Why?

The Pharisee was full of himself as he approached God. He felt no real need for God as he rattled off his list of good works and spiritual practices. He was going through the motions of prayer. His lack of humility kept him from engaging in a genuine dialogue with the Father. He was not transformed by his time of prayer because he was so full of himself that he left no space for God to enter.

The tax collector, in his humility, emptied himself as he approached God. He acknowledged his sinfulness and asked for mercy, leaving everything else to God. This is the kind of attitude that God can work with! This is how a good steward prays — with trust, with complete openness to God's will, with a listening mind and heart, ready to serve as God guides.

~ PARISH NEWS ~

• **PCCW Dues:** It's that time of year again to collect the annual dues of \$13.00 for PCCW (Parish Council of Catholic Women). All women of the parish can put their 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

• **Job Opportunity!** The Administrative Assistant position for St. Joseph Parish is open. The position is part time (10—12 hours per week) and consists of bookkeeping, preparing the bulletin and general office duties. If you are interested or would like more information, please call the Parish Office (608)788-1646 or speak with Father Sen.

• **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

• **Microwave needs a home:** Does your family or your work place need a microwave? The microwave from the rectory is available and can be seen at the back of church. It is **Free** or a freewill offering would be appreciated.

• **Mass time changes:** There was a joint meeting of the Pastoral and Finance councils from St. Joseph's and St. Peter's Parishes. There was good conversation regarding things that we can work together on. One of the conversations was regarding Mass times.

+ Due to the time constraint for Father to travel between masses on Sunday, the councils agreed to Father Sen's suggestion to move the St. Joseph's Sunday mass to 8:00 am effective January 1, 2026.

+ In order to be uniform, the Thursday mass and the First Saturday mass at St. Joseph will be at 8:00 am effective January 1, 2026.

+ The councils discussed in detail about the Saturday masses and decided to take a survey in November to get the input of the parishioners of each parish. Let's make our Parishes Vibrant!

~ DIOCESAN NEWS ~

~ **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.

Diocesan Annual Appeal

Catholic Stewardship for Missionary Discipleship

In the Gospel of John, Jesus tells His disciples: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." That commission is for all of us. We are not just spectators — **we are missionaries of hope**, sent into the world to make Christ known.

This year's Appeal logo beautifully embodies this mission. The **blue cross** represents our anchor in Christ. The **red flame** signifies the Holy Spirit, who grants us courage. The **gold waves** illustrate how our gifts spread out, reaching the poor, shaping our youth, supporting our seminarians, and strengthening parish life throughout our Diocese.



AS THE FATHER HAS SENT ME,
SO I SEND YOU. - JOHN 20:21

When you invest in the Annual Appeal, you're not just making a donation. You're saying: **"Yes, Lord. Send me.** Use me to bring hope to others." Your role is essential, **and your gift is appreciated.**

Remember, whether your gift is large or small, it is a spark that God can transform into a flame. Together, let's **fuel missions of hope** and be part of this transformative journey, where your contribution, no matter the size, has the power to make a significant difference.

Thank you, and may God bless your generosity. Your contributions, regardless of size, are sincerely appreciated and acknowledged. Your support is valued, and as members of our community, you are greatly appreciated.

There is more information regarding the Diocesan Annual Appeal at this link <https://diolc.org/stewardship/appeal-portal/>

~ DIOCESAN/Community NEWS ~

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

Jesus gave the apostles the power and authority to forgive sins, and this same power and authority is passed on to ordained priests. It is a beautiful gift to be forgiven of our sins in the sacrament of reconciliation. The cleansing and healing that takes place in our soul through the grace of the sacrament allows us to experience real joy and peace, to begin again in living with greater charity and to deepen our friendship with Christ. During this Jubilee Year, let us frequent the sacrament of penance and be strengthened in hope that Jesus, who began the good work in us will carry it on to completion.

~**40 Days for Life Final Rally** will be on Sunday, November 2, at the Roncalli Newman Basement Hall, from 4- 5 p.m. Prayer, song, and personal testimonies will be followed by a free chili supper. If you have not yet had a chance to pray outside Planned Parenthood, go to the website for more information: www.40daysforlife.com Thanks to all who have made this public witness for a culture of life.

~**World Mission Sunday**—Thank you! Your generous response to the personal message of Pope Leo XIV for World Mission Sunday to help him help the missions through your prayers and financial support is much appreciated! You may still return your envelopes this week. There are more in the back of the church.

~**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.

~**Annual Halloween Party, October 31st 5:30 pm:** The St. Joseph Ridge Lions Club will be hosting their annual Halloween Party at the **Lions Shelter House** in the St. Joseph Ridge park. There will be games, costume contest, treats, pizza and hot dogs.

~**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/>

~**Advent Christmas Fair 'From Our Heart and Home to Yours'** **November 15th 8 am—2 pm at Blessed Sacrament**

130 Losey Blvd South, La Crosse. There will be Raffle Baskets (drawing at 1:45 need not be present to win), Giving Tree, Children's Secret Store, Grandma's Pantry, Cache of Jewelry, Catholic Family Room, Attic Treasures, Book Nook (with kids' corner while you shop), Saint Nick donation project, St Lucy Cinnamon Rolls 8am -10am; 11am – 1pm a special meal in Bethlehem Square and for the children in the Shepherds' Field ~ foods which Mary and Joseph would have enjoyed ~ more information Blessed Sacrament Parish web site

BE HUMBLE

Being humble isn't a sad or bad thing.

It means knowing that all the good things we have, do come from God. Being humble also lets us be sorry for the selfish things we have done, because it lets us admit that it was our own fault and God can help us overcome our selfishness.

~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~

Saint Paul Match-Up

What comes next?

Match up the first parts with the next parts from today's second reading.

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| 1. I have fought ■ | ■ strength |
| 2. I have finished ■ | ■ the faith |
| 3. I have kept ■ | ■ the good fight |
| 4. The Lord gave me ■ | ■ the message. |
| 5. so that the Gentiles
could hear ■ | ■ glory forever
and ever. |
| 6. To Him be ■ | ■ the race |



2 Timothy 4:6-18

**With humble confidence, let us offer our prayers
to our dear Lord this day.**

+ For the Church: that we may become a community of compassion, stewarding God's mercy and carrying out His healing mission to the world.

+For societal leaders: that they may be attentive to the cries of the poor and marginalized, working to restore dignity and justice.

+For our parish: that our stewardship may open the eyes of the blind, bringing light and hope through our works of faith.

+For those who are physically, emotionally, or spiritually wounded: may they hear Christ's call, "Take courage, get up, He is calling you."

+For each of us: that, healed and strengthened by Christ, we may follow Him joyfully on the path of missionary discipleship.

**Gracious God, please hear and answer our
prayers this day in your wisdom, we ask
through Christ our Lord.**

To add a request call 608-788-1646 or email
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**Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
have mercy on me a sinner!**