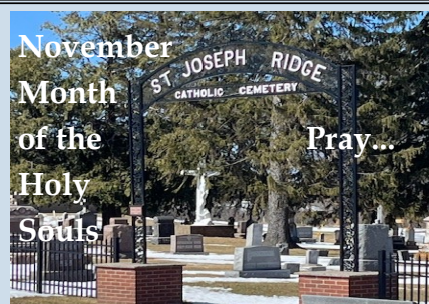


St. Joseph Parish *of* St. Joseph Ridge

W2601 State Road 33, La Crosse WI 54601

November 16, 2025

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



**We are
called to
persevere
in faith
until the day
Christ
returns.**



Pastor **Father Sen**

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PARISH OFFICE

Barb Mikshowsky-Administrative Assistant
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CONFESSIONS

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

St. Joseph Parish, St. Joseph Ridge

(608) 788-1646

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

St. Peters Parish, Middle Ridge

(608) 452-4680

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 8:00 PM
Sunday 10:00 AM

Weekday Schedule

Wednesday 8:00 AM
Friday 8:00 AM

ADORATION

Wednesday 7:00 PM with
Benediction at 8:05 PM

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

MUSIC:

Stacy Burns, Coordinator
608-769-8828
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Accompanist:

Leland Gregorich
LuAnne Gregorich
Mary Beth Smith

Sacristan:

Sally Miller

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

"Whoever serves me, the Father will honor." John 12:26

~ PARISH INTENTIONS ~

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH

~4:00 pm - Schermerhorn Family (J&PS)

Lector: Bill Weber

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH

~8:30 am - † Joyce Clements (L&DC)

Lector: Donna Clements

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH

~5:00 pm—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

~5:30 pm - † Deceased members of the Brown & Trinkes families (D&TB)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH

~8:30 am - † Don Kapler (DL)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND

~4:00 pm - † Therese Hess, Rosie(Hess)Francis(CB/PH)

Lector: Cecilia Sawaya

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD

~8:30 am - Our Parish Family

Lector: Paula Silha

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

~ PARISH CALENDAR ~

- **November 17** ~ 6:30 pm PCCW meeting
- **November 18** ~ 7:00 pm Joint Pastoral & Finance Councils meet at St. Peters/Middle Ridge
- **November 19** ~ Religious Education classes
- **November 26** ~ No Religious Ed classes
- **November 27** ~ Thanksgiving
- **November 30** ~ First Sunday of Advent
- **December 3** ~ Religious Education classes

**Communion Antiphon:**

(Prayed prior to receiving the Eucharist)

To be near God is my happiness,
to place my hope in God the Lord.

~ EMBRACE YOUR FAITH ~

*** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Tuesday evenings: 5:00 pm; 5:30 pm Mass

~ 8 Ways to Pray 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 with

Spending time with our Dear Lord!!!

*** Anointing of the Sick**—Call Father Sen at (715) 615-1774 or 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 (45):	\$ 2,295.00
Plate collection:	\$ 250.00
Votive candles:	\$ 116.75
Total:	\$ 2,661.75

**Thank you for your Generosity!**

2025-26 Goal:	\$23,975.00
Pledged:	\$ 0.00
Received:	\$ 6,420.00
Amount Due:	\$ 17,555.00



There is more information regarding the Diocesan Annual Appeal at this link

<https://diolc.org/stewardship/appeal-portal/>

First Reading: Malachi 3:19-20a

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

As we approach the end of the liturgical year, our readings turn toward the end of time. The Church in her wisdom reminds us that this earth is not our final home. We are destined to be with God in heaven. The day is coming when Christ will return to judge the world with justice. If we persevere in faith, we can anticipate this coming with joy.

~ STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION ~

~ PARISH NEWS ~



Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

As we near the end of the liturgical year, our readings serve as a sober reminder that this life is not our goal and that God's justice will ultimately prevail. Now is the moment to prioritize correctly, placing God above all else as His faithful stewards.

Our Lord emphasizes the importance of right priorities in our Gospel passage from Luke, reminding the people nearby, who were looking at the temple, "All that you see here—the days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down." Our Lord reminds us that everything in this world is passing. We must keep our focus on eternity.

Yet, before experiencing the eternal bliss of heaven, we should expect to be tested and tried. "Before all this happens, however, they will seize and persecute you, they will hand you over to the synagogues and to prisons, and they will have you led before kings and governors because of my name."

It may sound daunting, but if you embrace a stewardship lifestyle, there is no need to fear. You already have a plan. All you need to do is follow it. Place our Lord first in your time, talents, and use of treasure. This way of life is not without its challenges, but Jesus assures us that it will lead to eternal salvation and the joy of being united with Him. "You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance, you will secure your lives."

Keep moving forward, Christian stewards, for the struggle is nothing compared to the joy that awaits!

• **PCCW Meeting**—November 17th 6:30 pm. All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend.

• **Joint Meeting:** The Pastoral and Finance Councils from both St. Josephs and St Peters will meet on Tuesday, Nov 18th (7:00 pm) at St. Peters in Middle Ridge.

• **Thank you** to Syl Liebl (and Marce for painting) for patching the wall by the double doors on the west side of the church and touching up the door 'dent' by the ramp door.

• **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.

~ DIOCESAN NEWS ~

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

Christ is the ultimate source of hope, comfort and salvation, particularly through His resurrection and promise of eternal life. This hope is different from the hope of wishful thinking. Hope in the supernatural sense is a theological virtue, a gift from God that provides trust in his promises and empowers believers to persevere through difficulties by relying on God's grace and love. It is based on the belief that God's love and mercy will ultimately prevail, even in the face of life's suffering and pain. Let us ask ourselves if there is a hope in us that others can notice? During this Jubilee Year of Hope, let us ask Jesus to increase the gift of hope in us.

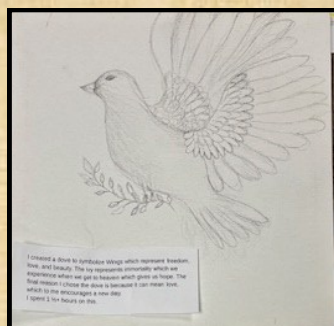
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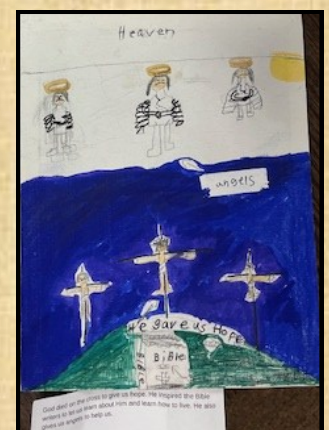
Religious Education Students did a wonderful job in creating Art work representing the theme of **Our Catholic Faith Gives Hope to the World.**

These are the 3 art pieces that were selected.

Thank you students for your creativity!



Learn and Grow
with Jesus
together



~ DIOCESAN/Community NEWS ~

~La Crosse Warming Center, Catholic Charities—Interested in Volunteering? Sign up to provide a meal for breakfast or dinner or Sign up to volunteer for a shift.



If you are not a current volunteer, please complete our volunteer form first. Any questions or concerns, please contact Karla Hein, Warming Center Coordinator at 608-668-9005. <https://cclse.org/la-crosse-warming-center/>

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~ST. MARY'S ANNUAL CRAFT SHOW

Saturday, December 6, 2025 8:00 AM—2:00 PM

Coon Valley Village Hall, 108 Roosevelt St.

Join us for St. Mary's Annual Craft Show and discover unique, one-of-a-kind gifts for the holiday season! Shop from a variety of talented local vendors and crafters.

Enjoy delicious concessions available throughout the day. Admission is free, so bring your family and friends for a fun day of shopping and community spirit! For more information, visit www.stmarycv.org/craft-show or contact Nancy Peters at 608-790-6034 or Peters@mwt.net.

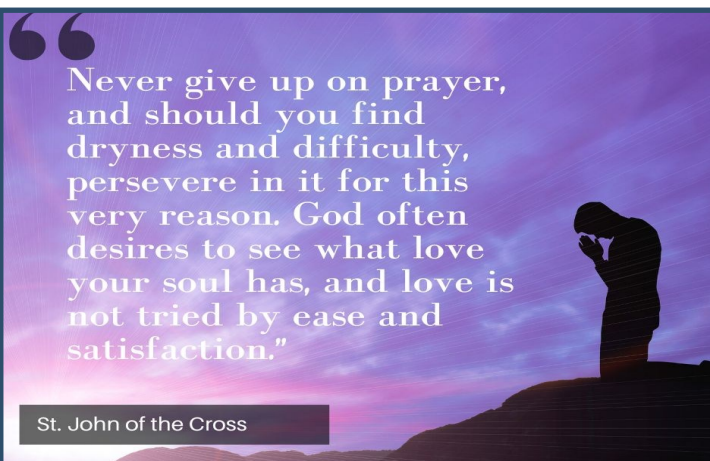
~Christmas Bazaar & Bake Sale—St. Joseph the Workman

Cathedral Saturday, December 6th 8:00 am—2:00 pm

Raffles, baked goods, candy, handmade gifts, greeting cards and many beautiful & unique items.

~Offer your petitions for the Holy Souls at the Shrine of our Lady of Guadalupe. Each November, the Church turns her heart toward the Holy Souls in Purgatory, commending them to God's mercy with special prayers, sacrifices, and above all, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. It is a privileged time to intercede for those who await the vision of God face to face, trusting that our petitions and acts of charity assist them on their way to eternal joy.

The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe invites you to share your intentions with them, that they may be prayerfully read and entrusted to Our Lady's care at the Shrine, united with the petitions of countless pilgrims who seek her intercession. Together, under the mantle of Our Lady, we commend the souls of our loved ones and all the faithful departed to the mercy of Christ. Prayer Requests can be made at <https://guadalupe Shrine.org/prayer-requests/>

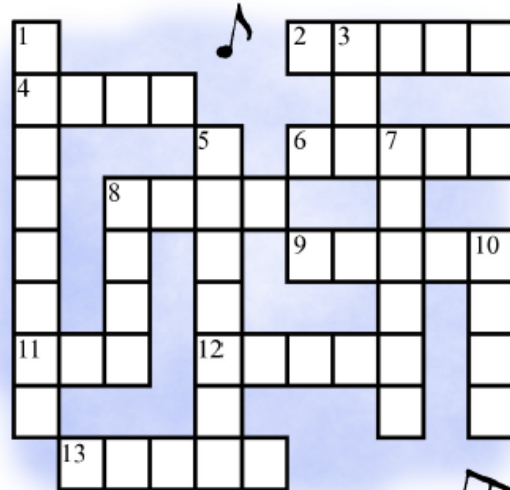


~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~

Psalm 98 Cross-Word

Use the words in the list to fill in the blanks in today's Psalm, and then fit them into the puzzle.

LYRE
THOSE
THE
DWELL
WHO
MELODY
LORD
COMES
SOUND
FILLS
PRAISES
ROAR
TRUMPETS
SING



Sing 5D to the Lord with the lyre,
with the 8D and the sound of 7D!
With 1D and the 12A of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the 8A!

Let the sea 4A, and all that 9A it;
the world and 13A 3D 2A in it!
Let the floods clap their hands;

let the hills 10D for joy together before the Lord,
for he 6A to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness,
and 11A peoples with equity.

A=Across
D=Down

**With confidence in God's love, we offer
our petitions to the Father.**

- + For the faithful departed, may the Lord receive them into his loving embrace.
- + For the World Day of the Poor, that our communities hear the Holy Father's call— "You are my hope"— and walk with our neighbors in material and spiritual need. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
- + For our local and global mission partners, that the Gospel be proclaimed in word and deed. *Let us pray to the Lord*
- + For our parish, that our stewardship of time, talent, and treasure sustain ministries to the sick, the elderly, and the dying.

Father, we thank you for hearing us and showing us your love and mercy. Please answer our prayers according to your will. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

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

