

St. Joseph Parish of St. Joseph Ridge

W2601 State Road 33, La Crosse WI 54601

November 23, 2025 ~ *Solemnity of
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*



Then he said, "*Jesus,
remember me
when you come
into your
kingdom.*"

He replied to him,
"*Amen, I say to
you, today you
will be with me in
Paradise.*"



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PARISH OFFICE

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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

*'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:

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Rick Meyer

MUSIC:

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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, 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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH

~5:00 pm—*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*
 ~5:30 pm - Our Parish Family

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH**Thanksgiving day**

~8:30 am - † Ralph & Evelyn Mikshowsky
 (M&CM)

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH**

~4:00 pm - † Reiny & Darlene Kammel (J&SD)
 Lector: Kathy Leis
 Servers: Volunteers
 Ushers: Volunteers

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH**

~8:30 am - † George & Evelyn Miller (T&MP)
 Lector: Sally Miller
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

~ PARISH CALENDAR ~

- **November 26** ~ No Religious Ed classes
- **November 27** ~ 8:30 am Mass—Thanksgiving
- **November 30** ~ First Sunday of Advent
- **December 3** ~ Religious Education classes
- **December 8** ~ *Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary:*
 ~6:00 pm Mass at St. Joseph's
 ~8:00 pm Mass at St. Peter's

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 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 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

*** 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 (46):	\$ 2,951.00
Plate collection:	\$ 295.00
Christmas flowers:	\$ 45.00
Total:	\$ 3,291.00

**Thank you for your Generosity!**

2025-26 Goal:	\$23,975.00
Pledged:	\$ 0.00
Received:	\$ 7,740.00
Amount Due:	\$ 16,235.00



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

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

Jesus is King of all creation.

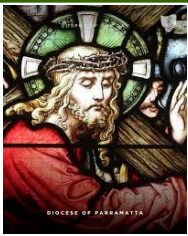
First Reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-3

Second Reading: Colossians 1:12-20

Gospel: Luke 23:35-43

Today's solemnity, which marks the close of the liturgical year, reminds us that Christ is king, judge, and ruler of all. He is the image of the invisible God and the firstborn of all creation in whom all power and authority have been invested. By our baptism we share in that royal identity so that we might witness to his glory and kingship before the world.

~ STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION ~



Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

On this Feast of Christ the King, our readings remind us that we serve the greatest of Kings, who is also the humblest of Kings. Christ exemplifies perfect servant leadership. And what an incredible privilege it is that He has called us to be servant leaders — stewards in the effort to advance His Kingdom.

In our second reading from St. Paul's letter to the Colossians, Paul describes the great power and dignity that define Christ the King. "All things were created through him and for him. He is before all things and in him all things hold together." It makes you want to stand up and cheer. That's our King!

Yet, what a contrasting description of the same King we find in our Gospel passage from Luke. Now we see our King nailed to the Cross. Everyone—from rulers to soldiers, to the criminals on either side of Christ—is mocking, sneering, and reviling Him. They tauntingly urge Him to prove His kingship by coming down from the Cross to end His suffering with a great display of power. "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself."

But He does not. Amazingly, it is in this moment of weakness and humiliation, when all appears hopeless and lost, that the full extent of His greatness as king is revealed. Though all things were created through and for Him, Christ chooses to live entirely for others, for us!

What does this mean for us as his followers and stewards of His kingdom? It means our lives are not about us. They are about Christ and others. We will advance His kingdom to the extent that we embrace this mindset: my life is not about me; it is about serving the King of kings. Let this inspire and motivate us in our daily lives.

"In All Circumstances Give Thanks" (1 Thes. 5:18)

During this season of Thanksgiving, let us become more aware, throughout each day, of the things for which we can be thankful, even in the midst of difficult circumstances. Make an actual list, and then turn to God and thank Him. Or make a resolution to thank God for three things every night. We have every reason to be thankful. Jesus gave His life for us, experiencing the worst possible pain on the Cross, so that we can have eternal life with Him forever. Since Eucharist means thanksgiving, returning to Mass on Thanksgiving Day is the best place to express your gratitude. Thank Jesus for all of the good gifts on your list, and most especially, for the gift of Himself to you in the holy Eucharist.

~ PARISH NEWS ~

♦ **Thoughts and Prayers to the family and friends of Adeline Clements.** Adeline passed away on November 9th. She was a long time member of St. Peters. Later in life, Adeline and her husband Arnie moved to St. Joseph Ridge at which time she attended our Parish. *Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon her. May the soul of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in Peace. Amen.*

♦ **Parish Office has been moved to the School Hall.** Last Sunday several wonderful parishioners moved the office from the rectory to the school Hall (2nd floor—first room on the right). *Thank you* to all that helped in the move. The main phone# (608)788-1646 is at the school now. The previous number at the school is no longer in service.

"Catholic Life" and "Eucharistic Celebration"

My God-given People,

Peace, Joy, and Love of Christ from your Father Sen.

I feel blessed to be your pastor. Within the short period of time, I feel comfortable to serve at St. Joseph's and St. Peter's. I will commit myself as much as I can. God is so great for making us meet in life.

I am sure that you will be excited to know the decision made regarding the Mass time changes. On Tuesday, November 18, 2025, the Councils of our parishes had a fruitful meeting at St. Peter's to review the survey.

After taking all your concerns sincerely, it was decided to keep the Saturday Masses as it is now. For practical reasons, the Sunday Mass at St. Joseph will be moved to 8 AM. Also, Thursday Mass and First Saturday Mass at St. Joseph will be moved to 8AM as well.

Thanks for all your thoughtful input in the survey. God bless you for all that you do.

Father Sen



~ DIOCESAN NEWS ~

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

Hope is not simply optimism or wishful thinking. It is a supernatural gift given by God that enables us to trust in His promises, even when all could seem lost. The catechism teaches that "hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life, placing our trust in Christ's promises and relying not on our own strength, but on the help of the Holy Spirit." (CCC 1817).

Hope, then, lifts our hearts beyond fear, failure or weakness. It tells us that the story of our lives, and of history itself, is held in the unbreakable bond with our loving God. As Pope Benedict XVI wrote, "Even when there seems to be nothing left to hope for, only the certitude of God's love gives the courage to act and to persevere." During this Jubilee Year of Hope, ask the Lord to increase the hope that is in you.

HOPE

~ DIOCESAN/Community NEWS ~

~Cookie Walk & Craft Sale Mary, Mother of the Church parish will be holding their Cookie Walk & Craft Sale on Sat., **Dec. 13**, in the parish hall located at 2006 Weston St., La Crosse, from 7:30 AM - 1 PM. Homemade cookies, candies, breads, pies, Scandinavian sweets, handcrafted items, Scrip gift cards and raffles are available for sale. Serving breakfast (featuring egg bakes and cinnamon rolls) and lunch (homemade soup and chili). Door Prizes every half hour.

~Saint Nicholas Celebration: A Feast of Generosity~December 5th
5:30pm—7:30 pm at the Franciscan Spirituality Center All families are invited for a joyous celebration of the beloved saint known for his generosity and kindness. All ages are welcome as we honor worldwide traditions related to St. Nicholas and start a few new ones. We'll hear a story about St. Nicholas' life, learn about the tradition of putting shoes out for him and make festive crafts. Shhh ... don't tell the little ones, but we'll even be surprised with a visit from St. Nicholas himself! In the spirit of giving that embodies the true meaning of the season, we will take special gifts and treats over to Mayo Clinic Health System in La Crosse during the last 15 minutes of our time together. Light supper and treats are included. Suggested donation: \$20 per family.

~ST. MARY'S ANNUAL CRAFT SHOW

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

Coon Valley Village Hall, 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. 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@mw.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.

~Quarterly Healing Service at Sacred Heart Church, Cashton

Monday, December 15th, All are welcome.

-4:30 Adoration with praise and worship, rosary, Divine Mercy, and confessions -5:30 Mass

-6:00 Corporate prayer for healing -7:00 Individual healing ministry
Come for part or all of the night. Flyer available in the back of church.

~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~



Christ the King Word-Find

J E C H U R C H S P
U T H R O N E S H E
W O R L D L O V E A
Y F I J U D G E A C
J E S U S O O U V E
A A T S R M E K E C
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I R O E O O U D D T
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See if you can find all the words from the list at the bottom. Then put the leftover letters in the spaces to find a little prayer you can say any time.



BEGINNING
CHRIST
CHURCH
CREATOR
DOMINION
EARTH
FEAR
GOD

HEAVEN
HIGH
JESUS
JUDGE
JUSTICE
KINGDOM
LORD

LOVE
PEACE
POOR
REDEEMER
RULE
THRONE
WORLD

_____, _____.
_____.!

Christ is the King!

Here is a little prayer you can say to Jesus any time you think of Him, maybe every time you see a picture of Him:

*Jesus, you are my King and my God and I love you.
Help me to be your good servant!*

Make sure you do something special today to celebrate the feast of Christ the King!



Let us call on our merciful Father to hear and answer our prayers.

- + For the faithful departed, may the Lord receive them into his loving embrace.
- + For the Church, that we boldly proclaim Christ as Lord and serve his Kingdom of truth, justice, and peace. Let us pray to the Lord.
- + For missionary disciples, that our witness and generosity draw many to reconciliation in Christ. Let us pray to the Lord.
- + For parish stewardship, that our gifts of time, talent, and treasure advance works of mercy and evangelization. Let us pray to the Lord.

Almighty Father, please look upon the petitions of your children and answer them according to your will. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

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

ALWAYS
pray
and
NEVER
give up!