

St. Joseph Parish *of* St. Joseph Ridge

W2601 State Road 33, La Crosse WI 54601

November 9, 2025

Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica



**“Destroy this
temple
and in
three days
I will raise
it up”**

Pastor Father Sen

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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

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
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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, NOVEMBER 8TH

~4:00 pm - Our Parish Family

Lector: Kathy Leis

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH

~8:30 am - † Gerald Kneifl (Kneifl family)

Lector: Donna Clements

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH

~5:00 pm—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

~5:30 pm - Veterans

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH

~8:30 am - † Stan Hundt (S&SM)

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

~ Contributions for the past week ~

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| Adult Envelopes (40): | \$ 2,767.00 |
| Plate collection: | \$ 286.00 |
| World Mission (2): | \$ 100.00 |
| All Saints: | \$ 288.00 |
| Total: | \$ 3,441.00 |

**Thank you for your Generosity!**

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| 2025-26 Goal: | \$23,975.00 |
| Pledged: | \$ 0.00 |
| Received: | \$ 2,880.00 |
| Amount Due: | \$ 21,095.00 |



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

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

~ PARISH CALENDAR ~

- **November 11** ~ Veteran's Day
- **November 12** ~ Religious Education classes
- **November 17** ~ 6:30 pm PCCW meeting
- **November 18** ~ Joint Pastoral & Finance Councils meet
- **November 19** ~ Religious Education classes
- **November 26** ~ No Religious Education classes
- **November 27** ~ Thanksgiving
- **November 30** ~ First Sunday of Advent

Communion Antiphon:

(Prayed prior to receiving the Eucharist)

Be built up like living stones,
Into a spiritual house, a holy priesthood.

~ 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**

*We are called to be God's temple,
giving life to the world.*

First Reading: Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-, 12

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17

Gospel: John 2:13-22

In baptism, we became temples where the Spirit of God came to dwell. He remains in us so long as we do not drive him out by mortal sin; his presence influences our lives and transforms our hearts more when we put no obstacles in the way of his action. Just as Jesus drove the money-changers out of the Jerusalem temple, so we should ask him to drive out of our hearts all selfish desires so we can live fully for the glory of God and the service of others.

~ STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION ~



Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

The Church celebrates the Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome — the cathedral church of the Pope and the mother church of all Christendom. While this feast honors a sacred building, it also reminds us of a deeper truth: we, the People of God, are the living temple of His presence.

In the first reading, Ezekiel describes life-giving water flowing from the temple, bringing renewal everywhere it goes. This image calls us to be channels of God's grace in the world. St. Paul tells us, "You are the temple of God, and the Spirit of God dwells in you" (1 Cor 3:16).

As stewards, we are entrusted with the sacred task of caring for this temple — our own hearts and our parish community — so that God's presence may shine through us.

In the Gospel, Jesus cleanses the temple, declaring that His body is the true dwelling place of God. Through our baptism, we share in this mystery and are called to reflect God's holiness in all we do.

Today's feast is an invitation to renew our commitment to the Church — to participate actively in her mission, to serve generously, and to let our lives be signs of God's living presence in the world.

A Prayer for Our Veterans

**Father, bless our veterans and all who
serve our nation defending our freedom.**

**For those who bravely gave their lives,
grant them eternal rest.**

**For those who are serving,
give them courage.**

**For those who served,
we offer our gratitude.**

We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen

~ PARISH NEWS ~

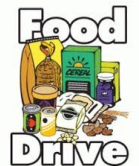
•**Job Opportunity!**: The Administrative Assistant position for St. Joseph Parish is open. The position is part time (10—12 hours per week) and consists of bookkeeping, preparing the bulletin and general office duties. If you are interested or would like more information, please call the Parish Office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

•**Mass time changes**: There were surveys available last weekend. If you did not have an opportunity to complete the mass time survey, there will be surveys available for you to be able to make your choice. Please take time to fill out the survey and add any comments (if you would like). Thank you. *Let's make our Parishes Vibrant!*

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

Reminder for Food Donations:

Please bring any food donation to the back of church. These food items will be taken to a local food pantry to assist families in need.



~ DIOCESAN NEWS ~

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

During the month of November we especially remember the people in our lives who have died. We are invited to pray for them and have Masses offered at the parish, if further purification is needed, as is the case for every person, before they are able to enjoy the vision of God. During this Jubilee Year of Hope, let us ask Jesus to help us place all our hope in Him, to trust that He is "the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:6), whose death on the cross and resurrection save us from death. A verse from the hymn "Lord Jesus, Think on Me" expresses this thought well. For them, we humbly pray: *Perfect them in Your love!*

O may we share eternal day, With them in heaven above!

~**La Crosse Warming Center, Catholic Charities** The La Crosse Warming Center's mission is to better serve those experiencing homelessness with dignity and respect by providing a safe and warm place for homeless adults 18 years and older to get in out of the cold during the winter months from November 1 until April 30. **Located downtown at 413 South Third Street in La Crosse.** Guests are able to take a shower and wash their clothes. **Hours are from 7:00 pm until 8:00 am, Monday through Sunday, including holidays.** To keep the doors open, hundreds of volunteers from area churches and the community are needed to staff the center.

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/>

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

There will be Raffle Baskets (drawing at 1:45 need not be present to win), and several other fun Christmas activities. More information on the Blessed Sacrament Parish web site.

~ DIOCESAN/Community NEWS ~

~Listening Sessions – Virtual Options Now Available!



Bishop Battersby is inviting all of us to begin a serious process of renewal and conversion, personally and institutionally, throughout the Diocese of La Crosse. Thank you to over 3,000 of our people who attended a 90-minute session. If you missed your chance, there are now two virtual options available Tues, Nov 11 (7:00-8:30pm) and Thurs, Nov 13 (6:00-7:30pm)

www.dioc.org/rebuildmychurch

~Sitcom Soirée - Arts at Aquinas Catholic Schools.

Get ready to laugh, reminisce, and let the good times roll—Gold Gala presents a casual event, the Sitcom Soirée! Join us as we pay homage to the sitcoms of yesteryear with an evening full of nostalgia, fellowship, and celebration of the arts!

Saturday, November 15, 2025, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Aquinas High School - Small Gym

DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING INSTANCES OF CHILD ABUSE:

The Diocese of La Crosse, through its [policies and procedures](#), seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor or volunteer). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Mrs. Teresa Brown, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Brown at 608.791.0179 or intakeagent@dioc.org. The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at: dioc.org/safe-environment/reporting. Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local parish and on the [diocesan website](#). If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, please contact Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at 608.791.2679 or tbrown@dioc.org.

ANGEL GIVING TREE

Registration is Open

- Families can register their children ages 0-12.
- Register for Toys and clothing for the children
- A Food basket is included in the registration
- Families must meet eligibility requirements.
- Registration online at SAANGELTREE.ORG
- Register in person at The Salvation Army Office located at 223 N. 8th Street La Crosse WI. 54601
- If you have questions phone us at 608-782-6126 ext. 251



• Family
• Family
• Register
• Thursday

~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~

Jesus in the Temple Fill in the Blanks!

Use the words from the list to fill in the blanks in today's Gospel reading and use the letters in circles to fill in the blanks at the very end.

...Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and and pigeons, and the money-changers at their business. And making a of cords, he drove them all, with the sheep and oxen, out of the temple; and he poured out the of the money-changers and overturned their tables. And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; you shall not make my Father's house a house of trade." His disciples that it was written, "Zeal for thy will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign have you to show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, " this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three ?" But he spoke of the temple of

Destroy days
whip coins
house sheep
remembered



Aware of our dependence on God's providence, let us bring our needs and concerns to the Lord.

ALWAYS
pray
and
NEVER
give up!

+ For the faithful departed, may the Lord receive them into his loving embrace.

+ For veterans and those who have suffered in war, may God grant them peace, healing, and strength.

+ For missionaries and evangelizers, that streams of living water flow from the Church into our neighborhoods through works of mercy and bold witness.

+ For the poor and the unhoused, that our parish's stewardship and outreach provide concrete help and friendship.

+ For our parish, that our stewardship of time, talent, and treasure sustain ministries to the sick, the elderly, and the dying.

Lord, you bring consolation to all in need. Hear and answer the prayers we offer you, through Christ our Lord.

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