

St. Joseph Parish *of* St. Joseph Ridge

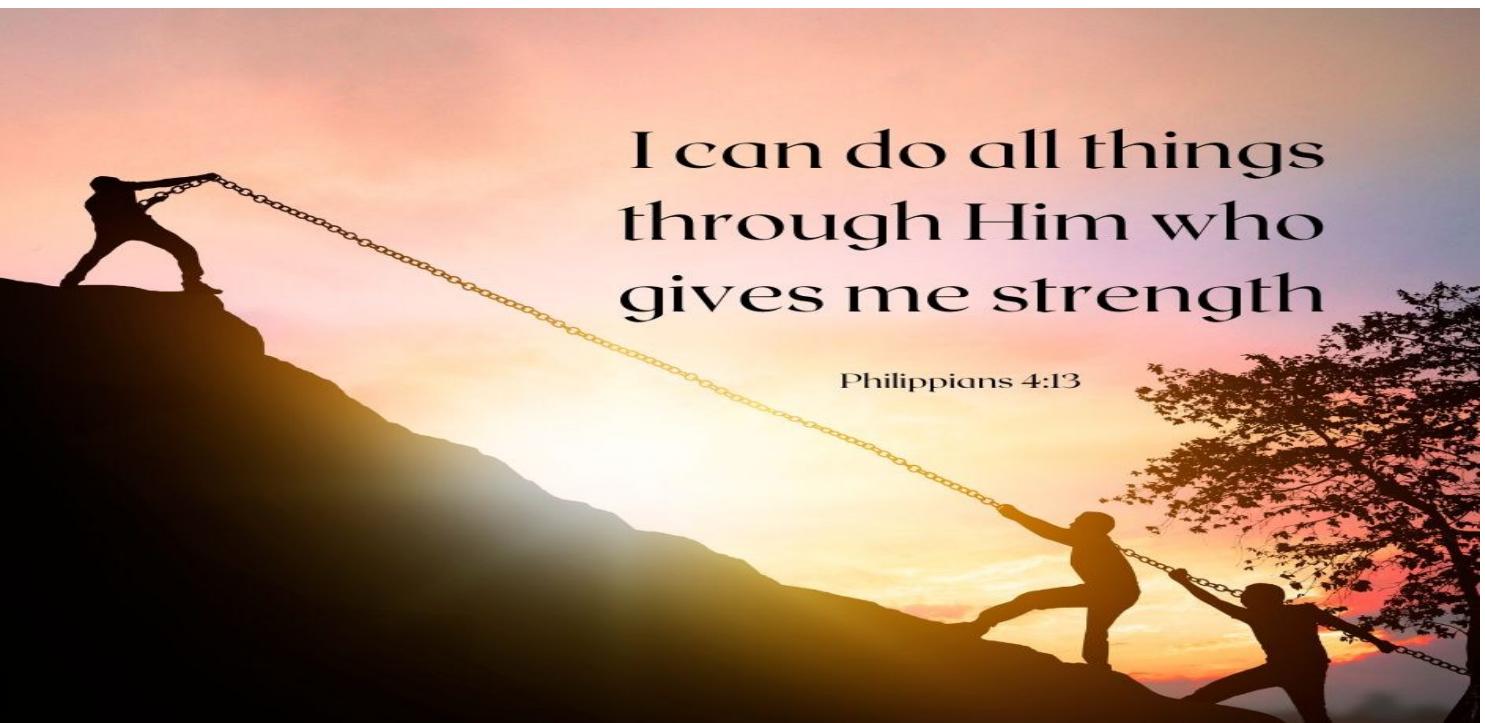
W2601 State Road 33, La Crosse WI 54601



January 18, 2026 ~ *Second Sunday in Ordinary*

I can do all things
through Him who
gives me strength

Philippians 4:13



Pastor Father Sen

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PARISH OFFICE

Paula Silha—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 **8:00 AM**
Saturday 4:00 PM
Sunday **8:00 AM**

Weekday Schedule

ADORATION
Tuesday 5:00 PM
MASS
Tuesday 5:30 PM
Thursday **8:00 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

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

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

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

~ PARISH INTENTIONS ~

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17TH

~4:00 pm - Our Parish Family
 Lector: Bill Weber
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18TH

~8:00 am - **†** Sharon (LeJeune) Tarpening (S&SM)
 Lector: Sally Miller
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20TH

~5:00 pm—*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*
 ~5:30 pm - **†** Walter & Patricia Schams (DK)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22TH

~8:00 am - Joseph & Clara Bina (MB)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24TH

~4:00 pm -**†** Randy Bahr (MB)
 Lector: Bill Weber
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25TH

~8:00 am— **†** Bill Patterson (SP)
 Lector: Dan Steiger
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

~ Contributions for the past week ~

Adult Envelopes (40):	\$3341.00
Plate collection:	\$ 205.00
Initial Offering (3):	\$ 14.00
Votive Lights:	\$ 48.10
Solemnity of Mary (2):	\$ 30.00
Total Contributions:	\$ 3638.10

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/>

~ PARISH CALENDAR ~

- **January 19**—PCCW Mtg, 6:30 pm at School Hall
 All ladies of the Parish are welcome.
- **January 21**—Religious Education classes
- **January 22**—Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
- **January 28**—Religious Education classes

~ 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!!!

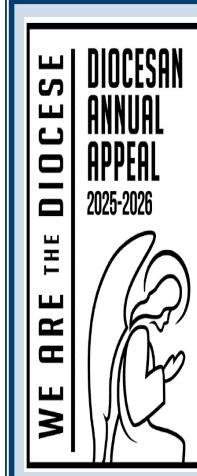
* **Anointing of the Sick**—Call Father Sen at (715) 615-1774 or the office (608)788-1646 or email sjrp2601@gmail.com to arrange the anointing of the sick.

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

* **Mass Intentions**

Weekday and weekend mass intentions are available. Please contact the Parish office phone 608/788-1646, use envelopes in the back of church, or email sjrp2601@gmail.com.

A Mass Intention offering is \$20.00



2025-26 Goal:	\$23,975.00
Pledged:	\$ 17,635.00
Percent of Goal Rec'd	70.01%
Received:	\$ 16,785.00
Amount Under Goal:	\$ 7,190.00

~ STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION ~



January 18, 2026 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

IS 49:3, 5-6; PS 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 COR 1:1-3; JN 1:29-34

Today's readings offer clear and inspiring reminders of the most fundamental aspect of our identity — that we are servants of our most high and holy God, His modern-day disciples, and stewards.

John the Baptist recognized Jesus's holiness and the response due to Him when he encountered Christ in person on the day they met at the Jordan River. His response, which we read in our Gospel passage from St. John, was, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world... He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.'"

What a powerful description of our Lord and the place He should rightfully hold in each of our lives. He is truly our Savior, the only one who can free us from our sinfulness. We are wholly and utterly dependent on His power, love, and mercy. Therefore, He truly does "rank ahead" of us; He deserves to be first, above all other priorities and plans in our lives. Let us examine our daily lives and encourage our children to do the same.

Does the way I spend my time reflect that God comes first? Do prayer and weekly Mass, regular confession, and time with my family "rank ahead" of everything else on my calendar? Do I use my talents, skills, and energy to serve my family, parish, and community in thanksgiving and recognition that God's kingdom comes before any other goals or ambitions? Do I spend my money and use my material possessions to glorify God?

Challenge questions, to be sure. But questions worthy of our high calling as Christian stewards, offered in service to our Lord and His kingdom. What will our response be?



~ PARISH NEWS ~

- + **Volunteers needed!** Consider how you can get involved and give back to our Parish family. You can help by becoming a Mass server, Eucharistic minister, Usher or Lector. Training is provided. To find out more, add your name to the interest list on the bulletin board in back of church.
- + **Food donations:** Thank you and please continue to bring non-perishable food donations to the back of church. Donations will be taken to the Hunger Task Force which supplies food pantries in our area. Donations will be delivered monthly.
- + **Electrical Update in the Sacristy:** So far we have been using the breakers as switches to turn lights on and off in church. Moving forward there will be switches below the breaker box with labels. This update improves safety..
- + **Church envelopes:** Boxes that remain are now located in the Parish Office. Please call or email to pick them up.
- + **Visits to the Homebound:** Fr. Sen would like to start visiting Parish members who are homebound and not able to attend mass to offer the Eucharist. He plans to do this the 1st Thursday of every month. Please call or email the Parish office if you have a family member who would like to be included. An initial list was made that consists of 11 Parish family members.:
- + **Contribution letters:** Annual contribution letters are located in a box at the back of Church. Please pick up.
- + **Alter Cloth:** Thank you to the family of Gerald Kneifl for the donation of the new alter cloth in his memory.



~ DIOCESAN/Community NEWS ~

~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~

~Jubilee Year of Hope The New Year 2026: Jesus is

Our Hope (1 Tim. 1:1) Moving forward in this New Year, we are called to be beacons of hope in the world, as called for in Romans 15:13: "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope." Let us continue to ask the Lord to increase our faith and hope in Him so that as beacons, we will help others to encounter Jesus through acts of love and mercy.

~Embracing the Call to Holiness – The Eau Claire Deanery and the La Crosse Diocesan Council of Catholic Women jointly sponsor the "Call to Holiness" A Woman's Retreat day being hosted by St. James the Greater Catholic Church in Eau Claire on March 14, 2026. Registration forms are located on the tables in the back of church, early bird registration ends February 15th. Women from all over the diocese are welcome to attend. Contact the parish office.

~Mardi Gras—Save the Dates:

Mardi Gras Ball: Sat., January 31, 2026, 4:30pm Radisson Ballroom, Tickets are \$75.00 and can be purchased online at: www.lacrossemardigras

~Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn

January 22—A day of prayer is being observed at Holy Spirit Catholic Parish, 2151 Stanley St., Stevens Point, WI
More information is available at www.pointdeanery.org .

~Celebrating Growth: Updated information on Mass attendance from the Diocese. Corrected numbers show the average Mass attendance in 2025 was 43,265—an increase of 2.3% from 2024. Praise God!

~ TV Mass Times and Channels: Mass is broadcast on La Crosse Channel 19 at 9:30 am Sunday.

~Pancake Breakfast -Sunday, Jan. 18, 8 AM – 12 PM
St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral, La Crosse

~ Prayer of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the blessed Sacrament.

I love you above all things and I desire you with all my heart.

Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already in my heart And unite myself to you completely.

Please do not let me ever be separated from you, Amen



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PSALM 40
Word-Find

See if you can find all the words that are in CAPITALS. Use the left over letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

I have WAITED, waited for the LORD, and He stooped TOWARD me and HEARD my cry. And He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn to our God.

SACRIFICE or OFFERING You wished not, but EARS OPEN to OBEDIENCE You gave me. HOLOCAUST or sin-offerings You sought not; then I said, "Behold I COME."

"In the WRITTEN scroll it is prescribed for me, to do Your will, O my God, is my DELIGHT, and Your law is WITHIN my HEART!"

I announced Your JUSTICE in the vast assembly; I did not restrain my lips, as You, O Lord, know.

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Trusting in God's merciful and abundant love, we bring our prayers and petitions to him.

† May we demonstrate our faith by the way we live our lives and may this practice bring others to join us, we pray to the Lord.

† For the protection of all life from conception to natural death, we pray to the Lord...

† For lasting resolutions to conflicts around the world, especially in Ukraine and the Middle East., we pray to the Lord...

God our Father, we beg you to hear and grant our prayers, through Christ our Lord.

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