



St. Joseph Parish *of* St. Joseph Ridge

W2601 State Road 33, La Crosse WI 54601

January 25, 2026 ~ *Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*



God has
GREAT
plans for
YOU

JEREMIAH 29:11

Pastor Father Sen

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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 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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27TH

~5:00 pm—*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*
 ~5:30 pm - **†** Stan and Steve Hundt (S&SM)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22TH

~8:00 am - Our Parish Family

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31ST

~4:00 pm - **†** Francis Schmidt and Roxanne Blakely (IS)
 Lector: Cecilia Weber
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST

~8:00 am— **†** Brent Clements (C&SC)
 Lector: Lorie Liss
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

~ Contributions for the past week ~

Adult Envelopes (33):	\$ 2026.00
Plate collection:	\$ 141.37
PCCW Reimbursement of 7-Pillars book purchase	\$ 292.15
Total Contributions:	\$ 2459.52

~ PARISH CALENDAR ~

- **January 24**—Baptism of Harlow Rose Hougom following the 4pm Mass.
- **January 28**—Religious Education classes
- **February 18**—Ash Wednesday—Lent begins
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~ 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:	\$ 17,660.00
Percent of Goal Rec'd	70.11%
Received:	\$ 16,810.00
Amount Under Goal:	\$ 7,165.00

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/>

~ STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION ~

For we are
co-workers; you
are God's field,
God's building.
1 Corinthians 3:9



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IS 8:23-9:3; PS 27:1,4, 13-14; 1 COR 1:10-13, 17; MT 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

Today's readings remind us that stewardship is not merely something we do—it is at the core of who we are as disciples of Christ.

Our first reading, from Isaiah, contains this prophecy of Christ and what His saving message would mean to all who embrace it. "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone." We are among those blessed people on whom the light of Christ has shone. By virtue of our Baptism, we who were once in the darkness of original sin have been reborn into the marvelous light that is God's grace within us. We are cherished members of God's family.

What a privilege! Yet with this privilege comes the responsibility to live for God and to share His Good News with all those we meet—at work, at school, in our community, and right in our own home—in other words, to live as His good stewards.

There is a particular urgency to the call to a stewardship way of life, as we see in our Gospel passage from Matthew. Jesus says, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." In other words, turn away from selfishness, turn toward God, and live as His disciple now — don't wait! Responding promptly to God's call is essential for living as faithful stewards.

In the same passage, the first disciples give examples of a good steward's prompt "yes" when the Lord called to them. Our Lord invites them to "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." They do not hesitate, but "at once they left their nets and followed him." They put our Lord and His

*With joyful hearts,
we welcome
Harlow Rose
Hougom
on baptized on Saturday
January 24th.*

*Harlow is the daughter of Siera and Tim Hougom.
Welcome Harlow to our Faith community!*

~ PARISH NEWS ~

- + **Volunteers needed!** Participate in something new this Lent! We are hoping to increase involvement in our Parish. Sign up on the bulletin board in the back of church. Needed are Mass servers, Eucharistic ministers, Ushers and Lectors. Training will be provided.
- + **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.
- + **Church envelopes:** Boxes that remain are now located in the Parish Office. After this weekend Contribution envelopes will also be located in the Parish Office. Please make a plan 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 do this the 1st Thursday of every month. Please call or email the Parish office to suggest a family member to be included. An initial list was made that consists of 11 Parish family members.
- + **BEET grants submitted:** Parish staff submitted two grants to the Bishop's Education Endowment Trust (BEET) funding opportunity. One was submitted for Religious Education Class materials and a second for updates and organization to the Parish Office which is now in the School/Parish Center Building. If successful, we will be notified in Apr./May.
- + **PCCW Offering Coffee and Conversations:** At the January meeting PCCW members began planning for Parish Coffee and Conversation following the 8:00 am masses on the 2nd Sunday in Feb., March and April. Please plan to attend to renew your Parish connections. Coffee, juice and muffins will be served.
- + **Parish Office Hours:** Parish staff are working to set more routine office hours to facilitate communication. Please watch this space for updates. Thank you for your patience during the move and new staff training.

**Pray so big and so often that when
God meets you in Heaven, He says, "you**

~ DIOCESAN/Community NEWS ~

~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.

~Catholic Charities Warming Center: Extreme weather this Jan. prompts even greater needs at the Warming Center. Needed are volunteers, monetary donations, or personal care items.. Llearn more by visiting their website at: www.cclse.org/la-crosse-warming-center/

~ Rachel Ministries: Do you know someone who is carrying the grief and sorrow of losing a child through miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, stillbirth, or abortion? Rachel Ministries of the Diocese of La Crosse offers a compassionate heart and confidential help. Call 608.860.6698 or email Hope4U@diolc.org.

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

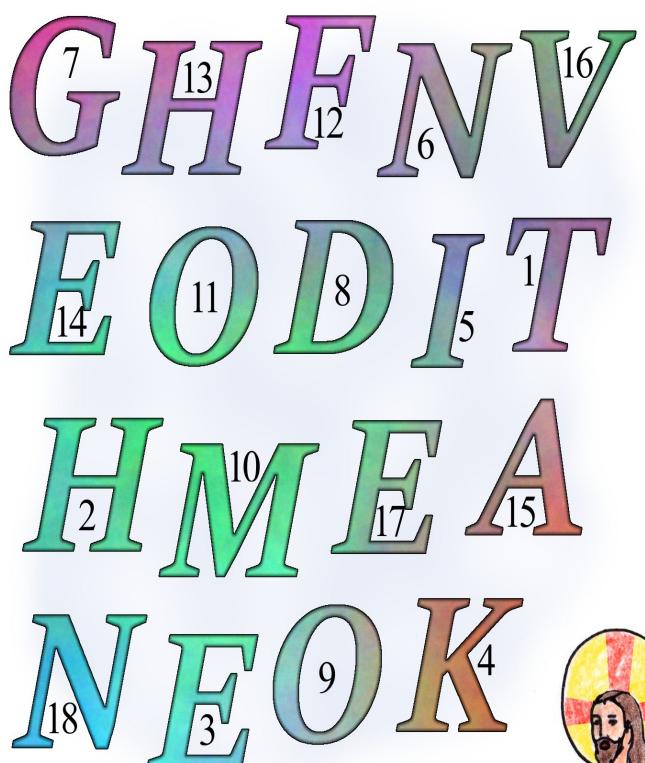
~Catholic Schools Week: is the annual celebration of Catholic Education in the United States. This year Jan. 25-31, 2026 is Catholic Schools Week. Did you know that St. Joseph School/Parish Center operated as a catholic school in the 1950s and 1960s? If you attended the school and have historic pictures to share please contact the Parish Office. The family of Pat Clements donated a picture from June 10th, 1964.

~Chili Tasting Supper/Fundraiser at Blessed

Sacrament: Saturday, February 7, 5:15 – 7:00 p.m. Taste a variety of chili (options include gluten-free, vegan, and dairy-free. Also mac & cheese, bread and desserts) Cost \$10 for ages 12 and up, \$5 for ages 4 – 11, free for those under four. Max of \$30 per family. Benefit for the charities supported by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court 1183, including Project Milk for Casa Hogar, St. Clare Health Mission, Hope's Door, Catholic Charities Food Pantry, and Seminarian Education.

~Diocesan Annual Appeal Continues: So far 38 St. Joseph Parish families have donated .Please continue to consider making a donation. Envelopes and forms are in the back of church. Amounts over goal are returned to our Parish.

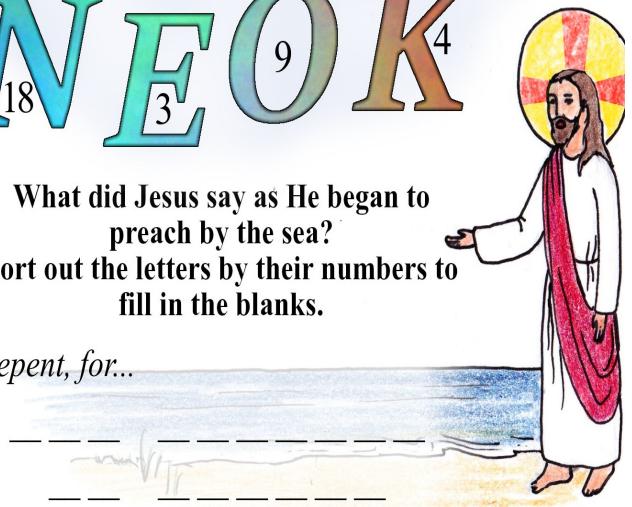
~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~



What did Jesus say as He began to preach by the sea?

Sort out the letters by their numbers to fill in the blanks.

Repent, for...



... is at hand.

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

- † 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...
- † For those in consecrated life, that they may persevere in their commitment to the Lord and serve with joyful hearts and total dedication, we pray to the Lord...
- † For all people who awaiting the gift of a child in their lives, may they experience health and grace, 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

