

St. Joseph Parish *of* St. Joseph Ridge

W2601 State Road 33, La Crosse WI 54601

March 1, 2026

Second Sunday of Lent



**It only
takes one
encounter.**



Go invite.



Ask God whom he wants you to invite to Sunday Mass, to adoration, or to a prayer event. Your willingness to accompany them may be the spark that leads them back to the sacraments and rekindles their relationship with Christ and his Church.

Pastor Father Sen

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PARISH OFFICE

Paula Silha—Administrative Assistant
Barb Mikshowsky - Bookkeeper
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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

**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
Vacant-Secretary
Polly Hilby-Funeral Prep

**Cemetery Sexton,
Building & Grounds:**

Dave Brown 608-792-1006
davidteresabrown457@gmail.com
Rick Meyer

MUSIC:

Stacy Burns, Coordinator
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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, FEBRUARY 28TH

~4:00 pm— † Sharon LeJeune Tarpene (DS)
 Lector: Dan Steiger
 Eucharist Minister: Mary Marshall
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, MARCH 1ST

~8:00 am—Bill Patterson and Family (SP)
 Lector: Darlene Hundt
 Eucharist Minister: Volunteer
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

TUESDAY, MARCH 3RD

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 5TH

~8:00 am - † Living and Deceased Members of the
 John & Bernice Mashak Family (S&DS)

SATURDAY, MARCH 7TH

~8:00 am—First Saturday Mass—Parish Family
 ~4:00 pm—† Ralph and Evelyn Mikshowsky (M&CM)
 Lector: Donnie Weber
 Eucharistic Minister: Barb Mikshowsky
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteer

SUNDAY, MARCH 8TH

~8:00 am— † Terry, Darryl Miller (T&MSP)
 Lector: Sally Miller
 Eucharist Minister: Volunteer

~ Contributions for the past week ~

Adult Envelopes (45):	\$ 2606.00
Plate collection:	\$ 240.00
Initial Offering (2)	\$ 9.00
Ash Wednesday Offering:	\$ 797.00
Easter Flowers:	\$ 20.00
Total Contributions:	\$ 3672.00
Total weekly amount needed to cover Parish budget :	\$2800.00

~ PARISH CALENDAR ~

- ◇ **March 1**—Blessing of Anniversaries following Mass
- ◇ **March 3**—Parish Book Study—6:15 pm
- ◇ **March 4**—Stations of the Cross, 5:30 pm
- ◇ **March 5**—Communion to the Homebound
- ◇ **March 8**—Coffee and Conversation: *Muffins, coffee offered following 8am Mass sponsored by PCCW all are welcome*
- ◇ **March 11**—Stations of the Cross, 5:30 pm and 7:00 pm (Confirmation students leading at 7pm)
- ◇ **March 29**—Palm Sunday

~ 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 (715) 615-1774 or the office (608)788-1646 or email to request anointing. Email: srp2601@gmail.com

*** 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 608/788-1646, use envelopes in the back of church, or email sjrp2601@gmail.com.

Mass Intention offering is \$20.00



2025-26 Goal:	\$23,975.00
Pledged:	\$ 18,420.00
Percent of Goal Rec'd	75%
Received:	\$ 18,420.00
Amount Under Goal:	\$ 5555.00

Please consider a donation to the Diocesan Annual Appeal

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 ~



March 1, 2026 - Second Sunday of Lent

GN 12:1-4A; PS 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; 2 TIM 1:8B-10; MT 17:1-9

Our readings for this second Sunday of Lent remind Christian stewards to stay focused on their 40-day journey toward more profound holiness, encouraging continued engagement and reflection.

The first reading from the book of Genesis recounts God's call to Abram (later called Abraham). God instructs Abram to leave his home and set out for a land God has chosen for him. Abram's response is an ancient example of good stewardship. Instead of clinging to his comfortable home and way of life, he recognizes that all he has is a gift from God, trusts in God, and obeys. God rewards him, saying, "I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing."

To 'be a blessing' is the core goal of a stewardship way of life, inspiring us to live out Lent through sacrifices, disciplines, and acts of service that honor God and uplift others.

Lest we grow weary on this path, our Gospel passage today, from Matthew, offers a powerful image of the great God we serve. It is the story of the Transfiguration of Jesus, when our Lord reveals Himself in His true glory and the Father says, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." The apostles who witnessed this were awestruck. But our loving Savior reassured them, saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid."

As we reflect on 'Listen to him' and 'Rise, and do not be afraid,' let these words reassure us. Trusting in God's strength can help us face Lent with confidence and hope, deepening our spiritual journey.

~ PARISH NEWS ~

+ **Lenten Preparation Opportunities:** It's not too late to begin your Lenten growth. Consider these opportunities.

1. **Parish Book Study:** Session 3 is Tuesday, March 3rd. All are welcome to join. Read the first and second chapters of **Seven Pillars of Catholic Spirituality**.
2. **Ascension app:** Find daily Lenten video reflections At this site. www.ascensionpress.com/pages/ascension-app
3. **Hallow prayer and meditation app:** (downloadable on App Store and Google Play) Find God's Peace in Prayer. Join Mark Wahlberg and Jonathan Roumie on Hallow. Free prayers have a sparkle icon.
4. **Stations of the Cross:** Wednesdays at 5:30pm.
5. **Donate to local organizations that serve those in need.** Parish Food Drive, Catholic Charities, La Crosse County Jail Ministry, Salvation Army.

+ **Parish Volunteer Opportunities:** Thank you to those who volunteer to Lector, Usher and serve as Eucharistic Ministers. We are working on training and schedules. Stay tuned.

+ **Diocesan Annual Appeal:** \$5,555 is still needed towards the Annual Appeal goal. Amount over goal is returned to our Parish. Thanks to those who have donated.

+ **Parish Office Hours:** Staffing in Feb. and March will be Tues., Thurs., and Fridays from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Changes will be posted on the Parish/School Hall Doorway. Thank you for your patience.

+ **PCCW—Updates:** -The PCCW is in need of a Secretary. Contact Mary Jo Hess or Lori Clements for more information. PCCW dues—\$13.00 per year.

+ **Coffee and Conversation:** Join your fellow parish members for coffee, muffins, juice and conversation on Sun. March 8th, following the 8am Mass.

+ **Daylight Savings Time begins on March 8th. We spring ahead one hour. Remember to reset your clocks.**

~ DIOCESAN/Community NEWS ~

~ **Be Disciples, Make Disciples:** "We are a church that exists to be disciples who make disciples." This is the Great Commission Jesus gave us in Matthew 28:18-20. It's why any Catholic parish or school exists. When you look at how the parishes and schools in your area spend their money, time, and energy, are they prioritizing this purpose of being disciples who make disciples? We invite you to take this question to Jesus. Reflect on how you can share your faith and invite one person to join you.

Sincere Sympathy

to the family of

Mary Bergmann

Funeral Services were held Thursday, February 26 at 4:00 pm
Please offer Prayers for Mary's family.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord. Let perpetual light shine upon her. May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

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

~**Lenten Regulations:**

Lenten regulations are as follows:

1. Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent and Good Friday.
2. Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, until they celebrate their 59th birthday, are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those who are bound to this regulation may eat only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. Abstinence from meat also applies to this age group.

~**Fish Fry Season is here!** Lent brings opportunities to enjoy a fish fry at a neighboring parish. St. Pat's, Onalaska and St. Charles Borromeo, Genoa, both host Lenten Friday Fish Fry events. Call ahead for timing and dates.

~**Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)**

Collection envelopes are located in the back of Church. This fund supports the Catholic Church's work to break the cycle of poverty. Please support this need if you are able.

~**A Retreat for a Parish on Mission** Monsignor David Kunz will be leading a Lenten Mission at St. Teresa of Kolkata Parish, located at 210 W. Hamlin St. in West Salem, Sunday, March 15th, through Friday, March 20th. The times are: Sunday, March 15, at 6:30 p.m.; Monday, March 16, at 2:00 p.m.; Tuesday, March 17, at 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, March 18, at 2:00 p.m.; Thursday, March 19, at 6:30 p.m.; and Friday, March 20, at 2:00 p.m. The daytime sessions repeat the previous evening session. All are welcome. Together we can grow closer to Christ during Lent.

~ **Women's Lenten Retreat: Everyday Holiness: Finding Refreshment in Christ** Saturday, March 7, 8 am to 2pm at the Cathedral of St. Joseph. This event is free but you do need to RSVP by March 5. Posters are on the bulletin board in the back of church. Sponsored by DCCW and CDA groups.



~ **ACTIVITY CORNER** ~

**Second Sunday of Lent
March 1st, 2026**

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What did Peter, James and John hear from the bright cloud when Jesus was transfigured on the mountain?

Look in the mirror to find out!

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

- + For lasting resolutions to conflicts around the world, especially in Ukraine and the Middle East., we pray to the Lord...
- + For reasonable resolutions to concerns about immigration and respect for those looking for a better life, we pray to the Lord....
- + That each of us will dedicate time during this season of Lent to grow our relationship with Jesus, we pray to the Lord. . .

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

Your requests are welcome! Call 608-788-1646 or email sjrp2601@gmail.com