

St. Joseph Parish of St. Joseph Ridge

W2601 State Road 33, La Crosse WI 54601

March 15, 2026

Laetara Sunday of Lent

Laetara Sunday also means Rejoice Sunday



Practice the three pillars of Lent.

- + Prayer
- + Fasting
- + Almsgiving

Prayer brings us closer to God, fasting strengthens our will and dependence on God, and almsgiving opens our hearts to the needs of others.



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
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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, MARCH 14TH

~4:00 pm—† Earl Martin (RM)
 Lector: Bill Weber
 Eucharist Minister: Mary Reeck
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, MARCH 15TH

~8:00 am—Parish Family
 Lector: Grace Bayer
 Eucharist Minister: Volunteer
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

TUESDAY, MARCH 17TH

~5:00 pm—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 ~5:30 pm - Needs of the Church

THURSDAY, MARCH 19TH

~8:00 am - † Herb Breidl (TV)

SATURDAY, MARCH 21ST

~4:00 pm—† Madonna Bahr (DL)
 Lector: Theresa Brown
 Eucharistic Minister: Barb Mikshowsky
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteer

SUNDAY, MARCH 22ND

~8:00 am—† Arnold Meyers (L&DC)
 Lector: Jim Weber
 Eucharist Minister: Volunteer
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

~ PARISH CALENDAR ~

- ◇ **March 16**—Eucharistic Minister Meeting, 6:00 pm at Church
- ◇ **March 16**—PCCW Meeting, 6:30 pm—at Parish/School Hall. All women of the Parish are invited to attend.
- ◇ **March 17**—Parish Lenten Book Study, 6:15 pm
- ◇ **March 18**—Stations of the Cross, 5:30 pm with Confession-following Stations until 8pm
- ◇ **March 26**—Confessions, St. Peters, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
- ◇ **March 30**—All Day Confessions at the Cathedral

~ 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

~ Contributions for the past week ~

Adult Envelopes (40):	\$ 2398.00
Plate collection:	\$ 243.00
Anonymous Donation (1):	\$ 1000.00
Easter Flowers (4) :	\$ 65.00
Votive Lights:	\$ 175.50
Total Contributions:	\$ 3881.50
Total weekly amount needed to cover Parish budget :	\$2800.00

	2025-26 Goal:	\$23,975.00
	Pledged:	\$ 18,420.00
	Percent of Goal Rec'd	80%
	Received:	\$ 19,170.00
	Amount Under Goal:	\$ 4805.00

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 15, 2026 - Fourth Sunday of Lent

1 SM 16:1B, 6-7, 10-13A; PS 23:1-6; EPH 5:8-14;
JN 9:1-41 or JN 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Today's readings for the Fourth Sunday of Lent are filled with powerful contrasts — God's vision versus human vision, the light of Christ versus the darkness of sin, and spiritual blindness versus spiritual sight. Embracing a stewardship way of life frees us from spiritual blindness, helps us see as God sees, and enables us to reflect Christ's light in our daily lives.

In our Second Reading from Ephesians, St. Paul reminds us, "... You were once in darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light." Through Baptism, the very life and light of the Blessed Trinity dwell within us. Yet amid the busyness and challenges of daily life, it is easy to forget this truth. We may even struggle to recognize whether our actions truly reflect Christ's light.

A stewardship way of life — marked by the intentional, grateful use of our time, talent, and treasure — provides a daily guide for living as children of the light. It encourages us to make choices that reflect Christ in how we serve, give, and love others.

In today's Gospel from John, Jesus restores sight to a man born blind, and the man testifies that Christ "opened my eyes." During these Lenten days, we too can ask Jesus to open our eyes — to help us see where spiritual blindness may still linger, especially in how we use the gifts entrusted to us.

As we continue our Lenten journey, let us actively renew our efforts wherever our vision has grown dim, so that by Easter we may truly live as children of the light and reflect Christ more fully in our lives.

~ PARISH NEWS ~

- + **Lenten Growth:** Practice a quiet prayer time this week and examine how you are growing in the three pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. You have three weeks to make this the best Lent experience of your life.
- + **Diocesan Annual Appeal:** \$4,805 is still needed towards the Annual Appeal goal. Thanks for your support. Amount over goal is returned to our Parish.
- + **Parish Office Hours:** Staffing in 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.
- + **PCCW—Updates:** -Thanks to the PCCW for hosting Coffee and Conversation, 15 people attended on March 8th.



- + **Parish Food Drive:** The Parish Office received a thank you letter from The Hunger Taskforce for food donated by the Parish this year. Please continue to bring non-perishable food and place in the back of church.



~ DIOCESAN/Community NEWS ~

Lent: The Profound Effects of Healing

Spend some time reviewing the past week and ponder all the ways that God has blessed you. When you know how much Jesus loves you—*He delights in you*—then you will want to go to Him in the sacrament of penance and give Him your sins. Christ will forgive you and replace the burden of guilt and worry with calm, peace and joy.



Sincere Sympathy

to the family of

Marie Bernice Servais

Funeral Service was Friday, March 13th at 11:00 am
with visitation at 9:00 am

Thoughts and Prayers for Marie and her family

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

