



# ST JOSEPH PARISH

## St. Joseph Ridge

W2601 State Road 33  
La Crosse WI 54601

**March 29, 2026**



# PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



### 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

### 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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### Accompanist:

Leland Gregorich  
LuAnne Gregorich  
Mary Beth Smith

### Sacristan:

Sally Miller

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

~ PARISH INTENTIONS ~



## Holy Week & Easter

### **SATURDAY, MARCH 28TH - Palm Sunday**

~4:00 pm - † Sara Rose Hougom and John Thurk (ST)  
 Lectors: Cecilia Sawaya and Teresa Brown  
 Eucharistic Minister: Michelle Hundt  
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

### **SUNDAY, MARCH 29TH—Palm Sunday**

~8:00 am - Our Parish Family  
 Lectors: Sally Miller and Donna Clements  
 Eucharistic Minister: Jolene DeMaiffe  
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

### **TUESDAY, MARCH 31ST**

~5:00 pm—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
 ~5:30 pm - † Maria de la Luz Mendoza de Sanchez (RM)

### **THURSDAY, APRIL 2ND**

#### ***Holy Thursday—Mass of the Lord's Supper***

~7:00 pm—† George and Evelyn Miller (T&MP)  
 Lector: Donnie Weber  
 Eucharistic Minister: Barb Dickman  
 Servers: Luke, Max, and Abel Slattery  
 Ushers: Volunteers  
 ~ until Midnight Adoration—please consider spending some time in prayer

### **FRIDAY- APRIL 3RD—SERVICE**

#### ***Good Friday-The Passion of our Lord***

~2:30 pm Stations of the Cross  
 ~3:00 pm Service  
 Lectors: Paula Silha and Grace Bayer  
 Eucharistic Minister: Mary Reeck  
 Servers: Luke, Max, and Abel Slattery  
 Ushers: Volunteers

### **SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH - EASTER VIGIL**

~8:30 pm - Our Parish Family  
 Lectors: Donna Clements and Teresa Brown  
 Eucharistic Minister: Barb Mikshowsky  
 Servers: Luke, Max, and Abel Slattery  
 Ushers: Volunteers

### **SUNDAY, APRIL 5TH ~ Easter Sunday**

~8:00 am - † Bill Patterson (SP)  
 Lector: Dan Steiger  
 Eucharistic Minister: Sally Miller  
 Servers: Volunteers  
 Ushers: Volunteers



~ PARISH CALENDAR ~

- ◇ **March 30**—All Day Confessions at Cathedral, 9:00 am to 6:00 pm, 4 priests will be available
- ◇ **April 1**—No Religious Education Classes—Holy Week
- ◇ **April 6—8**—Fr. Sen will be out of town. No mass on Tuesday, April 7th at St. Joseph and No Mass on Wednesday, April 8th at St. Peters.
- ◇ **April 11 & 12**—Wedding Anniversary Blessing
- ◇ **April 12**—after 8:00 am Mass-Coffee and Conversation
- ◇ **April 13**—6:30 pm Joint Pastoral & Finance Council Mtg
- ◇ **April 15**—Confirmation @ St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral
- ◇ **April 18 & 19**—Birthday Blessing

### **St. Peter's Parish Holy Week Schedule:**

**April 2nd ~ Holy Thursday** 8:00 pm Mass  
 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
 9:00—until Friday morning

**April 3rd ~ Good Friday**  
 Noon Adoration until Stations  
 12:30 pm Stations of the Cross  
 1:00 pm Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord

**April 4th ~ Easter Vigil** 8:30 pm Mass

**April 5th ~ Easter Sunday** 10:00 am Mass

~ Contributions for the past week ~

Adult Envelopes (45):	\$ 2,756.00
Plate collection:	\$ 304.60
Easter Flowers (9):	\$ 275.00
Memorial:	\$ 20.00
Initial Offering:	\$ 4.00
<b>Total Contributions:</b>	<b>\$ 3,359.60</b>
Parish weekly budget needed:	\$ 2,800.00



2025-26 Goal:	\$23,975.00
Pledged:	\$ 20,565.00
Percent of Goal Rec'd	85%
<b>Received:</b>	<b>\$ 20,200.00</b>
<b>Amount Under Goal:</b>	<b>\$ 3,410.00</b>

~ STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION ~



**Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**

**IS 50:4-7; PS 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24;  
PHIL 2:6-11; MT 26:14-27:66 or MT  
27:11-54**

We begin this Holy Week by reading the Lord's Passion from the Gospel of Matthew. It is fitting that during this week we focus our minds and hearts on the steps of our Savior as He laid down His very life for us. But let us also examine the seemingly small acts of stewardship by some who encountered Jesus during this most eventful week.

One occurred when Jesus gave instructions about the room where He would celebrate the Passover. Jesus said, "Go into the city to a certain man and tell him..." "In your house I shall celebrate the Passover with my disciples." While we do not know this man's name, we do know he agreed to this request — he offered both the material gift of his home and the gift of hospitality. Because of his good stewardship, his own home became the site of the institution of the Eucharist!

There was also Simon the Cyrenian, who offered the gift of his physical strength, helping the Lord carry His Cross. Consider, too, the actions of Joseph of Arimathea — he generously shared the tomb that was his and gave the gift of service to our Lord by giving Him a proper burial. Then there were the "two Marys" who gave Jesus the gift of their time. Keeping watch in tender vigil after His death, they "remained sitting there, facing the tomb."

Each of these was a simple act of good stewardship, yet God used them in mighty ways. God invites each of us, too, to cooperate with Him in small ways by sharing our time, talent, and material gifts. Small gifts can become mighty deeds when placed in God's service



~ Prayer for Palm Sunday ~

Heavenly Father, We give you thanks for the gift of your son, Jesus Christ, who came not as a conquering king but as a humble servant. On this Palm Sunday, we celebrate his victory over sin and death, paving the way for our salvation. Help us to live in gratitude for his sacrifice, reflecting his love and grace in all that we do.

Amen

~ PARISH NEWS ~

† **Diocesan Annual Appeal:** \$3,410 is still needed towards the Annual Appeal goal. Thanks for your support. Amount over goal is returned to our Parish.

† **Holy Week Participation Opportunities:**

**Holy Thursday**—Washing of the Feet—Fr. Sen would like to have 12 Parish members participate in Holy Thursday, Washing of Feet. Families, couples or individuals may volunteer. Please sign up on the sheet in the back of the church or let Fr. Sen know.

**Holy Thursday**—Adoration after Mass until Midnight. Sign up on the bulletin board in Church.

† **Cemetery Flowers Mailing:** Information about Cemetery Flowers were mailed last week. There are also forms in back of church if you would like to order flowers for a Cemetery plot.

† **Eucharistic Ministers:** Father Sen provided training and review to these Parish Members who have agreed to serve. They will be commissioned to this ministry on Palm Sunday weekend Masses.

Mary Reeck	Stacy Burns
Terry Dickman	Barb Dickman
Jolene DeMaiffe	Paula Silha
Sally Miller	Donna Clements
Barb Mikshowsky	Teresa Brown
Michelle Hundt	Mary Marshall
Darlene Hundt	Lorie Liss

† **PCCW Scholarship:** The PCCW is offering graduating high school students attending college this fall to apply for a scholarship. To apply please submit a short essay describing your involvement in the parish and plans for future education, a transcript of your grades and photo if available. Please mail to the parish office—W2601 St Rd 33, La Crosse, WI 54601 or put in the collection box at church. Applications are due by May 15th.

~ DIOCESAN/Community NEWS ~

**Join Us! The Holiest Week of the Year**

During Holy Week, we remember and walk with Jesus through His triumphant entry into Jerusalem, and His suffering, death and Resurrection. Through these events, **Jesus gave His life for each one of us and rose again in victory over sin and death.**



**PALM SUNDAY** Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday. We are invited to enter Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem, where crowds welcomed Him with palm branches and praise. At the beginning of Mass, we take up blessed palm branches. We also hear the **Passion of the Lord**, the story of Jesus suffering and death, where we see the depth of Christ's love. He freely embraced the cross **for the salvation of each one of us.**

~ DIOCESAN/Community NEWS ~

~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~

**~Chrim Mass | March 31, 2026 |Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman** The Chrim Mass is one of the diocesan highlights at which the Bishop blesses the oils for the celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism, the Anointing of the Sick, and consecrates the Sacred Chrim used in the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Orders. Priests also renew their priestly promises at this Mass, and the faithful pray for them. The Chrim Mass will be celebrated on March 31, at 10:30 am at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral. Please consider attending!

**~Justice & Peace Stations of the Cross—Good Friday, Apr 3** The Way of the Cross is a two-mile prayer walk that starts at 10:00 am at St. Rose Convent (on the corner of Market and 9th streets) and goes to the Mississippi River, stopping at 10 stations along the route to sing, pray and reflect on injustices and suffering in our community and the world. The walk, which recalls the journey of Jesus as he carried his cross to Calvary, takes about two hours

**~Spaghetti Dinner—Coon Valley—April 11th** The St. Mary's Men's Club is hosting a Spaghetti Dinner on Sat., April 11, 2026. Serving from 4-7 PM. Adults \$12, kids under 12 \$5, children under 3 free. Serving spaghetti/pasta (gluten free option available), sauce, meatballs, garlic bread, salad, beverage, and ice cream with toppings. Beer and wine available for purchase. Carry outs available.

**Palm Sunday / Passion Sunday  
March 29th, 2026**

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# Holy Week

Did you know that this week is the most important one in the whole year? Holy Week has Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. On these days we remember and celebrate the most important things that Jesus did before His resurrection on Easter Sunday.

On Holy Thursday Jesus said the first Mass and made his apostles the first priests. Go to Mass on Thursday if you can, and think about what Jesus did- He made bread and wine into Himself so that He could still be with us after He went back into Heaven.

On Good Friday Jesus suffered terribly and then died on the cross because of our sins. He offered up His life, even though He had never sinned, so that all of us could go to Heaven. That's why we call it "Good" Friday. Can you offer some sacrifice to Jesus in return for what He did for you?

On Holy Saturday Jesus' body was in the tomb. His friends were all shocked by what had happened and were afraid and sad. They did not remember what was going to happen next... Do you remember what happened after Holy Saturday?



***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 solutions 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. . .
- + That, following Jesus' self-giving love, we may offer Him our time with sincere hearts, our talents in humble service, and our treasure for the suffering and the poor—let us pray to the Lord.
- + That our parish may enter Holy Week with steadfast faith: using our time to pray and accompany Christ, our talents to serve the liturgy and one another, and our treasure to strengthen works of charity—let us 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 [sjr2601@gmail.com](mailto:sjr2601@gmail.com)