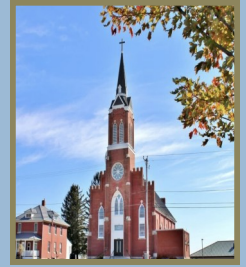




ST JOSEPH PARISH

St. Joseph Ridge

W2601 State Road 33, La Crosse WI 54601



April 12, 2026 - *Divine Mercy Sunday*

Pastor Father Sen

Fr. Sengole Vethanayagam
(715) 615-1774
frsengolevema@gmail.com

PARISH OFFICE

Paula Silha—Administrative Assistant
Barb Mikshowsky - Bookkeeper
Office hours Tues, Thurs, Friday 10:00—1:00
sjrp2601@gmail.com

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

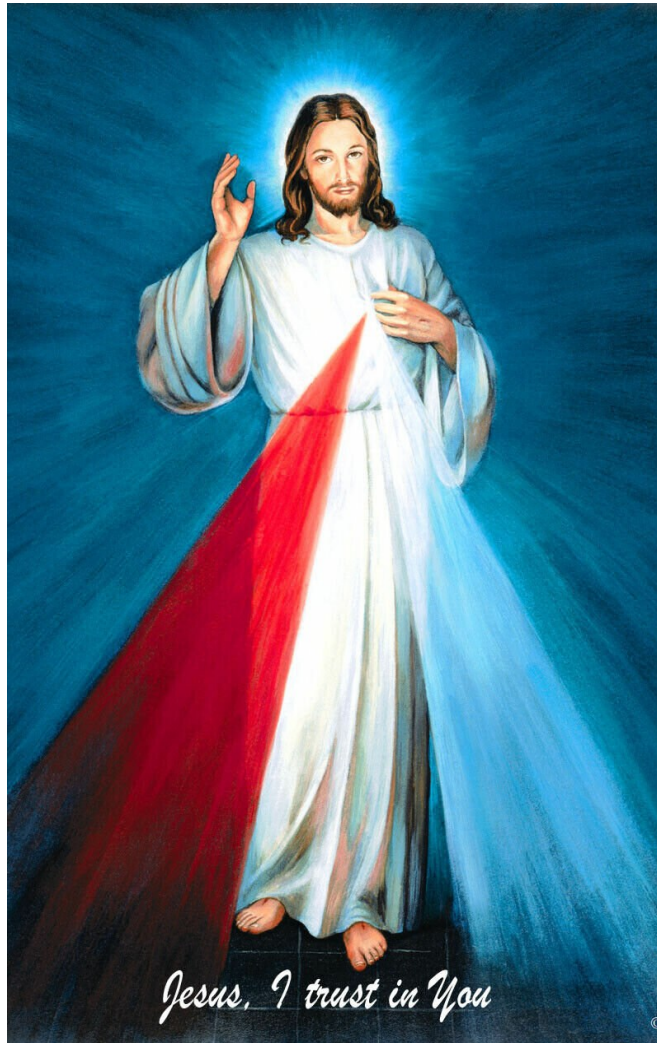
Saturday 8:00 PM
Sunday 10:00 AM

Weekday Schedule

Wednesday 8:00 AM
Friday 8:00 AM

ADORATION

Wednesday 7:00 PM with
Benediction at 8:05 PM



Jesus, I trust in You

Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ; In atonement for our sins and those of the whole world. For the sake of His sorrowful Passion; Have mercy on us and on the whole world.

‘Jesus, I Trust in You’

~ St Maria Faustina Kowalska

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
608-769-8828
jsburns0093@gmail.com

Accompanist:

Leland Gregorich
LuAnne Gregorich
Mary Beth Smith

Sacristan:

Sally Miller

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

~ PARISH INTENTIONS ~

SATURDAY, APRIL 11TH

~8:30 pm - † Mary and Ray Sedevie (DL)
 Lectors: Jim Weber
 Eucharistic Minister: Michelle Hundt
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, APRIL 12TH ~ Divine Mercy Sunday

~8:00 am - † Bill Silha (J&DDM)
 Lector: Grace Bayer
 Eucharistic Minister: Darlene Hundt
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

TUESDAY, APRIL 14TH

~ 8:00 am - † Eugene Leis (S&CC)

THURSDAY, APRIL 16TH

~8:00 am - † George Bahr (MB)

SATURDAY, APRIL 18TH

~4:00 pm - † Lawrence Malzacher (RM)
 Lector: Teresa Brown
 Eucharistic Minister: Barb Mikshowsky
 Servers: Volunteers Usher: Volunteers

SUNDAY, APRIL 19TH

~8:00 am - Parish Family
 Lector: Donnie Weber
 Eucharistic Minister: Paula Silha

~ PARISH CALENDAR ~

- ◇ April 11 & 12—Wedding Anniversary Blessing
- ◇ April 12—after 8 am Mass-Coffee and Conversation
- ◇ April 12—Divine Mercy Sunday
- ◇ April 13—6:30 pm Joint Pastoral & Finance Council Mtg
- ◇ April 15—Confirmation @ St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral—No Religious Education classes this evening
- ◇ April 18 & 19—Birthday Blessing
- ◇ April 20—6:30 pm PCCW meeting
- ◇ April 22—Religious Education Classes resume
- ◇ April 23—Communion to the Homebound
- ◇ April 29—Final Religious Education class with mass at 6:30 pm followed by a pizza party. All students are expected to attend.

~ EMBRACE YOUR FAITH ~

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday evenings: 5:00 pm; 5:30 pm Mass
 ~ 8 Ways to Pray During Eucharistic Adoration ~

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|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 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 |
- 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 (25):	\$ 1485.00
Holy Thursday Plate	\$ 209.00
Good Friday Plate Collection:	\$ 869.00
Easter Offering (49):	\$ 2485.00
Easter Plate Collection:	\$ 538.00
Initial Offering (1):	\$ 5.00
Memorial (1)	\$ 100.00
Total Contributions:	\$ 5691.00
Parish weekly budget needed:	\$ 2,800.00

**Pray that the next time
 worry, anxiety, or fear enters your life,
 you make GOD your first choice**

~ STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION ~

~ PARISH NEWS ~



April 12, 2026 - Second Sunday of Easter
 (or Sunday of Divine Mercy)
 ACTS 2:42-47; PS 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 PT
 1:3-9; JN 20:19-31

The Christian steward approaches life with an “Easter vision,” rooted in gratitude for the salvation our Lord has won for us through His death and Resurrection. Today’s readings on this Divine Mercy Sunday remind us that this vision is meant to shape our daily lives and that we can place complete trust in God’s mercy to lead us, step by step, toward heaven.

It can be hard to keep our focus on heaven when earthly concerns—such as job stress, family struggles, health issues, and political division—press in around us. Sometimes, we can become like the Apostle Thomas in today’s Gospel, struggling to believe amid disappointment and uncertainty. Absent when Jesus first appeared to the other Apostles after the Resurrection, Thomas refused to accept their testimony that they had “seen the Lord.”

He insisted that he would not believe unless he could place his finger into the nail marks and his hand into Christ’s side. Yet Thomas’ doubts did not repel our Lord — they drew Him near in an extraordinary way. Jesus saw beyond the doubt to the pain beneath it. He did not condemn Thomas but calmed his fears and invited him to touch His Sacred Wounds.

What amazing grace.

When we are tempted to doubt, we only need to seek the Lord—in prayer, in the sacraments, and through the support of our Christian community. Just as He did for Thomas, our Lord will mercifully restore our Easter vision and fill us with His joy and peace.

Sunday April 12 is Divine Mercy Sunday The Promise—Our Lord Jesus said, “The soul that will go to Confession and received Holy Communion Shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all divine floodgates throughout which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to ME, even though its sins be as scarlet ... Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy.”

- Saint Faustina, Diary, 699

- + **Second Collection on April 12 for La Crosse Diocese Parish Women Organization:** The DCCW supports seminarians, youth mission trips to Casa Hogar, Books for Catholic Schools(including Bibles), education for lay Catechists, summer camp, scholarships for Catholic Women to pursue religious education, Catholic Charities and their outreach to young moms, warming centers, food banks, and a whole lot of Catholic miscellaneous projects.
- + **Diocesan Annual Appeal:** \$2,655 is still needed towards the Annual Appeal goal. Thanks for your support. Amount over goal is returned to our Parish.
- + **Cemetery Flowers Mailing:** Flyers with order information for cemetery flowers can be found in the back of Church. Please complete by April 26, due date.
- + **PCCW Scholarship:** If interested in applying for the PCCW please submit a short essay describing your involvement in the parish and plans for future education, transcript of your grades and photo if available. Mail to the parish office—W2601 St Rd 33, La Crosse, WI 54601 or put in the collection box at church. Applications due by May 15th.
- + **PCCW meeting**—Monday, April 20th 6:30 pm. All women of the Parish are members and encouraged to attend.
- + **Special Notice for Communion to the Homebound**—For April communion visits will occur April 23.
- + **Parish Food Drive:** Thank you for your generosity! Donations have been delivered to The Hunger Task Force.
- + **Casa Hogar Update:** The trip is scheduled for March 19-29, 2027. This is Holy Week-2027 and promises to be an amazing experience. Space is limited to 15 people high school aged students through adults. This is a joint venture

	2025-26 Goal:	\$23,975.00
	Pledged:	\$ 21,395.00
	Percent of Goal Rec'd	89%
	Received:	\$ 21,320.00
	Amount Under Goal:	\$ 2,655.00

~ DIOCESAN/Community NEWS ~

~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~

~Blood Drive—St. Joseph Ridge ~ Monday, May 4th 1-6:00 pm Please consider donating blood. The next opportunity is Monday, May 5th at the Greenfield Town Hall. You can make an appointment on the Versiti website (versiti.org/wi) or call 877-232-4376 or stop in on the 5th. Thanks for considering

~ Support Vocations at the 6th Annual Vocations Golf Outing – June 15! Register today [at this link](#) or contact Reneé Orth at 608.791.2667 / rorth@diolc.org or Tom Kieffer at tjkieffer16@yahoo.com.

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

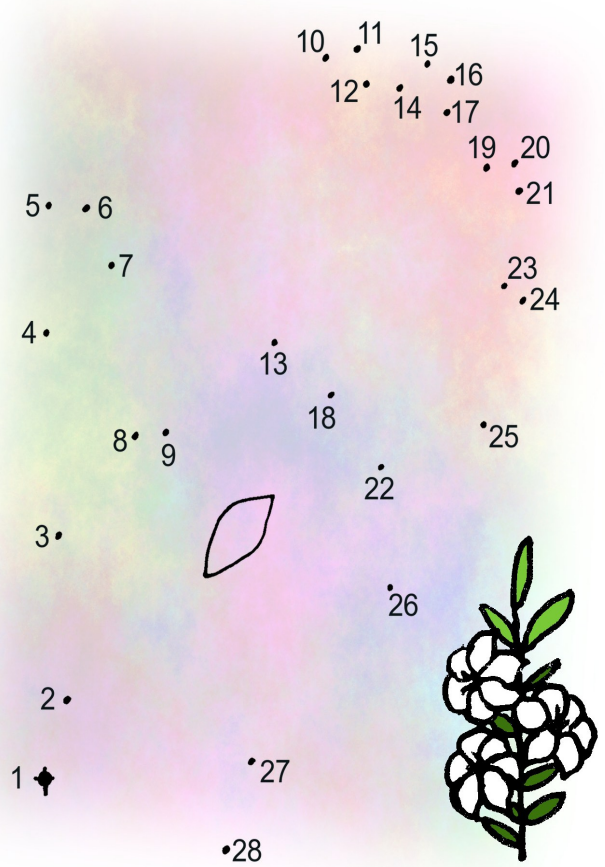
~ March for Life: April 25th is the annual March for Life. The Wisconsin March for Life will be held in Madison on 4/25/26 from 2-4 pm at the WI State Capitol, 2 E Main St., Madison. The overturning of Roe v. Wade was the beginning of the end of abortion. All Wisconsinites are invited to participate in this joyful and peaceful march to protect every human life. Signs will be provided. Visit marchforlifewisconsin.org to sign up.

~April is National Child Abuse Prevention month: On April 4, 1983, President Ronald Reagan proclaimed April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month. The month of April offers us the opportunity to come together to protect our children and ensure every child has a safe and nurturing environment where they can grow and thrive.

~Jail Ministry Volunteers Needed: La Crosse County Jail Ministry is looking for additional men and women to serve the inmate population. Contact Jim or Kristyn, 608.632.5075, for additional information.

~ Coon Valley Spring Luncheon: Spring Luncheon at St. Mary Parish, April 25, 11 AM–1 PM. \$10 adults, kids 10 & under free. Guest speaker, John Zak, at 11:30 AM, door prizes, open to all!

**Second Sunday of Easter
April 12th, 2026**



Saint Thomas wasn't there the first time Jesus came to the Apostles after He rose from the dead. What did Thomas say he would have to see before he believed that Jesus was alive? Connect the dots 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 solutions to concerns about immigration and respect for those looking for a better life, we pray to the Lord....
- + For favorable weather for farmers and a successful growing season, we pray to the Lord.
- + For the conversion of hearts and minds and that they be open to returning to the Catholic faith, 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



Here are some easy prayers you can say to ask God to be merciful to us:

**Most Sacred Heart of Jesus,
Have mercy on us!
Jesus, I trust in You!**