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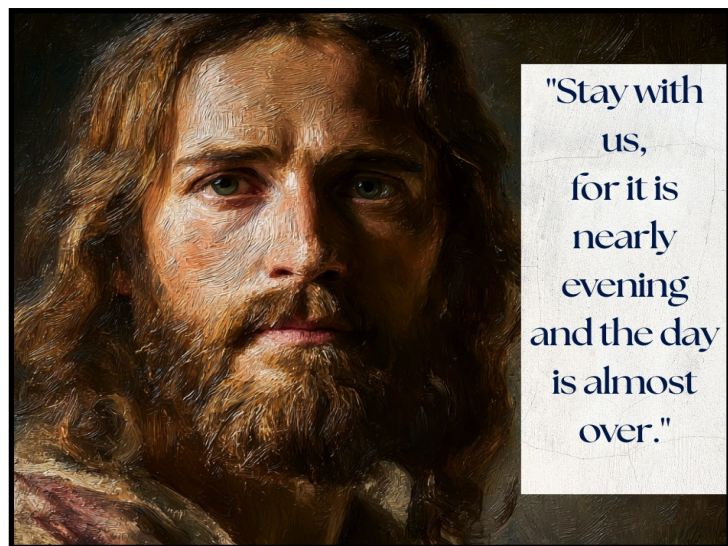
St. Joseph Ridge

W2601 State Road 33
La Crosse WI 54601



April 19, 2026—Third Sunday of Easter

**The disciples
recognized the
Lord Jesus in the
breaking of the
bread, alleluia!**



"Stay with us,
for it is
nearly
evening
and the day
is almost
over."

Pastor **Father Sen**

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PARISH OFFICE

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CONFESSIONS

3:30—3:45 pm
(before Saturday 4pm Mass)

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:

Bill Weber—Chair
Teresa Brown—Secretary
Dave Brown-Cemetery Rep
Lori Clements -PCCW Rep
Stan Clements
Ann Degenhardt
Terry Dickman-Finance
Council Rep
Bob Kotek
Stacy Burns-Music
Lorie Liss-DRE

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL:

Terry Dickman—Co-Chair
Dan Steiger—Co-Chair
Mary Jo Hess-Secretary
Dave Brown-(Bldg & Grnds)
and Cemetery Rep
Barb Braun

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Director:
Lorie Liss

PCCW - Parish Council of Catholic Women:

Lori Clements-President
Mary Jo Hess-Treasurer
Vacant-Secretary
Polly Hilby-Funeral Prep

Cemetery Sexton, Building & Grounds:

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Rick Meyer

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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, APRIL 18TH

~4:00 pm—† Lawrence Malzacher (RM)
 Lectors: Teresa Brown
 Eucharistic Minister: Barb Mikshowsky
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, APRIL 19TH

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 21ST

~5:00 pm—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 ~5:30 pm—† Lois Davis (J&SD)

THURSDAY, APRIL 23RD

~8:00 am - † Reiny & Darlene Kammel (J&SD)

SATURDAY, APRIL 25TH

~4:00 pm - † Earl Martin (RM)
 Lector: Cecilia Sawaya
 Eucharistic Minister: Mary Marshall
 Servers: Volunteers Usher: Volunteers

SUNDAY, APRIL 26TH

~8:00 am - † Bob and Angie Dickman (T&BD)
 Lector: Sally Miller
 Eucharistic minister: Barb Dickman
 Servers: Volunteers Usher: Volunteers

~ PARISH CALENDAR ~

- ◇ 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. *Parish members are welcome to attend and all students are expected to attend.*
- ◇ May 17— 3:00 pm—Meeting of the Parish Council and Finance Council and anyone interested in helping plan our Parish picnic and future events!

~ 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
Spending time with our Dear Lord!!!

* **To Request the Anointing of the Sick**
 Contact Father Sen (715) 615- 1774, or the Office (608)788-1646 or email srp2601@gmail.com

* **Confession** 3:30—3:45 pm before Saturday 4:00 Mass

* **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 (38):	\$ 3451.00
Plate collection:	\$ 214.00
Easter Offering (4):	\$ 235.00
LDDCW Collection:	\$ 362.00
Rice Bowl:	\$ 50.00
Total Contributions:	\$ 4312.00
Parish weekly budget needed:	\$ 2,800.00

☞ Thank you Money Counters! ☞

Our Confirmation Candidates of 2026, received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday, April 15, 2026 at the St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral.



Congratulations!
 Riley Clements, Elizabeth Hammes,
 Noah Biondo, Avalyn Hendrickson,
 Marissa Raab and their parents!

~ STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION ~



Third Sunday of Easter

ACTS 2:14, 22-33; PS 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; 1
PT 1:17-21; LK 24:13-35

Today's readings focus on a theme of "sojourning." As Christian stewards, we understand our lives are a journey toward our ultimate destination of heaven.

Our Gospel passage today describes the journey of two disciples on the road to Emmaus. The two are feeling dejected and hopeless after Jesus' death. They knew Jesus personally. They had heard the Gospel message directly from His lips. They heard the testimony of the women who found our Lord's empty tomb and saw angels that announced He was alive. They had been told by other disciples who went to the tomb that everything was just as the women had reported.

How could the Good News be any clearer?

And yet, sometimes, the reactions of the two disciples reflect our own journey of stewardship, doesn't it? We have the fullness of the Catholic faith, the power of the sacraments, and the support of our parish family. Yet, we often lose our way. We fail to recognize all the gifts we have received. We lack trust in God's perfect goodness and omnipotent power.

But notice what happens to the two men when their eyes are opened once again, and they recognize Jesus in the Eucharist — the "breaking of the bread." They are transformed! Their hearts are set on fire with love for the Lord and their faith. They recall that their hearts began "burning within" as the Lord was explaining the Scriptures to them. When we find we have lost our way, we can turn to the same sources as the two disciples on the road to Emmaus — the Scriptures and the Eucharist.

This Easter season, resolve to feast deeply on these two sources of grace. They are the fuel that will propel us on our journey to heaven.

Please consider a donation to the Diocesan Annual

<p>DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2025-2026</p>	2025-26 Goal:	\$23,975.00
	Pledged:	\$ 21,745.00
	Percent of Goal Rec'd	91%
	Received:	\$ 21,670.00
	Amount Under Goal:	\$ 2,230.00

Thank you for your attention to this appeal. Amounts collected over goal are returned to our Parish for Parish needs.

~ PARISH NEWS ~

† **Opportunities to Serve your Parish:** Our Parish is currently looking for volunteers to serve on the Pastoral and Finance Councils. This is a meaningful opportunity to contribute your ideas, support our parish, and help guide the direction of the church's activities and outreach. Council members assist with planning events, organizing programs, and strengthening connections within our parish community.

Whether you have served before or are considering getting involved for the first time, your voice and participation are truly valued and appreciated. If you are interested or would like more information, please speak with Fr. Sen or email sjrp2601@gmail.com. We would love to have you become a part of this important work.

† **Diocesan Annual Appeal:** \$2,230 is still needed towards the Annual Appeal goal. Thanks for your support. Amount over goal is returned to our Parish.

† **Cemetery Flowers Mailing:** Thanks to those who have completed the form and provided payment. Due date is April 26, 2026.

† **PCCW Scholarship:** The PCCW scholarship for graduating high school students attending college. 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.

† **PCCW meeting**—Monday, April 20th 6:30 pm. All women of the Parish are members and encouraged to attend.

† **Communion to the Homebound** April communion visits will occur the morning of April 23.

† **Parish Food Drive:** Please continue to bring items to the entry way of Church. Thanks for your generosity.

† **Casa Hogar:** The link below includes photos of Casa Hogar. The trip will be next March 19-29, 2027. It will be during Holy Week which promises to be an absolutely amazing experience! Space is limited to 15 people, high school aged students through adults and is a joint venture between St. Joseph and St. Peters in Middle Ridge. If you are interested, even a little, please contact Lorie Liss through the parish email or leave a message for her on the parish phone or message her at lorieraeliss@gmail.com. before April 22nd. Once we know who might be interested we'd like to have a meeting to talk about cost, fundraising, logistics, paperwork and vaccination requirements. Hopefully that would be a joint meeting with Middle Ridge and possibly Coon Valley and West Salem parishes. <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1ehpeu7cmr8tKTOFFo0T60XbSy3zEDfXY/edit?slide=id.p1#slide=id.p1>

~ DIOCESAN/Community NEWS ~

~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~

~ Support Vocations at the 6th Annual Vocations Golf Outing – June 15! Help foster priestly vocations by joining the 6th Annual Diocese of La Crosse Vocations Golf Outing and Dinner on Monday, June 15, 2026, at Fox Hollow Golf Course. All proceeds support men discerning and preparing for the priesthood. Register today [at this link](#) or contact Reneé Orth at 608.791.2667 / rorth@diolc.org or Tom Kieffer at tjkieffer16@yahoo.com.

~Blood Drive—St. Joseph Ridge ~ 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

~ 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.

~Parish Novena for Pentecost: The celebration of the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost will be Sunday, May 24. A nine-day Novena will begin on Friday, May 15th. The focus of this novena each day is a gift of the Holy Spirit. These supernatural gifts are wisdom, understanding, right counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord. The novena is available at this website—<https://diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/Novena-to-the-Holy-Spirit-begins-on-Friday-May-15-2026.pdf>

~Franciscan Spirituality Center Free Program Offerings—The FSC offers a variety of free events and programs. Check out the offerings; support groups for those with overwhelming grief, depression, opportunities for creativity, wellness, growing hope and improving mental health.



4/12/26 PCCW Coffee & Conversation welcomed 15 Parish members. Thank you!

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April 19th, 2026



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The disciples on the road to Emmaus didn't recognize Jesus at first. How did they recognize Him eventually?
Use the code to find out!

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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 a respectful solution to concerns about immigration and support 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 sjr2601@gmail.com