



ST JOSEPH PARISH

St. Joseph Ridge

W2601 State Road 33
La Crosse WI 54601



April 5, 2026 - *Easter Sunday*

THE LORD IS TRULY RISEN, ALLELUIA!

“TODAY THE SILENCE OF THE TOMB IS SHATTERED BY
THE SONG OF THE ANGELS!”



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
608-769-8828
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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 4TH - EASTER VIGIL

~8:30 pm - Our Parish Family
 Lectors: Donna Clements and Teresa Brown
 Eucharistic Minister: Barb Dickman
 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

THURSDAY, APRIL 9TH

~8:00 am - † Emil Bahr (MB)

SATURDAY, APRIL 11TH

~4:00 pm - † Mary and Ray Sedevie (DL)
 Lector: Jim Weber
 Eucharistic Minister: Michelle Hundt
 Servers: Volunteers Usher: Volunteers

SUNDAY, APRIL 12TH

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

~ Contributions for the past week ~

Adult Envelopes (42):	\$ 2706.00
Plate collection:	\$ 384.00
Easter Flowers (6):	\$ 170.00
Easter Offering (2):	\$ 75.00
Votive Lights:	\$ 95.50
Total Contributions:	\$ 3630.50
Parish weekly budget needed:	\$ 2,800.00

~ PARISH CALENDAR ~

- ◇ April 4—No first Saturday Mass
- ◇ 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 8—Religious Education Classes resume
- ◇ April 11 & 12—*Wedding Anniversary Blessing*
- ◇ April 12—after 8:00 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 ~

- 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

~ STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION ~



April 5, 2026 -

The Resurrection of the Lord

ACTS 10:34A, 37-43; PS 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; COL 3:1-4 or 1 COR 5:6B-8; JN 20:1-9

The great feast of Easter has begun, Christian stewards. Let us rejoice and be glad! Just as we embraced the discipline and fasting of Lent, let us fully embrace the joy and feasting of the next 50 days. We are called to be good stewards of the Easter season.

Our first reading from Acts offers guidance on how to do this. Here, St. Peter says that our Lord “commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead... that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name.”

How do ordinary people preach and testify to all God has done? We do so by living ordinary lives — through the intentional use of our time, talent, and treasure for the kingdom of God. Putting God and others ahead of ourselves in every aspect of our lives is the most eloquent preaching we can offer. Boldly and joyfully embracing a stewardship way of life is our most powerful testimony.

As Christian stewards, we are modern-day witnesses to an incredible miracle prompted by unfathomable love — the death and Resurrection of our Savior for us. Let us rejoice and be glad, and let’s make sure our lives testify to this amazing grace!



~ 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:** Thank you to all Parish members who helped Fr. Sen celebrate Holy Week.
- + **Cemetery Flowers Mailing:** Flyers with order information for cemetery flowers can be found in the back of Church. Please complete by due date.
- + **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.
- + **Special Notice for Anniversary and Birthday Blessings** April Anniversary Blessings are the second weekend and Birthday Blessings are the third weekend. Due to Holy Week.
- + **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. The first Thursday of April is Holy Thursday.
- + **Confirmation Student Service—Thank you**—Thank you to Marissa Raab and Ava Hendrickson, Confirmation students who provided service hours to the Parish by cleaning the parish hall and kitchen.

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

~ DIOCESAN/Community NEWS ~

~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~

~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. All are welcome! Thank you and God Bless, St. Mary's Men's Club

~ 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 the men discerning and preparing for the priesthood.

Registration includes: 18 holes of golf + cart; Sack lunch provided (restaurant orders available before 11 a.m.); Dinner & social afterward; Chance to win hole prizes, raffles, and participate in a Hole-in-One Contest. Cost is \$125 per golfer. Sponsors are welcome—hole sponsorships received by June 5 will be acknowledged in the program and signage. Please register early; the outing typically sells out!

Register today [at this link](#) or contact Reneé Orth at 608.791.2667 / rorth@diolc.org or Tom Kieffer at tjkieffer16@yahoo.com.

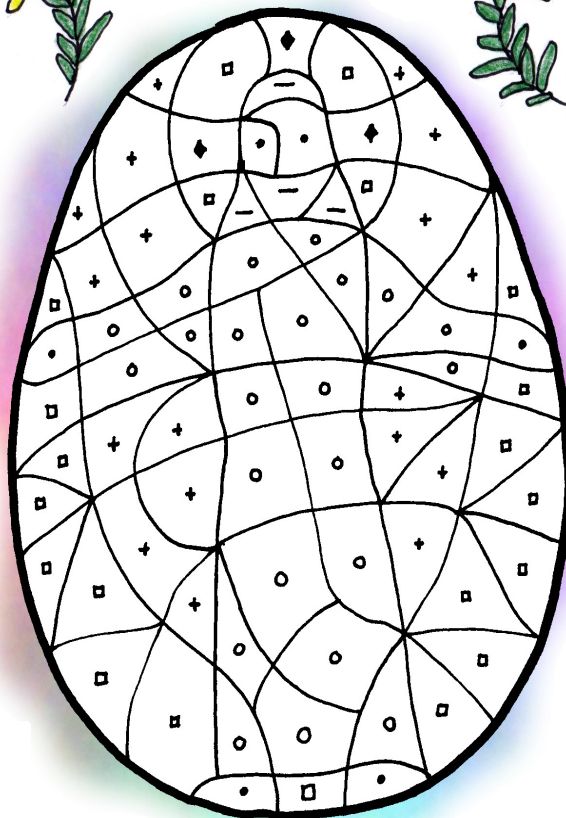
~TV Mass Times and Channels: Mass is broadcast on La Crosse Channel 19 at 9:30 am Sunday.

~ 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 Wisconsites 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. **Friday, April 10th is Wear Blue Day. Wear blue to bring attention to the awareness and prevention of abuse of any kind.**



*Easter Sunday
April 5th, 2026*



The two men on the road to Emmaus didn't know the man who came and walked with them on Easter morning. Use the colour code below to see if you can figure out who it was!

- ◆ Red
- + Purple
- Skin-colour
- Yellow
- Brown
- White

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 sjr2601@gmail.com

Faith, Hope and Love