



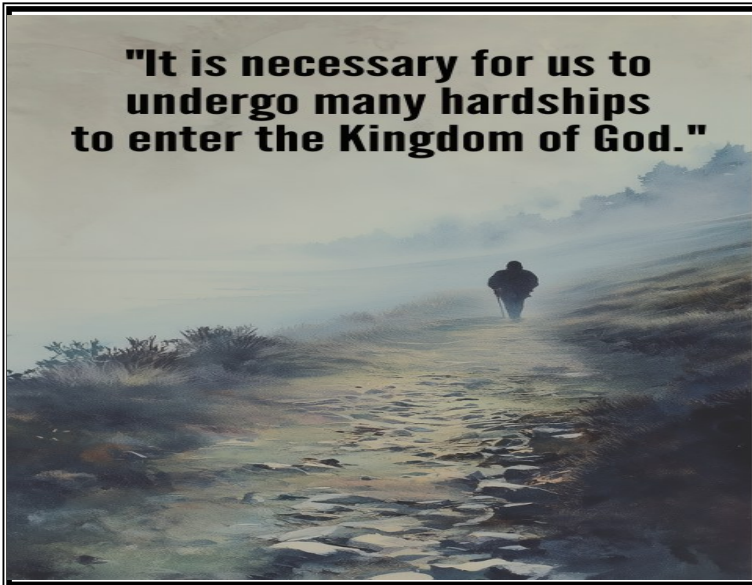
# ST JOSEPH PARISH

## St. Joseph Ridge

W2601 State Road 33  
La Crosse WI 54601



**May 10, 2026 - Sixth Sunday of Easter**



**"It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the Kingdom of God."**



*"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.*

*Not as the world gives do I give it to you.*

*Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid."*

- John 14:27

**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 4pm Mass)

**St. Joseph Parish, St. Joseph Ridge**  
(608) 788-1646

**Weekend Mass Schedule**  
Saturday 4:00 PM  
Sunday 8:00 AM

Adoration: Tuesday 5:00 PM

**Weekday Mass Schedule**  
Tuesday 5:30 PM  
Thursday 8:00 AM  
1st Saturday of the month 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....Rosary 7:00 PM ,  
Eucharistic Exposition 7:20,  
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  
Barb Braun  
Dave Brown-(Bldg & Grnds)  
and Cemetery Rep

**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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Leland Gregorich  
Lisa Meyer  
Paulene Connell  
Mary Beth Smith

**Sacristan:**  
Sally Miller

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

~ PARISH INTENTIONS ~

**SATURDAY, MAY 9TH**

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

**SUNDAY, MAY 10TH**

~8:00 am - † George and Evelyn Miller (T&MSP)  
 Lector: Sally Miller  
 Eucharistic Minister: Jolene DeMaiffe  
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

**NO WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK:**

Fr. Sen is on Retreat.

**SATURDAY, MAY 16TH**

~4:00 pm - Parish Family  
 Lector: Cecilia Sawaya  
 Eucharistic Minister: Michelle Hundt  
 Servers: Volunteers Usher: Volunteers

**SUNDAY, MAY 17TH**

~8:00 am - † Curtis Strittmater (CS)  
 Lector: Grace Bayer  
 Eucharistic Minister: Donna Clements  
 Servers: Volunteers Usher: Volunteers

~ Contributions for the past week ~

Adult Envelopes (27):	\$ 1809.00
Plate collection:	\$ 261.00
Votive Lights:	\$ 107.50
CCD Student Lent Collection	\$ 88.88
LDDCW Collection (3):	\$ 40.00
<b>Total Contributions:</b>	<b>\$ 2306.38</b>
Parish weekly budget needed:	\$ 2,800.00

~ PARISH CALENDAR ~

- ◇ **May 9** - Blessing of May Birthdays
- ◇ **May 9** – Mother’s Day, Mother’s Day Blessing, PCCW will sell roses to support a local pro-life organization
- ◇ **2nd week of May** – Fr. Sen on Retreat, No weekday masses during this time
- ◇ **May 17** - Ascension of the Lord
- ◇ **May 17** - 3:00 pm - Parish Picnic Planning Mtg. Join the Parish and Finance Councils to help plan our Parish picnic and future events. All welcome!

~ 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](mailto: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](mailto:sjrp2601@gmail.com).

**Donations:** Here are some ways to contribute:

- If you use online banking and would like make your contribution using **Bill Pay**, set up St. Joseph Ridge Parish as a payment and the bank will mail it directly to the parish.
- Use the online giving portal set up by the Diocese: <https://diolc.org/st-joseph-parish-st-joseph-ridge/> (processing fees maybe deducted from your contribution, which average 3% for debit and credit cards and \$.75 for EFT, ACH)
- **Drop off** a contribution in the church donation box
- **Mail in** your weekly/monthly offering to parish office (W2601 State Road 33, La Crosse, WI 54601)

**CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE**  
**(608-788-1646 or email [sjrp2601@gmail.com](mailto:sjrp2601@gmail.com))**  
**TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR:**

- ◆ Joining the Parish    ◆ Weddings    ◆ Baptisms
- ◆ Anointing of the sick
- ◆ If you are home-bound and would like to be visited



~ STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION ~



May 10, 2026 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

ACTS 8:5-8, 14-17; PS 66:1-7, 16, 20;

1 PT 3:15-18; JN 14:15-21

On this sixth Sunday of Easter, our readings remind us that God must come first in our lives and that love of God is shown through concrete actions — precisely why the stewardship way of life is so necessary.

Our second reading from St. Peter urges us to “Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts,” emphasizing the need to prioritize Christ above all else. This highlights his role not only as Savior — as essential as that is — but also as Lord of our lives. As His disciples, we are called to place Him at the center of everything — our time, our talent, and our treasure.

The beauty of the stewardship way of life is that it gives us a concrete way to live it out. It allows us to demonstrate that Christ truly is Lord of our lives, because love is not merely a feeling. “Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me,” Jesus tells us in our Gospel from John. Let us seek ways to put this love into action through our daily choices and offerings.

True love is an act of the will. It requires obedience, humility, and deep trust in God. Emphasizing the reward of this trust can help the audience feel hopeful and encouraged, as Christ tells us, “Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him.” This promise invites us to trust God’s love and plan for us more fully.

What could be more fulfilling than living in such a way that the God of the universe reveals Himself more fully to us? Embracing this life of love and stewardship opens the door to divine intimacy

~ PARISH NEWS ~

† **Your Participation is Needed:** Please consider this opportunity to give back to your Parish Family. The Pastoral and Finance Councils have opportunities available to serve the Parish. If you are interested or would like more information, please speak with Fr. Sen or email [sjrp2601@gmail.com](mailto:sjrp2601@gmail.com).

† **Communion to the Homebound** Fr. Sen and Sally Miller visited 8 homes on May 7th and provided communion to 10 parish members. Thank you!

† **Roses for Mother’s Day:** Mother’s Day is May 10th. PCCW members will have roses available after mass. Cost is \$3 for one or \$5 for two roses. Funds will be donated to a local Pro-Life organization.

† **Pray the Rosary in May:** The Rosary focuses on the pivotal moments in the lives of Jesus and Mary, known as the “mysteries.” In reflecting on these major events of Jesus’ life, you will grow in your awareness of how much Jesus loves you personally. You will also be guided by the Holy Spirit to make connections between each mystery of Jesus’ life and your own life. And you may ask the Holy Spirit to help you see how this mystery gives you guidance.

Praying the Rosary, with the repetition of the Hail Marys, creates a quiet, contemplative space which allows the mind and heart to focus on God. Take five minutes to pray a decade of the Rosary (one Our Father, 10 Hail Marys, and Glory Be) with your family. This simple prayer makes a connection between the mystery and your own life.

† **Parish Food Drive:** Thirty (30) pounds of food was collected in April and delivered to The Hunger Taskforce. You have donated over 150 pounds already this year. Thank you for helping those in need.

† **Diocesan Annual Appeal:** Donations for this year’s Appeal are accepted until June 30, 2026. \$1,700 is still needed. Amount received over goal is returned to the Parish for Parish needs.

† **Local Mom’s Group Offered:** If you are a mom looking to enrich your spiritually, join the group called “Gathered in Grace -Driftless Region”. Organizers are gathering interest from the community and will begin meeting once a week in September. If you have questions please contact Sarah Gronemus at 608-386-9546 or Alex Kararo 612-578-6706.

† **Religious Ed Students Rice Bowl Donations:** Thank you to the students in the Parish Religious Education program who donated \$88.88 through the Rice Bowl program during Lent. Thanks for sharing your treasures.

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DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL  
2025-2026



2025-26 Goal:	\$23,975.00
Pledged:	\$ 22,325.00
Percent of Goal Rec'd	93%
Received:	\$ 22,275.00
Amount Under Goal:	\$ 1,700.00

~ DIOCESAN/Community NEWS ~

~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~

**~Parish Novena for Pentecost:** The celebration of the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost is 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. <https://www.fscenter.org/>

**~US Bishops' Action Alert - Urge Dialogue and Peace in Middle East:** To make your voice heard in favor of dialogue and peace in the Middle East, respond to the U.S. Bishops' action alert by visiting this website. <https://www.votervoice.net/USCCB/Campaigns/136528/Respond>

**~Legacy of Love: Celebrating Decades of Married Life:** The Diocese is pleased to introduce a new way of celebrating wedding anniversaries! Couples celebrating milestone anniversaries 10th, 20th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th, 70th, or 80th will be invited to participate in "Legacy of Love: Celebrating Decades of Married Life." This free event will begin with Mass and include pictures with Bishop Battersby followed by a simple reception. Couples can register by calling Laura Boden at 608.791.2680 or emailing her at [lboden@diolc.org](mailto:lboden@diolc.org).

**~Mass for the Home Bound:** Those unable to attend weekend mass in person can view a televised Mass on La Crosse Channel 19 at 9:30am on Sundays.

**~ Job Opportunities at Aquinas Catholic Schools:** Positions are available at Aquinas Catholic Schools: teachers in elementary, middle and high school, food service staff, after school care and coaching. For more information on how to apply please visit: [aquinascatholicschools.org/enrollment](http://aquinascatholicschools.org/enrollment)

**~Memorial Day Honors at Local Cemeteries:** Coon Valley American Legion Post 116 will be performing military honor at local cemeteries on May 25, Memorial Day. The color guard will visit St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery at 8:15am and St. Mary's Cemetery—Northridge at 8:30 am.

**~Memorial Day Mass at the Catholic Cemetery:** A Mass honoring the Dead will be celebrated at the altar in the Veteran Section at the Catholic Cemetery in La Crosse. Services will be on Memorial Day, May 25, 2026 beginning at 11:15 a.m. Msgr. Robert Hundt will be the principal celebrant. All are welcome to join to honor veterans.

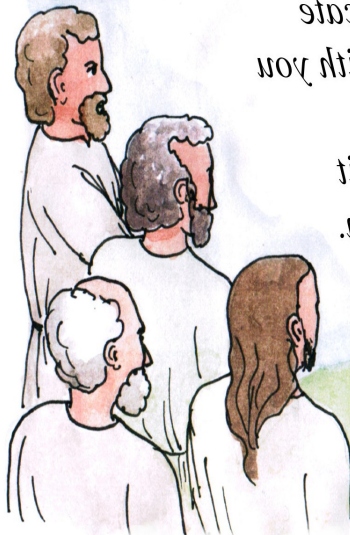
**Sixth Sunday of Easter  
May 10th, 2026**



If you love me, you will keep my commandments.



And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the spirit of truth.



What did Jesus say to the disciples to prepare them for His departure? Look at this page in the mirror 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 all Mothers, Godmothers and Grandmothers, may they feel our gratitude for the important role they play in the lives of children.
- + For favorable weather for farmers and a successful growing season, we pray to the Lord.
- + For protection and health of Pope Leo, leader of our Catholic Church.

**God our Father, we beg you to hear our prayers, through Christ our Lord.**

Your requests are welcome! Call 608-788-1646 or email [sjrp2601@gmail.com](mailto:sjrp2601@gmail.com)