



ST JOSEPH PARISH

St. Joseph Ridge

W2601 State Road 33
La Crosse WI 54601



May 24, 2026 - Pentecost Sunday

The Holy Spirit drives out our fear, giving us courage to go out into the world.

The Spirit inspires us to make connections with others.

He empowers us to do the work God is calling us to do.

May we open our hearts to the fullness of the Holy Spirit.



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

Saturday.....4:00 PM

Sunday.....8:00 AM

Adoration: Tuesday ... 5:00 PM

Weekday Mass Schedule

Tuesday5:30 PM

Thursday8:00 AM

1st Saturday of the month.. 8:00 AM

St. Peters Parish, Middle Ridge

(608) 452-4680

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday.....8:00 PM

Sunday10:00 AM

Weekday Schedule

Wednesday8:00 AM

Friday.....8:00 AM

ADORATION: Wednesdays

Exposition, Rosary, Adoration,
and Confession ...7:00 PM

Benediction at 7:55 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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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 23RD

~4:00 pm - † Strittmater and Guanella Families (CS)
 Lector: Bill Weber
 Eucharistic Minister: Mary Marshall
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, MAY 24TH

~8:00 am - Parish Family
 Lector: Dan Steiger
 Eucharistic Minister: Darlene Hundt
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

TUESDAY, MAY 26TH

~5:00 pm— Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 ~5:30 pm - † Teofilo Guzman Ayala (RM)

THURSDAY, MAY 28TH

~8:00 am— † Jose Mercedes Pelagio Anguiano (RM)

SATURDAY, MAY 30TH

~4:00 pm - † Frank and Carol Seebauer (R&LM)
 Lector: Donna Clements
 Eucharistic Minister: Teresa Brown
 Servers: Volunteers Usher: Volunteers

SUNDAY, MAY 31ST

~8:00 am - † Steve Mashak (D&SS)
 Lector: Sally Miller
 Eucharistic Minister: Paula Silha
 Servers: Volunteers Usher: Volunteers

~ Contributions for the past week ~

Adult Envelopes (37):	\$ 2,448.00
Plate collection:	\$ 408.00
Total Contributions:	\$ 2,856.00
Parish weekly target needed:	\$ 2,800.00
Above/below weekly target:	+ \$ 56.00

~ PARISH CALENDAR ~

- ◇ **May 25** - Memorial Day,
- ◇ **May 26 - 6:15 pm** 125th Anniversary Picnic Planning Meeting. All are welcome to attend.
- ◇ **June 6** - First Saturday Mass at 8:00 am

MEMORIAL DAY - MONDAY, MAY 25

Coon Valley American Legion
 Schedule to honor veterans at
area cemeteries



- ★ 7:15 am Hellwig Cemetery
- ★ 7:30 am Koethe Cemetery
- ★ 7:45 am Trinity Church Cemetery—Mormon Coulee
- ★ 8:15 am St Joseph Ridge Cemetery
- ★ 8:30 am North Ridge Cemetery
- ★ 9:30 am Bethany Church Esofea—Cemetery
- ★ 10:00 am Coon Valley Lutheran Church -Cemetery
- ★ 10:30 am Parade begins at Post Office in Coon Valley. At conclusion of parade program begins at Veterans Memorial behind Legion Hall. Lunch served by Legion Auxiliary in the Legion Hall.

~ 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.

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.
- **Drop off** a contribution in the church donation box

- 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)
- **Mail in** your weekly/monthly offering to parish office (W2601 State Road 33, La Crosse, WI 54601)

~ STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION ~



May 24, 2026 - Pentecost Sunday
 ACTS 2:1-11; PS 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34;
 1 COR 12:3b-7, 12-13; JN 20:19-23

Throughout our readings today for Pentecost Sunday, we see the powerful truth that the Holy Spirit bestows gifts and guidance in a deeply personal way, inspiring us to live out our faith.

In our first reading from Acts, we hear about the dramatic outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles. A strong wind filled the house, and tongues of fire settled on each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, inspiring awe and confidence in the Spirit's power.

Notice how personal this moment is. The Spirit came upon each individual, equipping them uniquely to share the Gospel and reminding us that embracing stewardship means allowing the Holy Spirit to guide us as we use our gifts for our shared mission.

In our Gospel, Jesus sends His disciples forth: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." This is our mission as well. Yet we are not sent alone. Jesus gives us His peace — "Peace be with you."

As this Easter season draws to a close, let us be at peace and resolve to rely more fully on the Holy Spirit as our guide in the stewardship way of life.

~ PARISH NEWS ~

- + **Your Participation is Needed:** Looking for a way to give back to your Parish? The Pastoral and Finance Councils would welcome you to participate. If you are interested or would like more information, please speak with Fr. Sen or email sjrp2601@gmail.com.
- + **125th Anniversary Celebration of St. Joseph Parish Church:** 2026 is the quasiquintennial—125th anniversary of the Church building. A Picnic to celebrate this milestone is being planned. Please attend the next meeting Tues. May 26th, 6:15 pm in the Parish Hall. Many hands make light work.
- + **Parish Food Drive:** Please continue to bring nonperishable food to the back of church as you are able. Thank you for your generosity.
- + **Diocesan Annual Appeal:** Donations for this year's Appeal are accepted until June 30, 2026. \$1,600 is still needed. Amount received over goal is returned to the Parish for Parish needs.
- + **BEET Grants Funded:** Two Bishop's Education Endowment Trust grants were submitted earlier in 2026. Notice of award of \$800 for Religious Education The second proposal was to support Parish Office move and reorganization to the Parish Hall. The request was \$345.31 and the award was for \$200. Thanks to Lorie Liss and Paula Silha for submitting the grants.

WE ARE THE DIOCESE DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2025-2026 	2025-26 Goal:	\$23,975.00
	Pledged:	\$ 22,325.00
	Percent of Goal Rec'd	93%
	Received:	\$ 22,375.00
	Amount Under Goal:	\$ 1,600.00



Our Choir members gathered for a spring pot luck brunch on May 17th. They get together at least once a year. Thanks to Terry and Barb Dickman for hosting at their home. We are thankful and grateful for our Choir. New members are always welcome!!

Heavenly Father, On this Memorial Day, we pray for those who courageously laid down their lives for the cause of freedom. May the example of their sacrifice inspire in us the selfless love of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Bless the families of our fallen troops, and fill their homes and their lives with your strength and peace.

In union with people of goodwill of every nation, embolden us to answer the call to work for peace and justice and, thus, seek an end to violence and conflict around the globe. We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.



~ DIOCESAN/Community NEWS ~

~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~

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

~Consecrating the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus—Livestream: From the USCCB: In celebration of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. bishops will consecrate the United States of America to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on Thursday, June 11. The special Mass of consecration, will be livestreamed on the [USCCB's YouTube](#) channel. The bishops' livestream event is intended to be a catalyst to encourage parishes and individuals to participate in the America 250 commemoration by contributing to 250 Hours of Adoration and/or 250 Works of Mercy.

The livestream of the public portions of the plenary on June 10 and 11, and the bishops' Mass consecrating the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus [will be available here](#). Those wishing to follow the meeting on social media may use the hashtag #USCCB26 and follow on Instagram ([@USCCB](#)), Facebook ([@USCCB](#)),

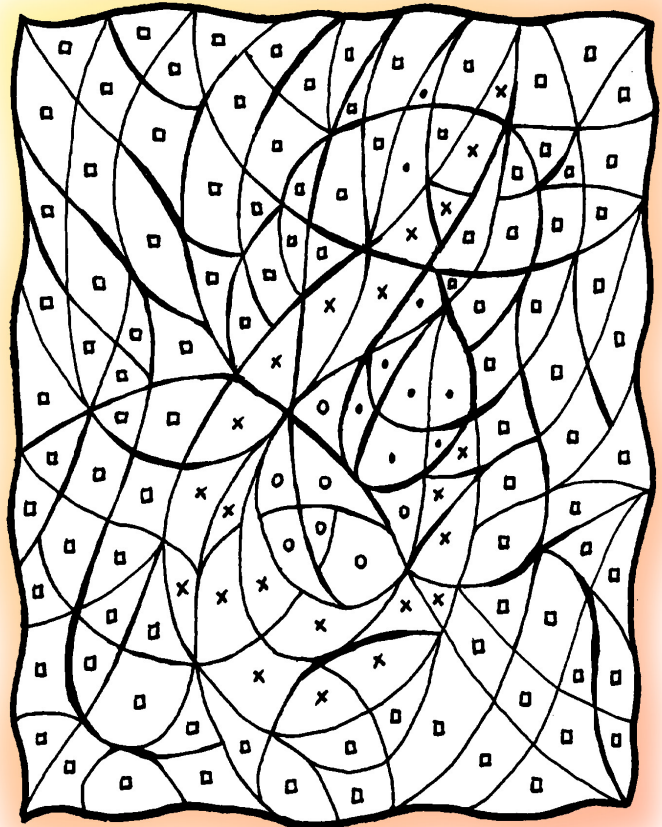
~May is Mental Health Awareness Month: Let us look to our Blessed Mother and St. Joseph to teach us how to prioritize the things that matter most. This article from Catholic Psych breaks down elements of St. Pope John Paul II's encyclical on St. Joseph the Worker: [Lessons from JP2 on St. Joseph](#).

~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/>

~Zeale for America 250 Rally—Sat., June 13, 2026, 2-6:00 pm
Catholic prayer and speakers celebrating America 250. Join CatholicVote President and CEO Kelsey Reinhardt, Cardinal Raymond L. Burke, Daily Wire podcaster Michael J. Knowles, Baltimore Ravens Senior Offensive Assistant Coach Joe Lombardi (grandson of famed Green Bay Packers Head Coach Vince Lombardi), other speakers, and thousands of patriotic Catholics to celebrate America's 250th anniversary and pray for our nation. In addition to inspiring talks, the Zeale for America 250 Rally offers opportunities for prayer before a relic of the True Cross of Christ, Confession and a marketplace with a curated collection of quality Catholic and Americana merchandise to commemorate the day. Visit the website <https://lp.catholicvote.org/America250-Travel> and get your tickets today!

~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. Register by calling Laura Boden at 608.791.2680 or emailing her at lboden@dioc.org.

Pentecost Sunday
May 24th, 2026



In what form did the Holy Spirit come to the Apostles on Pentecost?

Use this colour code

to colour in the picture and find out!

- red
- orange
- blue
- × yellow

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 relaxing and safe summer break for all students, teachers and school support staff
- + 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