



# ST JOSEPH PARISH

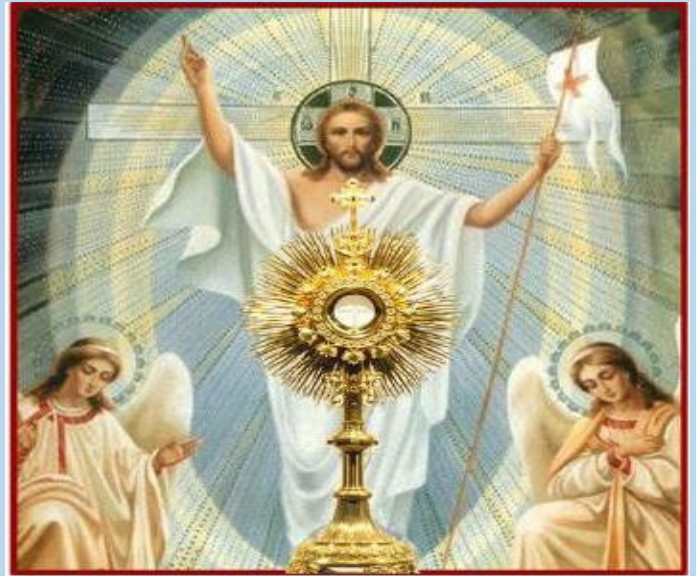
## St. Joseph Ridge

W2601 State Road 33  
La Crosse WI 54601



**June 7, 2026 - Corpus Christi**

# Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ “Corpus Christi”



### Pastor **Father Sen**

Fr. Sengole Vethanayagam  
(715) 615-1774

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### PARISH OFFICE

Paula Silha—Administrative Assistant  
Barb Mikshowsky - Bookkeeper  
Office hours T, Th, Fri 10-1:00  
**(608)788-1646** sjrp2601@gmail.com

### 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: 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:**

Dave Brown 608-792-1006  
davidteresabrown457@gmail.com  
Rick Meyer

### **MUSIC:**

Stacy Burns, Coordinator  
608-769-8828  
jsburns0093@gmail.com

### **Accompanist:**

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, JUNE 6TH**

~8:00 am - First Saturday Mass - Our Parish Family

~4:00 pm - † Ralph and Evelyn Mikshowsky  
(The Mikshowsky Family)

Lector: Donna Clements

Eucharistic Minister: Michelle Hyndt

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

**SUNDAY, JUNE 7TH**

~8:00 am - † Alfred and Anna Klos & Family  
(JK, S & DM)

Lector: Paula Silha

Eucharistic Minister: Barb Dickman

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

**TUESDAY, JUNE 8TH**

~5:00 pm— Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

~5:30 pm - † Gerald Kneifl (DK)

**THURSDAY, JUNE 11TH**

~8:00 am - Our Parish Family

**SATURDAY, JUNE 13TH**

~4:00 pm - † Living and Deceased Members of the  
John and Bernice Mashak Family  
(D&SS)

Lector: Bill Weber

Eucharistic Minister: Barb Mikshowsky

Servers: Volunteers Usher: Volunteers

**SUNDAY, JUNE 14TH**

~8:00 am - † The Trinkes Family (D&TB)

Lector: Dan Steiger

Eucharistic Minister: Teresa Brown

Servers: Volunteers Usher: Volunteers

~ Contributions for the past week ~

Adult Envelopes (54):	\$ 3032.00
Plate collection:	\$ 370.00
Easter (1)	\$ 20.00
Ascension (1) :	\$ 10.00
<b>Total Contributions:</b>	<b>\$ 3432.00</b>
Parish weekly target needed:	\$ 2,800.00
Above/below weekly target:	+ \$ 632.00

~ PARISH CALENDAR ~

- ◇ June 6 - First Saturday Mass at 8:00 am
- ◇ June 6 & 7 - Anniversary Blessing following Mass
- ◇ June 14 - 125th Anniversary Picnic Planning Meeting, 3:00 pm, Parish/School Hall
- ◇ June 13 & 14 - Birthday Blessing following Mass

**SAVE THE DATE to CELEBRATE**

*St. Joseph Catholic Church's*

(St. Joseph Ridge)

*125th Anniversary*

**Saturday, August 22nd**

Starts with the 4:00 pm Mass

Then continues with picnic, food,  
and lots of activities to celebrate!!!

~ 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).

**CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE**


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**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 ~

~ PARISH NEWS ~



**June 7, 2026 - The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ GN**  
**14:18-20; PS 110:1, 2, 3, 4; 1 COR 11:23-26; LK 9:11b-17**

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. Our readings highlight the incredible gift of the Eucharist.


As stewards, we recognize that all we are and all we have are gifts from God. Among the greatest of these gifts is the Eucharist — Christ’s Body and Blood, given to us for our spiritual nourishment.

Jesus makes this clear in the Gospel through the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves. He takes what is offered, blesses it, and transforms it into more than enough to feed the crowd.

The same is true in our lives. When we offer our gifts to the Lord, He lovingly multiplies them beyond what we could ever imagine, filling us with hope and trust in His grace.

Through the Eucharist, we are strengthened to live as stewards. Let us receive this gift with gratitude and allow it to transform how we live, give, and serve.

- + **Sad News:** Our organist Leland Gregorich passed away suddenly this week. Funeral services will be held on Monday, June 8th at 11 am at Holy Family Catholic Church in Willard, WI. Visitation will be held at the church on Sunday, June 7 from 4pm to 7pm and again on Monday from 10 am until the time of service. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.
- + **Your Participation is Needed:** Pastoral and Finance Councils are looking for new members. Fr. Sen can provide additional information. Please call him at (715)615-1774.
- + **125th Anniversary Celebration of St. Joseph Parish Church:** 2026 is the quasiquintennial—125th anniversary of the Church building. Save the date: Saturday, August 22, 2026, following 4pm Mass. Notes from the May 26th Meeting are attached. Committees need your help. Participation is a great way to get to know your Parish family.
- + **Diocesan Annual Appeal:** This year’s Annual Appeal ends June 30th. Please note any amount over our goal is returned to our Parish. \$1,550 is still needed. Consider a donation if you have not done so already. Envelopes are in the back of Church.
- + **Cemetery Pot Watering:** Thanks to Laverne and Stan Clements for volunteering to water cemetery pots. Watering will occur Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
- + **Finance and Parish Council Meetings -** Finance Council will meet on Tuesday, July 14, 6:30 pm and the Parish Council will meet at 7:00 pm.
- + **PCCW Meetings -** PCCW meetings will resume in Sept. on the 3rd Monday of the month. All women of the Parish are members and invited to attend.
- + **Food Pantry Donations:** 34lbs. of food was delivered to The Hunger Task Force on behalf of St. Joseph Parish. Thank you for continuing to help those less fortunate.
- + **Celebration of Life:** A celebration of life for Sharon (LeJeune) Tarpering will be June 9th from 3-7:00pm at the “Venue in Coon Valley”.

 <p><b>DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL</b> 2025-2026</p>	2025-26 Goal:	<b>\$23,975.00</b>
	Pledged:	\$ 22,425.00
	Percent of Goal Rec'd	94%
	Received:	<b>\$ 22,400.00</b>
	Amount Under Goal:	<b>\$ 1,550.00</b>

~ DIOCESAN/Community NEWS ~

*Glory be to the Father, And to the Son,  
 And to the Holy Spirit*

**~Find a Church and Mass when Traveling:** The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops offers a website to help you find a church with a convenient Mass time when you are traveling. Visit this website <https://www.usccb.org/mass-times>

~ DIOCESAN/Community NEWS ~

**~Message from Bishop Battersby:** To celebrate America's semiquincentennial, that is, the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the bishops of the United States voted to consecrate the nation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 11, 2026. In *Dilexi Te*, Pope Leo invited us to contemplate Christ's love, which moves us out on our mission to attend to our sisters and brothers suffering in the world today, particularly in our care for poor and vulnerable people. As we reflect with gratitude on the blessings God has bestowed on our country, our devotion to the Sacred Heart demands that we consider how we might foster truth, justice, and charity in American life. We are called to bring our faith into the actions we take and the lives we lead in our communities. This anniversary and consecration will be a great opportunity to promote the beautiful devotion to the Sacred Heart and to encourage the laity to offer their lives in service to God and their country. In preparation of the consecration, I encourage you to pray daily the Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and, from June 3–11, pray the Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus:

**Prayer:** [www.usccb.org/prayers/prayer-sacred-heart-jesus](http://www.usccb.org/prayers/prayer-sacred-heart-jesus)  
**Novena:** [www.usccb.org/novena-sacred-heart-jesus](http://www.usccb.org/novena-sacred-heart-jesus)

Thursday, June 11, the special Mass of consecration, will be livestreamed on the [USCCB's YouTube](https://www.usccb.org/youtube) channel.

**~Rural Life Day Nominations:** The Rural Life planning group is seeking nominations for recognition awards for Rural Life Day (Sept. 23, 2026 at Creamery Creek Farms in Bangor):

- **"Friend of Rural Life"** – Makes a significant contribution to the farming community. Not necessarily direct farmers themselves.
- **"Strangers and Guests"** – Farm family that exemplifies Catholic life, involvement in parish and community activities, hospitality, generosity.
- **"Century Farms"** – Families that have maintained 100+ years of continuous family ownership of their farm.

If you have someone in mind, please contact Rural Life Chairperson Anne Marie Elwing with their name and phone number: [annemarie.elwing@wallstonellc.com](mailto:annemarie.elwing@wallstonellc.com).

**~La Crosse County Jail Ministry:** 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.

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

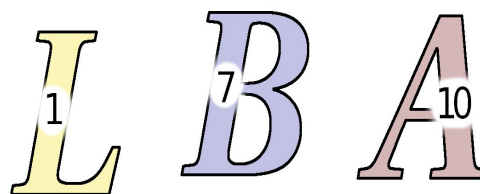
**~Newman Center 6pm Sunday Mass Continues** .Due to the popularity of the Sunday evening Mass during the academic year, Roncalli Newman will be adding a 6pm Sunday evening Mass during the summer beginning June 7 - August 30th.

~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~

*Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ*  
*June 7th, 2026*



*What did Jesus say  
in today's Gospel  
reading?  
Put the letters in  
order to fill in the  
blanks at the bottom.*



"I am the \_\_\_\_\_  
which came down from Heaven."

*Trusting in God's merciful and abundant love, we bring  
our prayers and petitions to him.*

- + For protection and blessing of the Democracy of the United States of America as we celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, we pray to the Lord...
- + For a relaxing and safe summer break for all students, teachers and school support staff, we pray to the Lord...
- + For favorable weather for farmers and a safe and 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)