



St. Joseph Parish

St. Joseph Ridge

W2601 State Road 33, La Crosse, WI 54601

August 30, 2026

Twenty second Sunday of Ordinary Time



**Fr. Eugene Wolf, Fr. Dickman, Deacon Bell, Fr. Sen, Msgr. Gorman, Msgr. Kunz (behind),
Msgr. Kachel, Msgr. Hundt, Fr. Simeo, and Deacon Allen
celebrated with us our 125th Anniversary Celebration Mass on Saturday, August 22nd.**

Pastor Father Sen

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PARISH OFFICE

Paula Silha—Administrative Assistant
Barb Mikshowskey - Bookkeeper
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CONFESSIONS

3:30—3:45 PM
(before Saturday 4 PM 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:

Lorie Liss—Director

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:

Lisa Meyer
Paulene Connell
Mary Beth Smith
Chris Carskadon

Sacristan and Homebound Eucharistic minister:

Sally Miller

'Thank you' for your time and talent in supporting our parish.

~ PARISH INTENTIONS ~

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29TH

~4:00 pm - Living and deceased members of the
John and Bernice Mashak family (D&SS)
Lector: Donna Clements
Eucharistic Minister: Mary Marshall
Servers: Volunteers Usher: Volunteers

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30TH

~8:00 am - Living and deceased members of the Mlsna,
Guanella, and Strittmater families (CS)
Lector: Paula Silha
Eucharistic Minister: Barb Dickman
Servers: Volunteers Usher: Volunteers

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST

~5:00 pm - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
~5:30 pm - † Lawrence Malzacher (RM)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD

~8:00 am - Our Parishioners who are homebound

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH

~8:00 am—Our Parish Family (**First Saturday**)
~4:00 pm - † Ralph & Evelyn Mikshowsky (family)
Lector: Bill Weber
Eucharistic Minister: Michelle Hundt
Servers: Volunteers Usher: Volunteers

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH

~8:00 am - Our Parish Family
Lector: Dan Steiger
Eucharistic Minister: Teresa Brown
Servers: Volunteers Usher: Volunteers

~ Contributions for the past week ~

Adult Envelopes (36):	\$ 2,020.00
Plate collection:	\$ 681.00
Assumption:	\$ 15.00
Votive candles:	\$ 86.00
Donations received at picnic:	\$ 2,095.75
Total Contributions:	\$ 4,897.75

~ PARISH CALENDAR ~

♦ **September 7—Labor Day**

"Lord, on this Labor Day, we thank You for the blessing of work. We ask for strength to complete each day. We ask for rest when we are weary. We ask Your guidance for everyone seeking employment, and we ask that You be with those whose faces we might never see but who work tirelessly each day for the good of us all. Amen."
From Our Sunday Visitor

♦ **September 16—Religious Education classes begin**♦ **September 23—Religious Education classes**

~ 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.

*May our prayers connect us with
God and increase our faith.*

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)



*Just as Jesus was willing to give his all to fulfill the Father's will,
We must be willing to give our all to fulfill his will in our lives.*



~ STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION ~



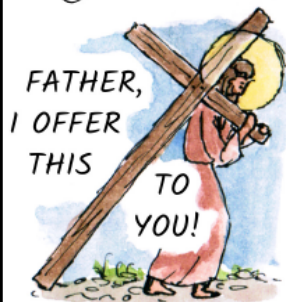
**Twenty-second Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

Living the stewardship way of life is never easy. It calls us to die to self and to live for Christ and others through sacrifice and surrender, yet it is the path that gives life its truest meaning.

In today's Gospel, Jesus says, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me." These words challenge us because they run against our desire for comfort and control. Yet Jesus is not asking anything of us that He has not first lived Himself. He gave everything for us on the Cross and continues to give Himself to us in His Word and in the Eucharist.

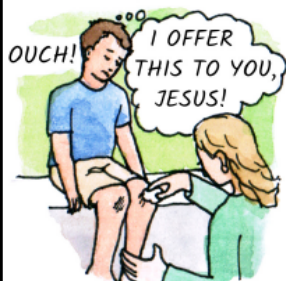
Each day, we choose to live either for ourselves or for God and others. The first path may seem easier, but it leaves us empty. The way of Christ is more demanding, yet it leads to joy, peace, and eternal life. May we have the courage to take up our cross each day and offer our lives back to Him in gratitude and love.

If you want to be my disciple...



What would you think if your best friend told you that you would have to die if you wanted to stay friends? In today's Gospel reading Jesus told the Apostles that if they wanted to be like Him they would have to take up their crosses and follow Him.

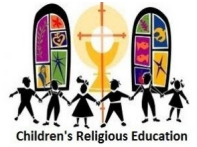
Jesus was teaching them that this world is a preparation for Heaven. If we make sacrifices for love of God then we will be ready for Heaven. Jesus opened the gates of Heaven to us by dying out of love for God the Father and for us. We get little crosses every day when things make us unhappy. If we offer them to God with love, they are like dying a little bit, and they prepare us for Heaven.



Sometimes we think that we need nice things or to be with fun people if we want to be happy. It's easy to forget that we will never be completely happy here. Next time you feel unhappy, remember that it's a cross that can help you get to Heaven!

~ PARISH NEWS ~

+ **Religious Education Planning:** Classes begin Wednesday, September 16th. Lorie Liss, our CCD Director has sent a calendar with the dates that class will not meet. Therefore all other Wednesdays, there will be class. Lorie will send an updated calendar once she has everyone's email address.



+ **Safe Environment Training:** Catechists and other parishioners who are required to attend a Safe Environment Training can attend September 3rd at 7:30 pm at St. Peters or September 9th at 6:30 pm at St. Joseph's. If you would like to join one of the Zoom trainings, please email Teresa at tbrown@diolc.org for the link. Everyone is welcome to join.

Thank You!

A heartfelt **thank you to all of our wonderful parishioners** who helped make our 125th Anniversary Picnic such a special and memorable celebration!



From preparing the food and setting up, organizing Bingo and kids games, sharing our history, providing music, and helping with cleanup — **every act of service made a difference.**



Your generosity, hard work, and joyful spirit truly showed what it means to be a parish family.



May God bless each of you for sharing your time, talents, and love with our parish community.

~ DIOCESAN/Community NEWS ~

~Newman Center 6pm Sunday Mass: Sunday evening at Roncalli Newman, a 6pm Sunday evening Mass is offered through August 30th.

~Gardens and Gazing Event: Sept. 12, 2026 5:30 pm–9:00 pm
Location: FSPA Land on St. Joseph Ridge

Mississippi Valley Conservancy in partnership with the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration (FSPA) and the La Crosse Area Astronomical Society is offering this free Linked to the Land event which combines gardens, scenic hiking, breathtaking views, and telescope-guided stargazing into one memorable experience. Questions may be directed to Karen Solverson at karen@mississippivalleyconservancy.org or 608-784-3606, ext. 8. Advance registration is required for this free event and must be completed by September 9th. Sign up on this website: <https://www.mississippivalleyconservancy.org/events/gardens-and-gazing-event>

~Rural Life Day - Sept. 23, 2026 at Creamery Creek Farms in Bangor. Nominations to acknowledge Century Farms, and those who support success for local farms and farmers are being sought. Please contact Chairperson, Anne Marie Elwing for more information. annemarie.elwing@wallstonellc.com.

~Mass of Hope and Healing | Sept. 8 | Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman: Bishop Gerard Battersby will celebrate a Mass of Hope and Healing on Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2026, at 6:30 PM, at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman. This Mass will be offered for anyone grieving the loss of children through miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, abortion, stillbirth, accident or infant death. A candle ceremony will take place at 6:30 PM, prior to the beginning of Mass. Please arrive early to receive your votive candle(s) in remembrance of any child(ren) lost. Candles will be lit and grieving families will carry them forward to surrender to a priest. After Mass, refreshments will be served and volunteers will be present to offer assistance, support, and comfort. We welcome all who mourn, and encourage anyone to come and be supportive.

~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 30th, 2026



What did Jesus say that the people would have to do to be His disciples?
Find your way through the maze and then use the letters from that path to fill in the blanks.

Back to School Prayer

Loving God,
As our students begin this new school year,
we ask for Your blessings.

Give them hearts that are eager to learn,
minds that are curious, and the wisdom
to do their best.

Watch over them, keep them safe, and
surround them with good friends and
caring teachers.

Help them to grow in knowledge,
kindness, and faith.

May they always know You are with them.

In Jesus' name,

Amen. ♥

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

- + For an increase in vocations to the priesthood, religious life, and diaconate, may God bless those discerning with generous and open hearts, let us pray to the Lord.
- + For teachers and students everywhere, as a new school year begins, may God continually offer them his wisdom, let us pray to the Lord.
- + For our Parish family, may our zeal for the Gospel draw many souls to Christ, let us pray to the Lord.
- + For our beloved dead, may God's mercy and grace lead them to everlasting peace in heaven, let us pray to the Lord.

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

Your requests are welcome! Call 608-788-1646 or email
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