



St. Joseph Parish

St. Joseph Ridge

W2601 State Road 33, La Crosse, WI 54601

September 6, 2026

Twenty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time



***Jesus guides us to
resolve
interpersonal
conflict and restore
a believer through
private and gentle
correction.***



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 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, SEPTEMBER 5TH

~8:00 am—Our Parish Family (First Saturday)

~4:00 pm - † Ralph & Evelyn Mikshowsky (family)

Lector: Bill Weber

Eucharistic Minister: Barb Mikshowsky

Servers: Volunteers Usher: Volunteers

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH

~8:00 am - Our Parish Family

Lector: Dan Steiger

Eucharistic Minister: Teresa Brown

Servers: Volunteers Usher: Volunteers

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH

~5:00 pm - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

~5:30 pm - † Rose Brown (D&TB)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH

~8:00 am - † Joseph & Clara Bina (MB)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH~4:00 pm - † Therese Hess & Rosie (Hess) Francis
(C&MB)

Lector: Teresa Brown

Eucharistic Minister: Barb Mikshowsky

Servers: Volunteers Usher: Volunteers

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13~8:00 am - Chester, Lucille & Rick Schermerhorn
(J&PS)

Lector: Jim Weber

Eucharistic Minister: Paula Silha

Servers: Volunteers Usher: Volunteers

~ PARISH CALENDAR ~

◇ September 3 - Homebound Communion

◇ September 5 - First Saturday Mass— 8:00 am

◇ September 5 & 6 - Anniversary Blessing following Mass

◇ 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 12 & 13 - Birthday Blessing following Mass

◇ September 16 - Religious Education classes begin

◇ September 21— PCCW meeting, 6:30 pm

◇ September 23—Religious Education classes resume

~ 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.

~ Contributions for the past week ~

Adult Envelopes (41):	\$ 2214.00
Plate collection:	\$ 333 .00
Picnic Donation:	\$ 200.00
Total Contributions:	\$ 2747.00
Parish weekly target:	\$ 2800.00
Above/below target:	\$ - 53.00

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 ~



September 6, 2026 - Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
EZ 33:7-9; PS 95:1-2, 6-9; ROM 13:8-10; MT 18:15-20.

Today's readings call us to take the gift and responsibility of our relationships seriously. God created us not to live for ourselves, but in communion with Him and with one another. Our families, neighbors, friends, and parish community are not accidents of daily life; they are part of the mission God has entrusted to us. We are called to help one another grow in holiness and to build up the Body of Christ.

In today's Second Reading, St. Paul gives us the heart of that mission: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love is not passive. It is the active, sacrificial stewardship of every relationship God places in our care. To love well is to live as true disciples.

In the Gospel, Jesus shows us what that love requires when relationships are strained. "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother." Christ does not call us to avoid conflict, but to face it with humility, charity, and a sincere desire for reconciliation.

That is the mission at work — bringing healing where there is hurt, truth where there is confusion, and peace where there is division. This is how Christian stewardship bears fruit.

Jesus also reminds us of the power of faith-filled community: "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." We are never sent out alone. The Lord is present whenever His people gather in His name, strengthen one another, and witness to His love.

May we care more deeply for the relationships God has entrusted to us, and may our lives together become a stronger sign of Christ's mission in the world.

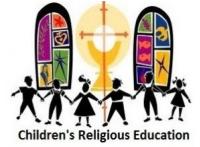
A Prayer Challenge

1. Select a Psalm, any Psalm, and read it five times silently and then five times out loud. Take your time.
2. Having read the Psalm, take some time to meditate on what you read. ...
3. Turn the Psalm into a personal prayer. ...
4. Give yourself to this process without expecting quick results.

~ PARISH NEWS ~

+ Religious Education Begins:

Wednesday, **September 16th** is the first class of this year. A calendar with dates that class will not meet was sent to all families by Lorie Liss, Religious Education Coordinator. This means all other Wednesdays, there will be class. Lorie will send an updated calendar once she has email addresses of all participating families. Contact Lorie with questions.



+ Safe Environment Training: Catechists and parishioners involved in youth formation, and those traveling on the Casa Hogar Trip, are required to attend a Safe Environment Training. Trainings are 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.

+ Food Pantry Donations: Thank you for your donation of 16 lbs. of food in August. Donations are taken each month to The Hunger Taskforce, which supplies area food pantries with food for distribution.

+ PCCW Meeting—Monday, September 21, 2026 at 6:30 pm
All women of the parish are members and all are welcome to attend!

+ Casa Hogar Trip—March 2027 Deadline to sign up is August 15th. Cost estimate is \$1400 for this March 2027 life changing Mission Trip! Contact Mike Klinkner 608-632-0805, Lorie Liss 715-630-4809 or Carol Gronemus 608-487-6170 if you are interested.

+ Baptism - With joyful anticipation, we bring to your attention the baptism of Delainey Elizabeth Crotteau, daughter of parish members Katelyn and Jordan Crotteau, Saturday, September 14th at the 4pm Mass. Welcome Little One!

+ Sanctuary Lamp donated in Memory of Marie Servais -
Thank you to Donald Servais and the Servais Family !



~ DIOCESAN/Community NEWS ~

~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.

~ Catholic Daughters of the Americas - Would you like to bless the Church, your community, and the world through Corporal Works of Mercy, practiced in love with other faith-filled women? Come and learn about the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. Wed. Sept. 9, Gathering at 9:45am, Meeting at 10:00am. Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall, La Crosse.

~ Flood Relief for Flood Victims in Nepal - Catholic Relief Services is responding to those affected by the devastating flooding in Nepal. Information about the relief effort and opportunities to contribute are available at CRS.org.

~ October Community Events:

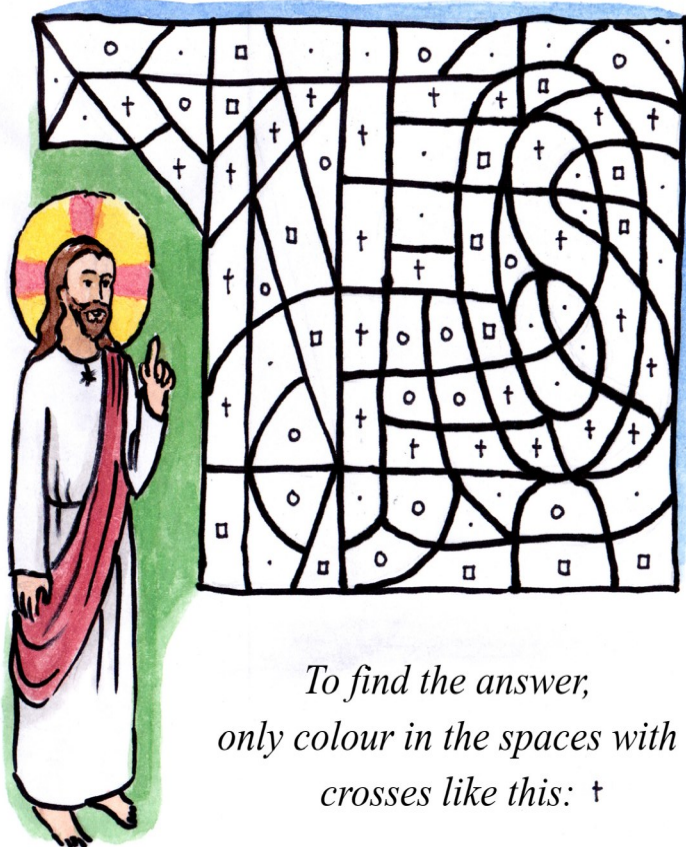
- ⇒ **St. Joseph Ridge Community Blood Drive**, Mon. Oct. 5, 1:30-6:00pm, Greenfield Town Hall
- ⇒ **Sauerkraut Supper** - Wed. October 14, 4:00 to 7:30pm, St. Peter's Church, Middle Ridge

~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time September 6th, 2026

*Sometimes we see other people doing things
that we know are wrong.*

*When we see other people doing sins, does
Jesus want us to talk to them about it?*



*To find the answer,
only colour in the spaces with
crosses like this: †*

***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 sjrp2601@gmail.com