



St. Joseph Parish

St. Joseph Ridge

W2601 State Road 33, La Crosse, WI 54601

Weekend of September 12 & 13, 2026

Twenty Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time



Peter approached Jesus and asked him,
 “Lord, if my brother sins against me,
 how often must I forgive?
 As many as seven times?”
 Jesus answered, “I say to you, not seven
 times but seventy-seven times.

Matthew 18:21-22

Pastor Father Sen

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PARISH OFFICE

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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 12TH

~4:00 pm - † Theresa Hess & Rosie (Hess) Francis
(C&MB)

Lector: Teresa Brown

Eucharistic Minister: Barb Mikshowskey

Servers: Volunteers Usher: Volunteers

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH

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

Lector: Jim Weber

Eucharistic Minister: Paula Silha

Servers: Volunteers Usher: Volunteers

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH

~5:00 pm - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

~5:30 pm - † Reiny & Darlene Kammel (J&SD)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH

~8:00 am - † Joseph & Clara Bina (MB)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH

~4:00 pm - † Jon Thurk & Sara Rose Hougom (ST)

Lector: Teresa Brown

Eucharistic Minister: Mary Reek

Servers: Volunteers Usher: Volunteers

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH

~8:00 am - Carole Cade (T&BD)

Lector: Sally Miller

Eucharistic Minister: Darlene Hundt

Servers: Volunteers Usher: Volunteers

~ PARISH CALENDAR ~

- ◇ **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
- ◇ **September 27** - Parish Council/Finance Council Meeting, 4:30 pm, Parish/School Hall
- ◇ **September 27** - 125th Anniversary Picnic Recap Meeting, 5:00 pm, Parish/School Hall

Weekly Bulletins:

If you would like to receive the weekly bulletin by email, please send an email to sjrp2601@gmail.com with your request.

~ EMBRACE YOUR FAITH ~

*** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Tuesday evenings: 5:00 pm; 5:30 pm Mass

~ 8 Ways to Pray During Eucharistic Adoration ~

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| 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 |

*** 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):	\$ 2603.00
Plate collection:	\$ 265.00
Votive Lights:	\$ 138.00
Total Contributions:	\$ 3006.00

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 13, 2026 -

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SIR 27:30-28:7; PS 103:1-4, 9-12; ROM 14:7-9; MT 18:21-35

Today's readings call us to examine how we steward our hearts. Anger, resentment, and unforgiveness can take root and keep us from the healing and peace God desires for us. Sirach reminds us to remember God's covenant, set enmity aside, and choose mercy.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells of a servant forgiven an impossible debt who refuses to forgive another. We recognize ourselves in that story. God has given us life, forgiven our sins, and opened the way to eternal life through His Son. Such a gift calls for a response.

Stewardship is that response: offering our whole lives back to God and extending His mercy to others. When we forgive, we share in Christ's mission and witness to the freedom and joy of life in Him.

*With joyful hearts,
we welcome newly baptized*

Delainey Elizabeth Crotteau

*daughter of Katelyn and Jordan Crotteau,
baptized on Saturday, September 12th.*

Welcome Delainey to our Faith community!



Jesus loves each person unconditionally, seeing
their goodness and their potential.

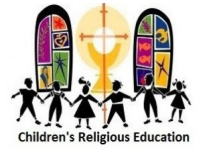
Jesus proves His love by giving His life on the
Cross for every person
so that our sins can be forgiven and we can be
reunited with the Father.

Jesus desires that we grow in love of Him,
others and ourselves
so that each of us can become the person He
created us to be.

~ PARISH NEWS ~

+ **Religious Education Begins:**

Religious Education Classes begin this week, Sept. 16. Grades 1 to 5, begin at 6 pm and grades 6 to 10 at 7 pm. Confirmation occurs during grade 10.



+ **Confirmation Students and Parents:** Parents of Grade 10 students are asked to attend the first class with their student at 7pm on Sept. 16th. This meeting will be held in the basement meeting area at the Parish/School Hall. Please contact Lorie Liss with any questions. .

+ **Food Pantry Donations:** Please continue to bring nonperishable food items to Church for those struggling to make ends meet. 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 are welcome to attend!

+ **Cemetery Flower Watering:** Thanks to Laverne Clements and Stan Clements for their dedication to watering potted flowers at our Cemetery. The blooms have been beautiful. Watering will continue through the end of September. Plan to pick up your pots for storage by October 1st.

History Room Display:

+ The displays is still available for viewing. Please call the school office (608)788-1646 ext. 1 or email sjrp2601@gmail.com to set-up a date/time to come and browse through the history of our parish.

+ The St. Joseph Parish History Video is posted on the St. Joseph Parish Facebook page and a link was included in the Bulletin email. This video was beautifully created by Sara Mikshowsky. Sara thoughtfully brought together many wonderful facts, photographs, stories, and memories that highlight the rich history and heritage of our parish. Her time and effort have helped bring our past to life and give us a greater appreciation for the generations of faith-filled families who helped build and sustain our parish community.

+ **Thank you, Sara, for sharing your time, talent, and dedication in helping preserve and celebrate the history of St. Joseph Parish!**

~ DIOCESAN/Community NEWS ~

~ **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.

~ **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.

~ Local 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

~ **October is Respect Life Month**: Each year we celebrate Respect Life Month in October, with Oct. 4 being Respect Life Sunday. The U.S. Bishops' website has many pro-life resources to view and to download. This year the theme is "Mary, Mother of Life," featuring a beautiful poster, prayers, and reflections. More information can be found at www.respectlife.org

~ **40 Days for Life**: September 23 to November 1, is signified as 40 Days for Life, a cross-denominational, faith based effort. An Opening Rally will be held on Sunday, September 27th, at 1:00pm. The Rally will be held in the lower level of Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall, 130 Losey Blvd., La Crosse. Use the Losey Blvd doors. Speaker Tallulah Caulfield, of Pro-Life Wisconsin will share her personal insight. All are welcome.

~ **Marion Reflection Day at the Shrine**: A one day Marion Reflection day will be held on Saturday, October 10th with registration at 9am opening remarks in the Church Crypt at 9:45. This a one-day event offers Marian reflection, Mass with His Eminence Cardinal Burke, and opportunities to connect with others.

~ **White Mass - Oct. 16**: Friday, Oct. 16, at 6:00 PM, Bishop Battersby will celebrate the "White Mass" at which the faithful honor and pray for Catholic health care professionals. This event will be held at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman. A Banquet will follow. Additional information and registration is found at this link: <https://diolc.org/social-concerns/gospel-of-life/>

~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 13th, 2026

What did the king in today's parable do to the servant who owed him much but asked for forgiveness?

Use the numbers to sort the letters and find out!



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 a safe harvest and favorable weather for our farmers.
- + 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

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