



St. Joseph Parish

St. Joseph Ridge

W2601 State Road 33, La Crosse, WI 54601

Weekend of September 19 & 20, 2026

Twenty Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time



‘Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.’

Matthew 20:8

Pastor Father Sen

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PARISH OFFICE

Paula Silha—Administrative Assistant
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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 19TH

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

Lector: Teresa Brown

Eucharistic Minister: Mary Reeck

Servers: Volunteers Usher: Volunteers

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH

~8:00 am - † Carol Cade (T&BD)

Lector: Sally Miller

Eucharistic Minister: Darlene Hundt

Servers: Volunteers Usher: Volunteers

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND

~5:00 pm - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

~5:30 pm - † Duane Stark (S&DE)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH~8:00 am - † John, Bernice, Steven and Samuel
Mashak, (S&DS)**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH**~4:00 pm - † George, Evelyn, Darryl & Terry Miller
(T&MSP)

Lector: Cecilia Sawaya

Eucharistic Minister: Mary Marshall

Servers: Volunteers Usher: Volunteers

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH

~8:00 am - Our Parish Family

Lector: Jim Weber

Eucharistic Minister: Barb Dickman

Servers: Volunteers Usher: Volunteers

~ PARISH CALENDAR ~

- ◇ September 21 - PCCW meeting, 6:30 pm
- ◇ September 23 - Religious Education classes
- ◇ September 27 - Parish Council/Finance Council Mtg., 4:15 pm, Parish/School Hall
- ◇ September 27 - 125th Anniversary Picnic Recap Mtg., 4:45 pm, Parish/School Hall
- ◇ October 1 - First Thursday, Homebound Communion

~ 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 |
- 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.

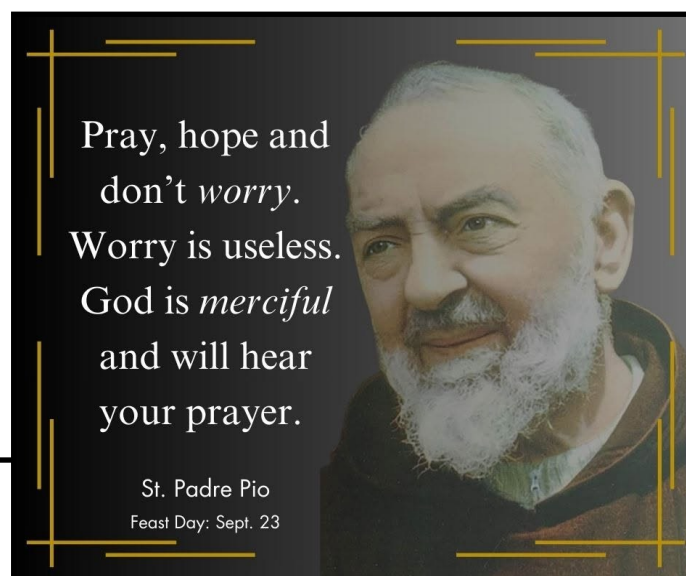
~ Contributions for the past week ~

Adult Envelopes (33):	\$ 2,367.00
Plate collection:	\$ 309.00
Total Contributions:	\$ 2,676.00

St. Padre Pio Feast Day—September 23rd

Saint Padre Pio received the stigmata, which are the wounds of Christ, on his hands, feet, and side in 1918.

These wounds bled continuously for 50 years until his death in 1968 when they disappeared. Despite examinations by doctors, the phenomenon could not be explained. Padre Pio endured significant physical pain but offered his suffering for the salvation of souls, always attributing it to God's will.



~ STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION ~



**Twenty-fifth Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

IS 55:6-9; PS 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; PHIL 1:20C-24, 27A; MT 20:1-16A

In our First Reading from Isaiah, the Lord declares, "My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways." As disciples, we are called to see life from God's perspective and to use our time, talents, and treasure with eternity in mind. This is the heart of stewardship: recognizing that everything we have is a gift from God and is meant to serve His mission.

In today's Gospel, Jesus shares the parable of the workers in the vineyard. Some labor all day, while others are called only near the end, yet each receives the same wage. Rather than comparing ourselves to others, we are invited to rejoice in God's generosity and remember the privilege of being called to work in His vineyard.

When we embrace stewardship as a way of life, we do more than give; we participate in God's mission. We help carry forward the Gospel, strengthen our parish community, and share Christ's love with others.

May we thank God each day for calling us to share in His mission and respond generously as faithful stewards.

~ PARISH NEWS ~

+ **Religious Education:** Fourteen (14) students are enrolled in the St. Joseph Religious Education program. Lorie Liss, Director will be teaching the 8th Grade and would welcome someone to co-teach with her.

Thank you to Lorie and the teachers who dedicate their time and talent for our youth faith formation.

Class time for Religious Ed classes will be 6:30—7:40 pm

Grade	Students	Teacher
4	1	Parent Home school
6	3	Mary Reeck
8	3	Lorie Liss
9	1	Parent Home school
10	6	Reuben Mendoza

+ **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:** Watering of cemetery pots will continue until the end of September. Please make a plan to pick up pots for storage by October 1st. Thank you Laverne Clements and Stan Clements for serving our Parish by watering potted flowers.

+ **History Display:** The History display is available for you to view. Please contact the office to set up a date/time. You may call the office (608)788-1646 ext. 1 or email sjrp2601@gmail.com. The History video was posted on the Parish Facebook page.

Congratulations

**Katelyn and
Jordan
Crotteau on the
baptism of
their daughter,
Delainey
Elizabeth
Crotteau**



September 12, 2026

Welcome to our Parish Family!!



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.

~ 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.

~ **Local October Community Events:**

- ⇒ **St. Joseph Ridge Community Blood Drive**, Mon. Oct. 5, 1:30-6:00pm, Greenfield Town Hall
- ⇒ **Pancake Breakfast**, Sun. October 11, 7:30am to Noon, St. Mary's Parish, Coon Valley
- ⇒ **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.

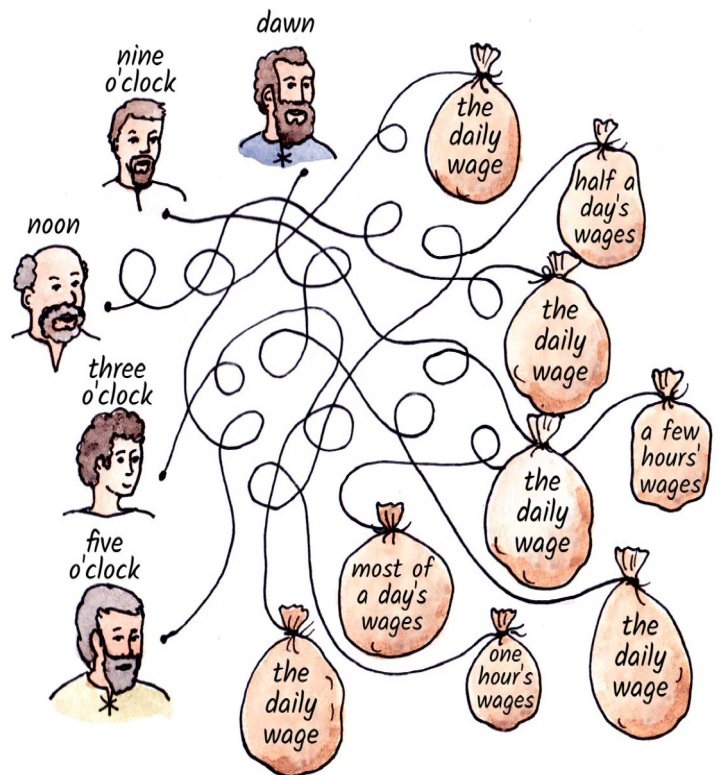
~ **White Mass - Oct. 16:** Friday, Oct. 16, at 6:00 PM, Bishop Battersby will celebrate the "White Mass" at which the faithful honor and pray for Catholic health care professionals. This event will be held at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman. A Banquet will follow. Additional information and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

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

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>.

~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~

**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 20th, 2026**



*In the parable in today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells the story of a man with a vineyard who went out to hire men at different times of the day.
At the end of the day,
how much did each man get paid?
Follow the wiggly lines to see!*

***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
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