



St. Joseph Parish

St. Joseph Ridge

W2601 State Road 33, La Crosse, WI 54601

Weekend of October 10 & 11, 2026

The 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Lord will fight for you,
and you have only
to keep still.

Exodus 14:14

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

Rosary 7:00PM
Exposition 7:20PM
Adoration & Confession until 8:00PM
Benediction..... 8:05 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
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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, OCTOBER 10TH

~4:00 pm - † Gerald Kneifl (DK)

Lector: Jim Weber

Eucharistic Minister: Teresa Brown

Servers: Volunteers Usher: Volunteers

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11TH

~8:00 am - Our Parish Family

Lector: Dan Steiger

Eucharistic Minister: Sally Miller

Servers: Volunteers Usher: Volunteers

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13TH

~5:00 pm - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

~5:30 pm - † Leland Gregorich (J&SB)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15TH

~8:00 am - † Reiny and Darlene Kammel (J&SD)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17TH~4:00 pm - † Living & Deceased members of the
John & Bernice Mashak Family (S&DS)

Lector: Bill Weber

Eucharistic Minister: Barb Mikshowsky

Servers: Volunteers Usher: Volunteers

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18TH~8:00 am - † Clarence & Elrita Meyers
(Meyers Family)

Lector: Paula Silha

Eucharistic Minister: Darlene Hundt

Servers: Volunteers Usher: Volunteers

~ PARISH CALENDAR ~

- ◇ **October 10 & 11-** Blessing of October Birthdays
- ◇ **October 14** - No CCD Classes
(Confraternity of Christian Doctrine = CCD)
- ◇ **October 18** - Parish Finance Council meeting, 11:30 am
- ◇ **October 19** - PCCW meeting, 6:30 pm
- ◇ **October 21** - CCD Classes resume, 6:30pm
- ◇ **October 24** - Soup Dinner, School Hall, 5pm, following
4pm Mass

~ 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 srp2601@gmail.com.

~ Contributions for the past week ~

Adult Envelopes (26):	\$ 1,416.00
Plate collection:	\$ 261.00
Total Contributions:	\$ 1,677.00

The next time worry, anxiety or fear
enters your life, Pray.
Make GOD your first choice
and not your last resort.

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

~ STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION ~



October 11, 2026 - Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

IS 25:6-10A; PS 23:1-6; PHIL 4:12-14, 19-20; MT 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

Life's immediate concerns can distract us from what matters most: our call to live for the Kingdom of Heaven. Stewardship keeps our priorities centered on God, teaching us to receive his gifts with gratitude, share them generously, and participate in his mission by inviting others to encounter Christ.

Today's First Reading presents a beautiful image of the Lord preparing a rich feast for all peoples and wiping away every tear. God's abundant gifts are not ours to keep. As faithful stewards, we are called not only to enjoy the banquet but also to help set the table for others.

In the Gospel, the king sends his servants into the streets to invite all to the wedding feast. This is missionary discipleship in action. Each of us is sent to welcome those who have drifted away, are searching for meaning, or have not heard the Good News. We are called not merely to attend but to participate fully in Christ's life and mission.

St. Paul reminds us, "I can do all things in him who strengthens me." Whether God asks us to give, serve, or invite someone to Mass, he provides what we need. Our response is to trust him, say yes, and take our place at the table as grateful guests and missionary disciples sent to bring others in.



Pray the Rosary

October's monthly devotion is to "The Holy Rosary". *Restore the Roots*, the bulletin insert last week, included an article about the history of the Rosary and some ideas to foster your devotion to Our Mother and pray the Rosary. A few

additional copies of October's *Restore the Roots* can be found on the tables in the back of church.

~ PARISH NEWS ~

- + **Religious Education:** Class time for Religious Ed classes will be 6:30—7:40 pm
- + **Food Pantry Donations:** The Hunger Taskforce can use egg cartons and paper and plastic grocery bags. Please bring to church. Donations are delivered to The Hunger Taskforce each month. The Hunger Taskforce supplies area food pantries with food for distribution.
- + **PCCW News:** The next meeting of the PCCW is scheduled for October 19th at 6:30 pm. Please join in preparation for the Soup Meal to be held October 24th at 5pm. .
- + **Cemetery Flowers:** Fall is here and winter temps will be soon. Please make a plan to pick up your cemetery pots by October 15th.
- + **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.
- + **Correction—Homebound Communion Numbers:** On October 1st, Fr. Sen and Donna and LaVerne Clements provided the Eucharist to 10 parish members at 9 homes.
- + **World Mission Sunday— October 18th:** October 18th is World Mission Sunday, envelopes are in the back of church for your use to support missions. We invite you to view the video by Pope Leo: [Pope Leo XIV's Message for the 100th World Mission Sunday](#)

Soup Meal

Will be served on

***Saturday,
October 24th***

5:00 pm (After the 4:00 pm Mass)



*Come and enjoy
our Parish community!*

*Sponsored by the
St. Joseph Parish PCCW
Free Will Offering*

**Mark your
calendars**

~ DIOCESAN/Community NEWS ~

~ Local October Community Events:

⇒ **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

⇒ **Roast Beef Dinner**—October 25, 11:00—4:00 Caledonia, MN

~ **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/>

~ **Youth Leadership Camp: Lead Well, Listen Deeply Mentor Intentionally:** The Diocese is offering a retreat for high school students and chaperones to pray, learn leadership and focus on small group mentoring. The event is Oct. 23-25 at CrossWoods Adventure Camp, Mason WI. Connect with Fr. Sen or Lorie Liss for more information.

~ **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](tel:608.632.5075), for additional information.

~ **Retrouvaille** - This marriage program has 3 phases; a weekend program, monthly small group meetings and peer support. Programs are held in the Central WI area. Call for more information 877-922-4673 HOPE

Can you name all of the Joyful Mysteries?

JOYFUL MYSTERIES

- 1) Luke 1:28-35, 38 The Annunciation - The angel Gabriel announces the Incarnation to Mary.
- 2) Luke 1:39-45 The Visitation - Mary visits Elizabeth in her time of need.
- 3) Luke 2:6-12 The Nativity - Jesus is born in Bethlehem.
- 4) Luke 2:25-32 The Presentation - Mary and Joseph present Jesus in the Temple.
- 5) Luke 2:41-4 The Finding in the Temple - Mary and Joseph find Jesus in the Temple.

Our Rosary Devotion also includes:

The Luminous Mysteries, Sorrowful Mysteries and Glorious Mysteries.



~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 11th, 2026



The king sent his servants to call all the people in the street to his son's wedding. Follow the road on the map from the castle's courtyard all the way to the farmland. The people in the houses next to the road you pass are invited to the wedding.

*You can colour in the houses if you like.
Who was invited to the feast?*

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, especially those who may not feel the love of Jesus, may they listen for God's call, 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.
- + For disciples of Christ, that we may use our talents with the mind and heart of Jesus, serving with humility, compassion, and concern for the needs of others, we 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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