

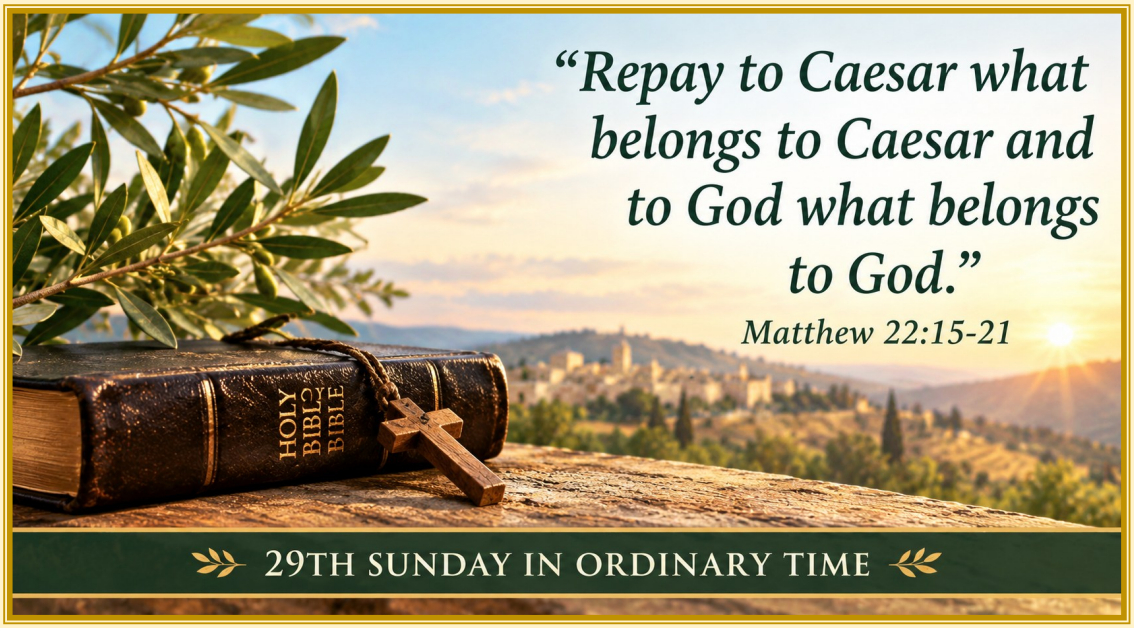
St. Joseph Parish

St. Joseph Ridge

W2601 State Road 33, La Crosse, WI 54601

Weekend of October 17 & 18, 2026





Pastor **Father Sen**
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PARISH OFFICE
Paula Silha—Administrative Assistant
Barb Mikshowsky - Bookkeeper
Weekly Hours Vary
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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:
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davidteresabrown457@gmail.com
Rick Meyer

MUSIC:
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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 17TH

~4:00 pm - ✝ Living and 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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20TH

~5:00 pm - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
~5:30 pm - ✝ Donald Hammes (DS)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22ND

~8:00 am - ✝ Allen Gerke (SS&SB)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24TH

~4:00 pm - ✝ Earl Martin (RM)
Lector: Cecilia Sawaya
Eucharistic Minister: Mary Reeck
Servers: Volunteers Usher: Volunteers

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25TH

~8:00 am - ✝ Curtis Strittmater (CS)
Lector: Dan Steiger
Eucharistic Minister: Barb Dickman
Servers: Volunteers Usher: Volunteers

~ Contributions for the past week ~

Adult Envelopes (40):	$ 4,127.00
Votive Lights:	$ 103.00
Plate collection:	$ 299.00
Word & Song Books:	$ 300.00
Hosts:	$ 300.00
Total Contributions:	**$ 5,129.00**

~ PARISH CALENDAR ~

- ◊ **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
- ◊ **November 1** - All Saints Day– Reflect on the lives of the Saints
- ◊ **November 2** - All Souls Day - Honor all faithfully departed.

~ 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.

Diocesan Annual Appeal

Kick off Weekend Saturday, October 24th & Sunday, October 25th

MANY GIFTS, ONE MISSION

As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another.
– Peter 4:10

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DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL
2026-2027

Goal	$24.975.00
Committed and Received	
# of Donors	

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~ STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION ~



Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
IS 45:1, 4-6; PS 96:1, 3-5, 7-10;
1 THES 1:1-5B; MT 22:15-21

Today's readings remind us to be mindful not only of who we are but also of whose we are, and once we know whose we are, we are sent to help others discover it as well.

In today's Gospel, the Pharisees try to trap Jesus by asking whether it is lawful to pay the tax to Caesar. Their question is meant to force Him to choose sides, but Jesus refuses to be drawn into their narrow way of thinking.

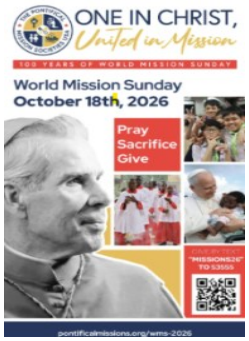
Instead, He asks whose image appears on the coin. When they reply, "Caesar," Jesus says, "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

Those words remind us that although we have responsibilities in this world, our first allegiance belongs to God. Everything we have comes from Him, and through Baptism we have been stamped with His image, made His sons and daughters, and sent, as the Thessalonians were in today's second reading, to be living witnesses of the Gospel wherever we go.

Our *time, talents, treasure*, and very lives are gifts entrusted to us by the Lord, not to be hoarded but to be used generously in His service and shared boldly with others. True stewardship is fundamentally missionary: when we willingly give what God has provided, our lives become a testimony that attracts others to Christ. May we offer these gifts each day with gratitude for His goodness, always remembering we belong to Him above all else. As His disciples, we are sent to invite others to join Him too.

~ PARISH NEWS ~

- **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**: Winter temps are coming. Hard freeze weather is here, please pick up your cemetery pots..
- **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.
- **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





Congratulations
Ruben Mendoza Medrano!

Ruben was vested into The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre. This is one of the oldest Chivalry orders in the Catholic Church recognized and sponsored by the Holy See. The Order seeks to sustain the spiritual, cultural, and social institutions of the Catholic Church in the Holy Land by supporting the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem. In doing so, the Order supports the preservation and propagation of the Faith in this sacred land that holds the Holy Sepulchre where Jesus was laid to rest and resurrect.

Ruben teaches our Confirmation students.

Blessings Ruben!



~ DIOCESAN/Community NEWS ~

~ **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, for additional information.

~ **Charities Catholic Warming Center Seeking Pillows, Pillow Protectors and Volunteers to serve Meals-** The Warming Shelter opens for the season on November 1 and would like to have pillows and pillow protectors for all guests who stay in their facility. They also are seeking volunteers to help serve meals. Volunteer training is available. Call 608-782-0710 for more information.

~**Characteristics of a Disciple of Jesus Christ: Sharing the "Good News" -** In both words and action, we share the "Good News" of Jesus Christ, and we commit ourselves to helping others be His disciples. "It is unthinkable that a person should accept the Word and give himself to God's Kingdom without becoming a person who bears witness to it and proclaims it in his turn" (*On Evangelization in the Modern World, Pope St. Paul VI, 24*)**.** *A disciple takes the command of Jesus to "make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19) seriously knowing Christianity is not just a philosophy, but a matter of eternal salvation. Jesus said, "A thief comes only to seal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). The Good News is not just life changing but life saving and a disciple is eager to share that message with others. (Discipleship Quads, Dcn. Bob Rice)*

PRAY THE ROSARY



Increase your practice saying the Rosary. Come to church early and join your Parish Family praying the Rosary. This is a great way to honor October's monthly devotion of "The Holy Rosary". Contact Father Sen if you have interest in joining the group that leads the Rosary.

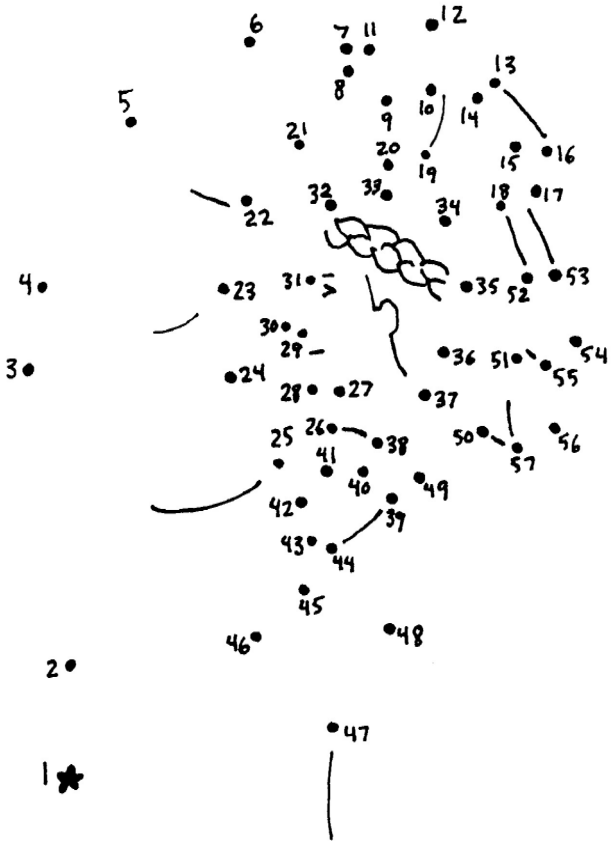
Can you name all of the Sorrowful Mysteries?

SORROWFUL MYSTERIES:

1. Luke 22:39-46 **The Agony in the Garden** – Jesus prays in Gethsemane on the night before His death.
2. Mark 15:6-15 **The Scourging at the Pillar** – Christ is scourged by the soldiers at Pilate's command.
3. John 19:1-8 **The Crowning with Thorns** – Soldiers weave a crown of thorns and shove it in to Christ's head.
4. John 19:16-22 **The Carrying of the Cross** – Jesus struggles up Calvary with His own cross on His shoulders.
5. John 19:25-30 **The Crucifixion** – Jesus is nailed to the cross and dies.

~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 18th, 2026



In today's Gospel reading, some men asked Jesus if it was right to pay tax. What did Jesus ask them to show Him? Connect the dots to find out!

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

- † For the recovery and health of Pope Leo, let us pray to the Lord.
- † For a safe harvest and favorable weather for our farmers, let us pray to the Lord.
- † For our Parish family, especially those who may not feel the love of Jesus, may they listen to the whisper of the Holy Spirit, 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 our CCD students and teachers may they dedicate their time together to teaching and learning about our precious Catholic Faith.

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

Your requests are welcome! Call 608-788-1646