

St. Joseph Parish

St. Joseph Ridge

W2601 State Road 33, La Crosse, WI 54601

Weekend of October 24 & 25, 2026





The 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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
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
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, 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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27TH

~5:00 pm - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
~5:30 pm - ✝ George Bahr (MB)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28TH

~8:00 am - Our Parish Family

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31ST

~4:00 pm - Our Parish Family
Lector: Donna Clements
Eucharistic Minister: Mary Marshall
Servers: Volunteers Usher: Volunteers

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST

~8:00 am - ✝ Clarence & Elrita Meyers (Meyers Family)
Lector: Jim Weber
Eucharistic Minister: Paula Silha
Servers: Volunteers Usher: Volunteers

~ Contributions for the past week ~

Adult Envelopes (40):	$ 2,925.00
Plate collection:	$ 254.00
Mission (7) :	$ 845.00
Total Contributions:	**$ 4,024.00**

~ PARISH CALENDAR ~

- ◊ **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 - Mass at 6 pm St. Joseph, 8 pm St. Peter's
- ◊ **November 5**– Communion to Parish Homebound
- ◊ **November 7**—8:00 am First Saturday of the month Mass
- ◊ **November 7 & 8**- November Anniversary Blessing at 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 ~

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

Kick off Weekend Saturday, October 24th & Sunday,



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~ STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION ~



October 25, 2026 - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
EX 22:20-26; PS 18:2-4, 47, 51; 1 THES 1:5C-10;
MT 22:34-40

Jesus calls us to love God with our whole heart and to love our neighbor as ourselves. Stewardship gives these commandments a daily shape: we offer God our time, talents, and treasure, then use them to serve others.

In Exodus, God asks His people to protect the stranger, the widow, the orphan, and the poor. Love becomes real when we notice those in need and respond with compassion.

Saint Paul praises believers whose faith has sounded forth beyond their community.

As missionary disciples, we are sent to do the same. By prayerfully giving generously of our time, talents, and treasure, we can support the Church's mission and care for those in need.

How will you use the gifts God has entrusted to you this week to love Him and serve your neighbor?



Sincere Sympathy

to the family of

Paul Servais

who died peacefully on July 14, 2026.
A Graveside Service will be held Sunday, October 25, 2026 at 12;00 noon. Fr. Sen is assisting the family.

Thoughts and Prayers for Paul and his family.

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him. May the soul of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

~ PARISH NEWS ~

- **Food Pantry Donations:** Your generosity is outstanding! Two deliveries will be made in October to the Hunger Taskforce. The Hunger Taskforce supplies area food pantries with food for distribution.
- **PCCW News**: Come one and all to the ***Soup Supper*** this Saturday, Oct. 24th following the 4pm Mass. Soup varieties include Chili, White Chili, Creamy Squash and Chicken Dumpling. Also included is a cheese tray, fresh dinner rolls and several types of desserts. Free will donations are being accepted for dinner. Join your parish family and enjoy a warm satisfying supper.
- **PCCW Dues**: All women of the Parish are members of the PCCW. Annual dues are $13.00, please put your dues in an envelope and put in the offertory basket at mass.
- **Cemetery Flowers**: October 31 is the final day to pick up your cemetery pots. Any remaining will be removed by Nov. 1.
- **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**: Thank you to those who already made a donation. Please make your check to St. Joseph and one check will be sent. Bring your envelopes to church next weekend and thank you for your generosity.

The Greatest Commandment



What does Jesus say the greatest commandment is? At first you might think that the most important thing would be to not kill anyone, wouldn't you? But that's not what He says! The very most important thing is to love God with our whole heart and soul and mind! It means that we must do everything we do for love of God, and live our whole life completely for Him.



But how can we love God so much? Well, we can practice little by little, loving Him more each day. Paying attention at Mass every Sunday and saying a prayer every day would be a good start. Every morning tell God that you will do everything for Him today and every night before you go to bed, thank God for all that He has done for you and tell Him you're sorry for the bad things you did that day. Then try to think about God through the day.

~ DIOCESAN/Community NEWS ~

~ All Souls Day Service - A Mass for the Dead will be celebrated on All Souls' Day, Monday November 2, in the Saint Francis of Assisi Mausoleum Chapel of the Catholic Cemetery, 519 Losey Boulevard South, at 5:15 pm. A plenary indulgence, under the usual circumstances, can be gained for the souls in purgatory by the Christian faithful who, within November 1-8, devoutly visit a cemetery and pray for the dead. All are invited to attend.

~ **Stations of the Cross for All Souls Day** - Mon., Nov. 2, **All Souls Day** *Stations of the Cross* for the Holy Souls in Purgatory will be held **at noon** in the Catholic Cemetery on Losey Blvd, La Crosse. Come and pray the Stations for all the Poor Souls in Purgatory.

~ **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.

~**Walking with Women, Praying with Scripture** - St. Joseph the Workman Parish is coordinating a monthly women's prayer and walking group. The next meeting is Nov. 19 at 6:00pm. Call Mari or Amy for more information at 608/518-7655. A poster is on the bulletin board in the back of church.

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 praying the Rosary.

Can you name all of the Luminious Mysteries?

LUMINIOUS MYSTERIES:

1. Matthew 3:13-17 **The Baptism of the Lord** – Jesus is baptized by John in the Jordan River.

2. John 2:1-11 **The Wedding Feast at Cana** – Christ changes water into wine at Mary's request.

3. Mark 1:15, 2:3-12 **The Proclamation of the Kingdom** – Jesus announces the coming of the Kingdom and the forgiveness of sins.

4. Matthew 17:1-8 **The Transfiguration** – Jesus is transfigured, dazzling white, on Mount Tabor.

5. Matthew 26:26-32 **The Institution of the Eucharist** – At the Last Supper, Christ changes bread and wine into His Body and Blood.

~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 25th, 2026



How did Jesus say we should love God?
Put the letters in order by their numbers
to fill in the spaces and find out!

With all our _ _ _ _ _, _ _ _ _,
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _.
10 11 12 13 14 15 16

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, experiencing health challenges, may they offer their suffering to Jesus and experience renewal in health, 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