



**PARISH INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY, February 27th**

2nd Sunday of Lent

-4:00pm Mass -†Fr. Bob Hegenbarth

Lector: Volunteer Ushers: Volunteers

**SUNDAY, February 28th**

2nd Sunday of Lent

-8:30am Mass -Our Parish Family

Lector: Volunteer Ushers: Volunteers

**MONDAY, March 1st**

Weekday

-5:30pm Mass -†

**TUESDAY, March 2nd**

Weekday

-5:00 pm Adoration

-5:30pm Mass -†

**THURSDAY, March 4th**

St. Casimir

-8:30am Mass -†Ralph and Evelyn Mikshowsky

**SATURDAY, March 6th**

First Saturday

-8:30am Mass -†

**SATURDAY, March 6th**

3rd Sunday of Lent

-4:00pm Mass -†Terry and Darryl Miller

Lector: Volunteer Ushers: Volunteers

**SUNDAY, March 7th**

3rd Sunday of Lent

-8:30am Mass -†Theresa Hess and Robert Dowiasch

Lector: Volunteer Ushers: Volunteers

**PARISH CALENDAR**

- **March 3** ~ Religious Education Class, Grades 1-5 & 8 (6-7:00pm), grades 6,7 & 9 (7:15-8:30) **Stations of the Cross**—7:00 PM
- **March 10** ~ Religious Education Class, Grades 1-5 & 8 (6-7:00pm), grades 6,7 & 9 (7:15-8:30) **Stations of the Cross**—7:00 PM
- **March 13/14** ~ Blest Art to visit the Parish
- **March 24** ~ Religious Education Class and Grades 1-5 & 8 (6-7:00pm), grades 6,7 & 9 (7:15-8:30) **Confessions** 6-9:00 PM
- **March 31** ~ NO Religious Ed Class, Holy Week **Stations of the Cross**—7:00 PM
- **April 1** ~ **Holy Thursday, 7:00 PM**
- **April 2** ~ **Good Friday, 3:00 PM**
- **April 3** ~ **Holy Saturday, 8:30 PM**
- **April 4** ~ **Easter Sunday, 8:30 AM**

**Confessions**—Available by appointment. Please call or message Father directly.



**DID YOU KNOW?**

If you are 70 ½ or older, you can do a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) of up to \$100,000 a year from your IRA directly to a charity. The distribution won't show up in your adjusted gross income and CAN count toward your required minimum distribution (RMD). The QCD allows you to be more strategic with your RMD. Consult your tax advisor before making any decisions. If a QCD is for you, please consider St. Joseph Parish as your charity of choice.

**GIFT'S RETURNED TO GOD**

Week of Feb 21st—182 envelope holders



Adult Env.(31Rec'd):	\$2,393.00
Offertory:	\$108.00
Ash Wed Env(13):	\$309.00
Ash Wed Offertory:	\$129.00
Easter Flowers(1):	\$40.00

**Thank You!**

**Donations:**

Thank you for your continued generosity! Here are some ways to contribute:

- Use the online giving portal set up by the Diocese: <https://diolc.org/st-joseph-parish-st-joseph-ridge/> (processing fees will be deducted from your contribution, which average 3% for debit and credit cards and \$.75 for EFT, ACH)
- **Drop off** a contribution at the church during private prayer time
- **Mail in** your weekly/monthly offering to parish office (W2601 State Road 33, La Crosse, WI 54601)
- 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 (if possible, use your envelope number as the account number).



*Lenten Devotion of the*  
**STATIONS of the CROSS**  
*On March 3rd and each*  
*Wednesday of Lent, starting at*  
**7:00 PM St. Joseph Ridge**  
**7:30 PM St. Peter**

Diocesan Annual Appeal 2020-2021		
2/26/2021	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Received	\$17,425.00	\$16,865.00
Target Amount	\$20,615.00	\$20,615.00
<b>Under Target</b>	<b>(\$3,190.00)</b>	<b>(\$3,750.00)</b>
Number of families contributing: 55		
Percent goal pledged: 84.53%/Received: 81.81%		

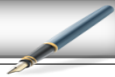
**Mass Intentions**

We have openings for weekday intentions beginning Mar. 8 and First Saturdays, 8:30 AM beginning May 1. Saturday, 4:00 PM and Sunday, 8:30 AM Masses in 2021 are fully booked. For questions contact the parish office 788-1646 or sjrp2601@gmail.com.





FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN



**Jesus is transfigured in the presence of Peter, James, and John. Mark 9: 2-10**

On the Second Sunday of Lent in each Lectionary cycle, the gospel reading proclaims the story of Jesus' Transfiguration. In our gospel this Sunday, Jesus brings his disciples away from the noise and business of the market place and takes them up a mountain. This is not unusual in itself. We know from the gospels that Jesus himself often went to the mountain top to pray on his own. While they are on the mountain, something very strange and unusual happens. Jesus is changed in a very dramatic way; he is transformed beyond all recognition. *His face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light.* Imagine the surprise and shock of those who were with Jesus. Peter said *'Lord it is wonderful for us to be here.'*

As we continue our Lenten journey and Jesus continues his own journey towards Jerusalem, he knows what he is facing. He will be betrayed, denied, condemned and crucified. Perhaps He feels and senses the disciples' fear and anxiety and He wants to reassure them. Maybe this brief glimpse of Jesus in all his glory is also meant for us today. Perhaps like the disciples, we too experience fear, doubt and even a lack of faith. Perhaps we too need to be encouraged and strengthened by Jesus, especially as we continue our journey through Lent. We too need know that our prayer, fasting and sharing with the poor is not an end in itself. We are heading towards the resurrection and the new life of Easter. The experience of Jesus transformed offers each of us taste of what lies ahead of us. If we share in the suffering and passion of Jesus, we will also share in his resurrection. When we are tempted to give up and give in, let us look to Jesus changed and transformed. May we see in him the future that is promised to us. As we continue to make our way through Lent, let us do what the voice of God says to each of us; *'This is my Son, Listen to him.'*

Two days ago, I had a call from the Christian handicrafts from the Holy Land reminding me of their visit. So, people from Blest Art would be at the parishes on March 13 and 14. The olive wood handicraft products purchasing from them helps support the presence of Christianity in the Holy Land.

Two weeks back I had mentioned in the church about low temperature. After checking our heating system, we found it needs our attention. We believe the system to be more than 20 years old. One of the two church furnaces had failed recently and was repaired. We are looking into various options. Updates will be given later.

Live Jesus,  
Fr. Biju

**Pray + Fast + Give**

**Lenten regulations are as follows:**

1. Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent, and Good Friday.
2. In addition to abstaining from meat, Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, until they celebrate their 59th birthday, are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those who are bound to this regulation may eat only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

PARISH NEWS

**Census/Registration Update**

As of this publication we have received 103 of 190 Registration Update forms. If you have not already done so, please return your form ASAP. Even if you feel all the information is correct, we would like you to return it as confirmation. Thank you!

**(CRS) Rice Bowls and (MCA) Lenten Mite Boxes**

Alms giving options for Lent. Boxes and Bowls are located in the back of church.

**CRS Rice Bowl:** Jesus told us that whatever we did for one of these least brothers of his we did for him. Reflect on the challenge of global hunger— it is a reality for millions of our sisters and brothers. What will you do to support the hungry in our community and around the world? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to learn more.

**MCA Mite Boxes:** This collection helps finance about 3,000 projects per year worldwide. Children in communities, orphanages, homes for the disabled, refugees, and those living on the streets are assisted by the generosity of children who wish to make the love of Jesus know everywhere. Please encourage our youth to help other youth in need.

**Blest Art visiting on March 13 and 14**



Purchasing Blest Art's beautifully hand crafted Christian items gives you the advantage of being able to reach out beyond our borders with uniquely, real, tangible and effective help. It is more than a hand-out as a collection plate would be, it is a hand-up for the Christians who want to live in peace and support their families with a centuries-old trade and way of life in the Holy Land. Your support for these craftsmen and hard-working Christian artists helps to ensure a viable Christian presence in the land where the gospel was first preached.

**Weekday Mass Intention Openings**

We have the following weekday openings for Mass Intentions over the next few months. March: 16, 22, and 29. April 8, 15, 19 and 26. May 3, 6, 10, 13, 17, 20, 24, 27, and 31. It is a great way to give thanks for a special purpose, to think of a loved one on their birthday or Anniversary, or for repose of the soul of someone who has passed. Intention envelopes are in the back of church.



DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS

**Help for Farmers –Rural Resiliency: Caring for You and Yours**

4 Week Webinar Series March 2, 9, 16, 23 from 7:30 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. (Tuesday nights)

This webinar series is a discussion starter and healthy mindset promoter for dealing with rural behavioral and brain health, communication skills, and relationship enrichment for self, marriage and families. Farm families and those who work with them as consultants or neighbors are encouraged to attend.

Rev. Dr. Larry Tranel, Pastoral Psychologist and Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Dairy Specialist is the featured speaker for:

- March 2—Farm Stress Resiliency and Grief
- March 9—Personality Keys When “Married” to Farm Stress
- March 16—Dealing with the Stresses of Men, Women, and Children
- March 23—Brain and Behavioral Health “Hacks” to Mitigate Distress.

Questions can be directed to: [tranel@iastate.edu](mailto:tranel@iastate.edu). Registration is available at: [aep.iastate.edu/stress](http://aep.iastate.edu/stress).

