



**PARISH INTENTIONS**

**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

**MONDAY, March 8th**

St. John of God

-5:30pm Mass -†

**TUESDAY, March 9th**

St. Francis of Rome

-5:00 pm Adoration

-5:30pm Mass -†Jim Malin

**THURSDAY, March 11th**

Weekday

-8:30am Mass -†Herbert Meyers

**SATURDAY, March 13th**

4th Sunday of Lent

-4:00pm Mass -†Earl Martin

Lector: Volunteer Ushers: Volunteers

**SUNDAY, March 14th**

3rd Sunday of Lent

-8:30am Mass -Our Parish Family

Lector: Volunteer Ushers: Volunteers

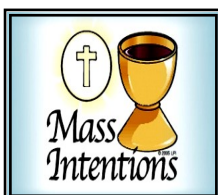


*Lenten Devotion of the*  
**STATIONS of the CROSS**  
*On March 10th and each*  
*Wednesday of Lent, starting at*  
**7:00 PM St. Joseph Ridge**  
**7:30 PM St. Peter**

Diocesan Annual Appeal 2020-2021		
3/5/2021	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. 22 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.



**PARISH CALENDAR**

- **March 9** ~ Finance Council Meeting, 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 14** ~ Daylight Saving—turn clock ahead, 2 AM
- **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 Confessions at St. Peter Parish, 6-9:00 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 28th—182 envelope holders



Adult Env.(32Rec'd):	\$1,786.00
Offertory:	\$152.00
Votive Lights:	\$94.86
Book Donations:	\$16.00

**Thank You!**

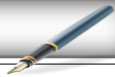
**Donations:**

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).



FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN



***"Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." John 2:13-25***

After the Exodus from Egypt, the Israelites assembled at the base of Mount Sinai, and Moses ascended to receive laws for them to follow in their promised land. The laws received offer a window into ancient Israelite ideals for proper worship and interaction within a community. The temple, prayer, sacrifices were all sacred to the people of Israel. Jesus' act of overturning the tables of the merchants and the moneychangers in the Temple at Jerusalem gives us a different picture. Jesus wanted to restore the original intention of the temple for which it was established. Jesus' action at the Temple in Jerusalem is recorded in all four Gospels and is often understood to be among the events that led to Jesus' arrest and Crucifixion. After clearing the Temple of the merchants and the moneychangers, John's Gospel tells us that the people asked for a sign of Jesus' authority to do such an audacious act. In response, Jesus predicted his death and Resurrection. By the end of his ministry, Jesus becomes the ultimate Passover (paschal) lamb. During Lent we reflect upon the meaning of this sign for us and for our world. We meditate how much he loved us on the cross by becoming the paschal lamb.

There is another important event taking place in the Middle East during this week. The visit of our Holy Father. On March 5-8 of this year Pope Francis will be visiting Iraq, the birthplace of Abraham, the patriarch of Judaism, Christianity and Islam. It's the same place where Sarah hails from, too. Therefore, Christianity's roots in Iraq extend back to the first decades of the faith. Pope Francis says he is coming to Iraq as 'A pilgrim of peace'. He says, "Yes, I am coming as a pilgrim of peace, seeking fraternity and prompted by the desire to pray together and to walk together, also with our brothers and sisters of other religious traditions, in the steps of Father Abraham, who joins in one family Muslims, Jews and Christians." Please keep in your prayers our Holy Father and his intentions. Let his effort strengthen the faith of Christian communities present there.

Live Jesus,

Fr. Biju, MSFS



**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

**Blest Art visiting next weekend—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.

**In Preparation for First Communion**

We would like to acknowledge the hard work and efforts of our second grade students, **Lillian Burns, Kinsley Clements, and Colton Siebenaler**, as they prepare for their First Reconciliation and Holy Communion. Please pray they will feel the warmth and comfort of the Lord's forgiveness and the love Jesus provides every day.



**Census/Registration Update**

As of this publication we have received 105 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!

**Weekday Mass Intention Openings**



We have the following weekday openings for Mass Intentions over the next few months. March: 22 and 29. April 8, 15, 19 and 26. May 3, 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.

**CRS Rice Bowls: HUNGER IN OUR WORLD**

CRS helps both local and internationally. From aid relief during national disasters to poor farmers in El Salvador and other areas of the globe. What will you do to support the hungry in our community and around the world? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to learn more.

**Student Mite Boxes:** The student boxes support the Missionary Childhood Association (MCA). Youth are encouraged to support other children around the world by donating during Lent. Boxes are available in the back of church.

**Lent is a time to fast from certain things**

and to feast on others. It is a season in which we should:

- ◆ Fast from facts that depress, feast on truths
- ◆ from Sacred Scripture that uplift.
- ◆ Fast from lethargy; feast on enthusiasm.
- ◆ Fast from unrelenting pressures; feast on unceasing prayer.
- ◆ Fast from thoughts that weaken; feast on God's promises that inspire.
- ◆ Fast from shadows of sorrow; feast on the sunlight of serenity.
- ◆ Fast from thoughts of illness; feast on the healing power of God.
- ◆ Fast from problems that overwhelm; feast on prayer that undergirds.



DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS

Cathedral Restoration Work Blessing and Press Conference - Friday, March, 12

Blessing of the Cathedral Restoration Project - 1:30 p.m. Join Bishop Callahan as he blesses the beginning of the restoration work on our Cathedral. Under the guidance of St. Joseph, we ask his protection as this project begins. Everyone is invited to be present or join via live stream at [cathedralsjworkman.org](http://cathedralsjworkman.org)

Employment Opportunity:

Administrative Assistant for the Offices of Catechesis & Evangelization and Family Life/ Youth Ministry Apply: [Employment Opportunities | Diocese of La Crosse](http://Employment Opportunities | Diocese of La Crosse) (diolc.org/jobs)

Lenten Day of Recollection-Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe

You are invited to attend a Lenten Day of Recollection on Saturday, March 20, that will include Mass (8:20 AM and 12:15 PM), Confessions (9:00 AM and throughout the day), three 30-minute spiritual conferences with Fr. Paul Check (9:30 AM), Fr. Joachim (11:00 AM), Fr. Elias (2:00 PM) and Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Come and stay as long as you would like. Lunch will be available in the Culina Mariana. Note: no reservations required. See flyer in the back of church or visit: [diolc.org/lent](http://diolc.org/lent) or <https://guadalupeshrine.org/lenten-day-of-reflection-saturday-march-20/>

Great Resources for Lent

Make Lent 2021 special and life-changing! Go to any or all of these websites and enjoy listening, watching or reading the daily reflections anywhere and anytime! These are great ways to educate yourself on Catholic Faith! Be inspired to live the faith and love it!

- <https://relevantradio.com/father-rockys-40-lenten-lessonsmass/#form>
• Sign up for Bishop Barron daily Lenten reflections [lentreflections.com/](http://lentreflections.com/)
• Sign up for "Best Lent Ever" with Matthew Kelly at [dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever](http://dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever)
• Choose a Prayer Card for Lent in order to "Go Deeper" in your relationship with Jesus and your understanding of the prayer. Visit [diolc.org/deeper](http://diolc.org/deeper) for adult resources and [diolc.org/prayer](http://diolc.org/prayer) for children and



KIDS CORNER



Jesus at the Temple Word-Find

DROVES OCTF
HEVTEPXOTA
MZEALIEIET
FORTYLNMH
OUTABLESPE
PSULEEHLR
THREEDOVES
MONEYIUSIX
SWEJEWSTOP
BODSHEEPDY

Find all the words in CAPITALS and then use the letters that are left over to fill in the blanks at the end.

Jesus made a whip out of cords and DROVE them all out of the TEMPLE area, with the SHEEP and the OXEN, and SPILLED the COINS of the MONEY-changers and OVERTURNED their TABLES, and to those who sold DOVES he said, "Take these OUT of here, and STOP making my FATHER'S house a market place." His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, ZEAL for your HOUSE will consume me. The JEWS said to Him, "What sign can you SHOW us for doing this?" Jesus answered them and said, "Destroy this temple, and in THREE days I will raise it up." The Jews said, "This temple has been under construction for FORTY - SIX years, and you will raise it up in three days?" But He was speaking of \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.

Answer: The Temple (of) His Body.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

- For Paula Skoy-Evenson who is battling cancer.
• All those who are suffering from the Coronavirus and those who are working tirelessly to help the ill recover.
• All the military men and women who are supporting our freedom.
• All political leaders, may their decisions be made for the good of all citizens, born and unborn.
• For those fighting cancer, especially members of our parish.
• For Mora Mikshowsky and all children suffering with life threatening conditions and illnesses.
• For all Religious in our Diocese, especially Matt Kotek.
• The intentions listed in our parish book of prayer.

To add a request call 608-788-1646 or email [sjrp2601@gmail.com](mailto:sjrp2601@gmail.com)

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.