

March 6, 2022



~Luke 4: 1-13

Adoration: Wed. 7:30-9:00 PM
Weekend Mass: Sat. 8:00 PM and Sun. 10:00 AM
Weekday Mass: Wed. and Fri. 8:00 AM

PARISH INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, March 5th

First Sunday of Lent

-4:00pm Mass -†Ralph and Evelyn Mikshowsky
Lector: Kathy Leis Ushers: Volunteers
Servers: John Mashak and Volunteer

SUNDAY, March 6th

First Sunday of Lent

-8:30am Mass -†Ray Sedevie
Lector: Sally Miller Ushers: Volunteers
Servers: Volunteers

MONDAY, March 7th

SS. Perpetua and Felicity

-5:30pm -†Stanley Hundt

TUESDAY, March 8th

St. John of God

-5:00pm - Adoration
-5:30 pm -†Terry and Darryl Miller

THURSDAY, March 10th

Weekday of Lent

-8:30am -†Mary Lampert

SATURDAY, March 12th

Second Sunday of Lent

-4:00pm Mass -†Earl Martin
Lector: Donna Clements Ushers: Volunteers
Servers: Noah Biondo and Emma Biondo

SUNDAY, March 13th

Second Sunday of Lent

-8:30am Mass -†Michael Brown
Lector: Paula Silha Ushers: Volunteers
Servers: Atticus Roman, Zachary Noronha and
Zarina Noranha

PARISH CALENDAR

- **March 6** ~ Birthright Baby Bottle Campaign concludes
- **March 6** ~ Cabin Fever Fest - St. Peter Parish
Doors open at noon, cards start at 1:00 PM
- **March 7** ~ PCCW Meeting at 6:30 PM in the School hall, all women of the parish are invited to attend.
- **March 9** ~ RE Class (Gr 1-5, 6-6:55 PM; Gr 6-10, 7:00-8:15 PM)
~ **Stations of the Cross**-7 PM here, 7:30 PM St. Peter's
- **March 16** ~ RE Class (Gr 1-5, 6-6:55 PM; Gr 6-10, 7:00-8:15 PM)
~ **Stations of the Cross**-7 PM here, 7:30 PM St. Peter's
- **March 23** ~ RE Class (Gr 1-5, 6-6:55 PM; Gr 6-10, 7:00-8:15 PM)
~ **Stations of the Cross**-7 PM here, 7:30 PM St. Peter's
- **March 30** ~ RE Class (Gr 1-5, 6-6:55 PM; Gr 6-10, 7:00-8:15 PM)
~ **Stations of the Cross**-7 PM here, 7:30 PM St. Peter's
- **April 6** ~ RE Class (Gr 1-5, 6-6:55 PM; Gr 6-10, 7:00-8:15 PM)

Confessions

First Sat. after Mass or by appointment (contact Fr. Biju directly to set up a time).



Lenten Reconciliation Options:

Monday, April 11, 2022 at 6 PM until done at St. Joseph Ridge Parish
Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at 6 PM until done at St. Peter Parish

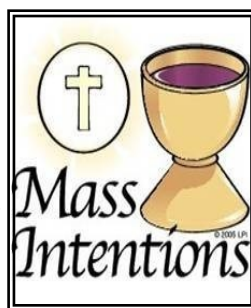


STATIONS of the CROSS

Wednesdays during Lent at 7:00 PM

Mass Intentions 2022

We have openings for **weekday** intentions: Jun 20. Jul 25. Aug 1, 22, 25, 29 & 30. We have open **First Saturdays**, 8:30 AM beginning July 2. **All weekend Masses are full for 2022.** For questions contact the parish office 788-1646 or sjrp2601@gmail.com. Mass Intentions envelopes are in the back of church.



Donations: 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 in the church donation box
- **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.

WE ARE THE DIOCESE	Diocesan Annual Appeal 2021-2022		
	3/4/2022	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Received		\$19,100.00	\$18,555.00
Target Amount		\$21,850.00	\$21,850.00
Under Target		(\$2,750.00)	(\$3,295.00)
Number of families contributing: 49			
Percent goal pledged: 87.41%/Received: 84.92%			

GIFT'S RETURNED TO GOD

Last Week in Giving—182 envelope holders



Adult Envelopes(31): \$1170.00
Offertory: \$317.00

Thank
You!

FROM THE PASTOR



Challenges in the Desert

After Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist at the River Jordan, he withdrew into the wilderness of Judea - a vast and mostly uninhabitable wilderness full of danger. Danger from scorching heat by day and extreme cold at night, danger from wild animals and scorpions, plus the deprivation of food and the scarcity of water. Jesus spent forty days in the desert, fasting and praying. At the end of Jesus' forty days in the wilderness one visitor came out to tempt him. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger, he offers Jesus all the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship him, and he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test. In each case, Jesus resists, citing words from Scripture to rebuke the devil's temptation.

Luke ends his report of Jesus' temptation in the desert by noting that the devil departs for a time. He comes back again in the Garden of Gethsemane. Jesus never gave into the plans of devil. Jesus' responses to the temptations of the devil teach us how we can respond to temptation. As we start our journey through Lent, this Sunday's Gospel calls us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone will suffice, God's promise of protection can be trusted, and God alone is God.

Have a blessed Lent!

Live Jesus, Fr. Biju



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.

Lent for Life—CRS Rice Bowl



This Lent, commit to our global human family through daily prayer, weekly fasting and almsgiving through the Rice Bowl. Rice Bowls are available in the back of church. For info or to give online visit: crsricebowl.org

Student Mite Boxes—Missionary Childhood Association

Students are asked to help other children less fortunate than themselves this Lent by filling the MCA mite box. These funds go directly in support of impoverished children around the world.



PARISH NEWS

Birthright Baby Bottle Campaign—Concludes this weekend



Please return all bottles as soon as possible. Thank you and know your pro-life support will be appreciated by moms, dads, and babies to be. <https://birthright.org/lacrosse>

February Friday Fun Night—Raffle Winners

Cash Raffle:

- 1st Prize (\$300) - Madison Walz
- 2nd Prize (\$200) - Carol Strittmater
- 3rd Prize (\$100) - Rod Hundt
- 4th Prize (\$50) - Elaine Rueth
- 5th Prize (\$50) - John Miller
- 6th Prize (\$50) - Barb Braun
- 7th Prize (\$50) - John Miller
- 8th Prize (\$50) - Brent Servais
- 9th Prize (\$50) - Margie Schumacher



Hunting Rifle Raffle:

- 1st Prize: Ruger American Camo 350 Legend—Dan Steiger
- 2nd Prize: Weatherby 12 ga, Automatic—Tim Leis
- 3rd Prize: Browning A-Bolt Synthetic 243—Larry Mikshowsky
- 4th Prize: Legends LSI Pointers 12 ga. Automatic—Garratt Kloety
- 5th Prize: Savage Axis XP-243 w/scope—Stuart Anderson

Having a great time at Fun Night!



Thank You!

Thank you again to all who organized, worked, and attended the Fun Night Event on Friday, February 25th! We sold 111 tickets at the door and had a very successful event!

Daily Reflection Booklets for Lent

Not by Bread Alone books are available in the back of church. These pocket sized booklets contain daily reflections and meditations. In just a few minutes a day these readings will aid in deepening your experience this Lenten Season. Feel free to take one home with you today.



DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS cont'd

KIDS CORNER

Cabin Fever Fest—St. Peter Parish (Middle Ridge)

Euchre Tournament and Luncheon, **Sunday, March 6th.** \$10 per person doors open at 12:00 PM, cards start at 1:00 PM. 1st-4th place prizes awarded. Soups, snacks and beverage included in the price. More info call Melissa Schaub at the parish 608-486-2180 or email: stpetersrectory@centurytel.net

Valentyna Pavsyukova on the War in Ukraine

Monday, March 7 at 7:00 PM



St. Mary Parish, 1812 Lynn Ave., Altoona, WI
Valentyna Pavsyukova will describe the situation in Ukraine, which has revealed both the darkness of evil and the light of courage. She will talk about the spiritual and humanitarian work of Chalice of Mercy, and what we can do to support its mission to the suffering people of her homeland. This talk will also be live-streamed at diolc.org/live.

The Catholic Charities Lenten Luncheon is Back!

IT'S TIME TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION FOR THE 14th ANNUAL LA CROSSE LENTEN LUNCHEON. All are invited to join Bishop William Patrick Callahan and Catholic Charities as we honor Kay Berra with the 2022 "In My Name" Award and Chuck Berendes as the 2022 "Bill Medland Faithful Servant" Award at this year's Lenten Luncheon. Wednesday, March 16, 2022 from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm. **RSVP by March 8, 2022** Join us in celebration of these two outstanding community members who have made our community a better place through their charitable acts. Learn more about these awards, the luncheon, and make your reservation to attend. **You can make reservations by contacting Catholic Charities at 608-519-8004 or visiting www.cclse.org.** This year we are trying something new! Guests will have the option to attend in person at the Holy Cross Diocesan Center or participate at one of our satellite locations, Blessed Sacrament Parish or Mary, Mother of the Church Parish, where the event will be live-streamed. The great food will be the same at all locations, just spreading out due to COVID stipulations.

St. Lawrence Seminary High School

100% Catholic, 100% Boys, 100% Boarding: St. Lawrence Seminary High School is an affordable, all-boys, Catholic residential high school focused on college prep and spiritual depth. Located in Mt Calvary, WI since 1860, SLS students live, learn, work and pray together. Come explore this vibrant high school experience where 150 students from around the globe prepare for life after high school! Visit **March 18-19, April 1-2, or April 8-9.** Call (920) 753-7570 or visit www.stlawrence.edu

Sign Up for FREE Daily Lenten Reflections

- Chris Stefanick – Real Life Catholic: reallifecatholic.com
- Bishop Robert Barron – Word on Fire: wordonfire.clickfunnels.com/lent-english
- Matthew Kelly – Dynamic Catholic: dynamiccatholic.com/lent.html
- Fr. Mike Schmitz – a 7-minute podcast each day: media.ascensionpress.com/category/ascension-presents/fr-mike-schmitz
- For other Lenten Resources, visit diolc.org/catechesis/catechist-training-resources-for-teaching/lenten-resources

First Sunday of Lent

March 6th, 2022



Luke 4:1-13

Jesus spent 40 days in the desert preparing for His work. During Lent we spend 40 days getting ready to celebrate Jesus' death and resurrection.

Can you find your way into the desert to be with Jesus?

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

- 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 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.



Please pray for the innocents of Ukraine



Especially the Chalice of Mercy Mission founded by Valentyna Pavsyukova in 2007 in Chippewa Falls. From the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns, Christopher Ruff has informed us that Valentyna's home city of Zaporozhye is under attack. Chalice of Mercy has a mission to preschool age children and their families at Maria Goretti house there, and Bishop Jan Sobilo is there and priests of their diocese. Valentyna is asking for prayers, esp. the Rosary. Please pray, and encourage others to do the same. For more info on the Mission visit their website, and if so moved, you may also donate to the mission at:

<https://chaliceofmercy.org/missions/st-maria-goretti-daycare/>

To add a request call 608-788-1646 or email sjrp2601@gmail.com

To Ukraine, with Love Please Help this People Ravaged by War



With Russia's cruel invasion of Ukraine, many devastating images from news reports fill our minds. But there is also a recent image that stirs hope. It is a photo of one of the Ukrainian priests who works with Valentyna Pavsukova, founder of Chalice of Mercy, holding a bag of rosaries made by the children of Casa Hogar, our diocesan orphanage in Peru. They would be carried by Fr. Andrew to Ukrainian soldiers on the front lines of combat with Russia, who would receive them with deep gratitude. What a beautiful gesture of love and prayer from orphan children across the world!

Thanks to people's generosity, Chalice of Mercy is able to share much besides rosaries with the devastated people of Ukraine, but the rosaries point to the foundation of everything done by Valentyna and her mission to Ukraine – prayer and trust in God.

For those unfamiliar with Valentyna Pavsukova, she came to the U.S. from Ukraine in 2002 at the age of 18, having been chosen from a U.S. Government Green Card Lottery in which she had been entered by her mother, who saw it as a path to a better life. Valentyna came to live with a Ukrainian couple in Medford, WI. Knowing barely a word of English, she experienced a time of great hardship and loneliness, made worse by the fact that she had grown up with virtually no religious formation due to the lingering effects of religious suppression in Ukraine, even after the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989. But Valentyna remembered one prayer taught to her by her beloved grandmother – the Our Father. Waking up one morning with a great heaviness in her heart, she prayed it and asked, "O God, help me, heal me, because I cannot do this on my own anymore."

In that moment Valentyna was flooded with God's grace and assurance, and it marked a turning point in her life. Working as a hairdresser (she had earned a cosmetology license in Ukraine), she met a Catholic woman who agreed to take her to Mass. Valentyna knew nothing of the Mass, but at the moment of the consecration she was seized by a powerful awareness and remembers thinking, "I don't know anything, but I know that this is true. Right there in front of me on the altar is the Body of Christ."



Valentyna with Bishop Callahan and Chalice of Mercy Board Member Fr. Daniel Thelen

With the support of a circle of Catholic friends, Valentyna grew in her faith and was received into the Church in 2007. She burned with the desire to give herself completely to God as a missionary and considered Africa. But, "suddenly I thought of my own people in Ukraine. How could I forget them?"

That would be the beginning of the Chalice of Mercy mission to Ukraine, and more of the story can be learned by visiting the website www.chaliceofmercy.org. Valentyna and her mission have undertaken many beautiful initiatives, especially in providing medical missions and in leading more than 1500 Ukrainian doctors on life-changing pilgrimages in which they encounter God and His Mercy. Many who had practiced abortion (sadly commonplace in Ukraine) have renounced it and become champions of human life and dignity.

That brings us to today, when human life and dignity have been cruelly ravaged by Vladimir Putin and his Russian invasion. *Chalice of Mercy is at this moment collecting funds to purchase and ship medical supplies to treat wounded soldiers and civilians, as well as warm undergarments and other clothing for the Ukrainian soldiers defending their homeland in freezing temperatures, often without full uniforms.* These supplies will be collected in Poland and transported across the border into Ukraine. Learn how you can help by visiting www.chaliceofmercy.org/donation. These funds are very needed! And remember above all to *pray for Valentyna, pray for the work of Chalice of Mercy, and pray and fast this Lent for her native Ukraine!*

By Christopher Ruff, Office for Ministries and Social Concerns