

March 27, 2022



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 26th

Fourth Sunday of Lent

-4:00pm Mass - Our Parish Family

Lector: Teresa Brown Ushers: Volunteers

Servers: John Mashak and volunteer

SUNDAY, March 27th

Fourth Sunday of Lent

-8:30am Mass -†Agnes Lucey

Lector: Sally Miller Ushers: Volunteers

Servers: Zachary Noronha and Gabe Hundt

MONDAY, March 28th

Lenten Weekday

-5:30pm -†Elizabeth Hugo

TUESDAY, March 29th

Lenten Weekday

-5:00pm - Adoration

-5:30 pm -†Richard Rybicki

THURSDAY, March 31st

Lenten Weekday

-8:30am -†Marvin Trinkes

SATURDAY, April 2nd

First Saturday—St. Francis of Paola

-8:30am -†Ken Hess

SATURDAY, April 2nd

Fifth Sunday of Lent

-4:00pm Mass -†Stanley Hundt

Lector: Volunteer Ushers: Volunteers

Servers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, April 3rd

Fifth Sunday of Lent

-8:30am Mass -†William, Rosie, Frank & Dennis LeJeune

Lector: Volunteer Ushers: Volunteers

Servers: Jackson and Addison Wieman

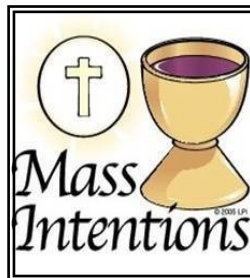
PARISH CALENDAR

- **March 30** ~ RE Class (Gr 1-5, 6-6:55 PM; Gr 6-10, 7:00-8:15 PM)
~ **Confessions** here from 6 PM until done
~ **Stations of the Cross**-7 PM here, 7:30 PM St. Peter's
- **April 4** ~ PCCW Meeting at 6:30 PM in the school
- **April 6** ~ 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 11** ~ All day confessions at the Cathedral 9AM to 6 PM
- **April 12** ~ Chrism Mass at the Cathedral 10:30 AM
- **April 13** ~ No RE - Holy Week
~ **Stations of the Cross**-7 PM here, 7:30 PM St. Peter's
~ Confessions 6 PM until done at St. Peter Parish
- **April 14** ~ **Holy Thursday, 7:00 PM**
- **April 15** ~ **Good Friday, 3:00 PM**
- **April 16** ~ **Holy Saturday, 8:30 PM**
- **April 17** ~ **Easter Sunday, 8:30 AM**
- **April 20** ~ RE Class (Gr 1-5, 6-6:55 PM; Gr 6-10, 7:00-8:15 PM)
- **April 26** ~ Finance Council Meeting 7 PM
- **April 27** ~ **Rosary** at 6:05 PM and **Closing Mass for Religious Education Classes** at 6:30 PM for all students, parents, & catechists. All parishioners welcome to attend!
- **May 4** ~ Confirmation at the Cathedral, 6:30 PM



Mass Intentions 2022

We have openings for **weekday** intentions: Aug 1, 22, 29 & 30. Sept 6, 12, 19, 22, 27, & 29. We have open **First Saturdays**, 8:30 AM beginning Aug 6. **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		
	3/25/2022	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Received		\$19,200.00	\$18,810.00
Target Amount		\$21,850.00	\$21,850.00
Under Target		(\$2,650.00)	(\$3,040.00)
Number of families contributing: 49			
Percent goal pledged: 87.87%/Received: 86.09%			

GIFT'S RETURNED TO GOD

Last Week in Giving—182 envelope holders



Adult Envelopes(34): \$4880.00
 Offertory: \$286.00
 Easter Flowers(5): \$155.00

Thank
You!

FROM THE PASTOR



Laetare Sunday

This weekend we celebrate the fourth Sunday of Lent. The Fourth Sunday of Lent is called Laetare Sunday. Laetare in Latin means rejoice. Holy Week and the Easter season are quickly approaching. We are half-way through the season of Lent. Like Gaudete Sunday, Laetare Sunday provides a similar break about midway through a season which is otherwise of a penitential character.

Though we have many reasons to be concerned about our present realities this "Rejoice Sunday" reminds us to rejoice in the saving grace of God available to each of us in our daily life. Through the good news of the parable of the prodigal son, today's Gospel reminds us of is that God loves us and will run to embrace us with a loving hug; if we make the first steps, if we start on the path back to him. Recall the father did not send his older son out to look for the younger. He did not send his servants out to bring the young son back. He did not send an army to drag him back to the estate. But he patiently waited ready to run to his son as soon as he saw him on the horizon. The father is the centerpiece of the story of the prodigal son. Not the son who walks away from home but the father, whose love and mercy overshadowing the actions of his two sons. What it reminds us of is that God does not measure our life with our last mistake.

Lent is a special time to discover the mercy of God. I invite all to make this Lent fruitful by celebrating the sacrament of reconciliation. In the La Crosse deanery parishes, opportunities are there for confession, as well as at the Guadalupe Shrine, too. We have in our both churches here on the Ridge confessions coming up. Please check the calendar for more information. Please make use of the sacrament in preparation to celebrate Easter well.

As we head into the fourth quarter of our fiscal year, please be attentive to our parishes' targets for the Diocesan Annual Appeal. If every household did its part, we would easily reach our targets. Please consider a gift to the Diocesan Annual Appeal today. Everything received beyond our targets comes back to each parish 100%.
Live Jesus, Fr. Biju



Lenten Confession Options

- Wed., March 30, 2022 at 6 PM until done here
- Sat., April 2, 2022 after First Saturday Mass here
- Mon., April 11, 2022 all day confessions at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse from 9 AM to 6 PM
- Wed., April 13, 2022 at 6 PM until done at St. Peter Parish

PARISH NEWS

**Lenten Mission
St. Peter Parish-March 28**

With all that is happening in the world today we need to remind ourselves of the messages sent to us from our Mother Mary. Please join us on Monday, March 28th at 7:00 pm at St. Peter's to hear from Fr. Tim Welles as he reminds us of the message from Our Lady of Fatima. All are welcome!!



As we look forward to celebrating Holy Week, we invite anyone who loves to sing, to join us up in the choir for the Easter Triduum. This would include Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday.

Catholic Relief Services: Ukraine & CRS Rice Bowl

Your donations through the Rice Bowl assist with services like those being provided in Ukraine. When you donate online, you provide immediate assistance for your Ukrainian sisters and brothers affected by this crisis. **Your prayers and support will make so much difference.** Donate online at: <https://support.crs.org/donate/donate-ukraine> For more information about CRS 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Confirmation will be on May 4th at the Cathedral St. Joseph. Their retreat to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe is this Sat., March 26th. **Please pray for these students** as they continue to prepare to commit and confirm their faith as a Catholic: **Emma Clements, Gabrielle Clements, Hutson Hendrickson, Grace Hundt, Martin Roesler, and Atticus Roman.**

DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS

Employment Opportunity-Music Director Position

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Holmen is seeking a full or part-time music director. This entails excellent piano and vocal skills and ability to coordinate and lead a choir. Please send resume to Msgr. Steve Kachel at 1031 Main St., Onalaska, WI 54650, email: carol@seasholmen.org, or drop off at St. Elizabeth's parish office.

Helping Ukraine through Chalice of Mercy

Valentyna Pavsyukova, founder of Chalice of Mercy mission to Ukraine and a member of our diocese, is working to get humanitarian aid to the suffering Ukraine's citizens and soldiers, as they face freezing temperatures and often severe injuries requiring treatment. These supplies will be collected in the U.S., Poland, Spain, and Germany and transported across the border into Ukraine through a careful network of personal contacts. You can donate at <https://chaliceofmercy.org/donation/>. To learn more about Valentyna and the beautiful mission of Chalice of Mercy, visit www.chaliceofmercy.org

DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS cont'd

Casa Hogar – Volunteer Opportunity

Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II orphanage in Lurin, Peru, a mission of the Diocese of La Crosse, is looking for volunteers 20 years and older for 3 to 12 month periods. Volunteers take on a variety of tasks which vary according to the duration of stay and the volunteer's interests and capabilities. Needs range from education or tutoring, nursing assistance, administrative tasks or manual labor (painting, gardening, cleaning, etc.). Duties vary, but all volunteers will work directly with the children and families. Due to volunteer restrictions regarding the number of volunteers we can accept at one time, all long-term volunteers are chosen following an application process. Additional information is available at homeajpm.org/volunteer or email Noel Furger at nfurger@frjoesguild.org

St. Patrick Parish Lenten Friday Fish Fry - Onalaska

Friday, March 25 and April 8 from 5:00 – 7:30pm. St. Patrick Church, 1031 Main St., Onalaska, WI. Dine in or takeout meals will be available. \$15-3 piece Fish, \$12-2 piece Fish, \$9-1 piece fish or grilled cheese dinner. The meal includes baked or batter-fried cod, baked potato or French fries, salad bar, dinner roll, coffee or milk. Children's grilled cheese sandwich meals option.. Soda, beer and desserts will also be available at an additional cost.

Lenten Day of Reflection - Apr 9

On Saturday, April 9, 2022, the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be hosting a Lenten Day of Reflection. The theme for the day is "Jesus and the Challenge of Suffering". Everyone is invited to attend the day, or come for just part of the day. No registration is required. Schedule:

- 8:20am – Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (continues all day)
- 9:00am – Confessions available (and throughout the day)
- 9:30am – 1st Conference – "Jesus' Suffering"
- 11:00am – 2nd Conference – "Our Suffering in Jesus"
- 12:00pm – Angelus; 12:15pm – Mass (or lunch in café)
- 1:00pm – Resume Exposition and Confessions
- 2:00pm – 3rd Conference – "Our Role in Co-Redeeming the World"
- 3:30pm – Rosary, Vespers, and Benediction

Justice & Peace Stations of the Cross

Fri, Apr 15-10AM-noon.

This form of the Way of the Cross is a two-mile silent prayer walk from the heart of the city to the Mississippi River, stopping at 10 stations along the route to sing, pray and reflect. The walk will take about two hours. People of all ages and faith backgrounds are invited to participate. **Location: Meet in front of the St. Rose Convent sign at the corner of Market and 9th streets.** No cost and no registration required. **Please note** that you will have to walk back to the stations' starting point or arrange for a ride back from Riverside Park. We encourage you to check the weather forecast and dress accordingly. **For more information, please call 608-791-5295 or visit www.FSCenter.org.**

US Bishops Action Alert: Support the Pregnant Workers Fairness

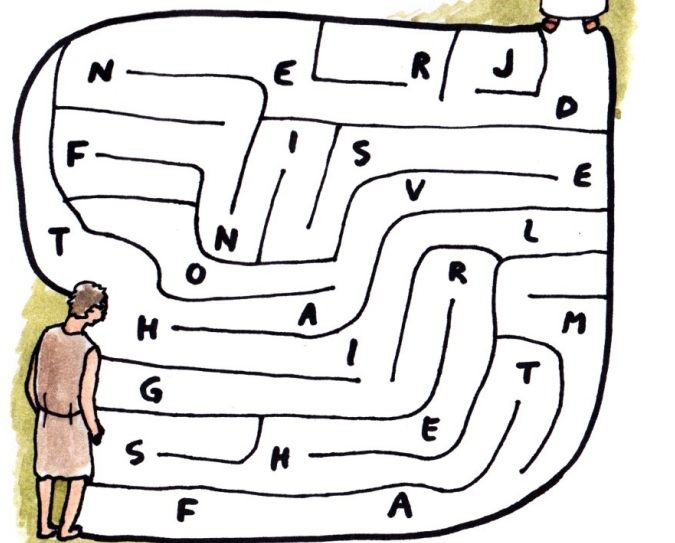
Act—Ask Senators Ron Johnson and Tammy Baldwin to support the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act, which would make the workplace safer for pregnant workers and their unborn children by requiring employers to provide pregnant employees with reasonable accommodations. To learn more and get voice heard, visit votervoice.net/USCCB/home.

KIDS CORNER

March 27th, 2022

What did the son in today's Gospel reading say to show his father he was sorry?

Luke 15.1-3, 11-32



As you go through the maze, use only the letters in the right path to fill in the blanks:

_____, _____

Answer: Father I have sinned.

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.

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.



For the innocents of Ukraine



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