

PARISH INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, March 11

~ 4:00 pm Mass ~ † Earl Martin
 Lector: Kathy Leis
 Servers: Volunteers
 Ushers: Volunteers



SUNDAY, March 12

~ 8:30 am Mass ~ Our Parish Family
 Lector: Donna Clements
 Servers: Volunteers
 Ushers: Volunteers

MONDAY, March 13

~ 5:30 pm Mass ~ † George and Evelyn Miller

TUESDAY, March 14

~ 8:30 am Mass ~ † Larry Silha

THURSDAY, March 16

~ 8:30 am Mass ~ † Brent and Carli Clements

SATURDAY, March 18

~ 4:00 pm Mass ~ † Madonna Bahr
 Lector: Bill Weber
 Servers: Volunteers
 Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, March 19

~ 8:30 am Mass ~ † Francis Schmidt
 Lector: Sally Miller
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

**Contributions for the past week—
180 envelope holders**



Adult Envelopes:	\$ 1,708.00
Plate collection:	\$ 179.00
Easter flowers:	\$ 345.00
Ash Wednesday:	\$ 10.00
Total:	\$ 2,242.00

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

PARISH CALENDAR

- **March 14—Mass is at 8:30 am (No Adoration)**
- **March 14**—6:00 pm Eucharist Bible Study
- **March 15**—Religious Education Classes
- **March 15**—7:00 pm Stations of the Cross
- **March 22** 6:30pm Confessions-St Peter Middle Ridge
- **March 29**—6:00 pm Confessions at St. Joseph Parish
- **April 2**— **Palm Sunday**
- **April 6**—**Holy Thursday** 7:00 pm—Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Adoration
- **April 7**—**Good Friday**
- 2:30 pm Stations of the Cross
- 3:00 pm Solemn Service
- **April 8**—**Holy Saturday ~ 8:30 pm Easter Vigil Mass**
- **April 9**— **EASTER Sunday** 8:30 am Mass

~ ENHANCE YOUR FAITH ~

*** Eucharist Lectio series with Brant Pitre.**

Tuesday evenings 6:00 pm
 A Bible study reflecting on the Scripture, history, and Church teaching to illuminate the wonder of the

MIRACLE OF THE EUCHARIST

Please call Stacy Burns 608-769-8828 with any questions

*** Anointing of the Sick**

Father Biju will be available for anointing of the sick after the first Saturday mass of each month. Please contact him directly if you or a family member would like to receive the sacrament.

*** Confession**

First Saturday after Morning Mass or 3:30—3:45 pm before 4:00 pm Mass or by appointment .
 Please contact Fr. Biju to set up a time.

*** Mass Intentions**

Please contact the Parish office phone #788-1646 or email sjrp2601@gmail.com if you would like to schedule mass intentions. Also Mass Intentions envelopes are in the back of church.

*** Stations of the Cross**

Every Wednesday evening during Lent at 7:00 pm at St. Joseph Parish and at 7:30 pm at St. Peter/Middle Ridge



FROM THE PASTOR



Welcome to the
3rd Sunday of Lent!

The woman at the well.

On this Sunday and the next two Sundays, we break from readings from the Gospel of Matthew to read from John's Gospel. In the Gospel this week, we encounter the dialogue between Jesus and a woman from Samaria. Behind the conversation lies the animosity and rivalry between the Jews and the Samaritans. Samaritans shared Jewish ancestry, but Samaritans had intermarried with foreigners when they lived under the rule of the Assyrians. The Gospel says Jews used nothing in common with Samaritans (John 4: 10). But Jesus enters into conversation with the woman. He asks her "Give me a drink." What starts as small talk ends up coming up with a deep discussion about questions of morals and faith. The high point of the conversation is when Jesus reveals himself to her as the Messiah. She was transformed by the encounter.

There's a difference between listening to someone describe a sunset and seeing the colors for yourself. There's also a big difference between hearing about Jesus and hearing Jesus speak directly to our hearts. The significance of the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman has many levels. The woman is herself converted to belief in Jesus as Messiah. Having known Him, the Samaritan woman becomes an evangelist to her own people. The Samaritan woman leaves the well and returns to the city. She tells the people everything that has happened between her and Jesus. She is describing the most beautiful sunset she has ever seen. Then she is extending her invitation for them to "come and see" Jesus for themselves. The more we grow in faith if we allow that personal encounter with the Lord.

A few days back we had a meeting with the core committee members of the *Inspired by the Spirit* campaign which you had been mentioned in previous bulletins. The dates for reception are finalized and you will be receiving invitation letters to participate in the meetings. I request all of you to respond to the available dates given in the invitation letter which you will receive in the coming days. Stay tuned for more information. I like to thank all those who are helping me with the campaign.



~ Live Jesus ~

Fr Biju MSFS

Have a great Lent!

PARISH NEWS

Bible Study

Miracle of the Eucharist!



Again we had another great group of attendees and some good discussions from our second session bible study. The second session was titled, "Garden of Eden and Sacrifice" where we discover the beginnings of the Mass in the Garden of Eden. We learned about typology, which is the study of the Old Testament "Prefigurations" and how it fulfills with the New Testament.

Some feedback that was shared from some of the attendees:
*"I didn't know that the story of Adam and Eve was an Act of Mercy."
 "Back in the day, when I was in grade school, we had to kneel and take communion on the tongue.....as a form of reverence to receiving Holy Communion."*

Next weeks session is titled, "Lamb of God: The Sacrifice of Isaac and the Passover Lamb". If you are still interested, we encourage you to please consider joining us. Tuesday evenings 6:00 pm.

*Thank you to everyone for attending
and reflecting on our Faith.*

And Thank You to Lisa and Stacy!



February 17th Fundraiser Financials

Income:	
Gun Raffle & Walk around raffle	\$ 6,180.00
Cash Raffle	\$ 3,603.00
Tip Boards	\$ 316.00
Food & games of chance	\$ 1,014.00
Donations	\$ 180.00
Total Income:	\$ 11,293.00
Expense:	
Wiebke - guns for raffle	\$ 2,430.00
Gun Raffle payout	\$ 200.00
Cash Raffle payout	\$ 900.00
Licensing	\$ 35.50
Printing/mailling tickets	\$ 491.49
Beverages & food	\$ 528.51
Total Expense:	\$ 4,585.50
Profit:	\$ 6,707.50

Friday, March 17th– St. Patrick's Day—Bishop Callahan has issued the following Decree:

"The disciplinary practice of abstaining from meat on the Fridays in Lent is an important dimension of the penitential nature of the season. This year, the Feast of St. Patrick, March 17,2023, falls on a Friday in Lent. Given the many celebrations that occur on this day in accord with the norm of law, I herewith grant to all Catholics of the Diocese of La Crosse as well as all present here that day, a dispensation from abstinence from meat and meat products. I encourage all who make use of this dispensation to engage in another sacrificial or charitable act that day."

DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS

~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~

~A Minute with Jesus ~ As you take "steps forward," your faith in Jesus' true Presence in the Eucharist will grow. We cannot simply convince ourselves through reason that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist. One of the best ways to grow in this faith is to spend some time in conversation with Jesus, truly present in a Catholic Church. Go there and share something with the Lord that is on your heart. You will notice that probably without saying or feeling anything special, you will leave with a quieted heart. Let's pray this right now and every day this week:

Jesus, help me commit to spending some time in conversation with you in Church.

This week, read about how we can always find Jesus in His Father's house in Luke 2:41-51.

~Spaghetti and Pasta Dinner

The St. Mary's Men's Club is hosting a Spaghetti and Pasta dinner on **Saturday, March 25. Serving from 4-7 PM.** Adults \$12, kids under 12 \$5, children under 3 free. Serving spaghetti/pasta (gluten free option available), sauce, meatballs, garlic bread, salad, beverage, and ice cream with toppings. Beer and wine available for purchase. Carry outs available. There will also be 50/50 drawing and tip boards. Join us for some great food and fun at St. Mary's Church, 900 Central Ave., Coon Valley.

~Fish Fry—March 24th 4:00—7:00 pm

Mary, Mother of the Church Parish, 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, will be holding a Fish Fry, dine-in or carry-out. The price is \$12 for 2-piece and \$14 for 3-piece dinner and includes baked or batter fried cod, baked potato or fries, coleslaw and roll. \$5 kids meal includes grilled cheese, fries, fruit and milk. Beer, wine and desserts available at dine-in for additional cost.

~Lenten Luncheon— March 29th 11:30 am—1:00 pm

Bishop William Patrick Callahan and Catholic Charities cordially invite you to the 15th Annual La Crosse Lenten Luncheon! Gourmet soup, salad and bread will be served. \$30.00 per person or reserve a table of 8 for \$240.00. Holy Cross Diocesan Center, 3710 East Avenue So., La Crosse. Make reservation by March 20th. Join us as we honor and celebrate our 2023 "In My Name" Award Recipient (Jerry Roesler) and our Bill Medland Faithful Servant Award Recipient(Tom Tiggelaar)!

~2023-2024 AHS & AMS ENROLLMENT

Aquinas High School and Aquinas Middle School welcome you to enroll for the 2023-2024 school year. Aquinas is committed to providing a safe and structured learning environment for its students. There is much to be excited about with the launch of the Viterbo Education Program, NEW STEM lab, and over fifty extracurriculars to get involved with. Call (608) 784-0287 to schedule a tour! Contact info@aquinasschools.org with any questions or visit www.aquinascatholicsschools.org/enrollment to get started.

~JESUS' TRUE PRESENCE IN THE EUCHARIST"

Again and again, Jesus comes to us in the Eucharist. Our faith comes alive as we understand better that Jesus gives us His Real Presence in the Eucharist. Join Msgr. Joseph Hirsch, Director: Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II Orphanage, Lurin, Peru as he presents Jesus' True Presence in the Eucharist. (48 min.) Visit diolc.org/catechesis or use your smartphone's camera to scan this QR code.



"If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts."

Just as Jesus approaches the outcast Samaritan woman at the well with intimate knowledge of her history and her heart, so, too, does Christ approach us. He comes with the offer of living water that will forever satiate our thirst if only we soften our hearts to hear his voice.

Fill-in-the-Blanks

Fill in the blanks with the words in the box.
Use the marked letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

And hope does not disappoint,
1. _____ the love of God has
been poured into our 2. _____
through the Holy 3. _____ who
has been 4. _____ to us. For
Christ, while we were 5. _____
helpless, died at the appointed
6. _____ for the ungodly. Indeed,
only with 7. _____
does one die for a just person, though
perhaps for a good person one
8. _____ even find
9. _____ to die. But
10. _____ proves his love for us in that...
...WHILE WE WERE STILL SINNERS

_____ FOR US.
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

COURAGE DIFFICULTY HEARTS
GOD TIME GIVEN STILL
SPIRIT MIGHT BECAUSE



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

- 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.
- Consecration of Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

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