

PARISH INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, March 20

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

TUESDAY, March 21

~ 5:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 ~ 5:30 pm Mass ~ † Roger and Jeff Hundt

THURSDAY, March 23

~ 8:30 am Mass ~ † Terry and Darryl Miller

SATURDAY, March 25

~ 4:00 pm Mass ~ † Sara Rose Hougum
 Lector: Donnie Weber
 Servers: Volunteers
 Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, March 26

~ 8:30 am Mass ~ Our Parish Family
 Lector: Paula Silha
 Servers: Volunteers
 Ushers: Volunteers

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



Adult Envelopes:	\$ 1,470.00
Plate collection:	\$ 381.00
Easter flowers:	\$ 55.00
Total:	\$ 1,906.00

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 the bank will mail it directly to the parish.

PARISH CALENDAR

- **March 21**— Eucharist Bible Study
- **March 22**—Religious Education Classes
- **March 22**—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 3**—9:00 am—6:00 pm Confessions at Cathedral
- **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 ~

- * **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**
 Tuesday evenings at 5:00 pm until 5:30 pm Mass
- * **Eucharist Lectio series with Brant Pitre.**
 Tuesday evenings after 5:30 pm Mass
 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



Fourth Sunday of Lent

Laetare Sunday or Rejoice Sunday.

*The
Season
of
Lent*



We are half-way through the season of Lent. Holy Week and the Easter season are quickly approaching. In this weekend's Gospel passage from St John, we hear the story of the man born blind who not only receives healing from his blindness but also forgiveness from Jesus. Imagine the world of people who are totally blind. His eyes opened as Jesus touched him. Jesus invited the person to the world of colors, shapes and patterns. The blind man spoke about Jesus to others. Can I recall the times God has done some marvels in my life?

Every year the Church honors St. Joseph on March 19 with the Solemnity of St. Joseph. Since Laetare Sunday falls on March 19 this year, the Solemnity of St. Joseph is celebrated this year on Monday, March 20. Joseph was not a man of many words: he was a man of action. In Matthew's Gospel, he is described as "righteous man"; (Matthew 1:19). His actions alone reveal everything else we know about him. He brings Mary and the Child she bears into his home when, in the sight of the world, he would be justified in divorcing her. He leads the expectant Mary into Bethlehem, and flees with her and her Child into Egypt. When it is safe, he returns with the two into Galilee. He does all of this, because God asks it of him. He never hesitates. Each time we read that the angel spoke to Joseph, the following sentence begins with the action St. Joseph took. "Joseph awoke"; "Joseph rose"; "He went"; Each time he received a summons, his reaction was to follow the call immediately. Never once did he hesitate. St. Joseph was a loving, faithful spouse to the Blessed Mother and a loving, faithful foster father to Jesus Christ. St. Joseph was a brave man who worked hard and was a humble man of great virtue. St. Joseph is also a good saint to pray to during times of difficulty and trial. Wish you all happy feast of St Joseph.

Again, on Saturday, March 25th we have the solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord too.

We have Sacrament of Reconciliation as follows:

March 22nd 6:30 pm at St Peters/Middle Ridge

March 29th 6:00 pm at St. Joseph

Father John Parr will help us with confessions at both parishes. Thanks to Fr Parr.

Confessions at Cathedral Monday April 3 9-6pm.

Since I will be helping with confessions at Cathedral on Monday, April 3rd, we will have mass at 8.30 am



Have a Great Week!

~ Live Jesus ~

Fr Biju MSFS

PARISH NEWS

Bible Study

Miracle of the Eucharist!



This past Tuesday's session was called, "Lamb of God: The Sacrifice of Isaac and the Passover Lamb." My "aha moment" was learning that the mountain Abraham almost sacrificed his son Isaac on, Mount Moriah, is the same location that Jesus was crucified on.

Please feel free to join us this coming Tuesday (following Adoration at 5 and Mass at 5:30) in the school hall for session 4, entitled: Miracles of Exodus: Manna and Water. If you are still interested, we encourage you to please consider joining us.

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

And Thank You to Lisa and Stacy!

Prayer from Tuesday's Bible study:

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. As we continue to study the gift of your Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity in the Eucharist, help us to conform our lives to you, who willingly offered yourself for us as our Paschal Lamb. Make us more aware of how each Eucharist "makes present" your sacrificial self-gift on the Cross, and help us to participate ever more fully and reverently in the sacrifice of the Mass. Amen

Inspired by the Spirit Campaign

Our Parish is in the process of setting up this campaign. We prayerfully ask for you to attend one of the upcoming sessions to learn more about the details of the funding opportunities for our parish and the Diocese. While the *Inspired by the Spirit* campaign will include this year's Diocesan Annual Appeal. It will benefit our own parish and the larger Church of La Crosse for years to come.

DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS

~A Minute with Jesus ~ Spend time in Jesus' Presence and you will come to know that You have been with Him The desire to strengthen our faith requires some action on our part. It helps to go to the Church and spend time, with the mindset that Jesus is there. Take your problems and speak with Jesus. Even if you leave without anything seemingly having happened, you will gradually come to know Jesus is indeed there. Let's pray this right now and every day this week:

Lord, help me to spend a few minutes and talk with You in Church

This week, read how Jesus appears to Thomas who was not present when He first appeared to the Apostles after His Resurrection. Thomas, when He does see Jesus, falls before Him and says "My Lord and My God" in John 20:19-29

~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.

DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS cont'd

~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.

~ST. CHARLES SCHOOL SPRING CARNIVAL

Fun for the whole family! Please join the St. Charles School for games, raffle, a dessert walk, food and beverages. on April 23rd 10:30 am-1:30 pm. Call (608)689-2642 for more information

~PASSION SUNDAY CONCERT - "STABAT MATER"

March 26, 2023-3:00pm - Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, La Crosse
Marking the beginning of Passiontide, this Lenten concert will feature some of the most famous Baroque music of the season, including the incomparable "Stabat Mater" by Italian composer Giovanni Battista Pergolesi, and works of Danish composer Dieterich Buxtehude, and German composer Heinrich Schütz. With orchestra members of Minnesota's Lyra Baroque, and soloists Sarah Brailey and Elisabeth Pearse, the focus of the music will be on the bond which unites Mary, and all of us, to the Passion of Christ. Admission is free and open to all.

~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

~Holy Week, Abortion, and the Wisconsin Supreme Court Race

The PBS Wisconsin headline on Feb. 22 got right to the point: "National debate over abortion turns to Wisconsin Supreme Court race." It was referring to the election that will take place on Tuesday, April 4. Media coverage of the two Supreme Court candidates and their philosophies is widespread, and abortion has been the constant focal point. As we inform ourselves, and then cast our vote on April 4 – Tuesday of Holy Week – let us cherish the fact that Jesus himself took on flesh as a tiny, developing child in the womb of Mary, so that one day, on the Cross of Calvary, he might rescue us from darkness and sin. Likewise, every preborn child is in the image of the Lord who created and redeemed us.

~Father Joseph Walijewski's 10th Anniversary Mass - March 19

The Mass marking the 10th anniversary of the opening of the cause for Father Joseph Walijewski's canonization will be celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman on Sunday, March 19 at 10:30 a.m. After Mass, an ancient Italian tradition, St. Joseph's Table (frjoesguild.org/stjoestable) will be celebrated. All are welcome. If you are unable to attend the Mass, you can participate via livestream at diolc.org/live. To learn more about Father Walijewski's life and legacy visit: frjoesguild.org.

Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Blessed Joseph, husband of MARY, be with us this day.
You protected and cherished the Virgin, loving the Child JESUS as your Son, You rescued Him from the danger of death.
Defend the Church, the Household of God,
purchased by the BLOOD OF CHRIST,
GUARDIAN OF THE HOLY FAMILY, be with us in our trials.
May your prayers obtain for us the strength to flee from error and wrestle with the power of corruption so that in life, we may grow in holiness and in death, rejoice the crown of victory. Amen

~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~

**Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 19, 2023**

*What did the man that Jesus cured say to the people
who thought Jesus was a sinner?
Use the code at the bottom to find out!*

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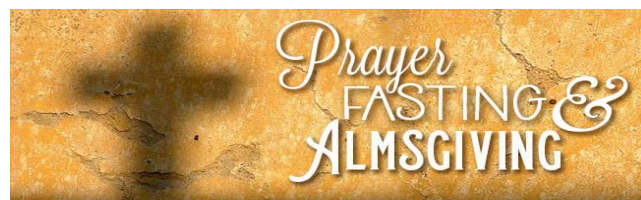
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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS



- 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.

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