

PARISH INTENTIONS

PARISH CALENDAR

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: Darlene Hundt
 Servers: Volunteers
 Ushers: Volunteers

MONDAY, March 27

~ 5:30 pm Mass ~ † Marie Meyers

TUESDAY, March 28

~ 5:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 ~ 5:30 pm Mass ~ † Karen Nordstrom

THURSDAY, March 30

~ 8:30 am Mass ~ † Robert Dowiasch

SATURDAY, April 1

~ 8:30 am Mass ~ † Herb and Joyce Clements
 ~ 4:00 pm Palm Sunday Mass
 ~ † George and Evelyn Miller

Lector: Paula Silha
 Servers: Volunteers
 Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, April 2—Palm Sunday

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

- **March 28**— Eucharist Bible Study
- **March 29**—Religious Education Classes
- **March 29**—6:00 pm Confessions at St. Joseph Parish
- **March 29**—7:00 pm Stations of the Cross
 ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ **HOLY WEEK** ~ ~ ~ ~ ~
- **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
- **April 12**—Confirmation at Cathedral
- **April 30**—First Communion

~ 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

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



Adult Envelopes:	\$ 1,485.00
Plate collection:	\$ 166.00
Easter flowers:	\$ 330.00
Votive Candles	\$ 117.25
Donation for Hosts and Word & Song	\$ 250.00
Total:	\$ 2,348.25



FROM THE PASTOR



Fifth Sunday of Lent

Nearing the end of the season of Lent, the Church this Sunday is knocking at the door of Holy Week (which begins next Sunday, April 2, with Palm Sunday), seeking entrance to the events that together form the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. This is the annual reminder of God's love for His people!



“Untie him and let him go”
(John 11: 44)

Today in the Gospel we hear the story of Lazarus being raised from the dead. As the story begins, we are reminded of the friendship that exists between Jesus, Lazarus, Mary and Martha. At Lazarus' death, Jesus makes His way to Bethany to console Martha and Mary. Martha and Jesus have a conversation outside the village in which Martha professes Jesus to be the Resurrection and the Life. Jesus weeps as He nears the tomb of Lazarus. He orders the stone rolled back. Having been warned of the stench of death if the stone is removed from the entrance of the tomb Jesus insists to remove them. The stone is removed. He cries out to Lazarus who came forth from the tomb wrapped in his burial cloth. “Untie him,” Jesus said, “and let him go.”

His bindings are removed and life begins again. Free to live, Lazarus walks this earth once again. There is hope when Jesus intervenes. His grace and power will help us to walk in the light.

Does our sin, suffering and death bind us? Wallowing in the pain and helplessness, one can feel bound as Lazarus. What deaths keep us bound? What cloths must we untie? Jesus invites us to a new way of living. There is still time... “Come out! Death will not have the final word. Lent continues to invite us to a new way of living.

Have a Great Week!
~ Live Jesus ~
Fr Biju MSFS



Inspired by the Spirit Campaign

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

PARISH NEWS

Bible Study ~ Miracle of the Eucharist!

This past Tuesday's session was called, "Miracles of Exodus: Manna and Water. *"You see the mystery. Moses is the prophet; the rod is the word of God. The priest strikes the rock with the word of God: the water flows and the people of God drink. And the priest touches the cup, waters streams into the cup, springing up to eternal life."*

~ St. Ambrose

Please feel free to join us this coming Tuesday (following Adoration at 5 and Mass at 5:30) in the school hall for session 5, entitled: *Mysteries of the Tabernacle: The Bread of the Presence.* 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 constantly by our side, sustaining us on our journey. Help us to be more aware of your presence, to turn to you in our need, and to live our lives in such a way that we help strengthen the faith of those around us. Amen



DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS

~**A Minute with Jesus** ~ Jesus is the “living Bread from Heaven.” Jesus said, “I am the living bread that came down from Heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever.” (John 6:51). Jesus gave this living bread for the first time to His Apostles at the Last Supper. Jesus gives this living Bread to us in Holy Communion. The living Bread is Jesus Himself. Let's pray this right now and every day this week:

Jesus, please strengthen my faith to believe that You are the “living Bread” received in Holy Communion.

This week, read the explanation that Jesus gives that He is the “living Bread from Heaven” in John 6: 48-51

~**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.

DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS cont'd

~JESUS—TRUE PRESENCE IN THE EUCHARIST

Msgr. Richard Gilles presents Offering Ourselves with Jesus to the Father. We need to take time to focus on spiritual realities. Through Jesus, grace, truth and life entered into the world. At Mass, Jesus continues to come to us in the Eucharist. In union with Jesus, we can offer all that we are and everything that we have been given in thanksgiving to the Father. Join Msgr. Richard Gilles, Rector: Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman, La Crosse as he presents Offering Ourselves with Jesus to the Father. (recorded video 38 minutes) Visit dioc.org/eucharist/learn

~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.

~Chrism Mass, April 4

The Chrism Mass is one of the diocesan highlights at which the Bishop blesses the oils for the celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism and the Anointing of the Sick, and consecrates the Sacred Chrism used in the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Orders. Priests also renew their priestly promises at this Mass, and the faithful pray for them. The Chrism Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, April 4, at 10:30 a.m., at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse. Please consider attending!

~"The Passion of the Christ" movie

FREE Movie To be shown at the following times and locations:
April 3rd 6-8:00 pm —Blessed Sacrament, La Crosse
April 4th 9-11:00 am—St. Pat's Catholic Church, Onalaska
April 4th 6:30-8:30 pm—Mary Mother of the Church, La Crosse



Divine Mercy Sunday - April 16: The Deanery of the La Crosse Diocese has chosen the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe for the celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday. You are invited to make a pilgrimage for Divine Mercy Sunday on April 16 with the following schedule:

9:00 AM Latin Mass,
11:00 AM Spanish Mass,

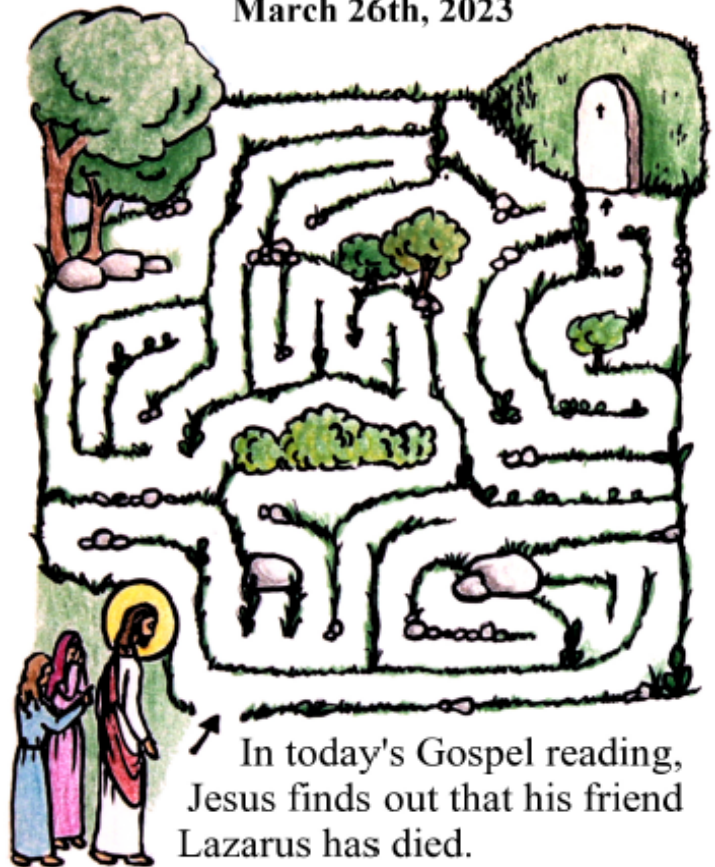
1:00 PM English Mass,
2:30 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,
2:45 PM Divine Mercy Reflection and Family Consecration to the Divine Mercy,
3:00 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet,
3:15 PM Benediction,
3:30 PM Blessing with the relic of St. Faustina.

Confessions will be heard in English and Spanish 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM. Cart shuttles will be available for pilgrims from 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM. For more information, please call the Shrine at (877) 799-4059.

"On that day (Divine Mercy Sunday), the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My Mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment." – Diary of St. Faustina #699

~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~

**Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 26th, 2023**



In today's Gospel reading, Jesus finds out that his friend Lazarus has died.

Can you find your way through the maze to the tomb where Jesus will raise him from the dead?

Prayer Fasting Works of Love

40 Days

PRAY Is Love for God
FAST Is Love for Yourself
GIVE Is Love for Others



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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