

~ PARISH INTENTIONS ~

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH

First Sunday of Lent

~ 4:00 pm—Our Parish Family

Lector: Bill Weber

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH

First Sunday of Lent

~ 8:30 am— † Bill Silha (D&JD)

Lector: Sally Miller

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH

~5:30 pm—† Connie Goodreau (S&SM)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH

~5:00 pm—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

~5:30 pm—† Bill Patterson (SP)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND

~ 8:30 am Mass— † Gerald Kneifl (family)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH

Second Sunday of Lent

~ 4:00 pm— † Darryl & Terry Miller (T&MP)

Lector: Donnie Weber

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH

Second Sunday of Lent

~ 8:30 am— † Jim Hesselberg (RH)

Lector: Donna Clements

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

Contributions for the past week

Adult Envelopes(29) :	\$ 1,515.00
Plate collection:	\$ 354.00
Catholic Campaign Human Dev:	\$ 50.00
Initial offering:	\$ 2.00
Ash Wednesday:	\$ 20.00
Solemnity of Mary:	\$ 20.00
Votive candles:	\$ 76.50
Birthright donation:	\$ 20.00
Total:	\$ 2,057.50

~ PARISH CALENDAR ~

- **February 18**—Return Birthright Baby Bottles
- **February 20**—7:00 pm Finance Council Meeting
- **February 21**—Religious Education classes
- **February 21**—7:00 pm Stations of the Cross
- **February 26**—6:30 pm PCCW meeting

~ ENHANCE YOUR FAITH ~

*** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Tuesday evenings at 5:00 pm until 5:30 pm Mass

~ 8 Ways to Pray During Eucharistic Adoration ~

- Read Spiritual Books
- Ask for Intercession
- Meditate
- Offer a Holy Hour
- Write a Prayer Journal
- Read the Scriptures
- Pray Spontaneously
- Ask the Saints for help

Spending time with our Dear Lord!!!

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

*** Confession**

First Saturday of each month

after 8:30 am 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. Or there are envelopes are in the back of church.

	5-year Goal:	\$140,000.00
	Pledged:	\$148,255.00
	Received:	\$59,767.50
Remaining Amount Due:		\$80,232.50

	2023-24 Goal:	\$21,915.00
	Pledged:	\$9,925.00
	Received:	\$8,895.00
	Remaining Amount Due:	\$13,020.00

We have pledged only 40.5% of our goal for this year ending June 30th. Please consider donating according to your financial status.

Thank you for your generosity!

FROM THE PASTOR



First Sunday of Lent

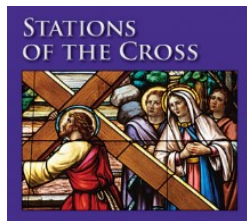
Last Wednesday we began our annual Lenten journey.

The first week of lent invites us to reflect about Jesus being led by the spirit into the desert. This happens immediately after his Baptism by John in the Jordan. Jesus spent 40 days and nights in the desert. After this he began his public ministry by proclaiming "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." As we begin our Lenten journey, I invite you to apply the lessons of Jesus' time in the desert to our lives.

We see that Jesus was "led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil." This teaches us that Jesus not only endured temptation, He confronted it. He was not afraid of the devil and did not fear his attacks. Instead, He willingly faced those temptations being led by the Spirit. Can we do that with the help of the Holy Spirit? Or overcome the plans of evil.

Again, we find Jesus voluntarily fasted during this time in the desert. This illustrates the importance of the virtue of temperance in life. If we see this period of forty as a symbol of our whole lives, then we will understand that temperance must always be part of our lives. Because it will help us always through the ups and downs of life, helping us to keep our eyes on the truths God has revealed to us and rejecting evil.

We will have the Stations of the Cross on Wednesdays
7 pm at St Joseph,
7.30 pm at St Peter.



Wish you a grace filled lent

Live Jesus, Fr Biju MSFS



The season of Lent began on Ash Wednesday, February 14.

Lenten regulations are as follows:

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.

~ PARISH NEWS ~



Students in our Religious Ed Classes made Valentines for some of our parishioners!

Thank you students and teachers for your thoughtfulness!

PCCW news: Meeting on Monday, February 26th at 6:30 pm at the School Hall. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend!

BINGO Social:

Sunday March 3rd from 3-5 pm

We will be playing Bingo in the school hall. Bingo cards will be \$1.00 each. All monies collected will be paid out. Snacks & soda available for purchase.



~ DIOCESAN NEWS ~

~A Minute with Jesus during the National Eucharistic Revival

Jesus will help us believe what we cannot understand

The Lord always comes in to strengthen and confirm our faith in response to our desire to believe. He actually even uses our hesitation in accepting His true Presence in the Eucharist to bring us to a deeper, more lively faith in the truth of this mystery. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: *Jesus, please strengthen my faith to believe that You are truly present in the Holy Eucharist.*

This week, read how Jesus responds to those who are questioning the mystery of the Eucharist in John 6:52-59

~Women's Lenten Retreat

Are you struggling to carve time for spiritual enrichment? Join the Women's annual Morning of Reflection on Saturday, March 2nd at the Cathedral of St. Joseph, La Crosse. The FREE event starts with 8 am Mass followed by Rosary & Adoration. This event is sponsored by the La Crosse Diocesan Council of Women and Catholic Daughters of America. All are welcome!



~Cabin Feverfest: St. Peter's Parish in Middle Ridge will be hosting their annual Euchre tournament & Luncheon on Sunday March 3rd. The doors open for lunch at noon and the card games start at 1:00 PM. The cost is \$15 per person which includes entry in the tournament, a variety of soups, snacks & beverages. Prizes will be awarded. Please call 608-452-4680 with any questions.



~Fish Frynder is Live!

Looking for a Fish Fry or Lenten meal tonight or any Friday during Lent? Check out the Diocese Fish Frynder at <http://diolc.org/fishfrynder> and find one closest to you!

~ DIOCESAN NEWS (continued) ~

~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~

~Lenten Series in your own home – Jesus and the Eucharist Series!
One night a week, after you put your children to bed, you are invited to watch the Jesus and the Eucharist Series. The seven sessions are outstanding in beauty and presentation with inspiring testimonies that draw participants to a deeper faith in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Each video and handout for the series is available here: diolc.org/eucharist/lead

JESUS IN THE DESERT

Today's Gospel reading tells us that Jesus was fasting in the desert for forty days. He was preparing Himself for His special work.

~A Biblical Walk Through The Mass (Lenten 5-week bible study)
We need to recommit ourselves to the central act of our faith with passion and joy. This marvelously written aid will help us join ourselves to the Lord as he offers himself to the Father in the Sacrifice of the Mass. This Lenten 5-week religious education series will begin the week of February 18th and will be at several local parishes. Registration is required and is available at www.stpatsonalaska.com or calling Amy Capelli at (608)783-0847 or email at amy_capelli@charter.net

We know that Jesus was a real person. He was like us except that He never sinned. There was something that happened when He was in the desert that shows us that He had to decide between right and wrong just like we do. What was it?

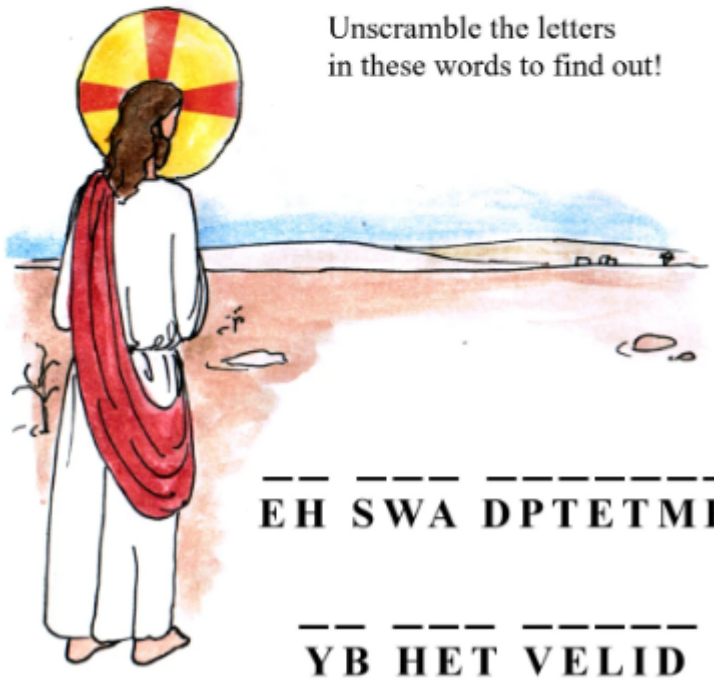
~The Seven Last Words of JESUS ON THE CROSS

FEBRUARY 27; MARCH 5, 12, 19
Tuesdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m.



Presenter: John McHugh
Investment: \$10 per session

For hundreds of years, it has been a tradition in Christian churches to reflect on Jesus' final words from the cross on Good Friday and during the season of Lent. Join biblical scholar John McHugh as he explores those words of Jesus and how they were mirrored in Jesus' public ministry, and what they mean for us today. Although the program is meant to be experienced over all four weeks, participants may attend individual sessions.



~St. Patrick's Onalaska—Lent Fish Fry

St. Patrick's Parish (Onalaska) will be having Friday Fish Fry's during lent serving from 5 pm 0 7:30 pm Dine-in or carry-out. Price is \$9 for a one piece dinner; \$12 for 2-piece and \$15 for a 3-piece dinner and includes baked or batter fried fish, baked potato or fries, salad bar, roll and milk or coffee. Free grilled cheese meals for kids ages 5 and under. Beer, wine, soda and desserts available for additional cost.

~16th Annual La Crosse Lenten Luncheon

Bishop William Patrick Callahan and Catholic Charities cordially invite you to the 16th Annual La Crosse Lenten Luncheon on Wednesday, March 20, 2024! Gourmet soup, salad and bread will be served. We will be honoring our In My Name Award recipient Sr. Catherine Kaiser, FSPA and our Bill Medland Faithful Servant Award recipients Dan and Mary Mundt Reckase! Cost is \$30.00 per person or reserve a table of 4 for \$120.00. Please RSVP online at <https://cclse.org/la-crosse-lenten->

With trust in God's goodness, let us offer our prayers



- For those who are sick or suffering in any way, may the healing and strength of our Lord Jesus Christ come upon them and give them comfort and peace.
- For a greater respect for life throughout the world, from conception through natural death.
- That we may place our lives in God's hands and have the strength to carry out His unique plan for each of us.
- For young men and women to listen to the Holy Spirit in their hearts and respond to the cry from deep within to vocations of priesthood and religious life.
- For parents in this faith community, the first teachers of the faith, may the Spirit guide their efforts in instructing their children.
- For the elderly who are homebound or unvisited, may the Lord fill them with his presence and comfort them with friendship.
- The intentions listed in our parish book of prayer.

To add a request call 608-788-1646 or email Sjrp2601@gmail.com



God our Father, in this Lenten season
may we not betray your love by trying to deserve it.
Help us to fast from all that distracts us from your love.
Help us to recognize you as the origin
and goal of all of the desires you place in our hearts.
Help us to be true to ourselves and true to you
by continuing to beg for your love. Amen