

~ PARISH INTENTIONS ~

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH

~5:30 pm-† Fr. Bob Hegenbarth (R&DK)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH

~5:00 pm—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 ~5:30 pm-† Alan Cavadini (R&BM)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29TH

~ 8:30 am Mass— † Joyce Clements (L&DC)

SATURDAY, MARCH 2ND

Third Sunday of Lent

~ 8:30 am- † Deceased members of Trinkes family
 (D&TB)

4:00 pm- † Mary Pehler (D&PH)

Lector: Donna Clements
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, MARCH 3RD

Third Sunday of Lent

~ 8:30 am- † Marilyn Marx (D&MS)
 Lector: Paula Silha
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers



Contributions for the past week

Adult Envelopes(40) :	\$ 1,865.00
Plate collection:	\$ 258.00
Initial Offering:	\$ 5.00
Ash Wednesday:	\$ 713.00
Votive candles:	\$ 57.00
Birthright donation:	\$ 50.00
Total:	\$ 2,948.00

~ PARISH CALENDAR ~

- **February 26**—6:30 pm PCCW meeting
- **February 28**—7:00 pm Stations of the Cross †
- **February 28**— Religious Education Class
- **March 3**—*Bingo* sponsored by PCCW at school hall
- **March 6**—7:00 pm Stations of the Cross †
- **March 6**—Religious Education Class

~ 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:	\$60,550.00
	Remaining Amount Due:	\$79,450.00

	2023-24 Goal:	\$21,915.00
	Pledged:	\$9,925.00
	Received:	\$8,985.00
	Remaining Amount Due:	\$12,930.00

We have pledged only 45.3% 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



Welcome to
**Second Sunday
of Lent**

Last Sunday we followed Jesus into the desert. In today's Gospel, Jesus is with his disciples on the mount of transfiguration. Jesus' Transfiguration occurs in the context of His journey to Jerusalem, the place of his suffering and death. During transfiguration we hear the voice of God declaring Jesus as the "beloved Son" and calling all disciples to listen to him. In the presence of Jesus, transfigured in glory, Peter, James and John felt secure, happy, at home. They felt they had reached the end of their journey and they were not ready to move on - they just wanted to stay in their experience of comfort, joy, security, and glory.

They had found, in the transfigured glory of Jesus a temporary serenity and security. But the journey of Jesus was not complete, and the disciple's journey was not complete either. They had to leave this experience, come down the mountain and accept life with all its joys and sorrows, even accept the cross and eventual death. They had to continue their journey into the unknown, uncertain, and insecure future. The journey of Jesus would take him to the cross and then to unending glory. His disciples must follow and travel a similar path. On their return, Jesus would serve as their map, their route, their guide and eventually their way.

I invite you to reflect on being grateful and rejoicing in experiences of joy, success, greatness, wonder, glory, happiness - all of life's peak experiences. Reflect also on being prepared to come down the mountain and accept the inconveniences, suffering, pain, cross - all of life's struggles. Above all be focused on the life with the lord because our final journey is being with the Lord and we have a glimpse of it in transfiguration. Have a blessed lent!

Live Jesus, Fr Biju MSFS

~ PARISH NEWS ~

Heartfelt Sympathy and prayers to the family of
Donald Bina

who passed away late Thursday (Feb 22) evening.

† *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord* †



Mass of Christian Burial will be at a later date.

Congratulations to **Evelyn Swartz-Jacobs**



on receiving her

First Communion

on February 11th

Welcome Evelyn to the table of our Lord.

PCCW news: PCCW 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.



Parish Fundraiser!

Tickets will be sold after masses on March 9 & 10, 16 & 17, and 23 & 24 with drawing on March 24 (Palm Sunday) after mass.



Eucharistic Rally

June 7, 2024

Eucharistic Procession with Bishop Callahan & Bishop Barron.

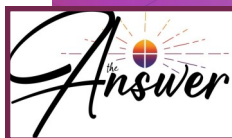
Inspiring speakers:

Chris Stefanick,

Immaculée

Ilibagiza,...

Music by the Luke Spehar Band



FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 2024
LA CROSSE CENTER
[DIOLC.ORG/THE-ANSWER](https://diolc.org/the-answer)

THE EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE day will begin with a Eucharistic Procession. The Marian Route of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage (<https://diolc.org/pilgrimage/>) schedule is to transfer the Eucharistic Procession from the Bishop Robert Barron of Diocese of Winona-Rochester to the Bishop William Patrick Callahan Diocese of La Crosse on the morning of June 7.

Internationally renowned speaker and author Immaculée Ilibagiza will be a guest speaker for to tell her story of faith, hope, and forgiveness! It is an incredible story of faith and hope amid death and fear. Register for the rally and join us in listening to Immaculée's remarks.

Immaculée Ilibagiza survived the 1994 Rwandan genocide by hiding in a 3ft. x 4ft. bathroom for 91 days with seven other women. Immaculée endured fear, starvation, anger, and despair for months, all while her family, community and nearly one million of her tribe were slaughtered. Remarkably, her tragedy transformed Immaculée into a strong woman dedicated to peace and reconciliation.

~ DIOCESAN NEWS ~

**~A Minute with Jesus during the National Eucharistic Revival
We need God's help to believe**

The Eucharist is beyond our ability to grasp fully. The Eucharist is a mystery, which means we would not know this is Jesus' Body and Blood without the Lord specifically saying these words to us in Scripture. We can understand this mystery to an extent, but not fully, because this mystery is of God, who is infinite. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: *Jesus, please open my heart to believe that You are truly present in the Holy Eucharist.* This week, read how St. Paul speaks of this mystery of the Eucharist in 1 Corinthians 11:23-26.

~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.

LDCCW Spring Convention "Celebrate Life"

April 13th 9:30 am -4:00 pm Radisson, La Crosse
Guest Speaker: Abby Johnson, Author of Unplanned, which was made into a movie of the same name. Ms. Johnson was a Planned Parenthood Director for many years. After witnessing an abortion on ultrasound Abby changed her position on abortion. Horrified by what she witnessed she became an outspoken pro-life advocate against Planned Parenthood and abortion. Her testimony is powerful and her message must be heard; abortion is the killing of innocent life and not simply a women's reproductive health issue. Cost \$65.00 which includes lunch Poster & registration forms on bulletin boards in back of church.

~The Shroud of Turin replica exhibit returns to the Shrine of Our Lady Guadalupe March 13, 2024 - March 20, 2024 @5:00 pm

View a life-size replica of the original Shroud of Turin, which is believed to be the burial cloth Jesus was wrapped in after His crucifixion. "It contains all of the information in the gospels, and then even more information that science has been able to extract from the shroud, showing the evidence that Jesus was a real person."

~Chrism Mass On March 26, 10:30 am at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral.


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. Please consider attending!



~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-luncheon/> by March 15 as seating is limited.




~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~



Jesus Shows His Glory

took Peter, James and John up a 

Suddenly His  became dazzling white, like the 

He began to speak with Moses and Elijah,  who appeared beside Him.  were terrified.

Peter said, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. Shall we build  : one for You, one for Moses and one for Elijah?" Then a  came over them, and a voice came out of it and said, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to Him." Then only  was there with them.

Coming down the , He told  not to tell anyone what happened until after He rose from the dead.

Later on, when Jesus was taken away and killed, the apostles were very sad. But some of them knew something amazing about Jesus. Like those apostles, when we are having a hard time we just need to think about Jesus. He is awesome and amazing, and waiting for us to come to Him in Heaven. The bad times will come, but Jesus is always there- we just need to remember Him!



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



- For Don Bina may he be welcomed into the heavenly kingdom by the communion of saints and for Don's family, may they find comfort in knowing their loved one is resting in eternal peace.
 - 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.
 - That we may answer, "Here I am, Lord," whenever, wherever and however God calls us to serve Him.
 - 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.
 - For the intentions listed in our parish book of prayer.
- To add a request call 608-788-1646 or email Sjrp2601@gmail.com