

~ PARISH INTENTIONS ~

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

MONDAY, MARCH 4TH

~5:30 pm-† Kay Roesler (E&MR)

TU SDAY, MARCH 5TH

~ 5:00 pm—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

~ 5:30 pm-† Ralph & Evelyn Mikshowsky (M&CM)

THURSDAY, MARCH 7TH

~ 8:30 am Mass— † Hegenbarth & Kammel family (R&DK family)

SATURDAY, MARCH 9TH

Fourth Sunday of Lent

~ 4:00 pm- † Earl Martin (RM)

Lector: Kathy Leis

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, MARCH 10TH

Fourth Sunday of Lent

~ 8:30 am— Our Parish Family

Lector: Sally Miller

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

Contributions for the past week

Adult Envelopes(36) :	\$ 2,675.30
Plate collection:	\$ 243.00
Initial Offering:	\$ 4.00
Total:	\$ 2,922.30

	5-year Goal:	\$140,000.00
	Pledged:	\$148,255.00
	Received:	\$60,595.00
	Remaining Amount:	\$79,405.00

~ PARISH CALENDAR ~

- **March 3**—3:00-5:00 pm **Bingo** at the school hall
- **March 6**—7:00 pm Stations of the Cross †
- **March 6**—Religious Education Class (not 6th or 8th)
- **March 6**—6:30 pm Confessions at St. Peters
- **March 13**—7:00 pm Stations of the Cross †
- **March 13**—Religious Education Class
- **March 13**—6:30 pm Confessions at St. Josephs
- **March 24**—*Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*
- **March 25**—9:00—6:00 pm Confessions at Cathedral
- **March 28** - 7:00 pm *Holy Thursday*
- **March 29**—3:00 pm *Good Friday*
- **March 30**—8:30 pm *Easter Vigil*
- **March 31**—8:30 am *Easter Sunday*

~ 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.

Thanks

for your **Generosity!**

2023-24 Goal:	\$21,915.00	
Pledged:	\$10,140.00	
Received:	\$9,400.00	
Remaining Amount Due:	\$12,515.00	

We have pledged only 46.27% of our goal for this year ending June 30th. Please consider donating according to your financial status.

FROM THE PASTOR



Third Sunday of Lent

"Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." John 2:13-25

Hard to believe this week we are already into the third Week of Lent. Before we know it, Holy Week will be upon us and we will then celebrate the glorious feast of Easter. In preparation for Easter, there will be two priests available to hear the Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Peters this Wednesday at 6:30 pm and at St. Joseph Parish on March 13th at 6:30 pm. I invite you to take some time to take part in this great sacrament of God's mercy.

In the Gospel, we hear the story of Jesus expelling the merchants from the temple, condemning commerce within the temple court. He told them "Stop making my father's house a marketplace." I invite you to reflect on how much of reverence is given to God's temple as we come to the church. Also how do we treat our body; temple of the Holy Spirit? St Paul in first Corinthians 6:19 tells "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own". Lent is the ideal time to clean out the Temple of Holy spirit and to offer to God proper worship. Allow God's Holy Spirit to take control our hearts and lives.

The month of March is dedicated to the devotion to St. Joseph. St. Joseph Patron and Protector of the Universal Church, is also the primary patron of the Diocese of La Crosse. Also, he is the patron saint of St Joseph Catholic church, our parish. March 19th we celebrate his feast. Holy Scripture proclaims him as a "just man". As the head and protector of the Holy Family and a humble carpenter, St. Joseph is the perfect role model for men as a father, husband and worker. Though the Gospels are silent on the remainder part of St. Joseph's life, it is believed that he died peacefully in the loving arms of Jesus and Mary in Nazareth before Jesus began His ministry at the age of 30. Thus, he became the patron of a happy death. We can invoke the intercession of St. Joseph on all who are in their last moments of life. Let us ask St. Joseph to defend and help us on our path toward Heaven and to grant us a love for Jesus and Mary like he had in his heart!

Live Jesus, Fr Biju MSFS

~ PARISH NEWS ~

PCCW News



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.



~ DIOCESAN NEWS ~

~A Minute with Jesus during the National Eucharistic Revival

As Catholics, we believe that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist.

We humbly give our assent to what has been handed on to us for the last 2,000 years through the one Church that Jesus founded. This assent (giving our "yes - I choose to believe") involves our commitment to persistence in prayer and study of Scripture in asking Jesus for deeper understanding regarding His true presence in the Eucharist. Let's pray this right now and every day this week:

"Lord Jesus, I believe; please help my unbelief."

This week, read how a father gives his assent to believing that Jesus can heal his son in Mark 9:20-27.

~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.



Eucharistic Rally June 7, 2024

Eucharistic Procession with Bishop Callahan & Bishop Barron.

Inspiring speakers:

Chris Stefanick, Immaculée Ilibagiza,...

Music by the Luke Spehar Band

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.

The registration link along with the schedule of the day can be found at the following link <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.

Celebrating the EUCHARIST

National Eucharistic Congress Pilgrimage:

In July 2024, the National Eucharistic Congress will be held in Indianapolis, Ind. This 5-day experience, "Eyes Opened, Hearts on Fire," will be held July 17-24, 2024. Speakers such as Bishop Robert Barron, Fr. Mike Schmitz, Fr. John Burns, Bishop Andrew Cozzens, and many more, will inspire and invite people to return to the source of our Faith in the celebration of the Eucharist. If you are interested in being part of this special pilgrimage, please email dbrannon@diolc.org

~ DIOCESAN NEWS ~

~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."

~Fish Fry—Mary Mother of Church on March 15th 4:00—7:00 pm

Dine-in or Carry-out, Baked or Fried Cod, Coleslaw, baked potato or fries, roll, 2-piece \$12; 3-piece \$14; \$5.00 Kids menu-grilled cheese fries, fruit; Beer Wine and Dessert available at dine-in for an additional cost

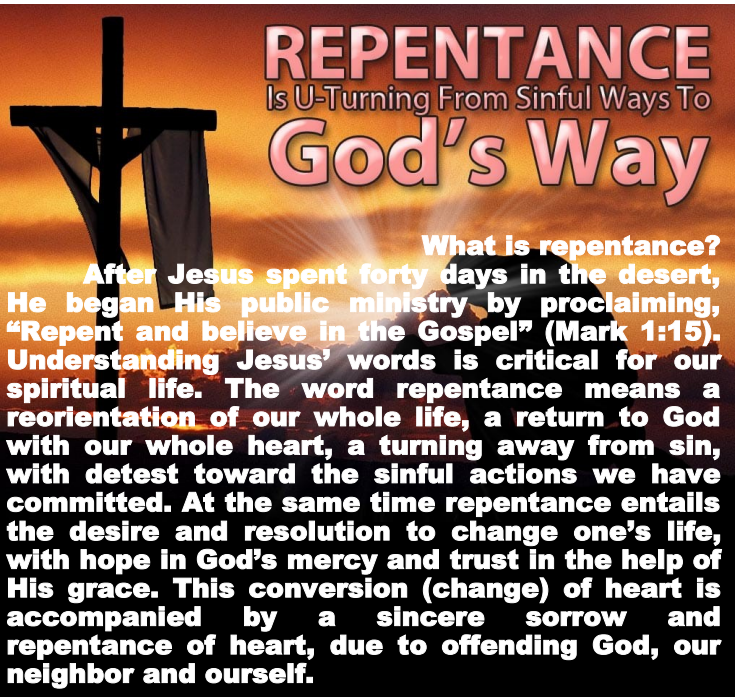
~Lenten Day of Recollection March 9, 2024 | All Day

The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, in La Crosse, WI will be hosting a Lenten Day of Recollection. The day includes talks on The Four Last Things: Death, Judgement, Hell, and Heaven. No admission cost! Learn more about the day's schedule at GuadalupeShrine.org/events !"

DCCW Spring Convention "Celebrate Life"
 April 13th 9:30 am -4:00 pm Radisson, La Crosse
 You are invited to come hear pro-life leader Abby Johnson La Crosse Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (DCCW) Biennial Convention. Abby was a Planned Parenthood director before undergoing a profound conversion in 2009, when she witnessed an ultrasound-guided abortion. Her story was portrayed in the major 2019 film Unplanned. To learn more and to register, visit dccw.org, Cost \$65.00 which includes lunch Poster & registration forms on bulletin boards in back of church.

~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 Sr. Catherine Kaiser, FSPA with the 'In My Name' award and Dan and Mary Mundt Reckase with the 'Bill Medland Faithful Servant' Award! 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.



REPENTANCE
Is U-Turning From Sinful Ways To
God's Way

What is repentance?
 After Jesus spent forty days in the desert, He began His public ministry by proclaiming, "Repent and believe in the Gospel" (Mark 1:15). Understanding Jesus' words is critical for our spiritual life. The word repentance means a reorientation of our whole life, a return to God with our whole heart, a turning away from sin, with detest toward the sinful actions we have committed. At the same time repentance entails the desire and resolution to change one's life, with hope in God's mercy and trust in the help of His grace. This conversion (change) of heart is accompanied by a sincere sorrow and repentance of heart, due to offending God, our neighbor and ourself.

~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~




Jesus at the Temple Word-Find

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Find all the words in CAPITALS and then use the letters that are left over to fill in the blanks at the end.

Jesus made a whip out of cords and DROVE them all out of the TEMPLE area, with the SHEEP and the OXEN, and SPILLED the COINS of the MONEY-changers and OVERTURNED their TABLES, and to those who sold DOVES he said, "Take these OUT of here, and STOP making my FATHER'S house a market place." His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, ZEAL for your HOUSE will consume me. The JEWS said to Him, "What sign can you SHOW us for doing this?" Jesus answered them and said, "Destroy this temple, and in THREE days I will raise it up." The Jews said, "This temple has been under construction for FORTY - SIX years, and you will raise it up in three days?" But He was speaking of _____ of _____

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.
- That we may learn to turn away from the false idols of our society – those visible and invisible.
- 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 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