

~ PARISH INTENTIONS ~

SATURDAY, MARCH 16TH

Fifth Sunday of Lent

~ 4:00 pm - † Madonna Bahr (Leis family)

Lector: Bill Weber

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, MARCH 17TH

Fifth Sunday of Lent

~ 8:30 am – † Francis Schmidt (K&RS)

Lector: Paula Silha

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

MONDAY, MARCH 18TH

~5:30 pm -† Paul Hundt (S&SM)

TUESDAY, MARCH 19TH

Solemnity of St. Joseph

~ 8:30 am -† Peggy Arentz (S&SM)

THURSDAY, MARCH 21ST

~ 8:30 am Mass-† Randy Bahr (MB)

SATURDAY, MARCH 23RD *Palm Sunday*

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

Lector: Jim Weber and Donnie Weber

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, MARCH 24TH *Palm Sunday*

~ 8:30 am – Our Parish Family

Lector: Donna Clements and Sally Miller

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

Contributions for the past week

Adult Envelopes(25) :	\$ 1,530.00
Plate collection:	\$ 283.00
Initial Offering:	\$ 20.00
Easter Flowers:	\$ 110.00
Total:	\$ 1,943.00

Thanks

for your

Generosity! 2023-24 Goal: \$21,915.00

Pledged: \$11,140.00

Received: \$10,400.00

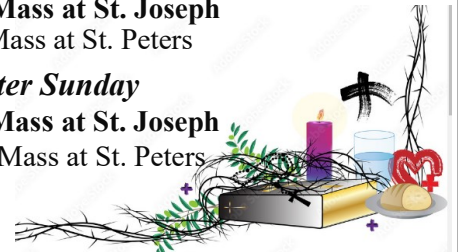
Remaining Amount Due: \$11,515.00



We have pledged only 50.83% of our goal for this year ending June 30th. Please consider donating according to your financial status.

~ PARISH CALENDAR ~

- **March 20**—7:00 pm Stations of the Cross †
- **March 20**—Religious Education Classes
- ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ **HOLY WEEK** ~ ~ ~ ~ ~
- **March 24**—*Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*
- **March 25**—9:00—6:00 pm Confessions at Cathedral
- **March 28 - Holy Thursday**
7:00 pm Mass at St. Joseph
8:00 pm Mass at St. Peters
- **March 29 - Good Friday**
2:30 pm Stations of the Cross-St. Joseph
3:00 pm Service St. Joseph
12:30 pm Stations of the Cross—St. Peters
1:00 pm Service at St. Peters
- **March 30 - Easter Vigil**
8:30 pm Mass at St. Joseph
8:30 pm Mass at St. Peters
- **March 31 - Easter Sunday**
8:30 am Mass at St. Joseph
10:00 am Mass at St. Peters



~ Ways to enhance your FAITH ~

* **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Tuesday: No Adoration ~ 8:30 am 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.

* **Wednesdays during Lent:**

Pray the Stations of the Cross
7:00 pm at St. Joseph
7:30 pm at St. Peters



FROM THE PASTOR



Fifth Sunday of Lent

John 12: 20-33

One more week and we will be entering Holy Week! Lent will come to an end soon. This is the right time to look at how our Lenten journey has been so far and how it still can be turned into a time for a more fruitful Christian living. As we approach the holy week, readings give us the opportunities to reflect about the last days of the Lord.

In the gospel we find Jesus announcing that His “hour” has come. The “hour” refers to His passion. Chapter 12 of John’s Gospel is a preparation for the beginning of the passion narrative to follow. Jesus has just raised Lazarus from the dead an important sign in John’s Gospel, which inspired many people to believe in Jesus. This event also marks the turning point in Jesus’ conflict with the Jewish authorities. John’s Gospel tells us that the Sanhedrin met after this event and made plans to kill Jesus.

Following his triumphant entry into Jerusalem, Jesus says “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified”. At the wedding in Cana Jesus said his hour had not yet come but in today’s Gospel he says “the hour has come for the son of man to be glorified”. The hour of glory for Jesus is his passion and death because when he is lifted up from the earth, he will draw all men to himself (John 12:32). Using the metaphor of the grain of wheat, Jesus presented the idea that his dying would be beneficial. He says “unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.”

As we continue our journey through Lent and draw near Holy Week, let us ponder on Jesus, the grain of wheat who fell on the ground and died but yielded a rich harvest. As we die to ourselves during Lent through our penance, may we produce a rich harvest.

I wish everyone Happy feast on the Solemnity of St. Joseph on March 19th also happy feast of St Patrick on March 17th . May St Joseph and St Patrick bless everyone.

Have a blessed lent! ✚✚✚ *Live Jesus, Fr Biju MSFS*

We need Revival: Attend “the ANSWER” Eucharistic Rally on June 7 as it travels through the Diocese of La Crosse

A revival involves the Holy Spirit opening our hearts in a deeper way so we can literally place Jesus Christ at the center of our lives. Join fellow parishioners and people from around the Diocese to encounter Christ in a deeper way and be transformed by inspiring presentations and prayer. Bishop Robert Barron, world renowned evangelist, will give the homily at Mass. Visit <https://diolc.org/the-answer> or use your smartphone’s camera to scan the QR code to the right for more information.

You won’t want to miss this!



~ PARISH NEWS ~



Parish Fundraiser!

Tickets will be sold after masses on March 16 & 17, and 23 & 24
Drawing for winners after mass on Palm Sunday—March 24th.



~ DIOCESAN NEWS ~

~A Minute with Jesus during the National Eucharistic Revival

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

~Chrism Mass |March 26 | 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.

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, March 26 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse. If you are unable to attend the Mass will be live streamed at diolc.org/live.

~Fish Fry—St. Charles School, Genoa-Friday March 22 5:00-7:00 pm

\$15.00 for 3 piece Cod, baked potato, coleslaw, baked beans, bun.
250 dinners—first come-first serve. Bingo 7:00 pm—9:00 pm

Schedule of Events for the Eucharistic Rally:

- Gathering at La Crosse Center
- 10-11:00 am Eucharistic Processing—pilgrimage from Cameron Street Bridge to the La Crosse Center
- 1:00 am—Mass
- 1:00 pm Opening, Bishop’s welcome
- 1:25 pm Christ Stefanick
- 3-4:15 pm Immaculée Ilibagiza
- 4:45-5:30 pm Luke Spehar Concert
- 5:30 pm Josh Rosa
- 7-7:30 pm Father Justin Kizewski
- 7:30-8:30 pm Holy Hour of Adoration



For more information
<https://diolc.org/the-answer>

~ DIOCESAN NEWS ~



~Justice & Peace Stations of the Cross
March 29 Good Friday 10 a.m.-noon
Meet at St. Rose Convent on the corner of
Market and 9th streets.

This form of the Way of the Cross – recalling the journey of Jesus as he carried his cross to Calvary to be crucified – is a two-mile community prayer walk from the heart of the city to the Mississippi River. We'll stop at 10 stations along the route to sing, pray and reflect on injustices and suffering in our community and the world.

People of all ages and faith backgrounds are invited to participate. This event is entirely outdoors; please dress for the weather. Also note: You will have to walk back to the stations' starting point or arrange for a ride back from Riverside Park.

Stops along the way are St. Rose Convent, St. Clare Health Mission, Coulee Recovery Center, Viterbo University, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Cameron Park, St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral, Salvation Army, La Crosse County Jail and Riverside Park.

Prayers leaders include Helen Elsbernd, FSPA; Abisola Clare Adelokun, DHS; Marlene Weisenbeck, FSPA; Nina Shephard, FSPA; Pastor Joanne Richmond, ELCA La Crosse Area Synod Bishop Felix Malpica, Michael Quam, Terry Parker and Sam Morris.

This event is FREE. Registration is appreciated but not required.
www.FSCenter.org | 608-791-5295

~**Domestic Church Retreat |April 13-14|Ss. Peter and Paul Parish in Wisconsin Rapids**

During the retreat, couples are invited to delve more deeply into the graces of their shared spiritual journey. The retreat aims to strengthen the couple's spousal union and lead them to experience complete harmony and joy in their marriage through simple formation and meaningful dialogue that intentionally places Christ in the center. To register and find out more information, click this link: diolc.org/marriage/marriage-enrichment/

~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~

Psalm 51 Word-Find

S A G R E A T N E S S
S C O M P A S S I O N
T G O D L V H M Y F P
E U D T A K E A T F R
A I N C L E A N S E E
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A O S T C R E A T E N
S N R E N E W S I N C
T H O R O U G H L Y E

See if you can find the words from today's Psalm that are in CAPITALS in the puzzle!

The leftover letters tell what the author of the Psalm was asking God for!

Have MERCY on me, O GOD,
in your GOODNESS;
in the GREATNESS of your COMPASSION
wipe OUT my OFFENCE.
THOROUGHLY WASH me from MY GUILT
and of my SIN CLEANSE me.

A clean HEART CREATE for me, O God,
and a STEADFAST spirit RENEW within me.
CAST me not out from your PRESENCE,
and your Holy Spirit TAKE not from me.

SAINTE PATRICK
MARCH 17

Prayer for the Faithful by St. Patrick

May the Strength of God guide us
May the Power of God preserve us
May the Wisdom of God instruct us
May the Hand of God protect us
May the Way of God direct us
May the Shield of God defend us
May the Angels of God guard us
-Against the snares of the evil one.
May Christ be with us!
May Christ be before us!
May Christ be in us!
May Christ be over all!
This day, O Lord, and forevermore.

Amen



Patrick was born to a Roman family in Britain. When he was still young he was kidnapped and taken to Ireland. He was sold as a slave. While looking after animals in the fields he had plenty of time to pray. After several years, he escaped and went back to England. He studied, became a priest and then was made a Bishop. Then he returned to Ireland. He taught the people of Ireland, who were all pagans, about God. The Pagan leaders who did not want Patrick to teach about God tried to get rid of him, but he stayed. St. Patrick died in Ireland in 461. By the time he died almost all of Ireland had converted to Christianity. Soon Missionaries from Ireland were bringing the faith to People all over the world! Pray that you will love God and be zealous like St Patrick!

Pray today and always



Lent is a time when more time should be set aside for prayer. Praying with Scripture is a privileged place to encounter Jesus. In this simple way of prayer, the Holy Spirit makes a connection between the Scripture passage and the person's life.

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, as God's chosen people, we may accept and follow God's plan to generously share our time, talent, and treasure with others.
- For all struggling with depression or anxiety, may the Lord pour his grace upon them and grant them healing and comfort.
- 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