

Diocesan and Community News

Message for the week of March 16:

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 (John 6: 48-51).

Mass & Soup Supper: Holy Trinity Parish, 13th St and Park Ave. La Crosse will have Mass at 5:30 p.m. on the five Tuesdays during Lent followed by a Soup Supper in Leo Hall-Free will offering. Hosted by St. Anne’s Ladies and Holy Trinity Men’s Club. All are welcome.

Fish Fry at St. Charles, Genoa – March 21, and April 4: Come enjoy a delicious Fish Fry at St. Charles School, 707 Eagle Street, Genoa, WI on March 7, March 21, and April 4th! Eat in or get it to go. Serving from 5 pm - 7 pm or gone, in the cafeteria. Dinner includes: 3 pieces of cod fish, baked potato, coleslaw, baked beans and a bun for \$15. Drinks and desserts sold separately. While you visit, play some games & enjoy the camaraderie!

Lenten Mission with Our Lady of Guadalupe:

When: March 22, 2025

Where: St. Patrick Parish, 118 S K St, Sparta, WI

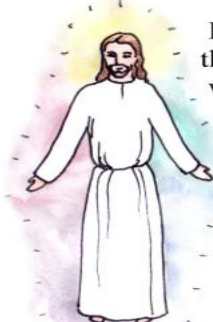
Join us as we explore one of the most amazing events in the history of the Church. Father Tim Oudenhoven will be presenting the vital message of Guadalupe for our troubled times. Let us stand close to Mary as she teaches us how to live for and love Jesus in our daily lives that all may come to believe and follow! Free Will Offering. Snacks & lunch will be provided. Schedule: 8:15 am Mass, 9:30-1:30 program, 1:30-3:30 Adoration & Confession, Mass at 4:30pm

Morning of Reflection: The Founder of W.I.N.E., Women in the New Evangelization, Kelly Wahlquist, is our speaker for this morning get together. It starts at 9 a.m. April 5, 2025, at the Cathedral. She is a dynamic and inspiring speaker that travels the United States with her message to be witnesses of our faith and part of the New Evangelization. This is an opportunity to have a wonderful conclusion to your Lent that will sustain you through the rest of this Jubilee year. All Catholic Women are welcome. There will be a light breakfast served and there is NO COST to anyone. It is sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of America, Court 1183, and the La Crosse Deanery Council of Catholic Women. For more information call or text Kay Kesler at: 608-780-0485 and to let her know how many people are coming.

St. Mary’s Men’s Club Spaghetti and Pasta Dinner: The Men’s Club will be hosting a spaghetti and pasta dinner on March 29, 2025 from 4-7 PM at St. Mary’s Church, 900 Central Ave, Coon Valley. \$12 adults, \$5 kids under 12, and children under 3 free. Get a plate of spaghetti or pasta with sauce and meatballs, garlic bread, salad, coffee, milk or water and ice cream for dessert. Wine and beer will be available for purchase. Hope to see you there!!

Kids Korner

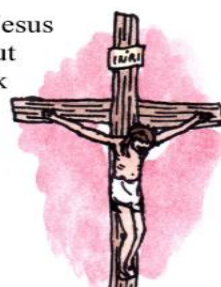
Looking at Jesus



In today's Gospel reading Jesus took three of His apostles up a mountain where they saw Him shining like the sun and talking with Moses and Elijah. They were talking about how Jesus was going to go to Jerusalem and be killed. The apostles were amazed and confused.

Jesus let the apostles see Him in glory to help them to understand why He had to suffer and die. We won't see Jesus in His glory until we see Him in Heaven, but it is good for us to think about the things that He and Moses and Elijah were talking about.

Look at a crucifix or picture of Jesus on the cross every day. Think about how much He loves you, and think about how you act toward Him. What can you do to love Him better? Lent is a good time to try to find ways to love Jesus more.



Answer to St. Joseph Puzzle:
L E 2 F 3 D 4 C 5 B 6 A

**Second Sunday of Lent
March 16th, 2025**

Jesus shone like the sun when He took his three friends up the mountain.

Luke 9:28-36



Peter was confused and said something without thinking. What did he say he could make?

Connect the dots to find out!

PASTOR

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday.....8:00 PM
Sunday.....10:00 AM

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday and Friday.....8:00 AM

ADORATION

Wednesday.....7:30 PM to 8:30 PM

CONFESSIONS

Wednesdays during Adoration & By Appointment

PARISH OFFICE (located in the church Sacristy)

Hours: Wednesday 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Friday 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Melissa Schaub.....Secretary/Bookkeeper

Office Phone: (608) 452-4680

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Bulletin deadline:Wednesday

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PARISH WEBMASTER Christopher Pundzak

SACRISTANS Richard Korish & Austin Menn

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Miranda Flock

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Mark Nicolai (Chairman), Rachel Persson,

Brandon Flock & Louisa Peterson

(Committee liaisons: Peter Benzing & Leo Leis)

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Tom Schaub, Mark Stephenson, Rob Slattery,

Peter Benzing, Kathy Flock, Sarah Gronemus

PCCW - Parish Council of Catholic Women

Pam Benzing, Mary Bach-Filla

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Leo Leis (Chairman), Mark Gronemus,

Pat Lucey, Don Halderson, David Scharping

CEMETERY SEXTON

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Deborah Leis.....(608) 632-7830

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Leland Gregorich, Organist

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**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 16, 2025**



CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR:

- Joining the Parish • Weddings • Baptisms
- Anointing of the sick (Please call Father Biju's cell phone)
- If you are home-bound & would like to be visited

Parish Intentions

3/19 Wednesday 8:00 AM –

The marriage of Timmy & Hannah Leis (MLH)

3/21 Friday 8:00 AM–

No Mass

3/22 Saturday 8:00 PM –

† Gene & Rosie Hurtz (HF)

3/23 Sunday 10:00 AM –

† Robert, John & Linda Mashak (JM)

Ministry Servers

Saturday March 22 – 8:00 PM

Servers: Brielle & Brooklyn Lundeen

Ushers: Don Halderson & Tim Leis

Lector: Lynda Hurtz

Sunday March 23 – 10:00 AM

Servers: Jake & Josh Peterson

Ushers: Mark Gronemus & Leo Leis

Lector: Joseph Peterson

Reminder We understand everybody's schedules get busy. If you are not able to make it on a day you are scheduled PLEASE make the effort to find a replacement or at least let somebody know ahead of time!!

Stations of the Cross

Wednesdays during Lent @ 7:30 PM

Adoration to follow

Parish Calendar of Events

Wed. March 19 - Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM

Sun. March 23 - Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM

Wed. March 26 - Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM

Sun. March 30 - Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM

Fri. April 4 - Anointing of the Sick Sacrament available; contact Fr. Biju to schedule

Sun. April 6 - Rosary in church @ 7:30 PM

Tues. April 8 - Parish Advisory Council meeting @ 7:00 PM

Wed. April 9 - Confessions/2 priests available @ 6:30 PM



“For we are co-workers; you are God’s field, God’s building.”

1 Corinthians 3:9

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1 CORINTHIANS 3:9

GOAL **\$12,520.00**

PLEGDED AND RECEIVED **\$12,679.00**

OF DONORS **35**



Pray Often & Daily!!!



Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target - \$1,870.00

Last Week's Total - \$924.00

\$946.00

Year to Date Target - \$67,320.00

Year to Date Total - \$61,566.19

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Readings for March 23, 2025

First Reading: Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

Gospel Reading: Luke 13:1-9

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



***NOTE*:** When sending money for flowers, mass intentions, church support or special collections PLEASE make out separate checks or cash as these things go into different accounts and it is easier for bookkeeping purposes.

St. Joseph's Ridge Mass Times

Saturday 4:00 p.m. and Sunday 8:30 a.m.

First Saturday Mass.....8:30am

Confession time available after Mass

Monday5:30pm

Tuesday..... 5:30pm

(Adoration before Mass beginning at 5:00 pm)

Thursday.....8:30am

From the Pastor's Pen

Second Sunday of Lent

On the second Sunday of Lent, we always hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration. The Transfiguration occurs on a mountain in the presence of just three of Jesus' disciples—Peter, James and John. While Jesus was praying “the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white.” Moses and Elijah were also there talking with Jesus.

The three of the apostles saw a glimpse, a tiny glimpse, of who Jesus was. That would transform them and sustain them through some dark moments following Jesus’ arrest and passion. The transfiguration experience of Jesus is about a message of hope and encouragement in moments of doubt and despair. This is an experience of reassurance. In those moments, what we hear is “This is my chosen Son; listen to Him.” as we continue our Lenten journey and Jesus continues his own journey towards Jerusalem.

Remember that on Wednesdays I encourage families to come to the Stations of the Cross at 7:00 at St. Joseph and 7:30 at St. Peter. Through it we relive the Via Dolorosa (Sorrowful Street) with Christ guided by passages from the scriptures and prayers from the liturgy. This is one of the ways by which we can participate in Lent, focused on Jesus and his passion which he endured for us.

Have a blessed Lent.

Live Jesus, Fr Biju MSFS

Parish News

Stations of the Cross: On Wednesdays during Lent we will recite the Stations of the Cross beginning at 7:30 pm with Adoration to follow. This is a prayerful biblical meditation of 14 incidents from the Gospel accounts and traditions of the journey of Jesus from Pilate’s house to being placed in the tomb. If you would like to volunteer to be the reader, please contact the parish office.

Children’s Choir: You’ve been making good progress learning the parts to the new Mass of St. Brigid. Our next Saturday practice will be March 22nd at 3:00 pm. We will also practice after mass on Sunday March 30th. We will be singing this new mass on Easter Sunday. All school age children are welcome to join at any time. * The adult choir will sing the Mass of St. Brigid for the Easter Vigil mass. *

Penance Services Available: There will be confessions available at St. Peters on April 9th beginning at 6:30 pm until done. As previous years, there will be 2 priests available. This year the sacristy location will have a divider to be able to choose between a private or face-to-face confession. Two priests will be available at St. Josephs on Wednesday, April 2nd, beginning at 6:30 pm until done. There is also an opportunity at the Cathedral on April 14th from 9:00 AM-6:00 PM with several priests available.

Diocesan Annual Appeal: We have reached our goal of \$12,520. Don’t stop now!! Any money collected over our goal comes back to St. Peter’s for our own use towards projects and evangelization.

First Sunday Rosary: We pray the rosary on the first Sunday of each month in church at 7:30 PM. **The next one will be April 6th.** Please plan to attend to pray as our Holy Mother has called us to do.

Anointing of the Sick: Fr. Biju will be available to perform this Sacrament on the first Friday of the month after daily mass. Please contact him directly if you or a family member would like to receive. **This is available next on April 4th.**

An Opportunity for a Deeper Experience of God’s Presence - Jubilee of Hope 2025: You are encouraged to participate in this Jubilee of Hope to receive God’s gifts and experience His presence in a much deeper way. The gift of hope is especially important for us. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* defines hope as “the theological virtue by which we desire the Kingdom of Heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ’s promises and relying not on our own strength, but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit” (CCC 1817). Ask God to increase the gift of hope in you. Further, make simple acts of hope by saying, “Jesus, I trust in You.” For further details, visit diolc.org/jubilee-2025-pilgrims-of-hope.

DIocese of LA CROSSE GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING INSTANCES OF CHILD ABUSE: The Diocese of La Crosse, through its policies and procedures, seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor or volunteer). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Mrs. Teresa Brown, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Brown at 608.791.0179 or intakeagent@diolc.org. The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at: diolc.org/safe-environment/reporting. Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local Parish and on the diocesan website. If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, please contact Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at 608.791.2679 or tbrown@diolc.org.