

Diocesan and Community News

Supporting your Church: In good times and bad times, Catholic faithful have supported the church generously. Your Parish needs your generous support to continue. Collections at Weekly Masses are the main source of income. We need to consider alternative options to continuing your contributions to the Church. Our bank is not able to process ACH payments. You can mail in your weekly/monthly offering to the parish office. (W697 State Hwy 33 Rockland, WI 54653)

Pray for Dobbs, Pray for our Supreme Court Justices: Dobbs vs. Jackson Women’s Health is the Supreme Court case that could overturn Roe v. Wade—the decision that made abortion legal in all 50 states. Nine justices stand between life and death for millions of innocent children and their mothers. The hearing began Dec. 1, with a ruling expected in June. Pleaser fast and pray for God’s grace to touch our Supreme Court justices. For more information and resources, visit PrayforDobbs.com.

Crosswoods Family Camp in Wisconsin: You are invited to attend Catholic "Family Camp" June 10-12, 2022 at CrossWoods Adventure Camp, LLC, which is owned and operated by a Catholic family in the diocese. Alice Heinzen is coming to speak this year. Please see the flier in the back of church. You can also visit crosswoods.camp for further details and to see pictures of this beautiful camp.

WOMEN OF COURAGE, WOMEN OF VIRTUE: Have you ever wondered who are the women martyrs honored in the Eucharistic Prayer? Saints Perpetua and Felicity. All women in the La Crosse Deanery are invited to a LENTEN MORNING OF REFLECTION on March 5 at the Cathedral of St. Joseph to learn more about these women of courage and virtue. The day begins with 8 AM Mass, followed by a continental breakfast and presentations by Mrs. Clare Ruff. Sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of America Court 1183. Reservations (helpful) to contact Therese Boisvert, Regent at therese351@live.com or 608-784-3762 and leave a message.

The St. Anthony Retreat Center will have a Lenten Weekend Retreat and Lenten Day of Prayer coming up, as well as a Men's Retreat. The Time to Heal retreat is finally happening this Spring. For those who have lost a loved one from suicide or lost a spouse, this can a very healing experience. See information in the back of church on the bulletin board.

The Search Lenten Program: We all have questions about our faith. This Lent come on a journey with us as we ask questions about ourselves, God, Jesus, and the Catholic Church. We have two local opportunities for you to join us. Both sessions will include a 30 minute video followed by a question and answer period led by a priest.

TUESDAYS: February 22 - April 5 at St. Patrick’s Parish, 1031 Main Street, Onalaska, WI 54650 6:30 - 8:00 pm, Parish Hall Sessions led by Fr. Aaron Becker. **FRIDAYS:** February 25 - April 8 at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral, 530 Main St. La Crosse, WI 54601 9:00 - 10:30 am, Undercroft (downstairs) Sessions led by Msgr. Gilles. **SESSION TOPICS** include WEEK 1 – What Do You Seek?, WEEK 2 – Who Are You?, WEEK 3 – Why a God?, WEEK 4 – What’s Our Story?, WEEK 5 – Who is Jesus?, WEEK 6 – Am I Saved? and WEEK 7 – Why a Church?

Kids Korner

Being Merciful

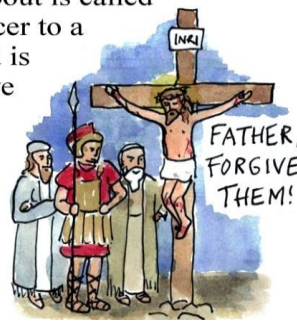
YOU'RE SHARING WITH ME EVEN THOUGH I WAS MEAN TO YOU?



In today’s Gospel reading Jesus tells us to be more kind and generous to others than they are to us. He tells us that the way we treat others is how God will treat us.

Has anyone ever been unkind to you and you felt like getting even by being mean back? Jesus tells us that what we should do instead is be extra kind to that person. Sometimes we do mean or selfish things too, and we hope that God will forgive us.

What our Lord is talking about is called mercy. Mercy means being nicer to a person than they deserve. God is the most merciful of all and we should try our best to be like Him. Next time someone is mean to you ask Jesus to help you forgive that person and be kind to them.



Answer to Word-Find page: BE MERCIFUL

David and King Saul Word-Find

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See if you can find all the words in CAPITALS in this story of David and King Saul.

Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

LONG AGO GOD chose SAUL to be the king of the ISRAELITES. Sometimes Saul WAS a good RULER and sometimes he wasn't. When David became a great WARRIOR the people STARTED to love HIM more than they LOVED King Saul. The king became ENVIOUS and wanted to kill DAVID, so he took his SOLDIERS and WENT HUNTING for him. But that night when the KING and his soldiers were SLEEPING, David FOUND them. He could have easily KILLED King Saul, but he CHOSE to be MERCIFUL INSTEAD. He went AWAY without HURTING Saul.



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 9:00 PM

CONFESSIONS

Wednesdays during Adoration
& By Appointment

PARISH OFFICE (located in the church Sacristy)

Hours: Wednesday 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Friday 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

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Bulletin deadline:Wednesday

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SACRISTANS Richard Korish & Austin Menn

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Mary Hundt, Coordinator.....(608) 780-6172

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Dan Korn, Gary Flock, Michael Hundt
(Committee liaisons: Peter Benzing & Leo Leis)

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Tom Schaub, Mark Stephenson, Rob Slattery,
Peter Benzing, Chris Pundzak, Kathy Flock

PCCW - Parish Council of Catholic Women

Pam Benzing, Mary Bach-Filla, LaVonne Hundt

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Leo Leis (Chairman), Mark Gronemus,
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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 20, 2022



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

2/23 Wed. 8:00 AM – † Kathy Doyle

(ANN)

2/25 Fri. 8:00 AM – Rebecca’s Special

Intentions (RJK)

2/26 Sat. 8:00 PM – † Arlene Schmidt

(NDB)

2/27 Sun. 10:00 AM – † Jim Smith

(ANN)

3/2 Wed. 8:00 PM – † Cathy Clements

(SAH)

2021-22 Diocesan Annual Appeal

Goal: \$10,765.00

Total Pledged: \$6,680.00

Total Received: \$6,520.00

Under Goal: \$4,085.00

Participation: 62%

Pray Often & Daily!!!

Parish Finances

Weekly Target - \$1,700.00

Last Week’s Total - \$2,262.00

\$562.00

Year to Date Target - \$56,100.00

Year to Date Total - \$48,467.22

-\$7,632.78

Readings for February 27, 2022

First Reading: Sirach 27:4-7

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Gospel Reading: Luke 6:39-45

Prayer for Spiritual Communion: My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire You with all my heart. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already in my heart and unite myself to You completely. Please do not let me ever be separated from You. Amen.

Ministry Servers

Saturday February 26 -

Servers: Rebecca Schaub & Isabell Korn

Ushers: Tom Schaub & Ron (Alex) Hurtz

Lector: Melissa Schaub

Sunday February 27 -

Servers: Lukas Slattery & James Hundt

Ushers: Peter Benzing & Rob Slattery

Lector: Pam Benzing

Ash Wednesday March 2 -

Servers: Matthew & Andrew Schaub

Ushers: Don Halderson & Mike Schaub

Lector: Dan Korn

***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!!**

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday: 7:30 – 9:00 pm

Come spend some quiet time with Jesus. Confessions available.

Parish Calendar of Events

Wed. Feb. 23 – Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM

Sun. Feb. 27 – Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM

Wed. March 2 – Grades 7-10 CCD Students - Attend Ash Wednesday mass with your family

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

Sun. March 6 – Cabin Feverfest Doors open at Noon

Sun. March 6 – Rosary in church @ 7:00 PM



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
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's gospel reading is a continuation of the teaching that began in last Sunday's gospel. We continue to hear Jesus' Sermon on the Plain. The teaching of Jesus in today's gospel constitutes the crux and the challenge of what it means to be a disciple: Love your enemies, turn the other cheek, give to those who ask, do to others as you would have them do to you, lend without expecting repayment, judge not lest you be judged.

Is it possible to live the teachings of Jesus that we hear in today's Gospel? *To love the people who are hardest to love, pray for people you don't like, give things away, don't ask for them back, let people take things, don't ask for them back, let people strike you, don't strike back, don't judge, don't condemn, be kind, forgive, and . . . do it all without expecting anything in return.* Is this possible? Or is it idealistic, unattainable, and unlivable? I think to live them is the mark of being his disciple. That is what matters in life. Friday morning as I write this message it was with the thoughts of one of my friends Mary Beth who passed away at Tomah hospice center in the early hours of the day. I met her at Sacred Heart hospital in Eau Claire. She was away from the church but came back later on. She had a peaceful death reconciled to God and others. It's a blessing to live that life which Jesus demands of us. It takes conscious effort and grace from God.

The Season of Lent will soon be here with the celebration of Ash Wednesday on March 2. During the 2022 Lenten Season, I encourage you to attend one of our daily Masses, come to church for some quiet and prayerful time with the Lord, and join us for Adoration or Stations of the Cross. It is a period of renewal, a time to simplify our lives by looking at things that really matter. As we prepare to begin the Season of Lent, I offer you these words of Pope Francis: In our Lenten journey towards Easter, let us remember the One who "humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross" (Phil2:8). During this season of conversion, let us renew our faith, draw from the "living water" of hope, and receive with open hearts the love of God, who makes us brothers and sisters in Christ. At the Easter vigil, we will renew our baptismal promises and experience rebirth as new men and women by the working of the Holy Spirit. This Lenten journey, like the entire pilgrimage of the Christian life, is even now illumined by the light of the resurrection, which inspires the thoughts, attitudes and decisions of the followers of Christ. May the Lord help us to have a grace filled season of Lent.

We have a new holy water receptacle. Thanks to Ann Hundt and family for their generosity. We will bless it next weekend. It is a gift from the family in memory of Stanley Hundt. May his soul rest in peace.

Have a great weekend

Live Jesus, Fr Biju

Parish News

Ash Wednesday: Mass will be March 2nd at 8:00 PM. St. Joe’s has a mass at 6:00 PM. 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.

Cabin Feverfest: We are planning our Euchre tournament and soup luncheon for Sunday March 6th. Doors will open at Noon and cards will start at 1:00 pm. **The sign-up sheet for donated food items and help needed is in the back of church along with posters that you can take around to your favorite places.** Cost will be \$10 per person with 1st-4th prizes awarded. Come join us & tell your friends!!

First Sunday Rosary: We will be praying the rosary on the first Sunday of each month in church at 7:00 PM. The next one will be **March 6th**. Please plan to attend to pray as our Holy Mother has called us to do.

St. Joseph Ridge Parish February Friday Fun Night: Join us for a Fun Night on Friday, February 25th from 6-10 PM at the Parish Hall located at W2621 State Rd 33, La Crosse. A \$10 admission fee covers your food and drink. The night includes games of chance, cash raffle, walk around gun raffle, door prizes and a great time!