



**February 16, 2020**  
**SIXTH SUNDAY IN**  
**ORDINARY TIME**

#### **FROM OUR PASTOR**

Having just celebrated St. Valentine's Day I would offer some advice from the book, "101 Tips for a Happier Marriage." No matter our situation we can always use encouragement. It is good to know that others are in our corner. As a parish, let us pray for all of our married couples.

-- *Picture yourself satisfied with life and happy to be alive, focusing on what you do have rather than what you don't.* People divorce because they believe it will make them happier. Instead of dwelling on the traits you wish your spouse had, try thinking about the positive traits that made you fall in love in the first place. Odds are that he or she hasn't changed that much.

-- *Picture yourself living to a ripe old age. For men, divorce is about as dangerous as picking up a pack-a-day cigarette habit. Being unmarried shortens a woman's life span by more years than having cancer or living in poverty.* The bottom line here is clear: Your marriage matters--not just to your children and friends who need your good example, but also to yourself. If you're not trying to make it work for others' sake, can you at least do it for yourself? If your marriage is on the rocks, seek help and don't give up.

-- *Imagine your child's graduation from high school. You're proud of them. You're proud of yourself and your spouse because you know you have contributed to their success. Children of married parents are more likely to finish high school, go to college, and have good grades than are children of divorced parents.* Sometimes divorcing couples say all they have in common anymore is the kids. As important as your children are, your spouse still comes first. Make time alone with each other a priority in order to strengthen your relationship. Then, not only will you have raised great, well-adjusted kids, but, by your example, you will help them provide you with great grandkids.

-- *Imagine your child's (or future child's) wedding day. The bride is radiant. The groom is confident. They are both hopeful. Children of divorced parents have more difficulty trusting others and forming lasting relationships, and are more likely to get divorced themselves.* The foundation for happily married couples begins with happily married parents. Instead of watching the divorce rate rise, let's help young people by demonstrating a more positive trend--life long marriage.

A word of encouragement from the Roman Ritual: the Order of Celebrating Matrimony #9. "Through this Sacrament, the Holy Spirit brings it about that, just as Christ loved the Church and gave himself up for her, Christian spouses also strive to nurture and foster their union in equal dignity, mutual giving, and the undivided love that flows from the divine font of charity. In this way, uniting divine and human realities, they persevere in good times and in bad, faithful in body and mind, remaining complete strangers to any adultery and divorce."

As we can see, and many have experienced, marriage is not easy and needs prayer but is a pathway to holiness & love in ways not expected on the day you exchange your vows.

*Father John*

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#### **WEEKEND MASSES**

Saturday 5:00 PM  
Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

#### **WEEKDAY MASSES**

Tuesday 5:30 PM  
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8:00 AM  
First Saturdays 8:00 AM

#### **DAILY ROSARY**

Before 8 AM Mass at 7:25 AM

#### **CONFESSIONS**

Saturdays at 4:00 PM

#### **EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION**

First Fridays beginning at 9:00 AM  
All other Fridays beginning at 3:00 PM  
Benediction at 4:00 PM

### **Mass Intentions for the week of February 16, 2020**

Sat. Feb. 15	5:00 PM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Howard G. Rose</i>
Sun. Feb. 16	8:00 AM	For <i>our Parishioners</i> <i>and our School Children</i>
	10:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>John Kueppers</i>
Tue. Feb. 18	5:30 PM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Bernard &amp; Darlene Perz</i>
Wed. Feb. 19	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Andy Petrowitz</i>
	2:00 PM	FAIRVIEW NURSING HOME For the repose of the souls of <i>Andrew &amp; Marie Lobenstein</i>
	6:00 PM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Marcella (Judy) Prengel</i>
Thu. Feb. 20	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Sandy Sarazin</i>
Fri. Feb. 21	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>John Modjeski</i>
Sat. Feb. 22	5:00 PM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Francis McCoy</i>
Sun. Feb. 23	8:00 AM	For <i>our Parishioners</i>
	10:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Virginia Rhyner</i>

**Pray for the health of** Max Teumer, Ben Reynebeau, Julie (Watry) Stoner, Rosemary Lehen, Patrick Lewis, Vivian G., Russell Fairchild, William Roberts, Deb Beyer, Diana Hunt, Jessie Norton, Tricia Demmin, Bernard Resch, Laverne, Karen Caple, Lis, Joe Dolphin, Mary Ann Witcraft, Bill Chase, Kathy, Kiley Hackel, Shari Randall, Helen Eucolono, Ethel Passer, Sid Mead, Steve, Marie Hersil, Becky Fredrickson, Mary W., Sally Haas, Bob W., Therese, Mary Sauer, Pete Ruland, Audrey Gillen, Rita Kueppers, Cindy Mueller, Lucille Ryczek, George Gabay, Jim Smith, Sadie Ravenscroft, Anne Nancolas, Rosemary Wier, Jim Czajka, RM, Floyd Babcock, Payton, Veronica, Kathryn Doughty, Patricia, Eric Erskine, the Moore Family, JM, Carl Wier, Carole Hayes, Tillie Schumacher, Bill Loescher, Fran Watry, Harold Smith, Caroline Christopher, the Johnston Family, Ralph Hamm, Millie Hovde, Bill Eisch, Mary Lechleiter, Bernadine Seitz, Dave Lewis and Marie Boehm.

**Pray for those in the military serving our country:** Jason Witkowiak, John Miller, Tera Walsh, Casey Chamberlain, Chris Dvorak, Paul Knudtson, Jon Taylor, Jessica Burch, Mandy Gardner, Aaron Hoogland, Janie Asberry, Jessica Tremain, Andrei Klika-Sampe, Zachary Bader, Will Post and Adam Field.

**Please join us for a Holy Hour for Penance and Healing on Saturday, February 22nd, our Diocesan Day of Healing, at 3pm.**

### **Ash Wednesday Masses ~ February 26, 2020**

**8:00 AM and 6:00 PM**

**For those subscribing to "The Word Among Us",** your Lenten issue is available at the rectory.

### **Stewardship Corner ~ February 9th & 10th, 2020** **(534 Registered Families)**

	<b>WKLY BUDGETED</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>
Adult Envelopes	\$10,776.27	\$ 5,498.00
On-Line Giving		1,786.00
Children's Envelopes	19.23	8.00
Loose Offering	596.15	415.00
Total Weekly Offering:	\$11,391.65	\$ 7,707.00

Budget Contingency Fund \$ 46.00

Year-to-date\* budget requirement \$ 375,924.45

Year-to-date amount contributed \$ 336,185.07

\*Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 to current date

We ask you to join us in praying sincerely for guidance and success in helping to meet the temporal needs of our Church so that we can carry on our spiritual mission.

### **Weekly Calendar**

Tuesday	Feb. 18	7:00 PM	KC's Meeting—RH
Wednesday	Feb. 19		Religious Ed Classes
		6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	Feb. 20	10:30—1	Rosary Makers—RH
		6:00 PM	Parish Council Mtg.
Friday	Feb. 21	8:45 AM	Friday Folders

**Knights of Columbus Meeting**—Tuesday, February 18th at 7 PM in Reardon Hall. All men are invited to be a part of the Knights of Columbus.

**Discerning a Vocation to the Permanent Diaconate?** If you are a man between 30 and 60 years of age and think God may be calling you to be a permanent deacon, there will be a Diaconate Discernment Retreat on Saturday, April 4, 2020. The first step is to contact Deacon Kevin Ray, Director of the Office for the Diaconate. Email [kray@diolc.org](mailto:kray@diolc.org), or call 608.791.2665.

**Safe Haven Sunday – Year II** ~ In the digital age, it's not a matter of if your child will see something inappropriate online. It's only a matter of when. To help you combat the pervasiveness of pornography, we will be recognizing Safe Haven Sunday on February 23. We all must respond by defending the dignity of each and every person and if needed, to heal ourselves from exposure to its snares. A thorough collection of resources for parents, pastors and parishes is available at: [diolc.org/marriage/addressing-pornography/](http://diolc.org/marriage/addressing-pornography/)

**Home and School Trivia Night ~ March 14th.** Join us for the annual Home & School Trivia Night. We are looking forward to the rousing competition and fun at this event. Registration information is available in the gathering area!

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

Sunday, February 16th from 9 AM—12 noon  
~ in Reardon Hall. Come and enjoy a wonderful breakfast and support our KC's and the St. Patrick's 5th grade class.

### **Bishop's Annual Appeal**

**"Working Together, Sharing Joy, Standing Firm in the Faith"**

Our 2019—2020 target is \$37,940.00.

**97 families have pledged \$23,755 to date. Thank you!**

Pledge forms are available in the gathering area and at the rectory office.

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of February 15 & 16****Saturday, 5:00 PM**

Lectors: Jerilynn Kolba  
 Extraordinary Minister: Dorothy Gorski  
 Servers: Nolan Powers, Karter & Gracey Kobylski  
 Greeters: Marge Tremain, Joan Potter, Claire Fischbach  
 Musicians: Ann Benz, Elliot Thayer  
 Gift Bearers: Gary Rose  
 Scrip Seller: Laura Vinopal  
 Ushers: Carrol Kaiser, Greg Gruber, Mark Heitman,  
 Dustin Ryberg

**Sunday, 8:00 AM**

Lectors: Bridget Gunther, Mary Ann Strack  
 Servers: Seth Schwedsky, Cody & Blake Komiskey  
 Greeters: Ron & Marge Bailey, Amelia Gunther  
 Musicians: Ann Benz, Sadie Eckerman  
 Gift Bearers: Jim & Debbie Bires  
 Scrip Seller: Melissa Fry  
 Ushers: Ushers: Larry Lubinski, Jim Bires, Arris Sullivan,  
 Dave Netzer

**Sunday, 10:00 AM**

Lectors: Howard Boppert, Jaime Pouillie  
 Extraordinary Minister: Gina Boppert  
 Servers: Caroline Marien, Eli Boppert, Garrett Pouillie  
 Greeters: Corwin & Marlene Tralmer, Catherine Murray  
 Musicians: Peg Schmitz, Choir  
 Gift Bearers: Rita Kueppers  
 Scrip Seller: Jodi Field  
 Ushers: John Walsh Jr., Jeanne Walsh, Mary Ann Allaby,  
 Jim Allaby

**10:00 AM Nursing Home Service:**

Deacon Juan Delgado

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of February 22 & 23****Saturday, 5:00 PM**

Lectors: Jaime Pouillie  
 Extraordinary Minister: David Hoffmann  
 Servers: Nolan Powers, Sena Vinopal  
 Greeters: Jerry & Monica Niles, Donna Bollig, Dustin Ryberg  
 Musicians: Peg Schmitz  
 Gift Bearers: Donna McCoy & Family  
 Scrip Seller: Laura Schwab  
 Ushers: Carrol Kaiser, Greg Gruber, Mark Heitman,  
 Dustin Ryberg

**Sunday, 8:00 AM**

Lectors: Gail Boehm, Veronica Sustar  
 Servers: Eli Schanke, Weston & Garrett Pouillie  
 Greeters: Larry & Tina Moore  
 Musicians:  
 Gift Bearers: Larry & Tina Moore  
 Scrip Seller: Therese Gunther  
 Ushers: Ushers: Larry Lubinski, Jim Bires, Arris Sullivan,  
 Dave Netzer

**Sunday, 10:00 AM**

Lectors: Sue Hollenbeck  
 Extraordinary Minister: Mary Beth Crowley  
 Servers: Johann & Martin Wolf, Dylan Walsh  
 Greeters: Kris Mazur, Bill Thill, Devan Minard  
 Musicians: Bill Ryan  
 Gift Bearers: Sue & Fred Hollenbeck  
 Scrip Seller: Julie Whitney  
 Ushers: John Walsh Jr., Jeanne Walsh, Mary Ann Allaby,  
 Jim Allaby

**10:00 AM Nursing Home Rosary:**

Harry & Shirley Buttner

**Please join us for a Couple's Fiesta!** Enjoy Mexican food and a game night in Reardon Hall on Sat. Feb. 29 ~ 6pm-8:30pm. This is a potluck so we ask that if you have been married: 1-10 yrs: please bring taco shells and toppings, 11-19 yrs: a side dish, 20-29 yrs: meat or beans, and 30+ yrs: dessert. We hope to see you there!

**IT'S BAAACK! Our TRADITIONAL Saint Patrick's Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner** (with potatoes and carrots) will be held on Sunday, March 8. Serving from 11 AM to 1 PM. The cost is \$10 per person or \$30 per family. Children under five are free. Please join our celebration!

**St. Mary's Parish ~ Lyndon Station Annual Ham Dinner—**Sunday, March 15th. Serving from 11 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**St. Patrick Parish in Sparta invites you to a powerful parish retreat** beginning Sunday, February 16 for three nights, sessions at 7:00 p.m. at St. Patrick's - Sparta. Father John Riccardo, a classmate of Fr. Eric Berns, is a well-known evangelizer and founder of Acts XXIX ministry. The retreat, titled "Recapturing the Big Picture," will be sure to fan into a flame your relationship with Jesus. Father Riccardo and his team normally do not bring their ministry directly into parishes, so this will be a rare opportunity. Please join them on February 16th in Sparta.

**Vote in the Judicial Primary Tuesday, February 18 ~** Three candidates are running in the February 18 primary for Wisconsin Supreme Court. You can learn their judicial philosophy at a number of sites, including [www.ballotpedia.org](http://www.ballotpedia.org) and [www.wifamilycouncil.org](http://www.wifamilycouncil.org). For general information on voting, visit [www.wisconsinvote.org](http://www.wisconsinvote.org). The courts have a vitally important role in our government. Be sure to exercise your right and responsibility to vote.

**The La Crosse and Eau Claire Council of Catholic Women deaneries** are uniting to host an event for women of all ages that will revive in them the nobleness of their mission, the dignity of their vocation, and their call to holiness as women reflecting Christ. This special day for ladies is a lovely one-day conference to be held at St. Mary's Community Center, Altoona, WI on Saturday, March 7th, 2020. Singles, religious, young ladies in high school, mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers will be edified and challenged to fully embrace their call to holiness. For more information please call Julianna Brindle at 715-456-6351 or email at [julianna.brindle@gmail.com](mailto:julianna.brindle@gmail.com)

**Blessed Sacrament Parish (La Crosse) Women's Club March Market ~** Saturday, March 7th. Free Admission. Vendors/ Handi-crafters \$25 / table. For more information visit the parish website at [www.bsplacrosse.org](http://www.bsplacrosse.org) or call Barb at 608-784-6974

**South Central Shamrock St. Patrick's Dinner & Celebration** in honor of Irish Rose and Irish Man for 2020 ~ Saturday, March 7th. Kathleen Crowley Marien – Irish Rose and Dennis Boland – Irish Man for 2020 will be honored. Where: Reedsburg Country Club at 5:30 followed by dinner at 6:30. Cost is \$27 for adults and \$15 for children under 12. Send reservations by Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> to: Jolene Crowley E 10870 Terrytown Rd Baraboo, WI 53913. Checks should be made out to: South Central Shamrock Club of WI

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## Formed ~ Pick of the Week

This Friday, we celebrate the Chair of Peter the Apostle. Pope Benedict XVI described the chair as "a symbol of the special mission of Peter and his successors to tend Christ's flock, keeping it united in faith and in charity." Dr. Tim Gray walks us through the significance of Jesus giving Peter the "keys of the kingdom," and how through Peter's mission, He was restoring and perfecting his Church.