



February 18, 2024

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, Praise be to the Lord.

Lent is a forty-day journey of preparation, self-denial, repentance, and renewal. It begins on Ash Wednesday and continues through Holy Saturday, when we await the burst of resurrection life that is Easter Sunday. The Lenten journey echoes Israel's forty years in the wilderness and Jesus' forty days of testing in the wilderness. The wilderness has a way of softening our hearts and quieting the noise outside us and within us.

It's an opportunity to more deeply commune with God and give our attention to Him. It isn't for the spiritually self-satisfied. Every ordinary disciple of Jesus is encouraged to set aside this time to fan the flame of God's grace in our hearts.

The retreat leader and spiritual director Marjorie Thompson tells the story of a conversation between an eighteenth-century priest and an elderly peasant who would sit alone for long hours in the quiet of the church. When the priest asked what he was doing, the old man simply replied, "I look at Him, He looks at me, and we are happy." – John Mark Comer, *Practicing the Way*.

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT? (In the words of Pope Francis)

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

God bless, Fr. Jey.

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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturdays ~ 5 PM
Sundays ~ 8 AM & 10 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 ~ 4 PM—4:45 PM
& Following 1st Saturday 8 AM Mass

EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION

First Fridays following 8 AM Mass
Benediction at 4:00 PM
All other Fridays beginning at 3:00 PM
Benediction at 4:00 PM

Mass Intentions for the week of February 18, 2024

Sat. Feb. 17	5:00 PM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Derek Joseph Hines</i>
Sun. Feb. 18	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Marv Mullenberg</i>
	10:00 AM	For <i>our Parishioners</i>
Tues. Feb. 20	5:30 PM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Mary Buttner</i>
Wed. Feb. 21	8:00 AM	For the repose of the souls of <i>Louis & Genevieve Vinopal</i>
	6:15 PM	For the repose of the souls of <i>Helen & Joseph Slowinski</i>
Thu. Feb. 22	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Colette Saliger</i>
Fri. Feb. 23	8:00 AM	For the repose of the souls of <i>Don & Mary Ann Strack</i>
Sat. Feb. 24	5:00 PM	For the <i>Living & Deceased</i> <i>Members of the John & Mary Vinopal Family</i>
Sun. Feb. 25	8:00 AM	For the repose of the souls of <i>George & Mary Sauer</i>
	10:00 AM	For <i>our Parishioners</i>

Pray for the health of Max Teumer, Ben Reynebeau, Julie (Watry) Stoner, Vivian G., Russell Fairchild, Deb Beyer, Diana Hunt, Jessie Norton, Bill Chase, Kiley Hackel, Helen Eucolono, Sid Mead, Becky Fredrickson, Bob W., Therese, Audrey Gillen, Rita Kueppers, Cindy Mueller, George Gabay, Jim Smith, Sadie Ravenscroft, Anne Nancolas, RM, Payton, Veronica, Kathryn Doughty, Patricia, JM, Carl Wier, Carole Hayes, Tillie Schumacher, Bill Eisch, Marsha Hamil, EMM, Brenna, Lori P., Barb Gardner, Patrick Moore, Karen Patton, Therese Severson, Fran Skalak, Tina Moore, Tony Berns, Jeanne Allen, Randy Czaplewski, Anna Madden, Steve Connor, Joe Wolf, Phil S., Randy Mullenberg, Janel, Sidney G. Mead Jr., Mary Mead, Mike Miller, Jon B, Joe Slowinski, Bob and Lisa Konitzer, Joy Kelley, Ofelia Sandoval-Villreal, Estella Villarreal, Mary Jo Link, Mary Beth Hall, Connor Laridaen, Nancy & Tom Mueller, Fran Schroeder, Kevin, Tom and Joyce Czysz, Jordan P., John Hersil, Marge Bailey, Mr. & Mrs. Bob Barutha, Larry Purvis, Ron & Lisa M., Jo, and Nick & Megan Pope and Sons.

We are updating the Published Prayer Request list for St. Patrick's Bulletin. If you placed a name(s) on this list please contact the rectory (608-847-6054) and let us know if this person has additional prayer needs or if they are well and able to be removed from the list.

Pray for those in the military serving our country: Janie Asberry, Zachary Bader, Bailey Granger, Alex Ericson, Samuel Levandoski and Ethan Jasinski.

Let's celebrate the Feast of St. Patrick with a traditional corned beef and cabbage dinner! We will be serving on Sunday, March 17th from 11 am until 1 pm. Mark your calendars now to join in the celebration of our parish patron saint!

"Walking with Jesus to Jerusalem" Lenten Study: ~ **There's still time to join the Wednesday** Night Bible Study. We meet at 6:45 in Reardon Hall. If you want to join, just call Pastoral Care at 608-747-2681 and I will get a book to you. The next class is February 21st.

Holy Happy Hour: Thursday, February 29th from 6:30 pm—7:30 pm at Legends Bar & Grille ~ 522 Gateway Ave., Mauston. All are invited to join us for food, fellowship and a great discussion. Hope to see you there!

Stewardship Corner ~ February 10th & 11th, 2024 (493 Registered Families)

	**WKLY BUDGETED GIVING	ACTUAL
Adult Envelopes	\$8,653.85	\$ 3,252.00
On-Line Giving		\$ 1,847.00
Children's Envelopes	14.42	\$ 16.00
Loose Offering	480.75	\$ 593.00
Total Weekly Offering:	\$ 9,149.02	\$ 5,708.00

Year-to-date* budget requirement	\$311,050.68
Year-to-date amount contributed	\$268,780.13

*Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 to current date

** Budgeted Weekly Giving Amount based on pledges made. We anticipate a total budgeted income deficit of \$ 91,454.00 for this fiscal year.

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. 20	3—4 PM	Divine Mercy / Holy Face to Jesus Devotions
		7:00 PM	KC Meeting @ St. Mary's
Wednesday	Feb. 21		Religious Ed Classes
		6:45 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	Feb. 22	10:00 AM	Rosary Markers—RH
Friday	Feb. 23	8:45 AM	Friday Folders

The Knights of Columbus will be meeting on Tuesday, February 20th at 7 PM at St. Mary's in Lyndon Station.

Men, are you looking to deepen your faith life and understanding of our Catholic faith as you enter this Lenten season? Take the That Man Is You Lenten challenge. Get up early on Friday mornings and join our men's group for sessions of TMIY starting @ 6:30 AM at the Mile Bluff Medical Center community room on the 2nd floor. Questions? Call Howard Boppart @ 608-548-6513 or email at hboppart@gmail.com

Attention 5 PM Mass goes! We'll be having "Social Saturday" next Saturday, February 24th! Please join us after Saturday Mass for cookies and hot chocolate in the gathering area. Sponsored by the Parish Council.

Greg Gnirk Benefit Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Saturday February 24th 5-8pm American Legion 402 Franklin St Elroy, WI. Proceeds go to offset expenses occurred due to Greg Gnirk's battle with cancer. Donations of funds or Gift Baskets—email: ggnirkbenefit@gmail.com "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ." Hebrews 6:10

Lenten Alms Change Lives ~ Operation Rice Bowl: Each Lent, Catholic families across the country unite to put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Through CRS Rice Bowl, families learn about how our sisters and brothers across the globe overcome hardships like hunger and climate change, and how through Lenten alms, we have the power to make the world a better place for all. "Rice Bowls" are available in the gathering area for your family to use during Lent. For more information about Operation Rice Bowl, go to <https://www.crsricebowl.org/>

Annual Diocesan Appeal Update

Goal: \$40,685.00

To date our parish has pledged \$ 21,025.00

Our shortfall is \$ 19,660.00

Number of Families Pledging: 61

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of February 17th & 18th

Saturday, 5:00 PM

Lector: Steve Hesperich
Eucharistic Minister: Rita Hamm
Servers: Owen Lubinski, Jack & Mary Vinopal
Musicians: John & Nancy Noga, Terri Walling
Greeters: Danelle & Anita Lubinski
Ushers: Bernie Lubinski, Bill Powers, Tom Schoettler, Jon Field
Gift Bearer: Darrell & Cathy Hines
Scrip Seller: Laura Vinopal

Sunday, 8:00 AM

Lector: Bridget Gunther
Servers: Seth Schwedrsky & Canaan Becker
Musicians: Ann Benz, Bridget Swanson
Greeters: Barb Cowan, Kevin Stillson, Pam Zolondek
Ushers: Dave Bosgraaf, George Tremel, Jim Bires, Dave Netzer
Gift Bearers: Jan Mullenberg
Scrip Seller: Nancy Schaller

Sunday, 10:00 AM

Lector: Connie Walhovd
Eucharistic Minister: Julie Whitney
Servers: Weston & Garrett Pouillie & Corbin Sullivan
Musicians: Peg Schmitz, Choir
Greeters: Kris Mazur, Nancy Horabik
Ushers: Clinton Pouillie
Gift Bearers: Keith & Bridget Riley
Scrip Seller: Kim Walsh

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of February 24th & 25th

Saturday, 5:00 PM

Lector: Kevin Quist
Eucharistic Minister: Carrol Kaiser
Servers: Ryleigh Vinopal, & Gracey Kobylski
Musicians: Peg Schmitz, John & Nancy Noga, Terri Walling
Greeters: Kevin Quist
Ushers: Bernie Lubinski, Bill Powers, Tom Schoettler, Jon Field
Gift Bearer: The Vinopal Family
Scrip Seller: Jodi Field

Sunday, 8:00 AM

Lector: Paul Schaller
Eucharistic Minister:
Servers: Jacob Barnes, William & Eli Schanke
Musicians: Ann Benz
Greeters:
Ushers: Dave Bosgraaf, George Tremel, Jim Bires, Dave Netzer
Gift Bearers: Beverly Vinopal
Scrip Seller: Therese Gunther

Sunday, 10:00 AM

Lector: Adrienne Baumgart
Eucharistic Minister: Gina Boppart
Servers: Hudson Randall, Cooper Thayer, & Johann Wolf
Musicians: Ann Benz, Bridget Swanson
Greeters: Bill Thill
Ushers: Clinton Pouillie
Gift Bearers: Heath & Cassie Thayer
Scrip Seller: Jeri Kolba

SOCIAL SUNDAY ~ Sunday, February 25th. This month's social is sponsored by the Parish Council. Please join us after Sunday Masses in Reardon Hall for donuts and coffee and socializing.

St. Patrick School Winter Bash is Saturday, February 24th! The event will be at The Lodge of Mauston. Tickets for the Elvis Tribute featuring Garry Wesley are still available. Cost is \$40 per ticket. Stop by the school office to purchase yours! Your support of our school is always appreciated!

Bethany Lutheran Church in Mauston is inviting the community to join them at the Elroy Theater in Saturday, March 2nd at 2:30 PM for a showing of the movie "One Night with the King". The movie is a dramatization of the biblical story of Esther who risked her life by approaching the King of Persia to request that he save the Jewish people. The movie is rated PG. Doors open at 2 PM. Concessions are available for purchase. For more info or to request tickets, call 608-847-6690.



EUCCHARISTIC RALLY

JUNE 7, 2024
LA CROSSE CENTER.

**THE ANSWER IS THE EUCHARIST.
THE EUCHARIST IS JESUS.**

SIGN UP THIS WEEKEND FOLLOWING MASS!!

This day-long rally will give you the opportunity to connect more deeply with Jesus, who is the Answer, through Mass, Adoration, Confession, National Speakers, Powerful Music, and so much more! St. Patrick's Parish in Mauston will be taking a chartered bus to the event. You can sign up by contacting Laurie at 608-747-2681 or stopping by the rectory.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ~ PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Please join fellow parishioners and the children of the 5th grade St. Patrick's class after Mass **THIS Sunday, February 18th** for a pancake breakfast in Reardon Hall. The K of C and the St. Pat's 5th graders are hosting a Pancake Breakfast with sausage, juice and fresh cut fruit. A suggested \$5 per person or \$10 per family free-will offering will be collected with all proceeds going to the St. Pat's 5th grade class needs. The breakfast is served from 8:30 until noon.

Healing Mass & Service-Cashton, WI ~ Are you suffering from physical, spiritual, or psychological distress? God's will is for you to be whole! A Healing Service will be held on March 4th at Sacred Heart Church-Cashton. The evening begins at 4:30pm with Adoration, devotions, confessions and Holy Mass (5:30), followed by prayers for healing using exorcised and blessed salt, oil, and water, with intercessory prayers by our clergy and lay prayer teams.

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Whole 40: Making a Spiritual Plan for Lent

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent and a great day to make a plan for this holy and grace-filled season. Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Dr. Elizabeth Klein, Professor at the Augustine Institute Graduate School, to discuss the purpose of the season of Lent, how to prepare for it, and why it is such a fruitful season in our life of faith.

Checkout FORMED at formed.org. If you don't have an account on formed.org yet, just look up our parish name and you can sign up for free! You will have access to 100's of great Catholic content videos, audios, podcasts, etc.!

LENTEN REGULATIONS

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.
3. When abstaining from foods or pleasures during Lent, always remember a spirit of detachment. It is in letting go of the things in the world, that we find peace, God, and ourselves re-centered on Jesus Christ.

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