



March 1, 2020

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

FROM OUR PASTOR

Happy Lent to one and all!!

What does that mean? What is Lent? At our last Holy Happy Hour we discussed Mardi Gras. For many that term is purely secular and only has the sense of party. Mardi Gras or Carnival/Carnevale goes back many centuries. But how it is observed has changed. For some it is a time to enjoy pancakes or Paczki (which are two different things). Going back, the idea was to eat up all that you were not able to eat during Lent; like the lard, sweet fruits, eggs or sugar for example. It was to be a day of frivolity before the "serious" season of Lent. Traditionally there would be processions between station churches. This became the Mardi Gras parades we often see on television. So there is a lot that began as religious observances that were transformed into secular celebrations. "Fat Tuesday" has taken on a whole other sense and become almost a holiday unto itself.

So what is Lent? How do we observe it? What does your family do? Are there special foods that mark the season for you? From the Scriptures we hear the call to fast. Canon Law has those 18 to 59 to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. All are to abstain from meat on the Fridays of Lent who are 14 or older. We could also fast in other ways during Lent like lessening the time spent on social media. This is not to be a short term diet time. Fasting is a way for us to make room for Jesus. It is an exercise of our will. Most people we know will not starve if they truly fasted in this season.

The pretzel, tomato soup or grilled cheese sandwiches let alone Friday fish fries are often staples on the Fridays of Lent. Why those foods? What does that mean? Fridays are days that we are to abstain from meat. Culturally or commercially those foods have become standard for us. Different parts of the world would choose other options, but meat is not one of them on Fridays. How does that fit? On Good Friday Jesus gave Himself up for us, a true sacrifice. We are to offer something up also in uniting ourselves to Jesus' sacrifice. Why by food? There have been other practices that have been penitential and even in some areas of the world there are reenactments that crucify men in imitation of Jesus; although not to death. Jesus died once for us and accomplished our salvation.

Lent is the season that we prepare for the great Paschal feast of Easter. Such a great feast needs time to prepare for. Lent does that. We are to take that time to enter more deeply into prayer. Prayer that moves our hearts ever closer to the heart of Jesus so that we can love our neighbor as He did. Almsgiving also is meant to open our hearts to the needs of our brothers and sisters who are suffering in different ways. Giving of our self is a powerful way to reach out to others but also a way of stretching our own hearts.

As we can see there is a lot to Lent both historically and personally if we allow it. I touched on a variety of things above. Look more closely at this great season and see what depths of perhaps the little things we take for granted that can be tools for us to deepen our relationship with the Lord and new ways to serve and respond to those in need around us, especially spiritually.

Happy Lent to all. (So to have a very joyful Easter.)

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 March 1, 2020

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| Sat. Feb. 29 | 5:00 PM | For our Parishioners |
| Sun. Mar. 1 | 8:00 AM | For the repose of the souls of <i>Rose & La Verne Schaller</i> |
| | 10:00 AM | For the repose of the soul of <i>Dale Dolata</i> |
| Tue. Mar. 3 | 5:30 PM | For the repose of the soul of <i>John Sustar</i> |
| Wed. Mar. 4 | 8:00 AM | For the <i>Living & Deceased</i> <i>Members of the Gary Straub Family</i> |
| | 2:00 PM | FAIRVIEW NURSING HOME For the <i>Poor Souls in Purgatory</i> |
| | 6:00 PM | For the repose of the soul of <i>Alma Mendieta</i> |
| Thu. Mar. 5 | 8:00 AM | For <i>Ernie & Audrey Schmocker</i> |
| Fri. Mar. 6 | 8:00 AM | For the <i>Living & Deceased</i> <i>Members of the Infant Jesus of Prague Circle</i> |
| Sat. Mar. 7 | 8:00 AM | For <i>Bernice Bohen</i> |
| | 5:00 PM | For the repose of the soul of <i>Hermann Klingemann</i> |
| Sun. Mar. 8 | 8:00 AM | For the repose of the soul of <i>Jason Schluter</i> |
| | 10:00 AM | For our Parishioners |

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 Euclono, 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, 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.

This Friday is First Friday. Please sign up in the Gathering Area for a time of Eucharistic adoration.

There will be the opportunity for Confession following the First Saturday Mass on March 7th.

ATTENTION LADIES—The March PCCW Meeting will be on Thursday, March 12th following the 8 AM Mass. Please plan to attend.

Knights of Columbus Meeting—Tuesday, March 17th at 7 PM in Reardon Hall. All men are invited to be a part of the Knights of Columbus.

Lector, Greeter, and Communion Minister schedules for March and April are available in the rack in the gathering area.

Stewardship Corner ~ February 23rd & 24th, 2020 (534 Registered Families)

| | WKLY BUDGETED | ACTUAL |
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| Adult Envelopes | \$10,776.27 | \$ 3,991.00 |
| On-Line Giving | | 1,110.00 |
| Children's Envelopes | 19.23 | 21.11 |
| Loose Offering | 596.15 | 514.18 |
| Total Weekly Offering: | \$11,391.65 | \$ 5,636.29 |
| Budget Contingency Fund | | \$ |
| Year-to-date* budget requirement | | \$ 398,707.75 |
| Year-to-date amount contributed | | \$ 349,204.61 |

*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

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| Tuesday | Mar. 3 | 6:00 PM | Stations of the Cross |
| | | 6:30 PM | Building & Grounds Mtg. |
| Wednesday | Mar. 4 | | RE Classes |
| Thursday | Mar. 5 | 10:30—1 | Rosary Makers—RH |
| | | 5:15 PM | Catholic Ed Meeting |
| Friday | Mar. 6 | 8:45 AM | Friday Folders |

200 Envelopes Fundraiser: Total Collected—\$324

Please help out by taking one (or two) of the purple envelopes hanging on the board in the gathering area and returning them with your donation before Easter. The money raised this year will be used toward the Gym Roof Replacement Project at the school this summer. Thank you for supporting our parish.

Blest Art will be visiting our parish on March 14th & 15th on behalf of the Christian families in Bethlehem, Palestine. Their mission is to support those families in the Holy Land. When Blest Art visits our parish, they will have hand-carved nativity sets, statues, crosses, rosaries, and many other pieces of beautiful olive wood art for sale. Please stop and visit their display. They gladly accept cash, checks, and all major credit cards.

Formed ~ Pick of the Week

In honor of the beginning of this Lenten season, join us in reading "Meditations for Lent" by Bishop Bossuet. This eBook, along with many others, can be downloaded without cost on formed.org. Sign up for your free subscription by simply selecting our parish's name at formed.org/signup.

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

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| March 28 | 5 years | Jon & Heather Taylor |
| March 4 | 31 years | Greg & Mary Gruber |
| March 23 | 46 years | Daniel & Caroline Jurkowski |
| March 25 | 48 years | Larry & Carol Purvis |

Bishop's Annual Appeal

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

Our 2019—2020 target is \$37,940.00.

105 families have pledged \$27,000 to date. Thank you!

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

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of Feb. 29 & March 1**Saturday, 5:00 PM**

Lectors: David Hoffmann

Extraordinary Minister: Rita Hamm

Servers: Elliot & Avery Thayer, Hudson Randall

Greeters: Joan Potter, Ernie & Audrey Schmocker

Musicians: Peg Schmitz

Gift Bearers: Rita Hamm

Scrip Seller: Kerry Randall

Ushers: Carrol Kaiser, Greg Gruber, Mark Heitman,
Dustin Ryberg**Sunday, 8:00 AM**

Lectors: Paul Schaller, Larry Moore

Servers: Emma Eilers, Seth Schwedsky, Eli Schanke

Greeters: Kathleen Quinn, Carol Gross

Musicians:

Gift Bearers: Paul & Nancy Schaller

Scrip Seller: Connie Walhovd

Ushers: Dave Bosgraaf, Mike Lubinski, George Trembl,
Arnie Penzkover**Sunday, 10:00 AM**

Lectors: Paul Curran, Howard Boppart

Extraordinary Minister: Gina Boppart

Servers: Carter Field, Makenna & Ellie Pouillie

Greeters: Corwin & Marlene Tralmer, Catherine Murray

Musicians: Anna Boppart

Gift Bearers: Cindy Dolata & Family

Scrip Seller: Diane Kocyan

Ushers: Jon Field, Corky Tralmer, Kurt Salverson, Bill Thill

10:00 AM Nursing Home Rosary:

Marcia Jakubik & Bonnie Duffy

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of March 7th & 8th**Saturday, 5:00 PM**

Lectors: David Hoffmann

Extraordinary Minister: Rita Hamm

Servers: Landynn Miller, Channing Sonnenberg,
Nolan Powers

Greeters: Marge Tremain, Joan Potter, Claire Fischbach

Musicians: Peg Schmitz, Choir

Gift Bearers: Irene Klingemann

Scrip Seller: Kerry Randall

Ushers: Bernie Lubinski, Bill Powers, Gerald Gardner,
Fran Lunenschloss**Sunday, 8:00 AM**

Lectors: Bridget Gunther, Mary Ann Strack

Servers: Christopher & Noah Fry

Greeters: Ron & Marge Bailey, Amelia Gunther

Musicians:

Gift Bearers: Dan & Patty Schluter

Scrip Seller: Connie Walhovd

Ushers: Dave Bosgraaf, Mike Lubinski, George Trembl,
Arnie Penzkover**Sunday, 10:00 AM**

Lectors: Gail Boehm, Sue Hollenbeck

Extraordinary Minister: Joelle Curran

Servers: Christian Brow, Brayden Housworth,
Naome Pouillie

Greeters: Kris Mazur, Bill Thill, Devan Minard

Musicians: Bill Ryan

Gift Bearers: Jon & Jodi Field

Scrip Seller: Diane Kocyan

Ushers: Jon Field, Corky Tralmer, Kurt Salverson, Bill Thill

10:00 AM Nursing Home Rosary:

Jan Mullenberg

Our TRADITIONAL Saint Patrick's Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner (with potatoes and carrots) will be held next 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!

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.

St. Mary's Parish ~ Lyndon Station Annual Ham Dinner—Sunday, March 15th. Serving from 11 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Adults \$9; children \$5. Carry-outs available. Raffle tickets—\$1 each.

St. Paul's Parish ~ New Lisbon Fish Fry! Friday, March 13th, 20th, 27th and April 3rd. Serving 5—7 PM. Baked or fried cod, potatoes, coleslaw and dessert.

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

Blessed Sacrament Parish (La Crosse) Women's Club March Market ~ Saturday, March 7th. Free Admission. For more information visit the parish website at 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.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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| March 4 | Sidney Mead |
| March 5 | Rosemary Wier |
| March 6 | Susanne Kolek |
| March 7 | Jim Kolba |
| March 12 | Ray Moriarty |
| March 14 | Tillie Schumacher |
| March 18 | Mary Buttner |
| March 20 | Mary Sauer |
| March 22 | Marie Sarazin |
| March 25 | Tom Brounacker |
| March 25 | John McMenomy |
| March 26 | Frank Bollig |
| March 31 | Marie Boehm |
| March 31 | Evelyn Lumby |

Scrip News!

**New to the Scrip Box—\$20 gift cards for
STATE STREET TAP**



A Season of Preparation

What will your journey look like? Take a step beyond your personal prayer and join us at St. Patrick's Church, Mauston WI

Stations of the Cross: Tuesdays during Lent following the 5:30 Mass

Communal Penance: Thursday, April 2nd at 7 PM

Soup Supper: Saturday, April 4th following the 5 PM Mass



Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday: April 4th at 5 PM and April 5th at 8 AM and 10 AM

Chrism Mass: April 7th at 10:30 AM at St. Joseph's Cathedral in La Crosse

Holy Thursday: April 9th—Mass at 7 PM

Good Friday: April 10th—1 PM Stations of the Cross / 1:30 PM Passion

Ecumenical Stations of the Cross: April 10th— Time and Location to be announced.

Holy Saturday: April 11th—Mass at 8:30 PM

Easter Sunday: April 12th—Masses at 8 AM and 10 AM

Divine Mercy Sunday: April 19th—Exposition at 11 AM with Divine Mercy Chaplet. Benediction at 12 PM.





HANDICRAFTS FROM THE HOLY LAND

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Blest Art will be visiting your parish on behalf of the Christian families in Bethlehem, Palestine. Our mission is to support those families in the Holy Land.

For centuries, the Christians in and around Bethlehem have earned a living by carving religious olive wood art to sell to visiting pilgrims. Fewer pilgrims are journeying to the Holy Land today, making it difficult for those Christians to support their families. As a result, there has been a dramatic rise in Christian emigration from the Holy Land. Now, less than 1% of the population in the Holy Land is Christians.



Blest Art Inc helps the struggling Christian families of Bethlehem by marketing their artwork in the United States. Due to this work many Christian families maintain their livelihood and their ancestral homes in the land of our Lord.

When Blest Art visits your parish, we will have hand-carved nativity sets, statues, crosses, rosaries, and many other pieces of beautiful olive wood art. We kindly invite you to visit our display and to consider purchasing a piece of art from the Holy Land. In doing so, you will help support the many families who depend on this form of art for their living. Your purchase will make a difference in the lives of many Christian families.

We gladly accept cash, checks, and all major credit cards. Please note that we do not ask for, nor do we accept, any donations.

Thank you in advance for your purchase when we come to visit.

Jeryes Qumseya

And the members of Blest Art Inc.

Please visit our display
At your parish
Saturday & Sunday
March 14th and 15th, 2020
After each Mass