



March 12, 2023
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

FROM OUR PASTOR

We are going deeper into our understanding of sacrifice and the Old Testament, thus leading us to the work of salvation fulfilled in Jesus; so we continue our look into the Mass with the help of the article, "Sacrifice: Path to Communion" from the Catechetical Review (October-December 2022) edition. The author is Andre Villeneuve the Associate Professor of Old Testament and Biblical Languages at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit Michigan.

"This understanding of sacrifice sheds light on the meaning of Christ's sacrificial love, revealed when he 'loved the Church and gave himself up for her'(Eph 5:25) by offering himself as a 'fragrant offering and sacrifice to God' (Eph 5:2). As the sacrifice of the New Covenant, Christ recapitulates in himself the sacrifices for communion: He purchased his Bride with his own blood (Eph 1:7:2:13;1Pt 1:18-19) to atone for her sins, make reparation and restitution for them, and purify and sanctify her. Yet his sacrifice also embodies the sacrifices *in* communion: By offering himself, he proves his dedication and love for his Bride, calling her to union and communion with him.

These two roles of Christ's sacrifice are reflected in the sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist. The Sacrament of Reconciliation primarily reflects the sacrifices for communion, granting the forgiveness of sins and healing the relationship with God. The Eucharist primarily reflects the sacrifices in communion, expressing fellowship and union with God. Just as an ancient Jew first had to offer sin and guilt offerings to atone for his sins before he could present whole burnt offerings and partake of the peace offerings, **so Catholics today must first obtain the forgiveness of their sins in the Sacrament of Reconciliation before they can partake of the Eucharist.**

The concept of eating as the most hallowed form of worship is thus evident in both Old and New Testaments: the peace offerings (shelamim) offered with bread and wine (and especially the Todah sacrifice of thanksgiving) foreshadows the sharing of the Eucharistic bread and wine as the highest and most intimate form of communion with the incarnate Christ. St. Paul likely alludes to this when he says that the Lord 'nourishes and cherishes' the Church, his bride and his own flesh (Eph 5:29).

These considerations point to a close relationship between sacrifice and love, and to how the element of self-renunciation and death in the offering of sacrifices symbolizes the owner's total self-gift to his Maker. According to Jewish tradition, the command of the Shema to love the Lord with all your heart, soul, and strength (Dt 6:5) means that a person must love him 'even when God takes your soul from you.' The love of God is thus a total commitment, even unto death. As Jewish scholar Michael Fishbane says: 'Heavenly love is activated by human death. Self-sacrifice thus stands at the heart of Being—a sacrament of love for the salvation of God.'

We find ourselves more than half way through the article that sheds such depth upon what we are doing at Mass and all that God has done to prepare for us to enter into communion with Him here on earth. With forgiveness of sins we can enter into communion with God, relationship with Him which begins here and now and can continue into eternity which we call heaven. God has given us the answer of how to get to heaven; of how to be close to Him right here on earth. Perhaps we over think it or don't think about it enough. In this Lenten journey may you find that balance in prayer to come to know the way God has called you to friendship on His terms.

Father John

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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 March 12, 2023

Sat. Mar. 11	5:00 PM	For our Parishioners
Sun. Mar. 12	8:00 AM	For the repose of the souls of <i>Frank & Agnes LaBudda</i>
	10:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Don Cafferty</i>
Tues. Mar. 14	5:30 PM	For the <i>Living & Deceased</i> <i>Members of the Our Lady of Fatima Circle</i>
Wed. Mar. 15	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>John E. Walsh</i>
	2:00 PM	FAIRVIEW NURSING HOME For the repose of the soul of <i>Marie Hersil</i>
	6:15 PM	For <i>Jennifer Sparby</i>
Thu. Mar. 16	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Albert Zukauskis</i>
Fri. Mar. 17	8:00 AM	For the repose of the souls of <i>Bob & Vivian Shragal</i>
Sat. Mar. 18	5:00 PM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Ernie Schmocker</i>
Sun. Mar. 19	8:00 AM	For our Parishioners
	10:00 AM	For the repose of the souls of <i>Art, Don & Christopher Vinopal</i>

Pray for the health of Max Teumer, Ben Reynebeau, Julie (Watry) Stoner, Rosemary Lehnen, Vivian G., Russell Fairchild, Deb Beyer, Diana Hunt, Jessie Norton, Bill Chase, Kiley Hackel, Shari Randall, Helen Eucolono, Ethel Passer, 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, Millie Hovde, Bill Eisch, Marie Boehm, Marsha Hamil, MMB, AAB, EMM, Brenna, Barb Gardner, Patrick Moore, Karen Patton, Therese Severson, Fran Skalak, Tina Moore, Eric, Tony Berns, Jeanne Allen, Randy Czaplewski, Anna Madden, Steve Connor, Joe Wolf, Phil S., Randy Mullenberg, Janel, Bev Jurkowski, Catherine Murray and Sidney G. Mead Jr.

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

Stations of the Cross will be prayed on Fridays during Lent at 5:30 PM. A soup supper and discussion on the "True Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist" will follow. All are invited and welcome to join.

Friday, March 17th is the Feast Day of St. Patrick. Mass will be celebrated here at 8 AM.

Monday, March 20th is the Feast Day of St. Joseph. Mass will be celebrated here at 8 AM.

Social Sunday — Join us Sunday, March 26th for "Social Sunday". Please plan to stay after the 8 am and the 10 am Masses for donuts, coffee, juice, and fellowship in Reardon Hall. This month's social is hosted by the Sacred Worship Committee. Hope to see you there!

The rectory office will be closed Monday, March 20th and Monday, March 27th.

Making a good confession is the best way to prepare ourselves for the proper celebration of Easter. Our Lenten Communal Penance Service will be Thursday, March 30th at 7 PM.

Stewardship Corner ~ March 4th & 5th (498 Registered Families)

	**WKLY BUDGETED GIVING	ACTUAL
Adult Envelopes	\$8,653.85	\$ 5,602.00
On-Line Giving		\$ 3,040.00
Children's Envelopes	9.61	\$ 11.00
Loose Offering	385.00	\$ 557.00
Total Weekly Offering:	\$ 9,048.46	\$ 9,210.00
Year-to-date* budget requirement		\$ 325,744.56
Year-to-date amount contributed		\$ 310,709.65

*Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 to current date

** Budgeted Weekly Giving Amount based on pledges made. We anticipate a total budgeted income deficit of \$ 42,539.00 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	Mar. 14	3:00 PM	Hour of Mercy in Church
Wednesday	Mar. 15		RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES
		6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	Mar. 16	10:00 AM	Rosary Makers—RH
		5:30 PM	Parish Council Mtg.—RH
Friday	Mar. 17	8:45 AM	Friday Folders
		5:30 PM	Stations of the Cross

Have you ever wondered if the Lord is calling you to be a priest? To begin the conversation or to inquire about what it means to be a priest, please contact me: Fr. Nate Kuhn, Director of Vocational Recruitment for the Diocese of La Crosse, 3710 East Ave. S. PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602; or by phone at: 608.791.2667. God bless you!

Eucharistic Revival:

A Minute with Jesus for March 12th

As you take "steps forward," your faith in Jesus's true Presence in the Eucharist will grow. We cannot simply convince ourselves through reason that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist. One of the best ways to grow in this faith is to spend some time in conversation with Jesus, truly present in a Catholic Church. Go there and share something with the Lord that is on your heart. You will notice that probably without saying or feeling anything special, you will leave with a quieted heart. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: "*Jesus, help me commit to spending some time in conversation with you in Church*". This week, read about how we can always find Jesus in His Father's house in Luke 2:41-51.

Formed.org ~ Episode 1 | Catholic Commentary on The Chosen | Season 3

~ In this episode, Dr. Barber and Dr. Hefelfinger dive into Season 3 of The Chosen and unpack its first episode: "Homecoming." Highlighting the episode's theological significance for Catholics, they reflect on The Chosen's interpretation of the Sermon on the Mount, Matthew's response, the mystery of evil, and the call of Judas.

Knights of Columbus Sportsmen's Raffle ~ Tickets now available!

You can purchase tickets from any KC member, at the rectory office or at local businesses. Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$20. Prizes: Matthews Mission Crossbow; Pointer Acrius 12 ga. Over Under Shotgun; and Savage 110 Apex .243 Rifle OR \$500 cash. Drawing will be Tuesday, April 18th. Please support this very worthy project of the KC's.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of March 11th & 12th

Saturday, 5:00 PM

Lector: Kevin Quist

Eucharistic Minister: Carrol Kaiser

Servers: Owen & Aedyn Lubinski, Jack Vinopal

Musicians: Peg Schmitz, Terri Walling, John & Nancy Noga

Greeters: Kevin Quist

Ushers: Matt Schwab, Kevin Quist, Mike, Matt & Owen Lubinski

Gift Bearer: Wayne & Chris MacArdy

Scrip Seller: Jodi Field

Sunday, 8:00 AM

Lector: David Hoffmann

Eucharistic Minister: Vicki Boehm

Servers: Cody Komiskey, Carson Demaske, Spencer Turpin

Musicians:

Greeters: Ron & Marge Bailey

Ushers: John and Jeanne Walsh, Jim and Mary Ann Allaby

Gift Bearers: Matt & Michelle Komiskey

Scrip Seller: Therese Gunther

Sunday, 10:00 AM

Lector: Howard Boppart

Eucharistic Minister: Gina Boppart

Servers: Weston & Garrett Pouillie, Corbyn Sullivan

Musicians:

Greeters: Bill Thill, Jane Powers

Ushers: Steve Powers, Tom Jodarski, Adam Pouillie, Bill Thill

Gift Bearers: Jack & Eva Cafferty

Scrip Seller: Nancy Schaller

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of March 18th & 19th

Saturday, 5:00 PM

Lector: Jeri Kolba

Eucharistic Minister: Rita Hamm

Servers: Ryleigh Vinopal, Gracey Kobylski

Musicians: Peg Schmitz, Choir

Greeters: Danelle & Anita Lubinski

Ushers: Matt Schwab, Kevin Quist, Mike, Matt & Owen Lubinski

Gift Bearer: Jim & Deb Bires

Scrip Seller: Laura Vinopal

Sunday, 8:00 AM

Lector: Bridget Gunther

Eucharistic Minister:

Servers: Seth Schwedersky, Canaan Becker

Musicians:

Greeters: Donna Miller, Joe Buttner, Vicki Boehm

Ushers: John and Jeanne Walsh & Jim and Mary Ann Allaby

Gift Bearers: Brent & Molly Demaske

Scrip Seller: Nancy Schaller

Sunday, 10:00 AM

Lector: Sue Hollenbeck

Eucharistic Minister:

Servers: Hudson Randall, Cooper Thayer, Johann Wolf

Musicians:

Greeters: Kris Mazur, Nancy Horabik

Ushers: Steve Powers, Tom Jodarski, Adam Pouillie, Bill Thill

Gift Bearers: The Vinopal Family

Scrip Seller:

The disciplinary practice of abstaining from meat on the Fridays in Lent is an important dimension of the penitential nature of the season. This year, the Feast of St. Patrick, March 17, 2023, falls on a Friday in Lent. Given the many celebrations that occur on this day in accord with the norm of law, I herewith grant to all Catholics of the Diocese of La Crosse as well as all present here that day, a dispensation from abstinence from meat and meat products. I encourage all who make use of this dispensation to engage in another sacrificial or charitable act that day.

Given in La Crosse this first day of March in the Year of Our Lord 2023.

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Women of Faith Annual Ecumenical Lenten Breakfast

Saturday, March 18th at 9 AM at the Mauston United Methodist Church, 420 Suszycki Dr., Mauston. All women are invited to attend. For more information, please call 608-847-5964. Hosted by the Mauston United Methodist women.

Later this spring we will be replacing one of the air conditioning units in Reardon Hall that stopped working last fall. The cost of the unit is \$7,150.00. If you would like to donate to this project, please mark your gift "A/C Reardon Hall" and drop it in one of the collection boxes or mail it to the rectory. Thank you for your support!

Chrism Mass, April 4 @ 10:30 AM

The Chrism Mass is one of the diocesan highlights at which the Bishop blesses the oils for the celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism and the Anointing of the Sick, and consecrates the Sacred Chrism used in the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Orders. Priests also renew their priestly promises at this Mass, and the faithful pray for them. The Chrism Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, April 4, at 10:30 a.m., at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse. Please consider attending!

Prayer Opportunities

Hour of Mercy: Tuesdays from 3 PM to 4 PM—time of prayer, litany and chaplet on behalf of our Church and the world.

Holy Hour: Each Friday we have Holy Hour from 3 PM to 4 PM. On First Fridays, we have Exposition and Adoration following morning Mass until benediction at 4 PM.

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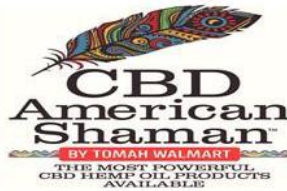
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