



March 14, 2021
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

FROM OUR PASTOR

Lent is a natural time to reflect, think and ask questions on a deeper level. So I offer you the following question to consider. "Are you exhausted because the life has been sucked out of you or because you gave everything to God?"

We as Americans are a very busy people. No matter what poll you look at Americans are at the top for hours worked or weeks worked. Or the least amount of vacation time used. Better yet ask anyone what they did on the weekend and they will have a list of things that they did or accomplished. Even the day of rest is time to catch up on odd jobs at home or yard work with the nice weather.

So are we exhausted? Are we mentally drained? Or emotionally wiped out? How do we respond to events and activities that we are involved in? Is it with joy and gratitude? Frustration and worry? Are we just trying to put one foot in front of the other? Life can be hard and it can be even harder if we are doing it alone.

Each Sunday we pray the Creed and proclaim our belief in the communion of saints. The saints are the friends of God and have made their way to heaven. They know how to do it. Each of them taking a little different road to journey home.

St. Joseph, whose feast we celebrate on the 19th, is a great witness of action. We do not have any words of his but he showed us daily taking care of Jesus and Mary. He reveals the value of family life. Of how holiness can be achieved through little things which is highlighted by so many saints down through the centuries. In this year of St. Joseph I encourage you to go to the diocesan website for his prayer and other aspects of devotion to St. Joseph.

Another saint close to home and to the hearts of so many is St. Patrick. On Wednesday we celebrate his feast day. In the USA we color rivers green or the beer, in Ireland they go to Mass. However we mark this feast day, we are reminded we do not walk the journey of faith alone but have friends there to intercede for us. St. Patrick is known for many things but one of them is the prayer he wrote, "The Breastplate of St. Patrick". As life can be overwhelming I encourage you to pray and draw strength from others on earth or in heaven. It is not a weakness to ask for help and admit we don't have all the answers.

Part of the Breastplate of St. Patrick.

"I arise today through a mighty strength, the invocation of the Trinity, through belief in the Threeness, through confession of the Oneness of the Creator of creation.

I arise today, through God's strength to pilot me, God's might to uphold me, God's wisdom to guide me, God's eye to look before me, God's ear to hear me, God's word to speak for me, God's hand to guard me, God's way to lie before me, God's shield to protect me, God's host to secure me: against snares of the devils, against temptations of vices, against inclinations of nature, against everyone who shall wish me ill, far and near, alone and in a crowd.

Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ in breath, Christ in length, Christ in height, Christ in the heart of every person who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of every person who speaks of me, Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me.

St. Patrick, pray for us.
St. Joseph, pray for us.

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 beginning at 12 Noon
Benediction at 6:00 PM
All other Fridays beginning at 3:00 PM
Benediction at 4:00 PM

Mass Intentions for the week of March 14, 2021

Sat. Mar. 13	5:00 PM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Sally Haas</i>
Sun. Mar. 14	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Marcella (Judy) Prengel</i>
	10:00 AM	For our Parishioners
Tue. Mar. 16	5:30 PM	For the repose of the souls of <i>John & Matilda Gedel</i>
Wed. Mar. 17	8:00 AM	For <i>Angelina Bires</i>
	6:00 PM	For the <i>Living & Deceased</i> <i>Members of the James & Pat Straub Family</i>
Thu. Mar. 18	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Andrew Petrowitz</i>
Fri. Mar. 19	8:00 AM	For <i>Sarah Bires</i>
Sat. Mar. 20	5:00 PM	For the repose of the soul of <i>John Sustar</i>
Sun. Mar. 21	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Don Strack</i>
	10:00 AM	For our Parishioners

Pray for the health of Max Teumer, Ben Reynebeau, Julie (Watry) Stoner, Rosemary Lehnen, Vivian G., Russell Fairchild, Deb Beyer, Diana Hunt, Jessie Norton, Tricia Demmin, Bill Chase, Kiley Hackel, Shari Randall, Helen Eucono, Ethel Passer, Sid Mead, Steve, Marie Hersil, Becky Fredrickson, Mary W., 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, RM, Floyd Babcock, Payton, Veronica, Kathryn Doughty, Patricia, the Moore Family, JM, Carl Wier, Carole Hayes, Tillie Schumacher, Ralph Hamm, Millie Hovde, Bill Eisch, Bernadine Seitz, Marie Boehm, Marsha Hamil, MMB, AAB, EMM, Brenna, Barb Gardner, Bob Penzkover, Patrick Moore and Marty.

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, Adam Field, Bailey Granger and Alex Ericson.

During Lent, Stations of the Cross will be prayed on Tuesday evenings following the 5:30 PM Mass.

If someone you know becomes hospitalized and would like a visit, please call Cassandra at the church office. To be included on the prayer line or to be listed in the bulletin prayer list, you may also call the church office at 847-6054.

Scrip is sold during the week at the rectory office. You can stop by to purchase during our office hours or call or e-mail ahead and we will have your order ready for you to pick up.

Easter Flower Memorials in memory of your loved ones who have passed away can be placed in the collection basket or mailed to the rectory. Please have them in by March 31 in time for the names to be published for Easter.

**Stewardship Corner ~ March 6th & 7th, 2021
(523 Registered Families)**

	WKLY BUDGETED	ACTUAL
Adult Envelopes	\$12,868.42	\$ 6,168.00
On-Line Giving		2,778.00
Children's Envelopes	15.67	2.00
Loose Offering	688.68	198.00
Total Weekly Offering:	\$13,572.77	\$ 9,146.00
Budget Contingency Fund		\$ 35.00
Year-to-date* budget requirement		\$515,765.26
Year-to-date amount contributed		\$367,258.34

*Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 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

Monday	Mar. 15	2:00 PM	Facebook Live Stream Rosary
		6:00 PM	Fall Festival Planning Mtg.
Tuesday	Mar. 16	6:00 PM	Stations of the Cross
		7:00 PM	Knights of Columbus Mtg.
Wednesday	Mar. 17		RE Classes
Thursday	Mar. 18	2:00 PM	Rosary Makers—RH
		6:00 PM	Parish Council Mtg.

Knights of Columbus Meeting—Tuesday, March 16th at 7 PM in Reardon Hall. All men are invited to be a part of the Knights of Columbus.

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 25th at 7 PM.

Lenten Day of Recollection at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe ~ You are invited to attend a Lenten Day of Recollection on Saturday, March 20, that will include Mass, Confessions, three 30-minute spiritual conferences with Fr. Paul Check, Fr. Elias, Fr. Joachim, and Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Come and stay as long as you would like. Lunch will be available in the Culina Mariana. Note: no reservations required

Lent is a time to fast from certain things and to feast on others. It is a season in which we should:

- Fast from facts that depress, feast on truths from Sacred Scripture that uplift.
- Fast from lethargy; feast on enthusiasm.
- Fast from unrelenting pressures; feast on unceasing prayer.
- Fast from thoughts that weaken; feast on God's promises that inspire.
- Fast from shadows of sorrow; feast on the sunlight of serenity.
- Fast from thoughts of illness; feast on the healing power of God.
- Fast from problems that overwhelm; feast on prayer that undergirds

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of March 13th & 14th

Saturday, 5:00 PM

Lector: Jaime Pouillie
Servers: Christian Brow, Garrett & Weston Pouillie
Musicians: Bill Ryan
Usher: Bill Powers
Cleaning: The Powers & Pouillie Families

Sunday, 8:00 AM

Lector: Bridget Gunther
Servers: Eli Schanke, Brayden & Warrick Housworth
Musicians:
Usher: Matthew Gunther
Cleaning: The Gunther Family

Sunday, 10:00 AM

Lector: Paul Curran
Servers: Jonathan Riley
Musicians: Peg Schmitz, Terri Walling
Usher: Jon Field
Cleaning: The Ryan Family

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of March 20th & 21st

Saturday, 5:00 PM

Lector: Steve Hesprich
Servers: Jonathan Riley and Jack Vinopal
Musicians: Peg Schmitz, Shari Sarazin
Usher: Matt Schwab
Cleaning:

Sunday, 8:00 AM

Lector: Larry Moore
Servers:
Musicians:
Usher:
Cleaning: The Moore & Bailey Families

Sunday, 10:00 AM

Lector: Lisa Pouillie
Servers: Brayden & Warrick Housworth, Naome Pouillie
Musicians:
Usher: Kurt Salverson
Cleaning: The Pouillie Family

CEMETERY CLEAN-UP will be April 28 or 29. If you have items that you wish to save, please remove them by April 25th. You will be able to replace them in time for Mother's Day Weekend.

Wisconsin Safe Haven Laws allow parents to relinquish an infant under 72 hours old to any first responder, no questions asked. Those first responders could be police officers, 911 emergency medical staff, or hospital staff members. You do not have to give your name or address to the professional accepting the baby unless the baby has been harmed, someone is forcing the parent to give up the baby, or the baby is more than 3 days old. The parent may be asked if they are willing to fill out a form, but it is NOT required; however, it will help providers give the infant the best care. If you wish to learn more about this law, visit <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/cps/safehaven>.

HIS CHURCH IS YOU AND ME

Our Diocesan Annual Appeal 2020-2021:
Goal—\$41,710
Pledged to date—\$26,972.00
Families—85

Thank you to those families who have already returned their pledge cards. If you did not receive a pledge card in the mail, please give the rectory a call and we will send one out.

The South Central Shamrock Club's selection for the Irish Rose of 2021 is our parishioner, Molly Scully! The Irishman for 2021 is Mike Flint of Reedsburg. The banquet for honoring them will not be held in March as usual because of COVID. It will be held at a later date to be announced. Congratulations Molly & Mike!

200 Envelopes Fundraiser:

Once again this year, we will be having the "200 Envelopes" fundraiser during Lent. 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. This year, there will also be an on-line option for making your donations. Please go to:

stp200envelopes.ggo.bid

or use our on-line giving option on our website: stpatrickismauston.com (Click on the green triangle in the upper left corner.)

The money raised this year will be used toward our **"School Boiler Replacement Project"**.

We have collected **\$ 3,924.00** so far.

Thank you for supporting our parish and school!



Lent: God's Sacrament of Healing for Our Wounded World Recording by Msgr. Joseph Hirsch ~ If we are to share the hope and healing of Jesus Christ, each of us is called to encounter His healing in our own woundedness. Msgr. Joseph Hirsch shares some of his own experiences of how this Sacrament has been a source of encounter and healing for him. This compelling recording also deals with the common questions and struggles surrounding this Sacrament. This is a timely topic for Lent and is well worth your time. Visit diolc.org/len to listen to the recording.

Lent: Questions on the Sacrament of Reconciliation ~ If God knows my sins, why do I have to confess them? God doesn't need it. We need it. Confessing helps us to own up to the fact that we are sinners in need of redemption. Confessing strengthens us to stop comparing, making excuses and assigning blame.

New Lay Formation Institute (LFI) class starts in the fall – Registration underway! Registration is open for the next two-year Lay Formation cycle that begins in fall of 2021. Draw closer to Christ and deepen your knowledge of the Faith in a joyful community of learners! See complete information, schedule and application form at diolc.org/layformation. Discuss with your pastor and contact the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns at ministries@diolc.org or call (608) 791-0161.

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