



# March 19, 2023 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

## **FROM OUR PASTOR**

Laetare Sunday! Our Entrance antiphon calls us to “Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning.”

Lent can have that sense of mourning, of loss. But this Sunday is meant to bring some joy into what we are doing to prepare for the Resurrection on Easter Sunday. The Rose vestments are that reminder of joy. Flowers are permitted at Mass. We are given that moment of relief from the heaviness of the penitential season of Lent. That what we have given up or taken on is not meant to be a burden or the end all be all. Our Lenten sacrifices are a means of growing in love of God and neighbor. That we use these means to cleanse our hearts so we have room for the love that God has for us. To make room to grow in virtue and reorient our focus off ourselves and clearly see the needs of our neighbors and generously respond to them.

We are not yet done with our article on sacrifice and how that is so deeply expressed in the Mass. But like the liturgy, we step back and remember that larger purpose and where it is taking us. Lent should move our hearts, fill our hearts with a longing for the eternal and the realization that they can not truly be filled here on earth.

The great solemnity for St. Joseph is the 19th but we observe it on Monday. St. Joseph silently goes about the work of caring for the child Jesus. Lent is meant to help us consider the ways we can love and care for the Christ child in those around us. There are a number of devotions and prayers for St. Joseph but they are not so well known. Perhaps you have heard of a “St. Joseph table”? For his feast foods eaten that day and collected for the needy are blessed in his honor.

So when we heard Jesus say on Ash Wednesday, “when you fast...when you pray...when you give alms.” These are tools, ways of enlarging our hearts for God and neighbor.

Be joyful we are told in our antiphon. Be happy. We are not to let despair, the weight of the world, and daily anxieties overwhelm us but instead allow the joy of the Holy Spirit come upon us even in this season of Lent. So may the following bring a smile to your face.

- Last night I dreamed that I was drowning in an ocean made out of orange soda. It took me a while to figure out it was just a Fanta sea.
- Who earns a living driving their customers away? Taxi drivers.
- A pet store had a bird contest—no perches necessary.
- What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire? Frostbite.
- Why don’t some couples go to the gym together? Because some relationships just don’t work out.
- I deleted the phone numbers of all the German men I know. Now my phone is Hans-free.
- Which way did the programmer go? He went data way!
- Traveling on a flying carpet is a rugged experience.
- You’re living, you occupy space, and have mass—what does that mean? You matter.
- Why do bad bagpipe players walk while they play? Because they are trying to get away from the noise.
- I gave all my dead batteries away today....free of charge.

*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 19, 2023**

Sat.	Mar. 18	5:00 PM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Ernie Schmocker</i>
Sun.	Mar. 19	8:00 AM	For <i>our Parishioners</i>
		10:00 AM	For the repose of the souls of <i>Art, Don &amp; Christopher Vinopal</i>
Mon.	Mar. 20	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Tricia Demmin</i>
Tues.	Mar. 21	5:30 PM	For the repose of the soul of <i>John Sustar</i>
Wed.	Mar. 22	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Andy Petrowitz</i>
Thu.	Mar. 23	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Bill Rhyner</i>
Fri.	Mar. 24	8:00 AM	For <i>the Quinn Family</i>
Sat.	Mar. 25	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Sharon Riley</i>
		5:00 PM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Don Vinopal</i>
Sun.	Mar. 26	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Don Strack</i>
		10:00 AM	For <i>our Parishioners</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, Sidney G. Mead Jr., and Mary Mead.

**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.

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

**Saturday, March 25th is the Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord.** Mass will be celebrated here at 8 AM.

**Eternal Rest, Grant Unto Him, O Lord.** We offer our prayers and condolences to the family and friends of Clarence Fowell who passed away this week. May perpetual light shine upon him.

**Flowers for Mary**

The Flowers for Mary are in remembrance of Matthias James Boppart.

**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 11th & 12th (498 Registered Families)**

		<b>**WKLY BUDGETED GIVING</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>
Adult Envelopes	\$8,653.85	\$ 4,109.00	
On-Line Giving		\$ 2,046.00	
Children's Envelopes	9.61	\$ 11.00	
Loose Offering	385.00	\$ 628.00	
<b>Total Weekly Offering:</b>	<b>\$ 9,048.46</b>	<b>\$ 6,794.00</b>	
Year-to-date* budget requirement			\$ 334,793.02
Year-to-date amount contributed			\$ 317,503.65

\*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. 21	3:00 PM	Hour of Mercy in Church
		7:00 PM	Knights of Columbus Mtg
Wednesday	Mar. 22		RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES
Thursday	Mar. 23	10:00 AM	Rosary Makers—RH
Friday	Mar. 24	5:30 PM	Stations of the Cross

**Eucharistic Revival:**

**A Minute with Jesus for March 19th**

**Spend time in Jesus' Presence and you will come to know that You have been with Him**

The desire to strengthen our faith requires some action on our part. It helps to go to the Church and spend time, with the mindset that Jesus is there. Take your problems and speak with Jesus. Even if you leave without anything seemingly having happened, you will gradually come to know Jesus is indeed there. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: "Lord, help me to spend a few minutes and talk with You in Church." This week, read how Jesus appears to Thomas who was not present when He first appeared to the Apostles after His Resurrection. Thomas, when He does see Jesus, falls before Him and says "My Lord and My God" in John 20:19-29

**Formed.org ~ The Gospel of Work:** How should Catholics think about work? Often, people's lives are centered around work or are spent trying to avoid it. Yet, the vocation of work is meant for our sanctification; this vocation invites us to imitate God's act of creation and to improve, develop, and innovate within the world around us. This 8-part series with Andreas Widmer—professor, author, and former Swiss Guard for Pope Saint John Paul II—is an effective resource for working parishioners to see the joy of their labor.

**Knights of Columbus Meeting—Tuesday, March 21st at 7 PM** in Reardon Hall. All men are invited to be a part of the Knights of Columbus.

**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.

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

**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: Marion Koca  
Servers: Seth Schwedrsky, 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: Jeri Kolba

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of March 25th & 26th**

**Saturday, 5:00 PM**

Lector: Steve Hesprich  
Eucharistic Minister: Corinne Kaiser  
Servers: Carter Field, Landynn & Theron Miller  
Musicians: John & Nancy Noga, Terri Walling  
Greeters: Kevin Quist  
Ushers: Matt Schwab, Kevin Quist, Mike, Matt & Owen Lubinski  
Gift Bearer: The Ann Marie Vinopal Family  
Scrip Seller: Jeri Kolba

**Sunday, 8:00 AM**

Lector: Paul Schaller  
Eucharistic Minister: Melissa Schanke  
Servers: Jacob Barnes, William & Eli Schanke  
Musicians:  
Greeters: Therese Gunther, Bridget Gunther, Deb Bires  
Ushers: John and Jeanne Walsh & Jim and Mary Ann Allaby  
Gift Bearers: Mary Ann Strack  
Scrip Seller: Nancy Schaller

**Sunday, 10:00 AM**

Lector: Paul Curran  
Eucharistic Minister: Joelle Curran  
Servers: Caroline & Cecilia Marien, Leia Kocyan  
Musicians: Sharon Kelly  
Greeters: Bill Thill, Jane Powers  
Ushers: Steve Powers, Tom Jodarski, Adam Pouillie, Bill Thill  
Gift Bearers: Robert & Chelsey Turpin  
Scrip Seller: Diane Kocyan

**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!

**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 31st in time for the names to be published for Easter.

**St. Patrick School Art Fair and PK Open House—Thursday,** March 30th from 3—5 PM. Feel free to stop at the school and see what our students have been doing! If you have or know of kids ready for PK (4 years old by Sept. 1) come and see our PK classroom and meet our PK staff! Enrollment opens soon!

**200 Envelopes**

**38 Envelopes Returned ~ \$3,161.00**

**Thank you!!!!**

**Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**

This weekend, Blest Art will be visiting St. Patrick's on behalf of the Christian families in Bethlehem, Palestine. Our mission is to support those families in the Holy Land. When Blest Art visits St. Patrick's, we will have hand-carved nativity sets, statues, crosses, rosaries, and many other pieces of beautiful olive wood art. We gladly accept cash, checks, and all major credit cards. Please visit our display in the gathering area after all Masses.



**St. Paul's Catholic Church (New Lisbon) Friday Fish Fry!**

March 24 and 31. Baked or Fried cod, baked or fried potato, coleslaw, dessert and beverage—\$13 for adults. Children (6 -12) \$6. Serving from 5 PM to 7 PM. For To-Go orders, call 608-562-3125 after 3 PM.

**Thank you to everyone who helped with and/or attended this year's Mardi Gras Gala!** What a great success! Here are our prize winners:

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|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Build with Your Hand Basket | Janelle Surguy  |
| Sports Basket               | Lisa Olson      |
| Garden Basket               | Heather Hersil  |
| Wrap It Up Basket           | Ann Hoffmann    |
| Tools Basket                | Crystal Barreau |
| Tub of Beer                 | Steve Meyer     |
| Bracelet & Earrings         | Therese McNally |
| Lottery Tree                | Jackie Wolf     |
| Mystery Boxes               | Bridget Gunther |
|                             | Keilah Powers   |
|                             | Alice Jensen    |
|                             | Don Wilke       |
|                             | Molly Scully    |

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

**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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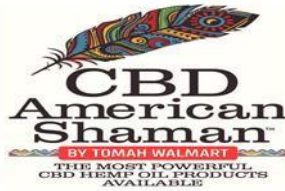
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