



March 22, 2020
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

FROM OUR PASTOR

Perhaps you have seen in some format or other the meme about the scriptures saying “Be not afraid” 365 times. That God is telling you that each day (yes leap day is covered too!). In these most uncertain of days we need to hear that. To hear it and that God is speaking to us each day.

Fear is not meant to rule our hearts and minds. Considering what we are asked to do for the good of others and our own health; dwelling on the negative aspects of what can't be done opens the door to fear and acting out of fear.

Instead let us use prudence. Prudence is a cardinal virtue. From the Catholic Encyclopedia we learn the following, “In the natural order prudence is a virtue acquired and practiced through trial and experience. In the supernatural order prudence is infused at baptism and exercised through sanctifying grace. St. Augustine said of prudence: “Love wisely discerns the means leading to the beloved amid obstacles which would bar the way.” It can thus be interpreted in the natural order of man's love for others and in his pursuit of the means that will better enable him to fulfill his end in life, such as education, marriage, vocation, or family obligations.”

When we think of the virtues the greatest is Charity. Unfortunately that word has been reduced to simply giving money. Of course that is not a bad thing. People in need require assistance. Not-for-profits also need support. To carry on the Gospel and the work of the Church, there is a need for financial support especially in times like these.

Nonetheless, Charity as a virtue brings in the love of God and neighbor. That love of the other is the motivating factor for our actions. So supporting your local charities and church can be done for a variety of reasons. But to do that with and out of love is what the virtue of Charity is moving us to as we reach out to others.

As perhaps you are spending more time at home or with family, there are a ton of things that you are doing probably out of routine. Lent and every day really is a great day to add the virtue of Charity to all that you are doing. Mother Teresa said “to do little things with great love.” That is a challenge for all of us. So as you go about your day, sprinkle love on each of your words, actions and thoughts of others. In this way you can grow in the virtues, grow in your trust in the Lord and in this way ‘Be not afraid’ everyday!!

Father John

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**Our church will be open everyday
8:00 AM—6:00 PM for individuals
who wish to spend time in prayer.
Please be respectful of each other,
maintain a safe distance and remem-
ber the limit of 10 people.**

WEEKEND MASSES

Cancelled

WEEKDAY MASSES

Cancelled

DAILY ROSARY

Cancelled

CONFESSIONS

As advertised

EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION

Cancelled

Pray for the health of Max Teumer, Ben Reynebeau, Julie (Watry) Stoner, Rosemary Lehnen, 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 Eucolono, 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.

Family Prayer during Lent ~Lent is an appropriate time to set aside a bit more time for prayer. Parents are invited to download a one-page prayer card for their children. The prayer card is more than reciting a prayer, and allows prayer to be more personal. Go to diolc.org/prayer and choose a specific grade level.

Lenten Prayer Card ~It is most appropriate before retiring for the night to Examine our Conscience followed by praying the Act of Contrition. The purpose of this examination is to gratefully recognize the hand of God in all aspects of daily life, and to ask for the grace to become aware of the ways we have responded to the Lord's grace today, where we have fallen short, to ask His forgiveness and to cooperate more fully with His grace as we receive His strength to resist sinful habits and avoid the possible occasions of sin in the future. To download this prayer card, go to diolc.org/deeper.

Easter Flower Memorials in memory of your loved ones who have passed away can be placed in the collection boxes or mailed to the rectory. Please have them in by April 7th in time for the names to be published for Easter.

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. **The Chrism Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, April 7, at 10:30 a.m., at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse.** You can watch the live stream at diolc.org/live

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.

Cemetery Clean Up will take place in early May. Please removed any items that you wish to save by May 1st. You will be able to replace your items before Mothers' Day.

SCRIP IS STILL AVAILABLE AT THE RECTORY. WE ARE AT THE OFFICE MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY FROM 8:30 AM UNTIL 4:00 PM.

**Stewardship Corner ~ March 14th & 15th, 2020
(534 Registered Families)**

	WKLY BUDGETED	ACTUAL
Adult Envelopes	\$10,776.27	\$ 3,877.00
Lenten Envelopes		200.00
On-Line Giving		1,390.00
Children's Envelopes	19.23	1.00
Loose Offering	596.15	472.50
Total Weekly Offering:	\$11,391.65	\$ 5,940.50
Budget Contingency Fund		\$ 239.00
Year-to-date* budget requirement		\$ 432,882.70
Year-to-date amount contributed		\$ 373,005.51

*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.

All parish and diocese events have been canceled until further notice.

Please note that live and prerecorded Sunday Mass is available via <https://diolc.org/tvmass>, the diocesan YouTube channel, Facebook, and televised on the following channels:

Eau Claire, Channel 18, at 9:30 a.m. Sunday.

La Crosse, Channel 19, at 9:30 a.m. Sunday.

Marshfield (Public Access), Channel 989, at 10:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m. Sunday.

Stevens Point (Public Access), Channel 984 at Noon and 5:30 p.m. Saturday.

Wausau, (Cable and Satellite), Channel 12 at 6:30 a.m. Sunday.

Wausau (Public Access), Channel 980, at 6:00 p.m. Saturday and 9:00 a.m. Sunday.

Wisconsin Rapids (Public Access), Channel 985 and Channel 3 at 6:00 a.m. and 1:00 pm. Sunday.

If you are in need of sacramental assistance during this time, please contact the rectory office at 608-847-6054.

Formed ~ Looking for good Catholic movies to share with your family while you're at home? Try FORMED! There are 1000's of movies and audio recordings available for your whole family.

This week's "Pick of the Week" ~ Walk in the steps of Jesus of Nazareth throughout the story of Salvation in this week's pick from FORMED.

You can watch with your free parish subscription by simply selecting our parish's name during registration at formed.org/signup.

200 Envelopes Fundraiser ~ Total Collected—\$4,225

100 envelopes have been taken off the board! 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.

ON LINE GIVING—If you have not tried on-line giving, please check it out! It's safe, secure and simple! You can find the link on our website: stpatricksmauston.com