



**March 29, 2020**  
**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**FROM OUR PASTOR**

The words of Matthew Kelly in his book “Rediscover the Saints” came home to me in this time of change. He said the following. “Do you have powerful routines and rhythms that ground the days of your life in health, happiness, and holiness? I mention all three because I believe they are very strongly connected.

My whole life I have been fascinated with men and women who have been successful in any arena of human excellence. I have studied their lives and it always becomes quickly apparent that they each have their own ‘rule of life.’ They each have strong daily rituals and routines that allow their genius to flow and flourish. It’s a powerful lesson--and even as I sit here writing, I know it is a lesson I need to learn again.

These days this lesson is ever present in the lives of my children. They thrive on routine. Disrupt that routine or take it away altogether and they are lost. When children’s routines are disrupted they often misbehave, and it is easy to focus on this. But what they are really saying to us is that they are lost, that we have pulled the foundation of their days and weeks out from under them, and now they are confused and disoriented.

Saint Benedict understood the power of daily routines and rituals, and God collaborated with him to drive this wisdom deep into the life of the Church.”

I added the underline to Matthew Kelly’s words. I think it is not just children who are disoriented or confused. We as adults have to admit to that also. Yes, we are doing the best we can. The foundation seems to be moving all the time. We don’t necessarily have a reference point or template to work off of. Nonetheless the daily challenge of caring from a distance or staying home is one that calls us to new ways of responding in love.

It is quite the Lent. Perhaps this is the time to live the virtues all the more; with ourselves, our families and anyone we come into contact with. It is a time to look at our routines at home. Is it chaos? What have we done with our routines? A meme I saw said “everyday is pajama day.” What can we count on? What can our kids count on? Often children don’t like rules or having to do something. But they can count on the rules and you can count on them not liking them. Yet for both they are means of giving orientation, direction and a foundation to our day and actions.

Going deeper, what about our prayer routines? What do we have in place for ourselves and our family to grow closer to Jesus? It is truly weird to have Sunday Mass by myself. But I am celebrating Mass everyday for you, the stated intention and the needs of all people at this time. What roots our daily prayer? What time with Jesus gives us that foundation to approach the day and all it holds with that sense of peace that only Jesus can give?

I see many comments on social media ending with “Stay safe” or “Stay well”. I would add “Stay in prayer.” May Jesus be the foundation and structure of your day so that you may grow in health, happiness and holiness.

*Father John*

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maintain a safe distance and remember  
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**WEEKEND MASSES**

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**WEEKDAY MASSES**

Cancelled

**DAILY ROSARY**

Cancelled

**CONFESSIONS**

As advertised

**EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION**

Cancelled

**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](http://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](http://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](http://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.

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You can watch with your free parish subscription by simply selecting our parish's name during registration at [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup).

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**Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Blessed Sacrament.  
I love You above all things, and I desire You with all my heart.  
Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally,  
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already in my heart  
and unite myself to You completely.  
Please do not let me ever be separated from You.  
Amen.

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

**Mass Intentions for the week of March 29, 2020**

- Sat. Mar. 28 For our Parishioners  
Sun. Mar. 29 For the repose of the soul of *Bill Rhyner*  
Mon. Mar. 30 For the *Living & Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus*  
Tue. Mar. 31 For the repose of the soul of *Patricia Bates*  
Wed. Apr. 1 For the repose of the soul of *Jesus Asombrado*  
Thu. Apr. 2 For the repose of the soul of *Concordia Asombrado*  
Fri. Apr. 3 For the *Living & Deceased Members of the Infant Jesus of Prague Circle*  
Sat. Apr. 4 For our Parishioners  
Sun. Apr. 5 For the repose of the soul of *John Kueppers*

**COVID-19: A Prayer of Solidarity**

For all who have contracted coronavirus, We pray for care and healing.  
For those who are particularly vulnerable, We pray for safety and protection.

For all who experience fear or anxiety, We pray for peace of mind and spirit.

For affected families who are facing difficult decisions between food on the table or public safety, We pray for policies that recognize their plight.

For those who do not have adequate health insurance, We pray that no family will face financial burdens alone.

For those who are afraid to access care due to immigration status, We pray for recognition of the God-given dignity of all.

For our brothers and sisters around the world, We pray for shared solidarity.

For public officials and decision makers, We pray for wisdom and guidance.

Father, during this time may your Church be a sign of hope, comfort and love to all. Grant peace. Grant comfort. Grant healing. Be with us, Lord. Amen.

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**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.

March 25, 2020

To the people of St. Patricks in Mauston,

I want to thank the parishioners of St. Patrick’s for welcoming me into the parish community once a month for the last six months. Every parish has a little different culture, and the rural and tight-knit family at St. Patrick’s was a joy to be part of while I was there.

One of the purposes of the Journey Program, the preseminary year in the diocese, is to give a man a greater understanding of what the priesthood is all about. My time here at the parish, though brief, really showed me how the priesthood is for the people of God. It’s all about serving them totally, and in doing so, receiving so much in return from them.

I will be going back home to Eau Claire for the coming year to work as I discern a vocation to the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal in New York. In the meantime, thank you for keeping all of us discerning our vocations in your prayers. Know that you will be in mine as well!

In Christ,

Joseph Lynch

**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.

**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.

**Many people are understandably experiencing** uncertainty and anxiety due to the spread of COVID-19. The severity of the situation has forced our leaders to make significant changes in our daily lives including suspending publicly celebrated Masses. Recognizing these changes likely leave us even more in need of God’s grace, The USCCB and other Catholic partners have generously made their resources available to support prayer during these difficult days. A sense of community is of the utmost importance. We must encourage each other, take care of each other, pray for each other and stay connected to our Faith during this time of social distancing. Resources for Prayer and Engagement during Coronavirus can be found at: [catholiccurrent.org/covid19](http://catholiccurrent.org/covid19)

**ON LINE GIVNG**—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: [stpatrickσμαuston.com](http://stpatrickσμαuston.com)

**April Birthdays**

- April 7 Pat Brounacker
- April 11 Mary Ann Witcraft
- April 12 Nancy Schweiger
- April 13 Sharon Randall
- April 14 Joe Schmocker
- April 19 John Buttner
- April 20 Bernice Petrowitz
- April 23 Fran Schroeder
- April 25 Violet McGinley
- April 25 John Walsh
- April 25 Bernie Beranek

**April Anniversaries**

- 8 years April 14 Keith & Amanda O’Connor
- 12 years April 19 Troy & Jolene Anderson
- 24 years April 20 Howard & Gina Boppart
- 26 years April 30 Roger & Leah Herried
- 27 years April 17 Martin & Betty Hagan
- 29 years April 20 Ron & Carla Brunner
- 31 years April 2 Bob & Jackie McGlew
- 39 years April 11 Randy & Shari Sarazin
- 40 years April 26 Rob & Sandi Brandli
- 54 years April 16 Tom & Fran Watry
- 57 years April 20 Marv & Jan Mullenberg
- 59 years April 21 Frank & Donna Bollig

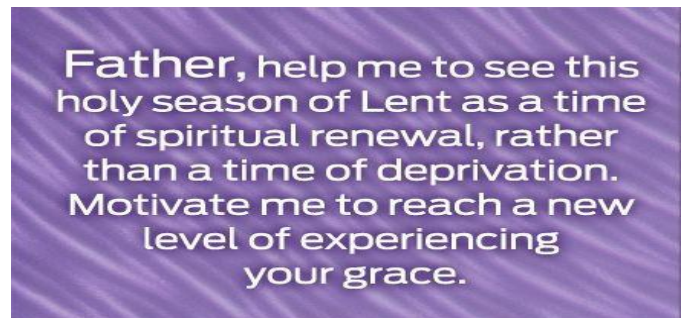
**Virtual Parish Mission for Holy Week and Easter**

Most of the faithful will likely be unable to participate in the Holy Week and Triduum liturgies this year because of the restrictions resulting from the coronavirus outbreak. However, the good news is that these sacred events will still be celebrated locally and around the world. Jesus and his Paschal Mystery will be in our midst, and his saving grace will be available to us.

To help the faithful share in this grace, every day from Monday, March 30, through Thursday, April 2, Christopher Carstens will offer a Virtual Parish Mission that uncovers Easter’s powerful mysteries. We will travel with Christ from Ash Wednesday through Palm Sunday and look especially at the Triduum’s Mass of the Lord’s Supper, Good Friday liturgy, and Easter Vigil.

In the course of this journey through the highpoint of the Church’s sacred year, we will also consider what divine life in God looks like during the Easter season to Pentecost—and beyond.

Participants can join the mission live stream beginning at 2 p.m. Central Standard Time on each of these days (March 30—April 2) at [facebook.com/AdoremusSociety](https://www.facebook.com/AdoremusSociety), or after watch on demand. See the same link for more complete information.



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