



April 18, 2021

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

FROM OUR PASTOR

What a great retreat. It is a reminder that the Holy Spirit is in charge. Although not as many could gather this year at St. Anthony's Retreat Center, for all of us it has been a good experience. Our presenter reaches out over Zoom. Can't seem to get away from that. As he mentioned it is not anything new that he offers but to enter more deeply into what we know. To take this time to be renewed and refreshed in the Easter season, the resurrection and the love of God. That we need to do what we often tell our people to do.

Retreats are a good time to step back and review things. To look more deeply and pay attention to the things we can always get to, but we don't and so they wait. But also a moment to listen to the Holy Spirit. There are many voices in our lives and many mean well but is it God's timing or plan?

Another area was fraternity and being a brother priest. Even here COVID has had an impact. Not just the speaker reaching us on Zoom but not getting together in some of the normal means. Priests ordained in the last two years have had all the usual priest events cancelled. As we visit and reference things those priests have a blank look as that does not mean anything to them. We step back in a retreat so that we can also look ahead. It also reinforced the need for prayer and to raise up in prayer those around us and what we are doing.

So looking at this Sunday afternoon we will be celebrating First Communion with our second graders and their families. What great efforts they have put forth to prepare for this day to receive Jesus for the first time. May we lift them up in prayer and be that example as we too receive Jesus with joy and reverence at each Mass we participate in.

Looking forward and asking prayer is our Confirmation class. Next month they will receive the Holy Spirit and the gifts that are offered to them. As we celebrate that sacrament in the Roman Rite it is almost too simple. We can overlook the significance of the anointing. But it is so rooted in the Scriptures that we can not doubt the power that is offered to our young people. Perhaps for ourselves who have been confirmed, do we remember all of the gifts and open our hearts to fully using them on a daily basis?

Looking further ahead and asking for prayer in our principal search. We are looking for a full time permanent principal that will guide our school into the future on many levels. As we see on the news, many schools and school systems did not even open this year. I am so grateful for all of our staff for what they have done and how flexible they have been as we are all learning how to learn during this year of COVID.

The Easter season calls forth hope, joy and peace. If you have not experienced any of them, I encourage you to find the time to "retreat" if only into your heart for a few minutes each day to turn to the Lord so He can pour them into your soul. Prayer and deepening our relationship with the Risen Jesus can we hope to face what the world will throw at us. Jesus is the source of peace and so having Him active in our lives will bring to life that gift He won for us on the Cross. It is joy that filled the Apostles when they welcomed Jesus through the locked doors on Easter.

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 April 18, 2021

Sat. Apr. 17 5:00 PM For the repose of the soul of
Dennis Kolba

Sun. Apr. 18 8:00 AM For the repose of the soul of
Don Strack

10:00 AM For our Parishioners

Tue. Apr. 20 5:30 PM For the *Living & Deceased*
Members of the Infant Jesus of Prague Circle

Wed. Apr. 21 8:00 AM For the repose of the souls of
Carl, Marion & John Modrich

6:00 PM For *All Deceased Members of*
the Howard G. Rose Family

Thu. Apr. 22 8:00 AM For the repose of the soul of
Jerry Neve

Fri. Apr. 23 8:00 AM For the *Health of Peggy Holan*

Sat. Apr. 24 5:00 PM For the repose of the soul of
Art Vinopal

Sun. Apr. 25 8:00 AM For the repose of the soul of
John Sustar

10:00 AM For our Parishioners

Pray for the health of Max Teumer, Ben Reynebeau, Julie (Watry) Stoner, Rosemary Lehen, Vivian G., Russell Fairchild, Deb Beyer, Diana Hunt, Jessie Norton, Tricia Demmin, Bill Chase, Kiley Hackel, Shari Randall, Helen Eucolono, 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, 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, Alex Ericson and Ethan Jasinski.

Congratulations to our St. Patrick Parish children who will be receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion this Sunday. Please offer your prayers and support as they take this step in their faith journey.

Receive the Holy Spirit and let Him lead you to an encounter with the "Friendly Fire" at St. Theresa's in Union Center on Saturday mornings. Confession/Rosary/Mass at 9 AM. For more information, call Bev at 608-572-1266.

The Diaconate Ordination of Steven Weller will be May 1, 2021 at 10:00 AM at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman, La Crosse. A link to the Mass is posted on our Facebook page. Please join in offering your prayers for Steven as he is ordained a deacon and continues his journey toward priesthood.

Stewardship Corner ~ April 10th & 11th, 2021
(525 Registered Families)

	WKLY BUDGETED	ACTUAL
Adult Envelopes	\$12,868.42	\$ 6,676.00
On-Line Giving		\$ 1,776.00
Children's Envelopes	15.67	15.00
Loose Offering	688.68	313.81
Total Weekly Offering:	\$13,572.77	\$ 8,780.81
Budget Contingency Fund		\$ 179.00
Year-to-date* budget requirement		\$583,629.11
Year-to-date amount contributed		\$415,785.70

*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

Tuesday Apr. 20 7:00 PM KC Meeting—RH
 Wednesday Apr. 21 Religious Ed Classes
 Thursday Apr. 22 2:00 PM Rosary Makers—RH

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

This is the last weekend to purchase raffle tickets for the Knights of Columbus Gun Raffle. The drawing is next Tuesday, April 20th. If you have sold tickets to return, please drop them by the rectory by Tuesday or return them to a KC member. Thank you!

Knights of Columbus Meeting—Tuesday, April 20th at 7 PM in Reardon Hall. All men are invited to be a part of the Knights of Columbus.

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.

Rummage Sale Items Wanted: If you are doing your spring cleaning and have some items that you would like to donate to our summer rummage sale, please save them for us. We will be collecting items on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6—8 PM starting Monday, April 26th. You may bring your items to the rectory garage at those times. Please do not bring clothes as we will not be accepting them for this sale. Also, if you larger items or furniture, please give Therese Gunther a call (847-6744) before bringing it to make sure that we will be able to use them.

HIS CHURCH IS YOU AND ME

Our Diocesan Annual Appeal 2020-2021:
 Goal—\$41,710
 Pledged to date—\$28,307
 Families—93

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.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of April 17th & 18th

Saturday, 8:30 PM

Lector: Howard Boppart

Servers: Christian Brow

Musicians: Peg Schmitz, John & Nancy Noga

Usher: Eli Boppart

Cleaning: The Boppart Family

Sunday, 8:00 AM

Lector: Bridget Gunther

Servers: Seth Schwedsky

Musicians: Ann Benz, Joe Clary

Usher: Matthew Gunther

Cleaning: The Gunther Family

Sunday, 10:00 AM

Lector: Sue Hollenbeck

Servers:

Musicians:

Usher: Kurt Salverson

Cleaning: The Bailey Family

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of April 24th & 25th

Saturday, 8:30 PM

Lector: Jaime Pouillie

Servers: Aedyn and Owen Lubinski

Musicians:

Usher: Matt Schwab

Cleaning: The Pouillie Family

Sunday, 8:00 AM

Lector: Larry Moore

Servers: Seth Schwedsky

Musicians: Ann Benz, Joe Clary

Usher:

Cleaning: The Moore Family

Sunday, 10:00 AM

Lector: Steve Hesprich

Servers:

Musicians: Peg Schmitz, Terri Walling

Usher: Jon Field

Cleaning: The Boppart Family

Eucharistic Miracles of the World On May 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Parish will be hosting the Eucharistic Miracles of the World. *Holy Rosary is located at 215 S. Washington Ave., Medford, WI 54451.* Experience 126 Church approved Eucharistic Miracles described on 140 panels of the Vatican International Exhibition of the Eucharistic Miracles of the World. In the entire history of the Catholic Church there have been numerous Eucharistic Miracles approved by the Catholic Church as worthy of belief. The Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit is composed of an extensive assortment of photographs and historical descriptions of miracles, healings, and visions. The public will be invited to view the panels on the following dates and times:

- Thursday, May 6th from 4:00pm to 8:00pm
- Friday, May 7th from 4:00pm to 8:00pm
- Saturday, May 8th from Noon to 8:00pm
- Sunday, May 9th from 9:00am to 3:00pm

There is no cost to come and view the display. Do not miss this opportunity to grow closer to the Eucharist by viewing this incredible display.



National Child Abuse Prevention Month ~ The month of April each year is a time to raise public awareness of child abuse and neglect, and to recommit efforts and resources aimed at protecting children and strengthening families. For resources from the U.S. Bishops, visit: usccb.org/committees/communications/abuse-prevention-resources.

Catholics at the Capitol ~ Wednesday, April 21, 2021 ~ A Day of Prayer and Advocacy for all who are interested in advocating on public policy issues in accord with Catholic social teaching. This free, virtual event will begin with an advocacy training and review by Wisconsin Catholic Conference staff from 9 am to 9:50 am. Participants will then break out to meet with their elected officials to discuss several key issues that are currently under consideration in the state biennial budget bill. Attendees are encouraged to schedule meetings with policy-makers between 10 am and 4 pm, ensuring a collective Catholic voice is heard at the State Capitol on April 21! **Registration is required and further information will be provided with the registration confirmation.** For more information and registration, go to <https://www.wisconsinatholic.org/catholics-at-the-capitol/> or call the Wisconsin Catholic Conference at 608-257-0004.

Discover and Support the Work of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of La Crosse ~ Catholic Charities of the Diocese of La Crosse embodies the heart and hands of Jesus Christ to our neighbor in need. It does incredible work in addressing homelessness and poverty, providing crisis pregnancy and adoption services, assisting the elderly, people with disabilities and immigrants, rushing to aid our communities when disaster strikes, and so much more. Learn about its mission and services, and how you can volunteer or donate, by visiting cclse.org.

See Roe v. Wade the Movie – The Real Story You’ve Never been Told ~ See Roe v. Wade, a new movie that looks behind the scenes of the infamous 1973 Supreme Court ruling that legalized abortion through all 9 months of pregnancy. The story is told through the eyes of Dr. Bernard Nathanson, the New York OB/GYN who paved the way for abortion on demand but later became pro-life. Visit diolc.org/respect-life for links to the movie website and trailer. The film is now available on many streaming services, with the DVD to be released in May. It is currently available for preorder from Amazon, Walmart and Target, as well as Christian booksellers.

Wisconsin Bishops Speak Out Against “Equality Act” ~ Wisconsin’s Catholic bishops join with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) in opposing the Equality Act of 2021 (H.R. 5). While all people must be treated with dignity and respect, efforts to prevent discrimination cannot foster inequality and intolerance of religion and people of faith. The First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution specifically protects free speech and the free exercise of faith, as both are essential for a free and open society. To read more and to find out how you can make your voice heard against this dangerous legislation, visit www.diolc.org/social-concerns.

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