



April 26, 2020
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

FROM OUR PASTOR

It may seem odd to go on retreat at this time. No one's getting out and what am I 'retreating' from? Nonetheless, priests are to take a canonical retreat every year. The dates I had set up just happen to fall during a pandemic. But who could have planned for that? So I have Mass daily for the Sisters and have the rest of the day to enter more deeply in prayer, the scriptures and the evenings to use FORMED to learn more of the saints. One of the keys the saints point to is noise, especially of the heart.

That is where a retreat comes in. I would venture to say that for many, staying at home has not been a time of peace and quiet. The same is true at the rectory. If we are honest, we can see the negative in most things or in the people around us. But instead of going with that or ganging up on others who have tough decisions to make; we have the option to choose gratitude. To see the good and appreciate it. To see what we can do.

Yet that can be tough or we know we should but stick with the negative and judging. Concupiscence, we see it or experience it everyday. Falling for less than what God wants/asks of us. Of knowing the good but failing to do it. That of being attracted to our more darker side and not fighting the good fight.

So whether on retreat or staying at home, this is a good time to look at our lives. A time to make choices going forward. A time to reflect, "what am I choosing and why?" We are in charge of ourselves; with God's grace, we can respond to events and people and not react or fly off the handle.

We should ponder, but often we are too busy, yet as a people of faith, how is Jesus a part of our response to what is going on around us? What is the standard for our choices? What is easy? What "I want"? What the crowds say I should want? My base desires? Or do I act out of fear? Out of desperation or sense of no other choice?

What, in these days of pandemic, of staying at home, does my heart say? Can I hear what is in the depth of my heart? Can I hear the voice of Jesus in my heart? Is there a lot of noise? Maybe I can get out and take a walk, but I can't walk away from the noise of my heart or mind. What will bring it peace? What will allow me to listen and be guided by my heart of hearts that Jesus rests in and speaks to all the time?

We may not be able to "get away from it all", but we can go into our inner room and meet Jesus there. And there, come to know the Easter peace He offers to us.

Father John

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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

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DAILY ROSARY

Cancelled

CONFESSIONS

As advertised

EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION

Cancelled

Cemetery Clean Up will take place in early May. Please remove 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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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.

PICK OF THE WEEK ~ "*Catherine of Siena*" by Sigrid Undset. With sensitivity to the zealous love of God and man that permeated the life of Saint Catherine, Undset presents a most moving and memorable portrait of one of the greatest women of all time.

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

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

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, Marie Boehm and Art Vinopal.

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.

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 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 April 26, 2020

- Sat. Apr. 25 For our Parishioners
- Sun. Apr. 26 For the repose of the soul of
Shannon (Bishop) DeVee
- Mon. Apr. 27 For the repose of the soul of *Irene Urick*
- Tue. Apr. 28 For *Kelly Bires*
- Wed. Apr. 29 For the repose of the soul of *John Grzenia*
- Thu. Apr. 30 For the repose of the soul of
Linda (Steiner) Pipgras
- Fri. May 1 For the *Living & Deceased Members of The Infant Jesus of Prague Circle*
- Sat. May 2 For our *Parishioners*
- Sun. May 3 For the repose of the soul of
Helen Dougherty

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.

St. Roch, Patron of the Sick

St. Roch (also called St. Rocco and St. Rock) cured many people during the plague in early 14th century Italy. Born in Montpellier, France, he was marked not only by human lowliness and generosity but by God's own powerful sign.

The child of the governor, Roch was destined for great worldly honor. But after the death of his parents, when he was 20, rather than inherit his father's position, power, and property, he gave his belongings to the poor, the governorship to his uncle, and, dressed now as a poor man, traveled to Rome.

It was said that from his birth, his chest was marked with a sign of the cross. Its no wonder, then, that as Roch encountered many who were afflicted by plague on his way to Rome, he healed these by making the sign of the cross over them.

Eventually contracting the plague himself, Roch retired to a woods outside of Rome, where he was cared for by a local nobleman. Upon his recovery, he returned to Montpellier but, not wanting his identity known, was quiet and taken for a spy. He was thrown into prison where he died five years later.

St. Roch's humility, care for others, and faith in the power of Christ's cross have made him a model for all who wish to come closer to Jesus, despite life's many hardships.

Novena Prayer to St. Roch O Blessed Saint Roch, patron of the sick, have pity on those who lie upon a bed of suffering. Your power was so great when you were in this world that, by the sign of the Cross, many were healed of their diseases. Now that you are in heaven, your power is not less. Offer, then, to God our sighs and tears and obtain for us that health we seek. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Repeat the following 3 times)

Saint Roch, pray for us, that we may be preserved from all diseases of body and soul.

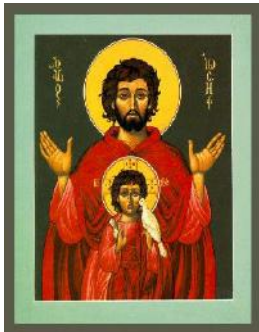
All parish and diocese events have been canceled until further notice.

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.

COVID-19 – A Time to Grow in Prayer, Love and Inspiration ~ Visit diolc.org/social-concerns for continually updated news, inspiring features, and practical suggestions on how you can grow in love of God and neighbor. Read what Catholic Charities is doing to help the homeless, listen to a beautiful duet of *The Prayer* sung by Catholic Charities’ Kevin Burch and his daughter Alexandra, read about the “Facemask Mission” of Chalice of Mercy, and more. You will be touched and lifted up at a time when we all need it.



**A Year Devoted to St. Joseph:
May 1, 2020 - May 1, 2021**

Bishop Callahan invites all to celebrate and pray with him to St. Joseph the Workman on May 1 via livestreamed Mass, diolc.org/live, beginning at 12:00 noon, from the Cathedral.

This Mass will begin a special year of thanksgiving, petition, and honor to St. Joseph. In the year ahead, the diocese will offer prayers for his blessings upon our families (Patron Saint of Husbands, Fathers, and Families), our beloved dead (Patron Saint of a Happy Death), and the special needs of our Diocese (Patron Saint of the Universal Church).

As we make our way through the year, several events, prayers and novenas will be available. It is, of course, painfully obvious for all of us to know that our plans often turn to dust in the midst of possible tragedies and sicknesses that come our way. So, please open this singular year with Bishop Callahan at noon on May 1, and follow the Diocesan website diolc.org for further information and possible events.

Bishop Callahan will be live streaming the celebration of noon Mass on Friday, May 1, to start the diocesan celebration of the year of St. Joseph.

HOLY HAPPY HOUR ~ We are trying something a little different....last month we invited you to have your own Holy Happy Hour around your kitchen table, but this month maybe you want to hear some other voices...or see some other faces so we will be hosting a Virtual Holy Happy Hour! All you need to do is email re@stpatricksmauston.com and say “I would like the link”. You will be emailed the link and password and on Tuesday April 28th at 6:30pm make your favorite drink and log on...still from the comfort of your own home. Hope to see you on Tuesday the 28th!!

New Webpage: COVID At Home Resources: A new webpage has been created by the diocese to provide a wealth of resources for families during this “Safer at Home” time. Check it out at: diolc.org/marriage/at-home-family-faith-building-resources/

Marriage Enrichment Opportunity ~ Be Light: A Marriage Renewal Date Night Series – 5 nights (April 26-30). Each date night will be available after 7pm CST. witnessstolove.org/belight/

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

We at St. Patrick’s are fortunate to have a place to come to pray in private before our statue of St. Peregrine, the patron of cancer patients. We welcome everyone to stop to say a prayer for someone with a serious illness as well as ask Our Lord through St. Peregrine to find a cure for this dreaded disease that affects so many people. There is literature about St. Peregrine’s life and medals that are blessed along with prayer cards available for anyone to pick up. These are located on the shelf under the candle stand at the front of church next to the St. Peregrine statue.

DIocese of LA CROSSE GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING INSTANCES OF CHILD ABUSE—The Diocese of La Crosse, through its policies and procedures, seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor or volunteer). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Mrs. Karen Becker, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Becker at 608.791.0179 or intakeagent@diolc.org. The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at: diolc.org/safe-environment/reporting. **Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities.** Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local parish and on the diocesan website. If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, please contact Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at 608.791.2679; or tbrown@diolc.org.

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