

FEBRUARY 23, 2020 • 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# SAINT MARY'S

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### My Parish App:

St. Mary's Parish

## MASS SCHEDULE

### Weekdays

Tuesday 5:30 pm

Wed, Thurs, & Fri 8:30 am

### Weekends

Saturday 7:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am & 1:00 pm

### Adoration

Wed, Thurs, & Fri 8:00 - 8:30 am

### Confessions

Tuesday 5:00 pm

Saturday 6:00 pm

### Rosary

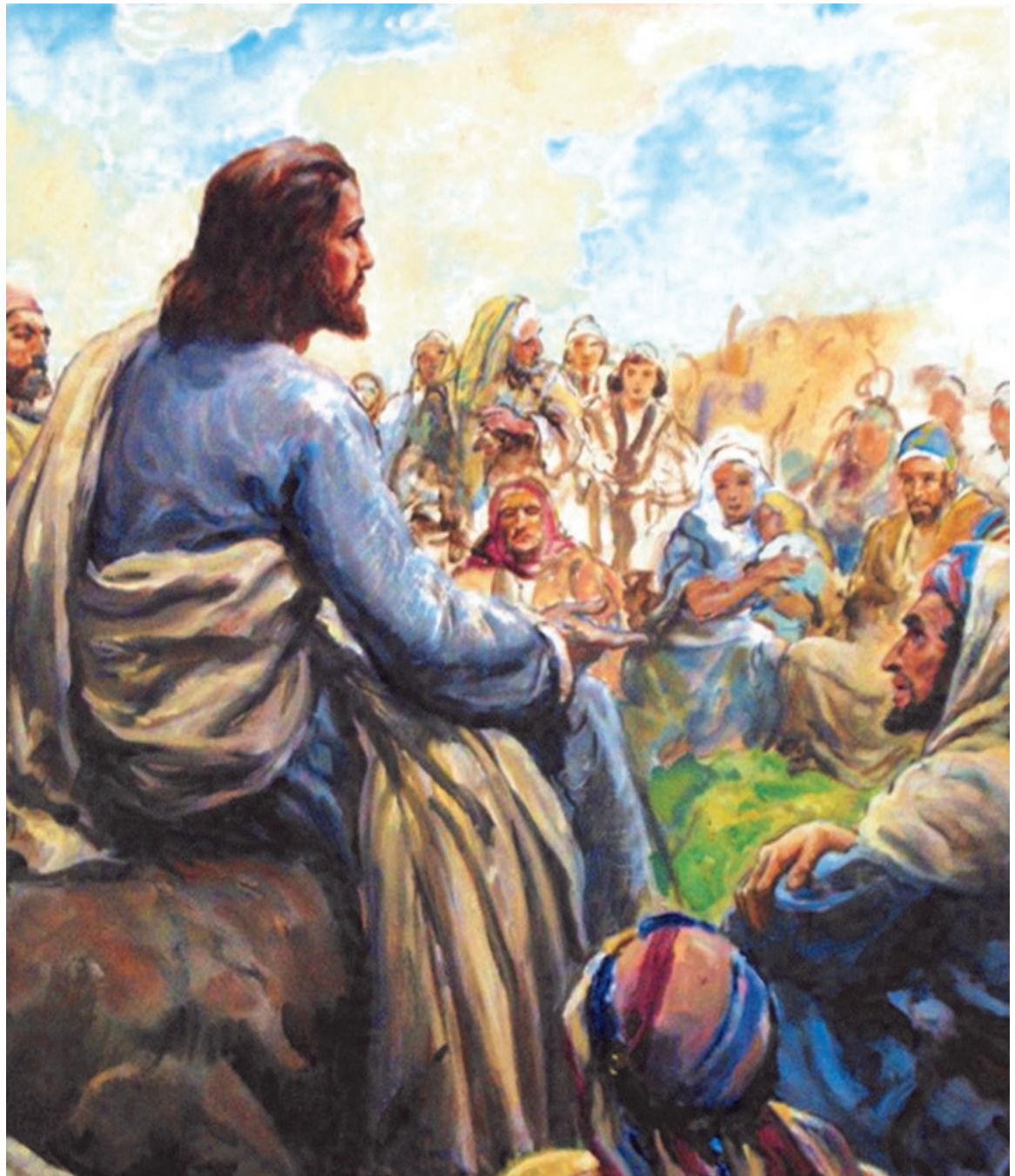
Before Saturday Vigil Mass and  
Sunday 9:00 am Mass

### PASTORAL COUNCIL

Pat Mitchell (Chair)  
Jeanette Crowley (Secretary)  
Jerome Senzig, Sandy Madland,  
Joan Holig-McCormick, &  
Linda Lochner

### FINANCE COUNCIL

Kim Betthauser (Chair)  
Sheri Guyse (Secretary)  
Penny Arens, Jim Cauley,  
& Cory Holig



"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father, for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what recompense will you have? Do not the tax collectors do the same?" Mt 5:43-46



## Mass Intentions

**Tuesday, February 25,**  
5:30 pm No Mass

**Wednesday, February 26,**  
8:30 am † Klara Jacobs  
By: Fr. Clayton

7:00 pm † Fr. Norman Boneck  
By: Fr. Clayton

**Thursday, February 27,**  
8:30 am † Carol Ryczek  
By: Jim & Carol Cauley

**Friday, February 28,**  
8:30 am † John & Sarah Hale  
By: Tom & Sandy Hale

**Saturday, February 29,**  
7:00 pm † Bill McGowan  
By: Lee & Mary Feldman

**Sunday, February 30,**  
9:00 am Parishioners' Mass  
1:00 pm Angela Dziewior  
By: Andrea Bires



## Upcoming Events

**Ash Wednesday**  
Feb 26th, 8:30 am & 7:00 pm

**Parish Finance Council**  
March 10th, 6:30 pm

**Annual Ham Dinner**  
March 15th, 11:00-1:00

**Ladies Sodality Meeting**  
April 9th, 6:30 pm

**Parish Pastoral Council**  
April 21st, 6:30 pm



## **Within the Word – To be Perfect like the Father**

As Christians we are called to perfection. This seems like a tall order, but it makes sense if Jesus Christ is perfect and we're called to be like Him. In the Gospel of Mark, we learn more about the Christian life we're called to. It is when Jesus says, "Offer no resistance to one who is evil. When someone strikes you on your right cheek, turn the other one as well". At the Mount of Beatitudes, Jesus goes on and on challenging the very laws and norms the people would've known. Jesus even says to love our enemies and pray for them, which was totally against the Jewish way of life. He says, "You have heard that it was said, you shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."

Jesus is a teacher, and in the passage He is teaching. He continues to say, "But I say to you..." What Jesus is doing is setting the bar higher for everyone, so as to help them reach perfection; something impossible for sinners, but something very possible with the Grace and Power of Christ. One might ask, "am I to be as perfect as God, the Father!? How can this be? Is Jesus being unreasonable in asking this of me?" The answer is no. What kind of teacher wouldn't encourage his students to reach for the stars? What kind of spiritual guru would only show the spiritual life in a superficial way? Or what kind of parent would only expect the 'average' of their children and not inspire them to go "above and beyond."

God encourages us to reach for the stars, literally; for it is the Heavenly Kingdom that we'd be reaching. Jesus teaches us to be above average and to live the supernatural life fully. Jesus portrays God as a loving Father who sees us as His very sons and daughters. So we too should try and act as He does, in all things and to be perfect. For we are created in his image; so therefore pray that you will be kind and Christ like to your brothers and sisters, even your 'enemies' and persecutors. If you do so, you will be perfect like the Father...

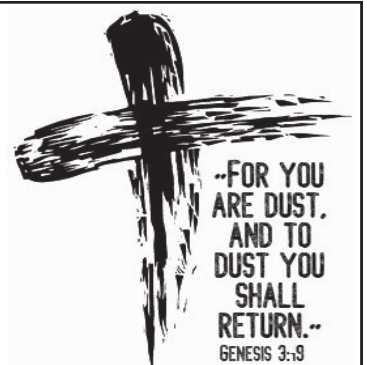
## *Liturgical Practices in the Diocese of La Crosse - Influenza & Coronavirus*

*In light of the high incidence of influenza and the recent Coronavirus outbreak, Bishop Callahan asks all pastors and parochial administrators in the Diocese of La Crosse to use their own discretion about inviting the exchange of the Sign of Peace and the distribution of the Precious Blood from the chalice. Individual members of the faithful can also determine for themselves whether to exchange the Sign of Peace with their neighbors or to receive the Precious Blood from the chalice. If a significant change in the situation surrounding the incidences of either influenza cases or Coronavirus occurs, further direction from the Diocese will be offered.*

## Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule

This upcoming Wednesday, Feb. 26th!

St. Mary's - 8:30 AM & 7:00 PM  
St. Patrick's - Mauston - 8:00 AM and 6:00 PM  
St. Cecilia's - Wis. Dells - 8:00 AM & 6:00 PM  
Sacred Heart - Reedsburg - 6:30 AM, 8:15 AM,  
12:15 PM, & 6:30 PM



## Please keep these families in your prayers:

Mildred Blank	Mary Claire
Jim & Adela	Marshall
Hagen	Courtney Miller
Elizabeth Hall	Lucille Ryczek
Gloria Kramer	Leo Schneider
Helen & Andy	George Smith
Kwit	Rosalee Verette

The March-April Ministry schedule is ready and can be picked up in the vestibule.



**Ministry Schedule**

Thank you to everyone who helps out during Mass!

## Lenten Resources

Available on the back table, please take and use:

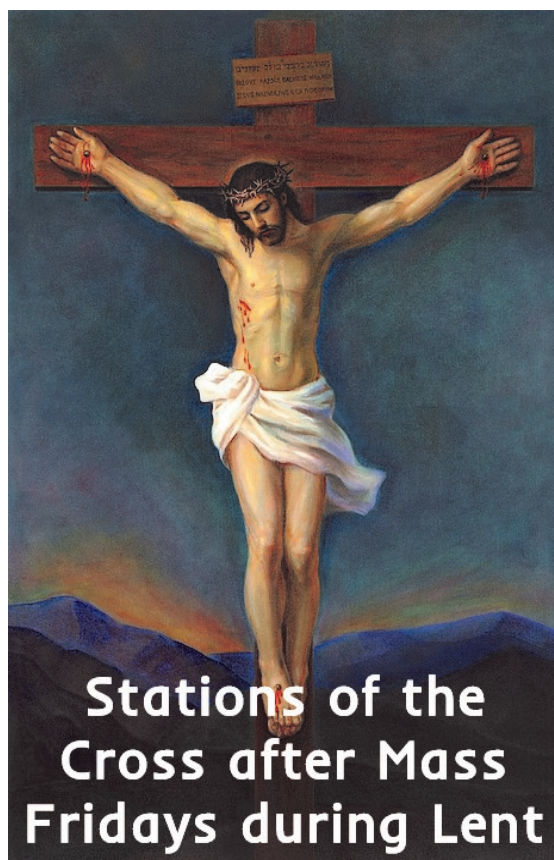
- Lenten "Word Among Us" Booklets
- Lent Mite Boxes for the youth
- "Graceful Surrender" and Lenten prayer cards

### Online Resources:

- Diocese of La Crosse Resources: <https://diolc.org/catechesis/catechist-training-resources-for-teaching/lent-resources/>
- Best Lent Ever from Dynamic Catholic <http://dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever/>  
Includes short inspirational videos, practical tips, & study guide for groups or individuals
- Word on Fire - Bishop Robert Barron <https://www.wordonfire.org/resources/video/>  
Sign up free for daily Lenten reflections

## **Reminder to get your Ham Dinner Raffle tickets!**

Please grab your tickets in the back of church. Ladies from the Sodality are in the back to collect and/or hand out your tickets. **Also, Father Clayton is HOSTING a FAMILY BBQ, for whoever sells the most raffle tickets!**



# Thank You!

to everyone who donated plastic food containers! We are no longer in need of any until further notice. We're running out of space to store them!

## LENTEN OBSERVANCES

### Lenten regulations to follow:

1. **Again folks**, Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are to abstain from meat completely on all **Fridays in Lent, Ash Wednesday, and Good Friday**.
2. In addition to abstaining from meat, Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday, until their 59th birthday, are to fast on **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday**. A recommended fast from the Church: 1 small meal in the morning, 1 meal at lunch & 1 small meal in the evening. The two small meals together should not equal the size of the regular meal. When abstaining in Lent, always remember a spirit of detachment.

## **Financial Stewardship**

February 15th & 16th, 2020  
Actual

Adult Envelopes.....	\$1834.55
Student Envelopes.....	\$8.60
Offertory.....	\$424.25
<u>Votive Candles.....</u>	<u>\$108.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2375.40</b>

Weekly Budget \$2,441.23  
(155 registered families)

### Year-to-date\*

Budgeted	\$76,765.59
Contributed	\$91,866.33

\*Fiscal Year began July 1, 2019

## **Liturgical Roles**

**Saturday, February 29th, 7:00 pm**

<b>Lector.....</b>	Paul Zajackowski
<b>Servers.....</b>	Katelyn Browne
.....	Volunteer
<b>Ushers.....</b>	Jim Arens
.....	Dan Patton
.....	Rodney Senzig
<b>Gift Bearers.....</b>	Pamela & Aron Browne
<b>EMC.....</b>	Paul Zajackowski
.....	Frances Miller
.....	Penny Arens
<b>Musician.....</b>	Tracey Tolzmann

**Sunday, February 30th, 9:00 am**

<b>Lector.....</b>	M. McCormick
<b>Servers.....</b>	Eden Finucan
.....	Stella Finucan
<b>Ushers.....</b>	Tom Guyse
.....	Ben Hall
.....	John Burch
<b>Gift Bearers.....</b>	Jim Hall Jr. & Family
<b>EMC.....</b>	Joan Holig-McCormick
.....	Kelly Honnold
.....	Deacon Tom
<b>Musician.....</b>	Jade Pusel

### Floor Project

Goal: \$75,000  
Total Received: \$61,807.20  
Percent of Goal received: 82.41%

### Annual Appeal

Goal: \$14,380  
Total Pledged & Received: \$11,265.00  
Percent of Goal pledged: 78.34%



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