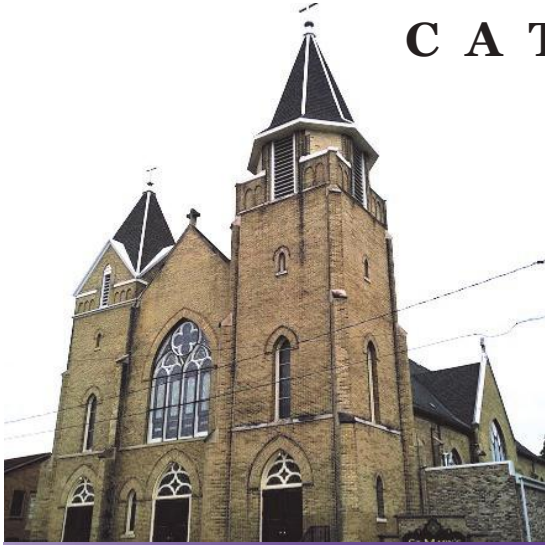


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MASS SCHEDULE

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

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"But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him. God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth." Jn 4:23-24

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, March 17,
5:30 pm † Bob & Joanne Koscal
By: Lee & Mary Feldman

Wednesday, March 18,
8:30 am Leja Family
By: Fr. Clayton

Thursday, March 19,
8:30 am † Sister Sara Hale &
Sister Mary Hale
By: Tom & Sandy Hale

Friday, March 20,
8:30 am No Mass

Saturday, March 21,
7:00 pm † Beverly Walsh
By: Dean Walsh

Sunday, March 22,
9:00 am † Russ Schwedersky &
Jon Wafle
By: Family

1:00 pm Parishioners' Mass
Sanctuary Lamp: Special Intention
By: Rita Hall

**MAY THE STRENGTH OF GOD
PILOT US,
MAY THE WISDOM OF GOD
INSTRUCT US,
MAY THE HAND OF GOD
PROTECT US,
MAY THE WORD OF GOD
DIRECT US.
-ST. PATRICK
FEAST DAY MARCH 17TH**

Upcoming Events

St. Mary's Penance Service
March 28th, 3:00 pm-6:00 pm

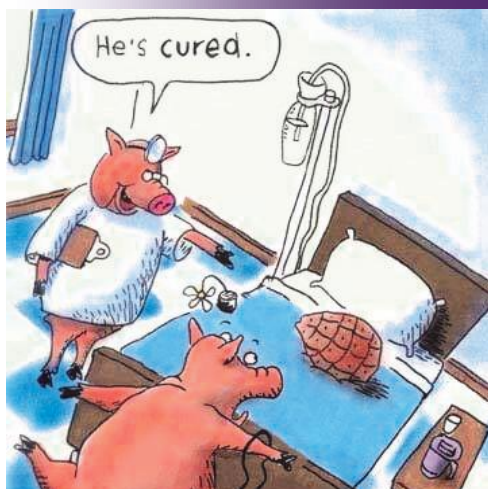
Ladies Flower Night
April 2nd, 6:30 pm

Ladies Sodality Meeting
April 9th, 1:00 pm

Holy Triduum & Easter Vigil
April 9th-11th

Parish Pastoral Council
April 21st, 6:30 pm

Parish Finance Council
May 12th, 6:30 pm



Within the Word – True Living Water

The third week of lent brings us to the woman at the well. How often do we find ourselves like the woman –ashamed, feeling crestfallen by a people or community? Sometimes we feel people judging us for our misfortunes, our life's choices or behaviors. This only leads to division and segregation. And for obvious reasons, we tend to stay away from places that pass judgment, especially if it's in church or a community that should be accepting and forgiving.

The woman at the well is that figure. She is a non-Jew gathering water at noon, and she meets Jesus. What does Jesus do? He talks to her, He asks her to give him a drink, and continues to talk with her about passing things. Jesus is a man speaking publically to a woman. (Something you just didn't do) Among many things, Jesus teaches us how to be with those who might feel shame or be humiliation; we are to talk to them.

We don't know her name, we don't know her age, and yet her conversation with Jesus is of great length; one of the longest in the Gospels. What's fascinating is her response to the Christ. She displays attitude and drama, you can imagine that she's a bit spirited and sarcastic –and to Jesus of all people. It was high noon on a hot day and Jesus was tired from traveling. He chose a sensible place to rest, while his disciples went to town for food. He began with a very deep question, one that can have many meanings, "Give me a drink."

Now there are taboos all over the place. First, Jews don't speak to Samaritans. (Long story) Second, men were not permitted to address ladies without their husband or fathers present. Thirdly rabbis had no business speaking to women, (cultural thing) especially at midday. Those who came at noon were often people too ashamed to come in the morning (when it was cool). What we have here is Jesus being rebellious. Again, we see that He's willing to toss out rules, norms and reach out to those in need; and right from the start we get her liveliness and spunk. "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman," she reminded him. "How can you ask me for a drink?"

As she's reminding him of the law and cultural norms, Jesus focuses on grace and mercy and offers something nobody could refuse. He offers the gift of Living water, which only comes from God. Instead of insisting she pour him a drink, the Lord offers her "living water." Water from the ground was common, but living water? That was something very different. This gutsy woman pointed out the obvious: "You have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water?" Her curiosity prompts her to ask and Jesus gives a very big answer. He says, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again. But, whoever drinks the water I give will never thirst," Here Jesus shifts her mind from the things of the world to the things of God; from everyday life to life everlasting.

Folks, I invite you to read the rest of the story, and find your Bibles and read the whole 4th chapter of John. When you do you will find that Jesus is conversing with the woman at the well because He has something to offer, something that lasts. More often than not we're more concerned with the things of this world and not the things of the God. Jesus is offering eternal life every time we come to mass. The Eucharist that nourishes and the Word that heals are the two sources of Jesus' life giving water. He gives it so freely. Ask yourselves, do we receive them worthily? Do we truly believe? Read Ch. 4 in John's Gospel and find out for yourself. Ask yourself, would you give Jesus a drink?

Fr. Clayton

Would you like to WIN \$1000? How about \$500? \$100? Do you Like Big Homemade quilts? WELL come on DOWN!

Folks, please join us for our Annual HAM dinner. Grab some food, buy some tickets and join us for some parish festival fun. All are welcome! Food starts at 11 am. Come down after mass Sunday, March 15th and be with us for our tradition Ham Dinner. Children under 5 eat free! We also have over 60+ prizes to give away. Ticket sales go towards the parish maintenance fund. Also, this year chances of winning the Grand Prize of \$1000.00 are looking pretty good. 1 out of 7000. God bless all those who helped donate their time and money for this year's Ham Dinner. Also, thanks to the men and women who helped make this year another success! LET SPRING BEGIN!!!

Holy Hill Basilica Upcoming Events

Lenten Day of Recollection - Saturday, March 28th
First conference begins at 10:00 am Day concludes with
Mass at 4:30 pm \$25/person - Registration required
*Register online at <https://www.holyhill.com/events/lenen-day-of-recollection> OR call the monastery office (262-628-1838) to register. Register by March 24

Frassati Young Adult Day - Come out for a day of spiritual direction for young adults ages 18-35, and will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2020 at Holy Hill. For more information and to register, please visit holyhill.com



St. Paul's
New Lisbon



March 20, 27, and April 3
5:00-7:00 pm

Adults \$12.00

Children 11 and under \$6.00

Menu: baked or fried cod, baked or
American fried potatoes, rolls, cole-
slaw, dessert, and beverage

Did you miss the showing of "Unplanned" @ St. Mary's???

Sacred Heart Parish in Reedsburg will be hosting a showing on Tuesday, March 24th at 6:30 pm at Sacred Heart School at 545 N. Oak Street, Reedsburg.

Unplanned is the inspiring true story of Abby Johnson, former Planned Parenthood Clinic director turned pro-life activist.
Admission is free and all are welcome.



Prayer to St. Joseph

(Feast day March 19th)

Join us for Adoration and Mass starting at 8:00 a.m.

Patron: of the Universal Church, unborn children, fathers, workers, travelers, immigrants, and a happy death

O St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interest and desires.

O St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers.

O St. Joseph, I never weary of contemplating you, and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him close in my name and kiss His fine head for me and ask Him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, patron of departing souls, pray for me.
Amen.

Upcoming Area Lenten Communal Penance Services:

Wednesday, March 18th, 7:00 p.m. - Sacred Heart - Reedsburg

Wednesday, March 25th, 7:00 p.m. - St. Joseph's - Baraboo

Wednesday, March 25th, 6:30 p.m. - Sacred Heart - Cashton

Saturday, March 28th, 3:00-6:00 p.m. - St. Mary's - Lyndon Station

Sunday, March 29th, 3:00 p.m. - Queen of the Apostles - Tomah

Sunday, March 29th, 7:00 p.m. - St. Joseph's - Kendall

Tuesday, March 31st, 6:30 p.m. - St. Patrick's - Sparta

Thursday, April 2nd, 5:00 p.m. - St. Joseph's - Black River Falls

Thursday, April 2nd, 7:00 p.m. - St. Patrick's - Mauston

Wednesday, April 8th, 6:00 p.m. - St. Cecilia's - Wisconsin Dells

"If we acknowledge our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from every wrongdoing." 1 John 1:9

Financial Stewardship

March 7th & 8th, 2020
Actual

Adult Envelopes.....	\$2033.00
Student Envelopes.....	\$7.40
Offertory.....	\$373.25
Votive Candles.....	\$36.50
Total	\$2450.15

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

Year-to-date*

Budgeted	\$83,744.28
Contributed	\$99,506.65

*Fiscal Year began July 1, 2019

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, March 21st, 7:00 pm

Lector.....	Frances Miller
Servers.....	Katelyn Browne
.....	Volunteer
Ushers.....	Jim Arens
.....	Dan Patton
.....	Rodney Senzig
Gift Bearers.....	Jim & Rochelle Crowley
EMC.....	Frances Miller
.....	Paul Zajackowski
.....	Penny Arens
Musician.....	Tracey Tolzmann

Sunday, March 22nd, 9:00 am

Lector.....	M. McCormick
Servers.....	Marina Orlowski
.....	Olivia Renneberg
Ushers.....	Jim Cauley
.....	Pat Cauley
.....	Peter Cauley
Gift Bearers.....	Ryan & Marcie Orlowski
EMC.....	Joan Holig-McCormick
.....	Kelly Honnold
.....	Deacon Tom
Musician.....	Heidi Finucan

Floor Project

Goal: \$75,000
Total Received: \$62,194.20
Percent of Goal received: 82.93%

Annual Appeal

Goal: \$14,380
Total Pledged & Received: \$11,770.00
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