

February 21, 2021 - First Sunday of Lent

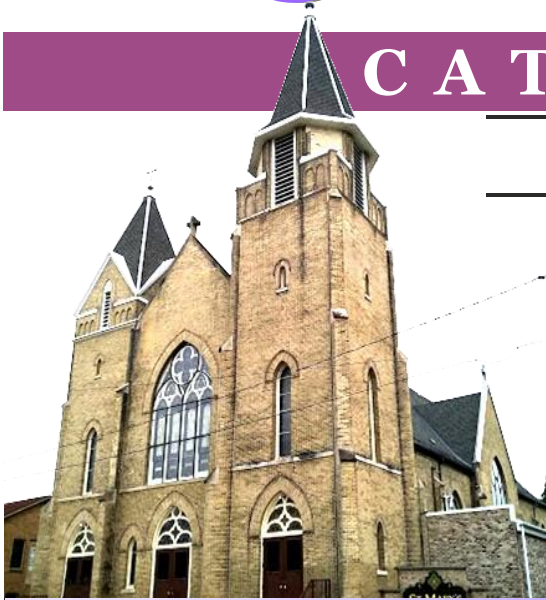
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## MASS SCHEDULE

### Weekdays

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

Saturday 6:00 pm

### Rosary

Saturday 6:35 pm

Sunday 8:35 am

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The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert,  
and he remained in the desert for forty days,  
tempted by Satan.

## Mass Intentions

### **Tuesday, February 23**

Private Special Intention  
Mass By: Fr. Clayton

### **Wednesday, February 24**

8:30 am † Gene Delmore  
By: Betty Delmore

### **Thursday, February 25**

8:30 am † Josephine Hilleary  
By: Rita Hall

### **Friday, February 26**

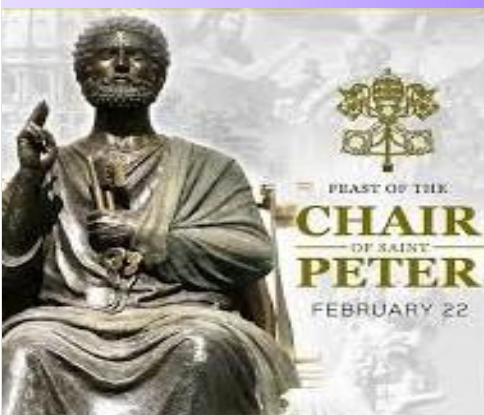
8:30 am † Joe Jr, Mike Sr, & Kathy  
Rogge and Lynn Hinrichs  
By: Jay & Wendy Rhyner

### **Saturday, February 27**

7:00 pm † Vicki Puetz  
By: Tom & Mary Puetz

### **Sunday, February 28**

9:00 am Parishioner Mass  
1:00 pm † Holy Souls in Purgatory  
By : Angela Dziejewior



## Upcoming Events

### **Stations of the Cross**

Fridays after 8:30 am Mass

### **Parish Pastoral Council**

March 9th @ 6:30pm

### **Parish Finance Council**

April 13th @ 6:30pm

### **Cemetery Committee**

April 25th @ 6:30pm



"We identified your weight gain problem. You have TSD:  
Temptation Surplus Disorder."

## **Within the Word - An uphill battle**

Folks, it's Lent again, and there's no time like the present. It goes without saying that when you're down in life, there's only one place to look and that's to Jesus. And when the weather's wrong, the day is upside down or it seems nothing is going right...you wake up and it's Lent...yes, it's going to be one of those years. The Church as well as Bishop Callahan every year invite us to reflect, remember, and try to live Holy lives. Holiness is an attribute of living the Christian life well, avoiding evil and sin; It's a disposition and state of being in Jesus Christ, and everyone, no matter what walk of life...is made in His image and likeness.

Now being holy does not mean you can never fall back to being a sinner... (I misunderstood that when I was younger) The Church teaches that all our great saints strove as sinners for holiness. Personally, when I was growing up holiness seemed like something I was supposed to do, or try to do...but not really expected to accomplish. Seriously what does it look like? (Google Mother Teresa of Calcutta, and you will see holiness) I am with you in not knowing what or where to turn sometimes, when it comes to growing in Holiness. I kept trying to be perfect in a world, that would never be perfect. So yes, It's frustrating...



I recall thinking, is this really something I can do? How am I supposed to live, or at least try to live? Yes, I'm telling you we can, with God nothing is impossible.... Friends I am with you when I say, it seems beyond me. It's ok to feel, that holiness is hard to accomplish. I agree. But I would share, It's a matter of doing the little things out of love, well...then trying to be holy & perfect 24/7. This is impossible, and not what the Church teaches. No, for us sinners, it's the doing the little 'holy' things in life that help foster holiness in your life. That's how you "grow" in holiness.

I would always shake my head inside and reflect, after learning about saints and folks in scripture. I would ask myself, "Holy? 'I can't be that guy?'" Holy?...no way! I'm a sinner!? I'm too weak and stupid to be...Holy? Seriously... I can't even remember NOT to eat meat on Ash Wednesday.... (I just warmed up some left-over chicken....and yes, it's the day of all days...not to eat chicken. And I did.... I took a bite; I spit it out and yelled to myself, "What the heck am I doing...Yes folks, trying to be holy isn't easy. I struggle every day. (Rev and Lily were happy that I forgot) I know it's not easy, the tall task of growing in holiness and promoting the universal call to do so, I know it is not easy, I get it...but it's still worth doing.

This lent, just take it easy. I honestly believe we're going through a great time of 'Lent,' as a people. Not just as Americans or Christians, but as human beings, humanity is suffering. All people are suffering and struggling to some form or extent. Why is that? Isn't it even a little bit curious that the whole world is going through great suffering? There isn't a soul on earth that isn't struggling...& It's always been that way...Why is it that the whole world at the same time is suffering...I don't know, but I would say that, it's a perfect time to grow in Holiness -and this lent, that is what I'm focusing on.

*Fr. Clayton*

## LENTEN OBSERVANCES

1. Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are to abstain from meat completely on **Ash Wednesday, all Fridays during Lent, and Good Friday.**
2. In addition to abstaining from meat, Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, until their 59th birthday, are to fast on **Ash Wednesday & Good Friday.**
3. A **recommended fast:** 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.
4. When abstaining from foods or pleasures during Lent, always remember a spirit of detachment. It is in letting go of the things in the world, that we find peace, God, and ourselves re-centered on Jesus Christ.



## St. Mary's Prayer List

Vinnie Bellock, Braun Family, Joan Burch, Jamie Donnelly, Joan, Henry, Bill, William, Clayton & John Elmhurst, Jim & Adela Hagen, Elizabeth Hall, Roseanne Kenneth, Gloria Kramer, Helena Kwit & Family, Mary Claire Marshall, Courtney Miller, Lizzie Mitchell, Tony Oldigs, Lucille Ryczek, Charlotte Rybicki, Marjorie Senzig, Jeri Smith, Jane Torgerson, Rosalee Verette, William & Jackie Zenk, Nancy Zingsheim, Bob Walsh, those who are sick, unemployed, in need & all families who are suffering in any way; from illness, cancer, uncertainty, anxieties & for the end of the COVID-19 pandemic; Families & Friends please...PRAY THE ROSARY!!!



## **Volunteer Readers Needed!**

The parish office is in the process of scheduling readers for all three Masses. There are no greater words to read in life than the living and divine words of God. If you are interested in proclaiming the word of God at the privilege and honor of the Mass, please contact the parish office to be placed on our reader's list. Efforts will be made to work around schedules, and we will continue this form of scheduling until there are no longer restrictions due to Covid-19.



## **Communal Reconciliation Services**

Feb. 25th 7:00 pm - St. Joseph's - Baraboo

March 6th 9:00 am - St. Mary's - Portage

March 24th 6:00 pm - St. Cecilia - Wis. Dells

## **Lenten Materials**

As a way to enhance your Lenten journey, there are daily devotionals available at the entrance of the church. Please help yourself to a copy of **The Word Among Us** as well as numerous prayer cards. There are also materials geared for children, to help them understand and participate in this most sacred time of the church year. I hope it helps you on your Lenten journey. I pray that you experience Christ's paschal mystery, in which we all share in through Baptism. May grace fill your Lenten weeks with God's mercy & love; don't forget to observe our traditions & practices of this season.



## **Congratulations to Tyse Thomas Langer!**

Tyse was baptized on Sunday, February 14th. Tyse is the son of Tommy Langer and Brooke Schluter. God parents are Taylor and Michelle Finger. May God bless little Tyse and his parents as they begin their life long walk with Christ and St. Mary's parish family. Keep 'em coming!

## **Financial Stewardship**

**February 14, 2021**

Adult Envelopes.....	\$1278.00
Student Envelopes.....	\$4.00
Offertory.....	\$191.00
Utility Envelopes.....	\$100.00
Votive Candles.....	\$25.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,598.00</b>

**Weekly Budget \$2,548.07**

(160 registered families)

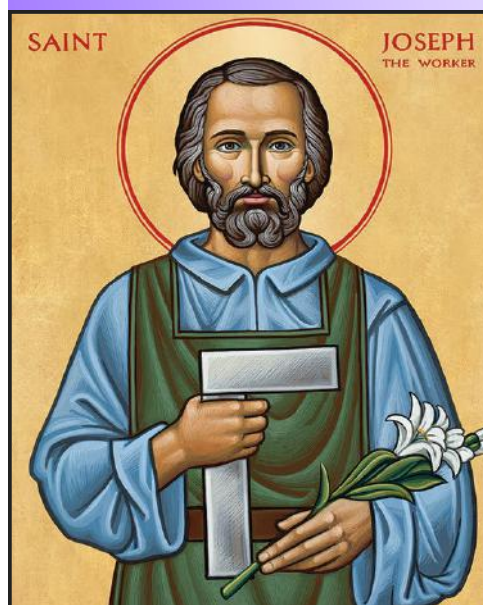
### **Year-to-date\***

Budgeted	\$84,086.31
Contributed	\$94,931.71

## **Time to go to St. Joseph**

St. Joseph protected the Holy Family & we can trust ourselves, to him at a time when fatherhood is so needed. We can ask him to help strengthen our families – as well as the bonds of our parish during this time of hardship.

**-St. Joseph, Pray for us!**



## **St. Mary's Floor Project**

Parishioners' Goal:	\$75,000
Total Received:	\$72,650.00
Percent of Goal received:	96.87%

## **2020-21 Annual Appeal**

Goal:	\$15,810
Total Pledged & Received:	\$10,765.00
Percent of Goal pledged:	68.09%



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