

February 28, 2021 - Second 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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Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, March 2

Private Special Intention
Mass By: Fr. Clayton

Wednesday, March 3

8:30 am Jennifer Sparby
By: The Sauter Sisters

Thursday, March 4

8:30 am Special Intentions
By: Ostrowski Family

Friday, March 5

8:30 am † Dennis Moore
By: The Sauter Family

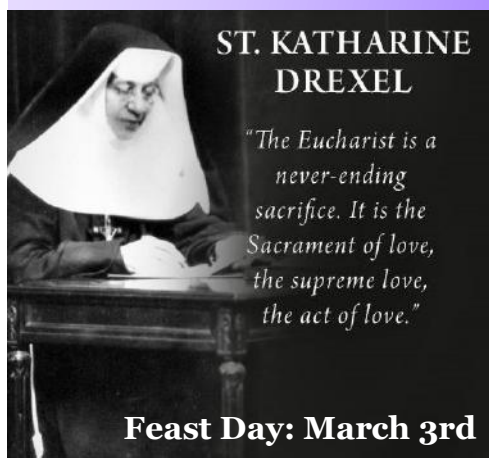
Saturday, March 6

7:00 pm † Anna McGowan
By: Jim McGowan

Sunday, March 7

9:00 am † Kyle Feldman
By: Mary & Lee Feldman

1:00 pm Parishioner Mass



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



Within the Word - the Journey up the Mountain

Prayer throughout life can often feel like hiking up a tall mountain, and sometimes it feels like it keeps getting taller! In life when your down, we can often wonder if it's all worth it. I get nothing out of this? Lent? Oh my goodness, what happened these last 12 months...and here we go again, right where we left off last year. Folks, prayer is lifting the heart and mind to God. Prayer can be anything really...but the lifting up one's heart and mind is essential. One can really connect with God without raising both of these. A wise old quote from the great doctor, St. Peter Damien. Folks, even if you don't have the stamina, persistence and persevere is a must. And, if you give quality time to God and "make the time," I guarantee you, it'll change your life.



Jesus 'took with him Peter, James and John' and he will take you too, if you are willing to climb. Try not to be irritable and edgy as you make your way upward with him. You may have no great spiritual experiences, but being with Jesus and listening to him brings its own reward at a deeper level. It is in this way that we are transfigured. And yes, it's hard sometimes when we feel like no one cares or is listening. But God does hear you...He's GOD, Jesus teaches that the Father always hears you. Why then do we always stop? Or why do people Give up on God? As God, He must know what's best, right? so I must try and listen to Him... Like any good child listens to their Father, so must we.

He might not answer the way we'd like, but it's for good reason; the simplest and the most common is that He wants you to grow closer to Him, and does so with the means of our life long journey....at times He guides us up a mountain, or even a desert and either one will do. To cross deserts and climb mountains is the Christian life. And we do so with God through Prayer!

Moreover, pain and suffering, struggle and trial...all are part of the Christian life and these are charismatic signs of the Christian life. We should be caring our crosses, with understanding and acceptance. We shouldn't throw them in the ditch and wait for life to end or some passer-by to come and lift it for us. No, we do so together, we're suffering and we're all in this together; hence we're suffering as a Christian body together....it is the TRUTH, that Jesus is with us and He's carrying our cross with us, just like Simon of Cyrene, helped Jesus carry ours... So, it's normal to feel this, or ask oneself, "Why do I feel like nobody's listening?" And, let me tell you I feel the same thing at times. I agree it's hard to stay focused on Christ, especially when the world around you is anything but Christ. Trust me when I say this, "persistence in the lifting up of your heart and mind to God, will always be heard...He wouldn't be God if He couldn't or wouldn't hear you, or is preoccupied in the Cosmos and doesn't have time for you...NO, He never misses a beat and never misses your prayers.

Fr. Clayton

DIocese OF LA CROSSE GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING CHILD ABUSE

The Diocese of La Crosse, seeks to provide a prompt & compassionate response to reports of sexual abuse of a child by any agent (bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor or volunteer). Anyone with an allegation of abuse should contact **Mrs. Teresa Brown**, complaint intake agent, Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. You can contact Mrs. Becker at 608.791.0179 or intakeagent@diolc.org. The reporting form is available through the Diocese Office of Safe Environment, or our website at: diolc.org/safe-environment/reporting.

Individuals are encouraged to report directly to civil authorities. Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your parish & on the diocesan website. If you have any questions about the implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children & Young People, please contact Teresa Brown, at 608-791-2679.



Lent is a time to fast from certain things and to feast on others. It is a season in which we should:

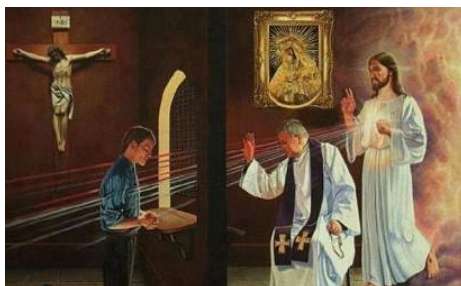
- Fast from judging others; feast on Christ dwelling in them.
- Fast from words that pollute; feast on phrases that purify.
- Fast from anger; feast on patience.
- Fast from worry; feast on Divine order.
- Fast from complaining; feast on appreciation.
- Fast from discouragement; feast on hope.
- Fast from idle gossip; feast on purposeful silence.

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



La Crosse Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Presents: A Lenten Journey Through the Holy Land

Saturday, March 6, 2021 9:00 am to 12 noon

Our host, Lorraine Riedl, will take us on a virtual walk through the life of Jesus in the Holy Land using photos from a recent pilgrimage.

THREE WAYS TO JOIN THE MEETING

- 1) Go to the link at LDCCW.org and click to join
- 2) Manually join on Zoom at: Meeting ID: 826 9510 0524 Passcode: 449588
- 3) Dial in on phone only at +1 (312)626-6799 using the above Meeting ID and Passcode.

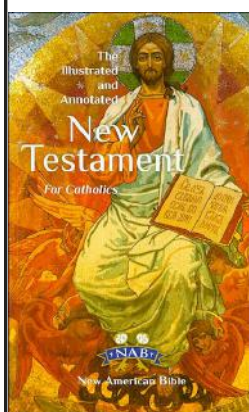


House Fire Support Special Collection March 6th & 7th

There've been several recent house fires in our community. We're gathering info for those who were affected by the fires. Please reach out and say thank you to the Fire Dept. If you would like to help and don't know how, St. Mary's is having an extra collection March 6th/7th, to directly help those in need. You can also send any help directly through our Office. We will divide the funds collected to those who are in most need

THEY'RE BACK!!!

Get one while you can! These went fast the last time we had them available! "The Illustrated and Annotated New Testament for Catholics" will be sold in the church vestibule for \$10. Please use the envelope provided and place in the offertory or mail/drop off to the parish office.



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Financial Stewardship

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Adult Envelopes.....	\$2872.00
Student Envelopes.....	\$8.26
Offertory.....	\$377.00
Utility Envelopes.....	\$75.00
Votive Candles.....	\$15.00
Total	\$3,347.26

Weekly Budget \$2,548.07

(160 registered families)

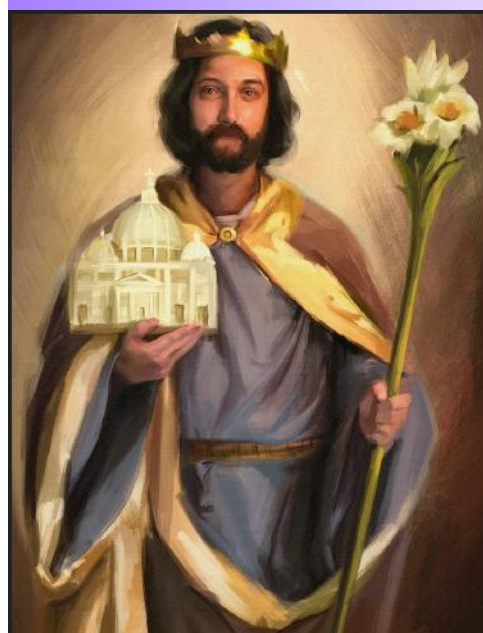
Year-to-date*

Budgeted	\$86,634.38
Contributed	\$98,278.97

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

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