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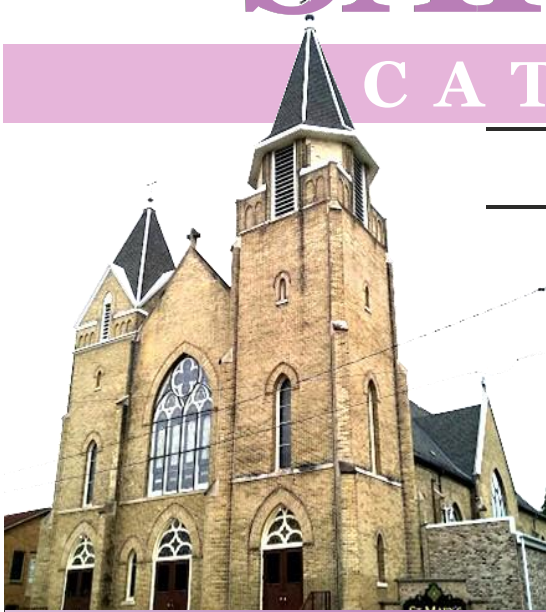
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### MASS SCHEDULE

#### 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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# Third Sunday



# of Lent

His disciples recalled the words of Scripture,  
*Zeal for your house will consume me.*

At this the Jews answered and said to him,  
“What sign can you show us for doing this?”

Jesus answered and said to them,  
“Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.”

## Mass Intentions

**Tuesday, March 9**

Private Special Intention  
Mass By: Fr. Clayton

**Wednesday, March 10**

8:30 am George & Dot Milton  
By: Michael & Darlene  
Gruszka

**Thursday, March 11**

8:30 am † Poor Souls in Purgatory  
By: Angela Dziewior

**Friday, March 12**

8:30 am † Gene Delmore  
By: Betty Delmore

**Saturday, March 13**

7:00 pm † Witold Szawlowski  
By: Family

**Sunday, March 14**

9:00 am Parishioner Mass

1:00 pm † Joe Cauley  
By: Steve & Jane Powers



## 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

For, Jews, the Temple represented the location and the absolute presence of God. It was and still the most revered and most sacred place for the children of Israel. Jesus declares that a new Temple will be found in his own resurrected body. This is a stark contrast to Jewish thinking. See, Instead of God's presence being confined to a single geographical site, Jesus is offering His body, the true temple for the whole world. So that God would be everywhere, making all things throughout all time, potentially sacred.

Also, remember this Lent, that 'we are the temple of God in the world', says St. Paul. One could ask themselves, "have I really grasped this meaning of the Body of Christ? Or the reality that I am a living temple of Christ Jesus, in which the Word of God is eternally spoken? Yes...you are!

Strange as it seems, commerce was necessary to sustain the cultural worship of God, (ancient times) in his temple. Animals had to be sold for sacrifice, and Roman money was changed into Jewish money to pay for the temple tax. As human beings we tend to usually, ask for forgiveness first, then permission. Where then should this exchange take place? It's fair to say, not within the temple area! Jesus is angry as He sees the lack of respect the people have for His Father's house, the place of prayer, the place of Presence. The people are blind to who Jesus is, and deaf to His message. Jesus is also upset, because His father's house was being turned into a wall street shady marketplace. (like Hedge Fund shady)

I always wonder...did Jesus express his anger appropriately? I think He did, and as the Son of God, it was more than reasonable...Really for anyone for that matter, what would it say about Jesus if He did nothing? I would be upset too if someone desecrated something of my Family, whether my families make shift chapel or one of our grave plots. Yes, when it comes to thinking quick to drive out the evil in life, we sometimes have to bring out the old whip and pray. I like to think of the rosary as our modern-day whip to chase evil out of our lives...

Another question I remind myself, 'What am I doing, or are doing that might seem to be irreverent, or not appropriate in our places of worship today? Lastly, John's gospel frequently plays on the double-meaning of words. It's his style. Here, in the dialogue between Jesus and the Jews, there is a breakdown in communication. The Jews understand "temple" to apply only to the building in which they are standing. Jesus, however, is applying the term to his own body and is prophesying his resurrection. This was to be the sign about which they had been asking.

*Fr. Clayton*

## Free Workshop: Celebrating the Easter Mystery

The Liturgical Institute at the University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary has just published a series of classes on Celebrating the Easter Mystery, presented by Christopher Carstens, Director of the Office for Sacred Worship. These five, one-hour classes uncover the spiritual treasures of Lent, Holy Week, and the Easter Season by focusing on the liturgy's prayers, readings, and ceremonies. The Liturgical Institute offers the course for \$97, but it can be viewed FREE of charge by clergy and laity in the Diocese of La Crosse. If interested, key in [Easter.liturgy.online](http://Easter.liturgy.online).

Offer ends on Easter Sunday!

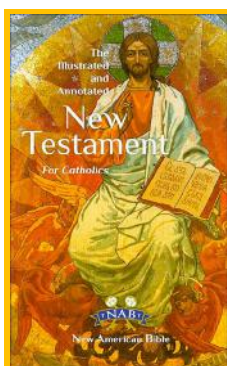


## U.S. Bishops' Call to Action: Oppose Legislation threatening Religious Freedom, Women's Dignity, and Unborn Children

Abortion funding as "reproductive health care" is now being pushed on multiple fronts, including COVID-19 relief legislation and the ill-named "Equality Act," which threatens unborn children, religious freedom and conscience rights, and which would also enforce transgender ideology to the detriment of women's privacy and safety and women's sports. To make your voice heard against these evils, visit [votervoices.net/USCCB/home](http://votervoices.net/USCCB/home).

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

- Fast from discontent, feast on gratitude
- Fast from pessimism; feast on optimism.
- Fast from unrelenting pressures; feast on unceasing prayer.
- Fast from bitterness; feast on forgiveness.
- Fast from self-concern; feast on compassion for others.
- Fast from personal anxiety; feast on eternal Truth.
- Fast from problems that overwhelm; feast on prayer that undergirds



## The Illustrated and Annotated New Testament for Catholics

They're available in the church vestibule for only \$10 (they retail for \$20+)! Please use the envelope provided and place in the offertory or mail/drop off to the parish office.

## Communal Reconciliation Service

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



## \*Reminder\*

Join us for the Stations of the Cross after the 8:30 a.m. Mass on Fridays during Lent.

## **Lenten Q&A: Why don't we say "Alleluia" during Lent?**

The point of the season is a kind of exile. While the event of the Resurrection has occurred in history, the days of Lent serve as a reminder that we do not yet experience the Kingdom in its fullness. We live in the hope of the Resurrection, but the weakness of human existence is all too evident in this life. The omission of the alleluia is one symbolic way to enter into the spirit of the season of Lent. The days of Lent are days of penance and recollection of human weakness but also days of anticipation and so we long for the day when the Kingdom is fully realized. To be deprived of certain things during the days of Lent is designed to create a longing for the realization of all that the life of Jesus promises.

## *Financial Stewardship*

**February 28, 2021**

Adult Envelopes.....	\$1963.00
Student Envelopes.....	\$12.30
Offertory.....	\$401.01
Votive Candles.....	\$85.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2461.30</b>

Weekly Budget \$2,548.07

(159 registered families)

### Year-to-date\*

Budgeted	\$89,182.45
Contributed	\$100,740.27

## 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: \$11,020.00  
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