

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 18, 2024



Mass Intentions This Week

Mon	19	7:00 a.m. Communion Service (SL)
Tue	20	7:00 a.m. Communion Service (SL) 5:00 p.m. +Edward Klemen (SL)
Wed	21	7:00 a.m. +Judy Tritz (SL) 8:45 a.m. +Pete Brandl by D & S Krings
Thu	22	7:00 a.m. Int of Deacon Jim Landry (SL)
Fri	23	7:00 a.m. +Jean Vollert (SL) 8:45 a.m. L/D Leo Sprangers Family By Chris & Dale Richardson
Sat	24	4:00 p.m. +Becki Bubolz by Zubella's 6:00 p.m. +Albert Pesko (SL)
Sun	25	8:30 a.m. +Madeline Bridge By Bob & Mary Skytland 10:30 a.m. SP/SL Parishioners (SL)

LITURGICAL APPOINTMENTS – February 24-25

Lectors:	4:00 p.m. Catherine Steinle 8:30 a.m. Becky Engstrand
Servers:	4:00 p.m. Cole & Addie Adamski 8:30 a.m. Easton Hartjes-Miles Ferkey
Ushers:	4:00 p.m. P Augustyniak-C Pulchinski 8:30 a.m. Mancl's
Eucharistic Ministers:	4:00 p.m. Carol Haupt 8:30 a.m. Steve Koback

Deanery Mass – Sunday – 6:00 – SS Peter & Paul



SYMBOLON, THE CATHOLIC FAITH EXPLAINED, will be held on Wednesday, February 21, 6:00-7:00 in the rectory with

Father Janusz and will continue during Lent. It will begin with Part 1: Knowing the Faith: The Journey of Faith/Divine Revelation. Come join us and deepen your understanding of the Catholic faith.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be held on Tuesday, 6:00 in church. Offerings collected will be given to Catholic Charities.

LENTEN REGULATIONS:

Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday.

In addition from abstaining from meat, Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, until they celebrate their 59th birthday, are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those who are bound to this regulation may eat only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.



THE 2023-2024 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE:

Our target this year is \$25,280. We are now at 69% of our goal with \$17,398 pledged from 74 envelope holders. Extra pledge cards are in the back of church. Please

make out your check to Diocese of LaCrosse and mail it directly to them. Money received over our target will be returned to the parish. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge to this appeal. Money not collected will have to be paid from our parish treasury. We need everyone's cooperation to reach our target.

Father Janusz is planning a trip to Poland September 9-20. Copies of the itinerary and more info is available in the office.

Delicious

Pancake Breakfast



OUR ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST,

sponsored by 1891 Financial Life, St. Mary Court 998, is set for Sunday, March 3, serving from 8-12 in Wagner Hall. There is a sign up sheet in back of church, so please stop and sign up or call Patti Van Asten at 435-3454. Bakery is also needed for the Bake Sale. All proceeds and \$1,500 matching funds from the Home Office will be used for rectory updates.



SEEKING ALL CATHOLIC 4 & 5 YEAR OLDS! Please consider the ACS 4K and 5K programs. 4K is new for 2024 and will be based at OLQH in a full day format. Must be 4 prior to September 1. 5K students must be 5 prior to September 1. Registration for both open on February 1. 4K and 5K are eligible for the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (tuition free). Apply from February 1-April 18.

REGISTRATION IS OPEN AT ACS for all grades. Call for more information or to inquire about the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (tuition free).

EARN SOME MONEY FOR YOUR PARISH OR FOR TUITION... Purchase Scrip at the ACS Office: Monday 9-12, Tuesday 9-1, Thursday 11-6 and Friday 9-1. All Kwik Trip purchases in February will receive a double rebate (10%).

BINGO AT ASSUMPTION GYM... February 18. Doors open at noon with bingo at 1:00. Cash Only.



Who, What, Where, and When...

LENTEN MISSION – ST. PETER, STEVENS POINT – February 25-27, 6:30 each evening. Presented by Deacon Keith Strohm.

ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE HAM DINNER – Sunday, March 17, serving 10-1 – Carryout and Dine-In. Adults \$13.00, Ages 6-12 \$6.00, 5 & under are free.

ST. JOACHIM, PITTSVILLE ST. PATRICK'S DAY FESTIVAL – Sunday, March 17. Bingo 12:30, Spaghetti Lunch 11-2, Ages 16+ \$8.00, Ages 5-15 \$4.00, 4 & under free.

ST. MICHAEL, JUNCTION CITY GRILLED PORK CHOP DINNER – Sunday, March 17 – Drive Thru Only, 10:30-1:00 - \$13.00

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN PANCAKE DINNER – Sunday, March 17, serving 9-1. Adults \$10.00.

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN – DANCY HAM DINNER & BAKE SALE – Sunday, March 10, serving 9:30-1:30. Adults \$15.



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PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Gerri Laska, Sylvia Weiler, Evelyn Dobbs, Loretta Slattery, Rich Hamus, Mike Steuck, Penny Junemann, Gary Lessig, (Edenbrook), Viola Joosten, Tracy Millard



Grief Support Group will meet on Monday, February 19, 1:00 in the Gathering Space at St. Vincent de Paul.

CHURCH SUPPORT – FEB. 18

Adult Envelopes - \$ 2171.00
Offertory - \$ 355.00
Campaign for Human Development - \$ 375.00

Thank you for supporting the collection for the CHD to support those on the margins who live in poverty in the United States.

NEW PARISHIONERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT ST. PHILIP. CURRENT PARISHIONERS SHOULD CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE WITH ANY ADDRESS OR PHONE CHANGES. 435-3286.



ST. LAWRENCE COD FISH FRY (Fried or Baked) – February 23, March 1, 8, 15, 22 – 4:00-7:00. Adults \$13.00, Child \$8.00. Salad bar included for meals dining in. Dining Room desserts \$2.00. Carryouts available for \$13.00.

ST. PATRICK, HALDER LENTEN FISH FRIES – Feb. 23 through March 29. Dine In or Carryout – 4:00-8:00. Fish & Shrimp Combos.

ST. MARY, AUBURNDALE SHRIMP & BEER BATTERED FISH FRY – March 1, 15, 29 – Carryout Only – Call 715-652-2747 to order. Meals include potato salad, French fries or baked potato, bread, cheese & coleslaw. Desserts are \$2.00.

KC DRIVE THRU FISH FRY – Sacred Heart, Nekoosa – Fridays, February 23-March 29, 3:00-6:00, beer battered cod, baked potato or potato salad, coleslaw, dinner roll, dessert - \$13.00

A reminder to pick up your Little Black Book for adults and Little Purple Book for children, as well as a Rice Bowl & Mite Box.

THE JOURNEY WITHIN ... The Experience Of Lent





Bringing Children to Eucharistic Adoration

When Jesus said, “Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them” (Matthew 19:14), did he have Eucharistic adoration in mind? Any parent who has sat through a holy hour (or even a holy half-hour) with a young child might have his doubts. While helping a child benefit from time before the Blessed Sacrament may seem daunting at first, its rewards can be great for both parent and child. But how can a parent help?

First—and perhaps most difficultly—demonstrate and teach how to sit still in silence. Silence and stillness, as most of us can attest, are in short supply these days. St. John Paul II once encouraged the Church to start “a specific education in silence.” Silence and stillness are not simply the absence of noise and activity: rather, they create a space for God to fill. Adoration may be the only place throughout the week where silence and stillness exist—even for a child.

Second, and after entering the silence that adoration affords, demonstrate how to talk to God. God has never simply wanted to monologue with his people, but he desires a heart-to-heart dialogue with them. Indeed, the words or sentiments offered to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament spring not only from the mind but also (and perhaps more so) from the heart. In openness and sincerity, we can say anything to Jesus. In that classic book on contemplative prayer, *Conversations with Christ*, the author recounts the words to Jesus of one young girl after her first holy Communion. What did she say? “I prayed to Our Lord for Mommy and Daddy, and for my sister Helen, and my brother George; and then I recited the alphabet to Our Lord and told him a ghost story.” Jesus doesn’t need a treatise, but the words of a child’s heart.

Finally, as much as we parents demonstrate how to be still, silent, and talk to Jesus, we should expect to learn a thing or two from our children at adoration. “The kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these,” that is, the children (Matthew 19:14). While there may be a good amount of “sit still,” “be quiet,” and “face forward” at adoration, we shouldn’t underestimate the potential of a child’s prayer and presence. Indeed, all the lessons we might give kids are equally applicable to us. Father Peyton, the “Rosary Priest,” was fond of saying that “The family that prays together, stays together.” If this maxim is true of the family Rosary, it is especially true of a family praying at adoration.

Questions for reflection:

1. Do I, as a parent, know how to be still and silent? How can I demonstrate such to my child?
2. How do I talk to Jesus? If I were to give an example to my child, what would it be?
3. Have I ever learned anything from witnessing my child at prayer? If, as Jesus says, children are especially suited for the kingdom of God, what should I see in them?

Ideas:

1. Do not be afraid! Try bringing children to adoration, at least in short periods.
2. Talk about ahead of time what adoration “looks like”—what to do, how to listen etc. While God can and does work as he wants, beginning with some direction between Christ, the parent, and the child may help.
3. Talk with your child after adoration: How did it go? What did you say? What did Jesus say to you? And answer these same questions for the child.