



Welcome to the

Tri-Parish

Catholic Community
February 25th, 2024

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From the Administrator

Do Not Wait Until Monday

How have the first dozen days of Lent been going? Did you have a great start? Was it a rocky start? Has the initial energy depleted?

Whatever the case may be, the beauty of the Lenten season is that we have forty days to get it right. We do not have to be perfect at the start! Nobody is. It takes time to become good at something, and it is natural and expected to fail along the way. Why do we plan to take on these Lenten disciplines, which are meant to stretch our spiritual lives, and not expect struggles to happen? It is okay that we fail one day. That is what the next day is for!

I have a friend, whom I encouraged to exercise with me, who, after missing a workout day, would say, "I will start on Monday." It was Tuesday. Before I chastise my friend too much, I have fallen with this mindset also. There have been Saturdays in which I indulged in too much food, and then I also indulge on Sunday because I will start my diet on Monday. It is natural to push difficult or undesired tasks later. It is also necessary to break this bad habit.

When we examine our day in the evening or before bed, it is good to give thanks to God for the blessings *and the struggles during the day. In the struggles, we find opportunities to practice virtue. Oftentimes, the virtue that we ask God for is the virtue that He gives us practice for. If you pray for patience, you will find yourself stopped at all the red lights and behind a car going ten below the speed limit with a double yellow for the next mile. We will either succeed, or we will fail. In either case, there will be another opportunity to practice tomorrow.*

Therefore, if Lent has been well for you, keep it up. Your struggles await you. If Lent has not been well for you, do not be discouraged or disappointed. God will bless you with another tomorrow (unless the Second Coming occurs). Do not wait until Monday. Begin anew tomorrow.

Blessings,

Fr. Matthew

The Week at a Glance...

Tuesday, February 27th

—Mass 8am SH

Wednesday, February 28th

—CCD 3:30-4:45pm SH

—CCD 7pm-8:15pm

Friday, March 1st

—Stations 2:30pm SH

Sacramental Life

Baptism: Because we believe in the ordinary necessity of Baptism for salvation, it is customary that newborns be baptized as soon as is practical, usually within a month after birth. Parents need to attend baptism preparation with Deacon Sam prior to scheduling a baptism. Please contact the parish office for details or to register.

Marriage: Couples should contact the Pastor at the time of formal engagement or at least eight months prior to the desired date of the wedding. In the case of a mixed marriage, the non-Catholic party must arrange to receive instructions about the Catholic faith prior to the celebration of the sacrament.

Penance:

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| Saint Augustine | Thursday after Mass |
| Sacred Heart | Friday 7:30am |
| Sacred Heart | Saturday 3:00 p.m. |
| Saint Mary's | Sunday 7:00 a.m. |

Anointing of the Sick: Those who are seriously sick, have been ill for a long period or are to undergo surgery should receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick and Holy Communion. Please contact the Pastor or the parish office.

Visitation of the Sick: If you become hospitalized, institutionalized or homebound because of illness and would like communion brought to your home or just to be visited, please call the parish office.

Catholic Education: Sacred Heart School offers Christian formation to children in grades 4K through 8. Call the school, 654-7733, to visit or request an application for enrollment.

Bulletin Deadline: Please submit items for publication in the weekly bulletin before 8am Wednesday.

THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of February 25, 2024



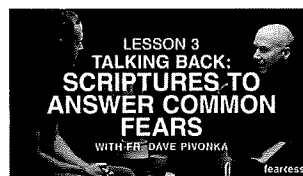
The Three Temptations with Dr. Brant Pitre

Reflect with Dr. Brant Pitre on the temptations of Jesus in the desert as he gets to the heart of the meaning of Lent.



The Hour of Our Death | Eternal Rest | Episode 3



The Anointing of the Sick is one of the seven sacraments of the Church. This session, we discover the role of this sacramental anointing in the spiritual struggle during serious illness, the final stages of our temporal life, and the hour of our death.



Talking Back: Scripture's to Answer Common Fears | Fearless | Episode 3

How can the Word of God help us face fear and win back victory from the Enemy's control? Chris continues his conversation with Fr. Dave Pivonka about how people of faith address fear. Scripture provides concrete ways to wield the power of God's Word against the fear of need, abandonment, vulnerability, condemnation, and more. Unlock the means for the Lord to free you from all fear.

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Feed My Lambs Book

We still have several copies of the Feed my Lambs book published by the Diocese a few years ago. Inside you will find beautiful pictures of all of the churches in our diocese as well as many historic facts. The suggested donation is \$37 a book but we would just like to get rid of them so any donation would be appreciated. They are located at the parish office or arrangements can be made with Kari to acquire one. Simply call the parish office.

Join us for Brunch

A brunch will be held on Saturday, March 2, beginning at 9:30am with a coffee hour, at New Haven Manor Vacation Stay and Event Venue, 27708 Newhaven Road, Norwalk. The purpose is to introduce Catholics to a mission that I believe in. St. Augustine University Parish is a thriving Newman Center/Catholic community serving the students of UW-Platteville (a place with a beautiful Catholic community for those seeking higher education at a state school in Wisconsin). Fr. John and the staff are excited to present the mission and the future goals of St. Augustine's at this event. Is this something you would join me in attending? It would be a delight to have you join us. RSVP by February 25th. Paula Menn 608-343-2675 pemenn@gmail.com Call, text or email.

Fr. Grubba Address

Several parishioners have asked for the address for Fr. Grubba so they can send him a thank you card for his time in the Tri-Parish. His address is as follows:

Fr. Dale Grubba, N6715 4th, Ave Westfield, WI 53964

Cabin Fever fest:

St. Peter's Parish in Middle Ridge will be hosting their annual Euchre tournament & Luncheon on Sunday March 3rd. The doors open for lunch at noon and the card games start at 1:00 PM. The cost is \$15 per person which includes entry in the tournament, a variety of soups, snacks & beverages. Prizes will be awarded. Please call 608-452-4680 with any questions.

New Parishioners

We have had several "new faces" pop up in the Tri-parish. Welcome! We would love to have you an official member of our family. Located in the back of all three churches is a parish registration form. Fill it out and simply place it into the collection. You can also call the parish office (608-654-5654) and with a couple clicks of the mouse we can have you and your family added to the parish.

Healing Service

Are you suffering from physical, spiritual, or psychological distress? God's will is for you to be whole! A Healing Service will be held on March 4th at Sacred Heart Church-Cashton. The evening begins at 4:30pm with Adoration, devotions and confessions, with Holy Mass at 5:30pm followed by prayers for healing using exorcised and blessed salt, oil, and water, with intercessory prayers by our clergy and lay prayer teams.

STEWARDSHIP FOR THE OPERATION OF OUR PARISHES

February 11th, 2024

SAINT AUGUSTINE

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| ADULT ENVELOPES | \$403.00 |
| OFFERTORY | \$117.00 |
| FUEL | \$220.00 |
| SCHOOL SUPPORT | \$20.00 |
| EASTER FLOWERS | \$10.00 |
| TOTALS | 770.00 |

SAINT MARY'S

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| ADULT ENVELOPES | \$2,773.00 |
| OFFERTORY | \$109.00 |
| FUEL ENVELOPES | \$175.00 |
| SCHOOL SUPPORT | \$20.00 |
| INITIAL OFFERING | \$10.00 |
| EASTER FLOWERS | \$25.00 |
| TOTAL | \$3,112.00 |

SACRED HEART

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| ADULT ENVELOPES | \$2,790.00 |
| OFFERTORY | \$260.85 |
| RENOVATION | \$300.00 |
| FUEL ENVELOPES | \$675.00 |
| EASTER FLOWERS | \$25.00 |
| TOTALS | \$4,050.85 |

For Youth and Young Adults

On our final column on honesty, it's important to take a look at who or what we trust and how we can be a trustworthy person. This virtue of honesty includes the ability to determine what someone has a right to know, how much is good and how much is helpful, when to tell the whole truth and when to protect someone's privacy.

The Catechism states that charity and respect for the truth should dictate the response. Honesty also includes practicing what we preach.

Saint Athanasius lived in the 300's in Egypt. He was in attendance at the Council of Nicaea in 325 and was instrumental in defending the Faith against the heresy of Arianism. Arianism claimed that Jesus was just a creature and not really God. Athanasius, on the other hand, said that Jesus was God the Son. For us today, this seems obvious, but it wasn't at the time of Athanasius. He truly defended the divinity of Jesus.

Athanasius was a man of integrity. Despite being persecuted and being exiled five times (17 years total), he remained faithful to the truth. And

his faithfulness to the Truth has given us part of the Creed that we profess yet today.

Would any of us be willing to be exiled for our beliefs? Are we truthful about our beliefs or do we hide from the Truth? Let us take a look inside ourselves to see how we stand.

Religious Ed News

First Communions will be held the following dates:

April 20th 6pm Saint Augustine's

April 21st 10am Sacred Heart

April 28th 8am Saint Mary's

Our Chastity Project has been restocked. Take a look and see what we have!

First Communion Retreat/First Confession

Will be April 14th after the 10am Mass. A light lunch will be provided. Please plan for one adult to attend with your first communicant.

Sacred Heart School News

4K & 5K with Mrs. Klinge

We are celebrating 100 days of school! We exercised to 100, had 100 snacks, wrote 100 words, did 100 piece puzzles, and were quiet for 100 seconds... Next we brainstormed what life will be like when we are 100 years old. When I am 100 years old...

- My face will be crumbled.
- People will have to drive me and I won't be able to go outside.
- My hair will be white or gray.
- I will be tiny—because life is changing...
- I won't be able to walk or run that good—or even stand.
- I won't be able to go in the shower very well— I will fall down.
- I will just sit down and watch TV. I will probably watch YouTube or Batman.
- I will sit and read comic books and the Bible.
- I won't be able to shop or make food.
- I will go to the meat truck and eat porridge with honey in it.
- I won't be able to feed my pets or play with my grandkids.
- I will bake bread and go to church.

1st & 2nd with Mrs. Balk

Last week we celebrated the 100th day of school. We have learned so much since the beginning of the school year and have grown so much! Here are some thoughts from the first and second graders.

- 100 days ago I couldn't color one of our caterpillar pieces, but now I can!
- 100 days ago I couldn't do the monkey bars, cross the swinging disks or go down the fireman's pole, but now I can!
- 100 days ago I couldn't do multiplication, but now I can!
- 100 days ago I couldn't play football very good, but now I can!
- 100 days ago I couldn't say the Guardian Angel prayer in Spanish, but now I can!
- 100 days ago I couldn't write in cursive, but now I can!
- 100 days ago I couldn't count by 2, 5 and 10, but now I can!

Art with Mrs. Leis

This week the students began 3D animal projects. The project consists of making an animal have a 3 dimensional component on a 2 dimensional space. It should be challenging but hopefully everyone will enjoy the process and be happy with their work.

3rd & 4th with Miss Santas

In third and fourth grade this week, we are learning the directions and different means of transportation in Spanish. In English, we are learning about all of the different punctuation marks in a sentence and when to use them. In math this week, the fourth graders are learning how to make a line plot or line graph from a table of given information, then use the graph to answer questions; while the third graders are working hard on learning about fractions. In science we are reading all about the planets.

5th-8th Math & Science with Mrs. Flock

This week in Science class the 5th and 6th graders continue their study on matter. They had the opportunity to create many different kinds of molecules with colored marshmallows. Each color represented a different element in the compound. The 7th and 8th graders are studying the protist and fungi kingdoms, where we are learning that there are a lot of similarities between some of the organisms. In 5th grade Math we are learning to multiply and divide decimals. In Grades 6-8 we are all learning to calculate volume and surface area of prisms and pyramids.

5th-8th Literature & Spelling with Mrs. Slattery

It's spelling review unit 24. That means there will be a spelling bee & hangman on Friday. We're slugging through the many facets of verbs. The difference between the verbs 'lie' & 'lay,' as well as, 'rise' & 'raise' keeps us thinking.

Religion with Mrs. Steger

7/8 spent the week focusing on the sacrament of the Eucharist. What a gift we have. Did you know that the word "eucharist" comes from the Greek word that means thanksgiving? We have so much to be thankful for!

5/6 also spent the week talking about the Last Supper and what happened after Jesus died. What a time of sadness, confusion and fear for the Apostles! But we know that isn't the end of the story. Jesus spent more time with the Apostles before He ascended into Heaven and before the Holy Spirit arrived.

Atrium students learned more parables such as the Good Shepherd and learning about Psalm 23. Others worked on practical life work and further extensions of work they've already learned.

Second Sunday in Lent

St. Mary's News

We would like to thank all the ladies who participated in the last day of creation. With everyone's help we made 8 blankets for donation. See details below on the next one!

Join us for a Day of Creation, Saturday, March 9th from 9am-3pm. Bring your favorite crafting supplies and join us for fellowship.

Brunch will be held Sunday, March 10th after the 8am Mass at St. Mary's. Bring your favorite brunch dish and we will provide the coffee. Hope to see you there!

Baby bottles for Birthright

If you haven't already returned your baby bottle, please bring them back as soon as possible. They are being collected the week of March 3rd.

Reading Reflections

Today's readings are a powerful testimony to God's profound love for each one of us. It reminds us, as Christian stewards, to surrender all we have to the Gracious Giver. The First Reading from Genesis is the infamous story of God putting Abraham to the test. God commands Abraham to sacrifice his son, Isaac, to the Lord. Abraham obeys the Lord. Yet, a messenger of the Lord cries out at the last moment to stop him. He is blessed abundantly because of Abraham's faithfulness and surrender to the Lord. We can only imagine how Abraham felt, offering his son's life, not understanding why, but blindly obeying. Yet, Abraham's response of total surrender to God's plan is a testament to trust in God's deep love for us. As Christian stewards, we must surrender all to the Lord — our time, talents, and material treasures. We should willingly give God our entire lives, confident that He will care for us. St. Paul echoes this message so beautifully in our Second Reading. He says, "He who did not spare His own Son but handed Him over for us all, how will He not also give us everything else along with Him?" God loves us so much that He gave us His only Son, who suffered, died, and rose for us. He has given us His very best. Can we not entrust our entire lives to Him, knowing He will continue to pour His love on us? As we continue our journey through Lent, let us reflect on God's profound love for us.

A Minute with Jesus:

Jesus wants us to know He is continually with us. Oftentimes, our mind begins to wander at Mass because we only see bread and wine. What contributes to our distractions is the bombardment of noise and images in our minds that come through our physical senses (hearing, seeing). Therefore, we are much less attuned to the world of the spirit and the much deeper spiritual realities that are right here, all around us. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, help me to learn to be quiet and reveal to my heart the truth that the Eucharist is really You present under the appearance of bread and wine. This week, read about Jacob in the desert, who was very much afraid, and came to realize that God was present right there with him. As with Jacob, we can say as we pray before the Blessed Sacrament, "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it." (Genesis 28:10-17)

Big Hearts Little Minds

Thanks to your generosity we have received \$900 for different things at Sacred Heart School. So far the kids have enjoyed fresh fruit for hot lunch, and we have even been able to fulfill some teachers dreams and order some new classroom supplies. From our little minds at Sacred Heart School we Thank you for your big hearts!

Diocesan Annual Appeal Update

More rebates have been issued. Sacred Heart parish received \$590 and Saint Augustine has received \$1,706! Sacred Heart parishioners you are still a bit shy of hitting the parish goal of \$37,070. Please remember that all of the money at this point comes back to you tax free and is critical to the budget. If you are able to give a bit more, or still haven't sent in your pledge simply drop it in the collection basket, marked "Diocesan Annual Appeal" and we will forward it to the Diocese.

Welcome!

To the parish family, Dawson Daniel Herricks, son of Daniel & Michelle Herricks baptized at Sacred Heart on February 25th. Welcome to the family little one!

Mass Intention Schedule

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| Sat. Feb. 24th | 4pm at Sacred Heart | † Don & Florence Janzen |
| | 6pm at St. Augustine | For the People |
| Sun. Feb. 25th | 8am at St. Mary's | Henry Geier, Aaron Watters and The Geier Family |
| | 10am at Sacred Heart | † Jim Neubauer |
| Tues. Feb. 27th | 8:00am at Sacred Heart | † Rosemary Clark |
| Saturday March 2nd | 4pm at Sacred Heart | † Norman & Bernice Brueggen |
| | 6pm at St. Augustine | † Dick Schreier |
| Sunday Feb. 25th | 8:00am at Saint Mary's | For the People |
| | 10am at Sacred Heart | † Jerome & Martha Hundt & Judy Dickson |

Weekly Readings

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10 (26)

Monday : Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38 (230)

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12 (231)

Wed. Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28 (232)

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31 (233)

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46 (234)

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 (235)

Next Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-

Sunday: 25 (29)

Please pray for these Intentions




– Pope Francis
 – +Bernice Brueggen
 – Bishop Callahan
 – Corey Janzen
 – Sheila Vukovich
 – Ardella Leis
 – Louis Zanon
 – Jeanne Allen
 – Ed Schreier
 – Jerome & Margaret Leuck
 – Glen Miller
 – Wesley Clements
 – Louise Melby
 – Special Intention
 – Gene Degenhardt
 – Jeff Mullenberg
 – Grace Fowler
 – Margaret Jothen
 – Nancy Karis
 – David Schwarz
 – Sandy Von Ruden
 – Alice Schmitz
 – Mary Leuck
 – Bobbi Baker
 – Dennis Hemmersbach
 – Mike Metzler
 – Joshua Mack
 – For Vocations to Holy Orders and the Consecrated Life and all the seminarians of the Diocese of La Crosse including our own seminarian Thomas Cummings.

Pope Francis releases his prayer intention for the month of February 2024, and invites everyone to pray for the **terminally ill** and their families.

Lector/Serving/Usher Schedule March 2nd & 3rd

| <u>St Augustine</u> | <u>Lector</u> | <u>Servers</u> | <u>Ushers</u> |
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| 6pm Saturday | Pam Leis | | Volunteers Appreciated |
| <u>Sacred Heart</u> | | | |
| 4pm Saturday | Claire Eggen | | Volunteers Appreciated |
| 10am Sunday | Amy Brueggen | Clayton Lee and Gerard Cummings | Volunteers Appreciated |
| <u>St. Mary's</u> | | | |
| 8am Sunday's | Jeff Menn | Thaddeus Slattery & Jeffery Menn | Volunteers Appreciated |

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