



Welcome to the

# Tri-Parish

## Catholic Community

### March 10th, 2024

*Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish - St. Mary's Ridge ~ St. Augustine of Hippo Parish - Norwalk  
Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish & School - Cashton*

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### *From the Administrator*

This weekend is Laetare Sunday, or the Fourth Sunday of Lent. It marks that we have passed the halfway point of Lent. "Laetare" is a Latin word meaning "rejoice," meaning that we rejoice that Easter is almost here.

As you know, I have preached about the "bad news," namely the effects that sin has on us. This is to help to prepare to receive the Good News of Jesus' Resurrection on Easter Sunday. In our Catholic tradition, there are many things that involve a "both/and." For example, there is both the "bad news" and the "Good News." If we focus too much on one of them, then we would fall into error. It is important to find the balance between the two. Thus, when I speak about the bad news, there is more Good News to balance it out.

Let us take a look at Laetare Sunday as a "both/and." From a "glass half-full" view, Laetare Sunday is a cause to celebrate that Lent is more than half done, that Easter is only three weeks away, and that this spiritual journey has brought forth good fruit. On the other hand, from a "glass half-empty" approach, we are weak in our human nature and thus need a day like Laetare Sunday to strengthen our commitment to the spiritual practices of Lent. In other words, we were too weak to endure all forty days without a "pick-me-up."

I think that both ends of these views are helpful to find a middle ground for the meaning of Laetare Sunday. Let us rejoice and celebrate what God has done for us thus far in this season of Lent and to continue our eager wait for Easter Sunday. Let us also remember that we are weak without God's strength and that we need God's help to endure this spiritual journey.

Even the readings for the Mass on Sunday that the Church offers us reflects this "both/and" approach. In the first reading from the Second Book of Chronicles, it recounts how the people "added infidelity to infidelity...polluting the LORD's temple." This is a grim view of human nature. Yet, as St. John reveals to us in his Gospel, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life." This is a both/and that I can live with.

*Blessings,*

*Fr. Matthew*

#### The Week at a Glance...

Tuesday, March 12th  
—Mass 8am SH

Wednesday, March 13th  
—CCD 3:30-4:45pm SH  
—CCD 7pm-8:15pm

Friday, March 15th  
—Mass/Stations 2pm at Sacred Heart

### 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:**

Saint Augustine	Saturday, 7:00pm
Sacred Heart	Saturday 3:00 p.m.
Sacred Heart	Sunday, 11:00am
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.

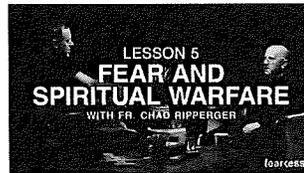
**Visitation of the Sick:** If you become hospitalized, institutionalized or homebound because of illness and would like communion brought to your home or just to be visited, please call the parish office.

**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 March 10, 2024



**Fear and Spiritual Warfare w/ Fr. Chad Ripperger | Fearless | Episode 5**  
Exorcist Fr. Chad Ripperger joins Chris to discuss fear and spiritual warfare. God calls us to walk confidently in his victory over the Evil One, not be slaves to fear. Reject fear's lies and live in the full freedom that comes from claiming the truth of Jesus Christ. Learn from Chris and Fr. Chad how to let Christ's power unshackle your heart and overcome sin in your life.



**Week Four | Restore: Lent with Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT**  
In week four of Restore, Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, reflects on almsgiving and how it heals your relationships with others. One of the most powerful ways to heal your brokenness is to give—not only money or clothing, but also your presence and love—to those whom God has placed in your life, even those who have wounded you.



**Where are You? | Forgiven | Session 1**  
This captivating series explores Catholic themes of redemption, grace, and forgiveness through compelling storytelling and thought-provoking narratives. It offers a profound understanding of the transformative power of forgiveness and its significance in personal growth and spiritual renewal.

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**Sacred Heart Raffle Tickets**

Sacred Heart School is once again selling tickets for a money raffle. They are \$5 a ticket and can be purchased from any school family or in the back of Sacred Heart Church after Mass. Winners will be drawn at the St. Pat's dance March 16th.

**Be Aware!**

Father Matthew has not, nor will ever send out a text or email message asking for money or any other monetary gifts. It is always best to ignore any questionable message. If you are unsure feel free to reach out.

**DCCW event**

The La Crosse Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Biennial Convention is on Saturday, April 13, 2024, at the Radisson Hotel in La Crosse, WI. Abby Johnson, former Planned Parenthood Director and author of "Unplanned," is the keynote speaker. Tickets are \$65 and are available through the La Crosse Diocesan Council of Catholic Women website: [ldccw.org](http://ldccw.org) Registrants can attend the all-day Council of Catholic Women Convention Event beginning at 9:30 am, or can attend the luncheon and speaker with entrance opening at 11:40 am. Block hotel rooms are available at the Radisson. See the website for details. Mass after the Convention will be held at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral at 4:30 pm. Welcome everyone!

**Eternal Rest Grant Him, O Lord**

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Patrick Leis Sr. Your prayers are asked for the repose of his soul. May perpetual light shine upon him.

**Passion Play Sign-up-There is still time**

Calling the youth of our parishes! If you are the ages of 11-15 we could use you in this year's Passion Play. We will have practices March 10th, 17th & 24th, with the performance the evening of March 24th. We have several roles available, even some "behind the scenes" jobs. You will receive confirmation hours and will enjoy a pizza party! If you are interested, there is a sign up sheet in the back of Sacred Heart, or you can email Kari at [secretary@smash3p.org](mailto:secretary@smash3p.org).

**Holy Week Help out Needed**

With Holy week right around the corner we will need some volunteers to make sure things run smoothly. For Palm Sunday, we will need an additional reader at each Mass, Holy Thursday, we are looking for an additional 10 servers as well as lectors; Good Friday requires additional lectors. If you plan on attending this year's Triduum's services and are willing to help out, please email the parish office. ([secretary@smash3p.org](mailto:secretary@smash3p.org)). Thank you in advance for your assistance!

**Holy Week Schedule**

Holy Thursday	March 28th	7pm	Sacred Heart
Good Friday Service	March 29th	1pm	Sacred Heart
Holy Saturday	March 30th	8:30pm	Sacred Heart
Easter Sunday	March 31st	8am	St. Mary's
		10am	St. Augustine's

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**February 25th, 2024**

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EASTER FLOWERS	\$45.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$2,452.76</b>

## For Youth and Young Adults

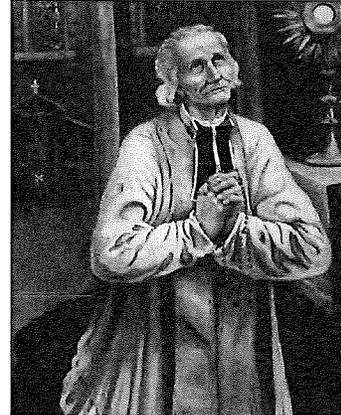
St. John Vianney always wanted to be a priest. However, as is true of most of the saints we learn about, he faced challenges. He really struggled with school which made the learning of Latin and any Latin studies very difficult for him and he had to drop out. Obviously, he eventually was ordained a priest and he took his vocation very seriously. He spent his life trying to bring people back to the Church.

One of the biggest challenges he faced was indifference. He found that people just didn't care. They wanted to do what they wanted to do, even if it wasn't ok and they didn't want to be bothered with rules. St. John Vianney hit this issue head on. He preached and even went to far as to refuse absolution in the confessional if people wouldn't stop with their sinful behavior!

Does this sound shocking? Probably for most of us but the amazing thing is that people flocked to St. John so he would hear their confessions. He would spend more than 10 hours a day in the confessional! An article I read about confession said that being a priest in the confessional is so amazing (not depressing) because you get to help bring people back to God. I'm sure that's probably how St. John felt about it too because towards the end of his life he was spending 16 hours a day in the confessional. He fasted often and did many works of charity as well.

What can we learn from St. John? We see that no matter our vocation in life, whether a priest or sister or married or single that we should take that role seriously because that is where God wants us to be. If were open to

what God wants from us, we just won't know how wonderful it will be. I'm sure that St. John never figured he would have so many people flocking to him for confession when he arrived at his first assignment and saw such indifference. Can we be open to God and His promptings?



### 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 Kiosk 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.

#### **Parents of First Sacrament Students**

Make sure you are taking time everyday to practice for confession.

# Sacred Heart School News

## 4K & 5K with Mrs. Klinge

As we have discovered so many times before, God created all sorts of incredible creatures, each with its own purpose. We learned all about honeybees this week...Did you know?!?

- A worker bee does not fly until it is 25 days old.
- Its first job is to clean the nursery.
- Next it works in the nursery.
- Then she needs to take care of the queen when she is 12 days old.
- Her next job is comb building and then food handling.
- Her first outside job is guarding the entrance. A honeybee will give its life for the hive.
- Finally she flies with thousands of other bees to collect nectar and pollinate.
- When she returns she will dance to communicate with the other bees about what she found.
- A honeybee only lives for 35 days!
- It has flown 500 miles, visited thirty thousand flowers, and collected enough nectar to make one-twelfth of a teaspoon of honey!!

## 1st & 2nd with Mrs. Balk

The first and second graders have been reading like crazy! We are working on a classroom reading challenge and are doing great. The Iditarod dog sled race got us thinking about dog sled racing and we have been enjoying listening to stories about that. Some of our favorites include true stories about sled dogs and dog sledding adventures written by musher Pam Flowers. We have been keeping the Cashton library busy with our requests for interesting books – we are so thankful for our library!!

## Art with Mrs. Leis

This week the students completed their 3D animals. The multi week project may of been challenging for some but each student worked hard to complete theirs on time.

## 3rd & 4th with Miss Santas

In third and fourth grade this week for science we worked on making our own diorama of the solar system, then we re-viewed the unit in order to study for a test next week. In math the third graders have been working on adding and subtracting fractions; while the fourth graders have been working on units of measurement. We finished up reading our book *Flora and Ulysses* this week, and we will be watching the movie next week.

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

This week the 5/6 science class is studying chemical reactions and the signs that one has taken place. They practiced this when they had to determine whether chemical reactions took place when we added water, vinegar, or iodine to cornstarch, salt, baking powder and baking soda. 7/8 science will test on nonvascular plants and move on to studying vascular plants. Math finds grades 6-8 all working on units that involve statistics and gathering information. Grade 5 will move onto geometry.

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

After choosing a novel, the 7th or 8th graders are now finishing written and oral book reports.

Francis Burnett's *Secret Garden* has inspired the 5th & 6th graders to make their own classroom gardens. It's fun to see what can be created with cardboard, clothespins, cotton balls, paint, clay and pebbles. .

## Religion with Mrs. Steger

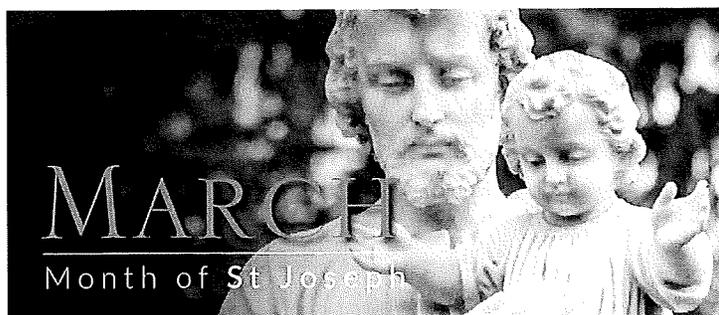
7/8 spent the week talking about the Eucharist being the crown of all the other sacraments because we are receiving Jesus Himself. Part of this meant we also talked about how to receive the Eucharist worthily.

5/6 moved on to the Liturgy of the Word and what parts of the Mass are contained in this part. How do you prepare for this part of the Mass?

Atrium students are working on several Lenten works such as the Good Shepherd, the Lost Sheep, the Cenacle and more. As always students are free to work on other materials as they feel.

## Phy Ed with Mr. Steger

We've taken advantage of the weather to get outside for PE. We've combined Capture the Flag (or in this case, an exercise ball) with burpees and push-ups). A team that has its ball captured does burpees or push-ups, a player that gets tagged has to do a burpee or push up to return to the game, and if neither team wins, everyone does burpees!



## **Fourth Sunday of Lent**

### **St. Mary's Brunch-Today!**

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!

### **St. Augustine Smorgasbord**

All are invited to join us for this year's Saint Augustine's Smorgasbord on March 16th from 4:30-6:30pm. On the menu we have chicken, meatballs, real mashed potatoes, dressing, coleslaw, cheese curds, bun and dessert. Dinners are \$12 each and available for carryout or dine in with limited seating. You can also arrange delivery by calling 633-1326. This is a Catholic Order of Foresters matching funds event.

### **Reading Reflections**

It has been said many times over and in various ways that stewardship is based upon gratitude. Gratitude for what, we might ask? For the variety of blessings each of us receives, understanding full well that each of us is gifted in different ways and perhaps even in different measures. However, there is one gift that we all share equally. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only son so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life" (John 3:16). It is difficult for us to even conceive of the magnitude of that multifaceted gift, from God's unconditional love for us to the extraordinary gift of His son Jesus to the fabulous gift of everlasting life. Stewardship calls us to appreciate God's gifts, but our gratitude should know no bounds if we only focus on the abovementioned gifts. Pope Francis has said, "God never gives someone a gift they are not capable of receiving. We all have the ability to understand and receive God's gifts." We need to recognize God's gifts and find ways to show and live out our gratitude, especially during our preparations for Easter.

### **St Pats-Sparta Dinner**

All are welcome to join us for Sunday Dinner at St. Pats in Sparta, March 17th beginning at 10:30am. Beef tips with all the fixins and a 50/50 raffle drawing will also be there. Join Us!

### **Stations/Adoration at St. Augustine's**

Please note there will not be stations or adoration at Saint Augustine's on Friday March 15th.

### **Change of Mass Time**

Please note that there will be two 4pm Masses on March 16th. We will have our usual 4pm Mass at Sacred Heart, as well as a 4pm Mass at Saint Augustine, which will replace the 6pm Mass that evening.

### **Sacred Heart St. Pat's Dance**

Join us March 16th from 5pm-9pm at the Cashton Community Hall for raffles, games, music, food and fellowship.

### **Knights of Columbus News**

—Pancake/French Toast Breakfast

All are invited to enjoy a French Toast/Pancake breakfast sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Sunday, March 17th from 8am-12. This is a free will offering with all profits going to support the Cashton Community Summer Lunch Program.

—March 12th we will be having a Knights meeting in the church basement at 7pm. All members please try to attend.

### **Foster Parents Needed**

Touch the life of a child in need by becoming a Monroe County foster parent. For information, please contact Kasey Kaiser at the Monroe County Department of Human Services at 608-269-8938.

### **Communal Confession**

Is scheduled for March 21st, beginning at 6:30pm at Sacred Heart. As always, there will be several priests available to hear your confessions. This is an important way to make sure our hearts are prepared to receive the risen Jesus!

### **Chrism Mass**

St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse: The Chrism Mass is one of the diocesan highlights at which the Bishop blesses the oils for the celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism and the Anointing of the Sick, and consecrates the Sacred Chrism used in the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Orders. Priests also renew their priestly promises at this Mass and the faithful pray for them. The Chrism Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, March 26, at 10:30 a.m., at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse. Please consider attending!

## Mass Intention Schedule

Sat. March 9th	4pm at Sacred Heart	† Carlton & Dorothy Von Ruden Family
	6pm at St. Augustine	† Alred Schmitz
Sun. March 10th	8am at St. Mary's	† David Schreier
	10am at Sacred Heart	For the People
Tues. March 12th	8:00am at Sacred Heart	† William Hansen Sr.
Saturday March 16th	4pm at Sacred Heart	Donald Pieper Family
	4pm at St. Augustine	† Jim, Maria & Ron Lehner & Evie Sullivan
Sunday, March 17th	8:00am at Saint Mary's	For the People
	10am at Sacred Heart	† Hazel Hemmersbach

## Weekly Readings

**Sunday:** 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 (32)

**Monday:** Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54 (244)

**Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16 (245)

**Wed.** Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30 (246)

**Thursday:** Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47 (247)

**Friday:** Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30 (248)

**Saturday:** Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53 (249)

**Next Sunday:** Jer 31:31-34/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 (35)

## Please pray for these Intentions

- Pope Francis
- Bishop Callahan
- + Ardella Leis
- + Dennis Hemmersbach
- + Patrick Leis Sr.
- Corey Janzen
- Sheila Vukovich
- 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
- 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.



### – For the new martyrs

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

## Lector/Serving/Usher Schedule March 16th & 17th

<u>St Augustine</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
6pm Saturday	Azaria Carpenter		Volunteers Appreciated
<b>Sacred Heart</b>			
4pm Saturday	Thea Von Ruden		Volunteers Appreciated
10am Sunday	Enid Neubauer	Dominic & George Knutson & Ben Harris	Volunteers Appreciated
<b>St. Mary's</b>			
8am Sunday's	Paul Klinkner	Thaddeus Slattery & Jeffery Menn	Volunteers Appreciated

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