



Welcome to the

Tri-Parish

Catholic Community
March 17th, 2024

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From the Administrator

Passiontide

Now that we have moved past Laetare (Rejoice) Sunday, which marked the halfway point to the Holy Season of Lent, the final two weeks of Lent are known as Passiontide. The best way to describe this period is that it is the final sprint in a long race. Although not kept as strictly or as severely, these final two weeks once saw an increase in the spiritual practices of fasting, praying, and almsgiving. If you had been "soft" during Lent up to this point, that must be done.

The primary focus shifts to the Passion (Jesus' suffering and Crucifixion). In a sense, Passiontide prepares for Good Friday. What happens on Good Friday? It is a day of fasting and abstinence. It is a day of prayer (the ten petitions during the Good Friday service). It is a day to hear and to meditate upon the death of our Lord Who saved us from our sins. It is an intense day, like running a marathon. Thus, just as athletes train for marathons, Christians train for Good Friday.

Thus, what is your Lenten penance? How can you intensify it? How can you pray more? Fast more? Give more? What more can you do to prepare yourself for the Passion of the Lord?

This might mean saying no to other things so that there is more time for God. Back in the day, some people would go multiple days in a row without eating, or would spend a number of hours in prayer, or would be especially generous in their charity. It was also common to work less. Of course, the culture was different then and allowed for these things to happen. However, what can you do? Perhaps there are projects that can wait until after Easter Sunday so that you can spend more time in prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

When the Easter Triduum (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday) arrived, the faithful would be ready to give themselves to the Lord. They spent hours in prayer after Maundy Thursday, Good Friday into Saturday, and the whole night of the Vigil! Of course, we do not take that long anymore because of all the other things going on. Perhaps this year, we can chip into "those other things," let some of "those other things" go, and choose to spend time with the Lord during this Passiontide. What more can you do for Jesus?

Blessings,

Fr. Matthew

The Week at a Glance...

Tuesday, March 19th

—Mass 8am SH

Wednesday, March 20th

—CCD 3:30-4:45pm SH

—CCD 7pm-8:15pm

Thursday, March 21st

—Communal Confessions 6:30pm SH

Friday, March 22nd

—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.

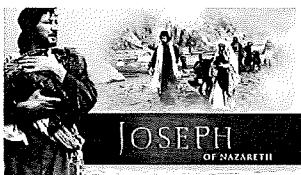
Visitation of the Sick: If you become hospitalized, institutionalized or homebound because of illness and would like communion brought to your home or just to be visited, please call the parish office.

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 17, 2024



Joseph of Nazareth: The Story of the Man Closest to Christ

Celebrate the feast of Christ's foster father with even more joy and respect this year by watching a movie about him! Enter into the life of this great saint through the movie Joseph of Nazareth!



An Encounter with Mercy

We are not defined by our mistakes. In Confession, Jesus invites us to encounter his mercy and be healed by his love. When he tells us "Go and sin no more," he also gives us the grace to do so.



The Trials of Saint Patrick

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Passion Play

Come support the youth of our parishes as they present Our Lord's Passion, Sunday evening, March 24th, at 7pm. It will be held at Sacred Heart with the free will offering going to Cashton Cupboard and Closet. This is the perfect opportunity to get our hearts ready to embrace Holy Week and reflect and Our Lord's Passion.

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 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!

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!

Early Bulletin Deadline

Items for the March 31st (Easter) bulletin need to be into the office by noon on Tuesday, March 26th.

Holy Week Help 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). Thank you in advance for your assistance!

Office Hours

With the celebration of Easter, please note the Tri-parish office will be closed Holy Thursday (March 28th)-Easter Monday (April 1st) We will reopen Tuesday, April 2nd, at 8am. We wish everyone a very Blessed Easter surrounded by family and friends.

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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March 3rd, 2024

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For Youth and

The next saint is one I have written about before so she should be fairly familiar to us.

Saint Faustina is a saint who should be readily on our mind when we discuss mercy. She was instrumental in bringing Christ's mercy to a more prominent place in the daily lives of the faithful.

Was this something new, Jesus's Divine Mercy? No, this wasn't something new but it was through St. Faustina that Christ brought greater attention on His endless mercy. St. Faustina lived in Poland around the same time as John Paul II. Suffering was no stranger to her or any of the other Polish people. The idea of Christ's mercy was certainly not prominent at that time. Most people thought of God as a strict judge who was just waiting to punish His people. As you can imagine, it probably wasn't hard to think that, given the suffering of the people at the time. Saint Faustina used her suffering to aid the souls in purgatory as well as other souls who needed God's mercy. Most often, she had no idea who she was even suffering for.

Keeping in mind that our definition of mercy is to care for those who suffer, by her own suffering Saint Faustina was caring for those who also were suffering. Is this something that we also are able to do with our own suffering? Absolutely! This gives purpose and meaning to any of our suffering that we experience whether that is physically in our body (cold, flu, headache, sore muscles, etc), mentally (trying to figure out an assignment, or study for a test), emotionally (sadness over friends or family, feelings of anxiety or even depression), and even spiritually (struggling to pray, not feeling close to God, etc). All these are just some of the ways we might be suffering that we can also be offering up to those who also need Christ's mercy.

Young Adults

St. Faustina had visions of Jesus and He would tell her of His endless mercy. She wrote about them in her diary. It was through these visions that we have the Divine Mercy novena that is said from Good Friday until Divine Mercy Sunday (the Sunday after Easter). There is so much to learn and know about St. Faustina that I could write about her from now until next year but the main thing to note is that she allowed God to use her as He willed. Without her willingness and openness to Him, we might not truly know the mercy of God.

Saint Faustina, pray for us.

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

We love to read the fun rhymes in Dr. Seuss books! "I Wish that I had Duck Feet" was loads of fun... What animal trait would you like to have and why?

- I would like a zebra spike to scare others away.
- I wish I had shark teeth so I could bite an apple so quick.
- I also would like a long neck so I could see up to there and grab the fruit off the tree to eat so quick!
- I would want deer antlers to carry my backpack and pencils on, and attack other things.
- I want to be just the way God made me
- I want a RB551 head (Star Wars). Then I would have a cool voice.
- I want owl wings to fly and owl eyes to see in the dark.
- I want goofy feet so I can walk all over, even in the water.

1st & 2nd with Mrs. Balk

On Tuesday, Father Klos spoke in his homily about gratitude. We talked more about that when we got to our classroom and spent some time thinking about what we are grateful for. Some of the things that we mentioned that we are grateful for include our families, brothers, friends to play with, wonderful students who are eager to learn, caring teachers, food to eat and clothes to wear, and warm, sunny days. What are you grateful for? How do you show your gratitude to others?

3rd & 4th with Miss Santas

In third and fourth grade this week in Spanish we have started our last unit of the year, we are learning more about directions right now. In math the third graders are working hard on different measurements, while the fourth graders finished their chapter of measurements and started working on area and perimeter. On Friday, we participated in an escape room for math to help us review our math skills of working with fractions. In science, we started our next unit, we will be learning about rocks and resources on Earth .

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

This week in Science class the 7th and 8th graders are learning about the classes of seed plants-gymnosperms and angiosperms. Learning about the structure of a plant gave us the opportunity to dissect a lily which has both the female and the male structures in one flower. The 5th and 6th continue their studies on matter and energy, learning about the different forms of energy and how they are converted from one form to another. In Math, grade 5 is working on classifying angles and then triangles by both side and angle, while grade 6 is learning how to read and construct histograms. Grade 7 is working on application problems involving both direct and inverse proportions, and grade 8 is finishing their unit on statistics and information gathering.

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

We're beginning The Trojan War. It's a story that is "varied, exciting, pathetic, & beautiful all at once" as the author Olivia Coolidge describes it. The kings & queens, hero's, gods & goddesses are legendary. It'll be great!

Religion with Mrs. Steger

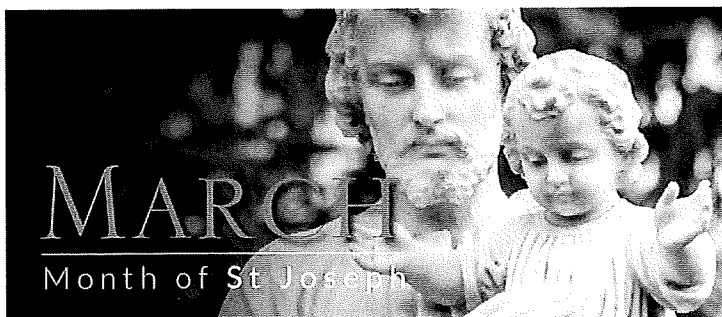
7/8 had a chapter on sin and mankind. Unfortunately, due to the disobedience of Adam and Eve we now have an inclination to sin. What does this mean? Sometimes we might think something is good when it's really not. It's also way easier for us to sin. One way to overcome sin is to know those areas that cause us to sin. It might be a place or a person or even a thing that makes it easier for us to sin. Once we know that, we can stay away from those things.

5/6 is now on the Liturgy of the Eucharist. This part of the Mass is full of gestures and movements which suggest a deeper meaning for us. The Mass can truly come alive when we are aware of these movements and meanings.

Atrium students learned about the mystery of life and death. We used wheat seeds in various stages of growth to show students what happens to a seed. Unless a grain of wheat falls to the earth and dies it remains just a grain, but if it dies it produces much fruit.

Phy Ed with Mr. Steger

For PE we have switched from working legs and core to working arms, chest, and shoulders. This means push ups, planks, and shoulder taps. When the weather is nice, we go outside and combine push ups and slam balls with capture the flag, which the kids very much enjoy, when they don't let the competitive spirit get carried away.



Fifth Sunday of Lent

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

As we are nearing the end of our Lenten journey, our readings today remind us of the goodness that God has to offer us. In today's Gospel, Jesus announces that the "hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified." All that He came to do on this earth was soon fulfilled. When we reflect on what Jesus says in this passage, He tells us a great deal about how we should live as disciples of Christ. He clearly states, "Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." We must detach from our desires and entrust our lives to all God has in store. Without self-denial, we might miss occasions God has given us to produce good fruit. We have been practicing this throughout our Lenten season through fasting. One way to continue this effort after Lent is by taking advantage of the countless opportunities God presents to us to sacrifice our desires for something much more significant — whether waking earlier to spend time in prayer, fasting from a favorite comfort weekly, or taking the time to check in on a friend or family member instead of turning on the TV, to name a few. We must continue to make room for God and the good things He wants to produce in us all year long. As our Lenten journey soon concludes, may we consider how we might continue the practice of self-denial by offering small, daily sacrifices to the Lord.

Cashton Lions Club Chicken - Q

Come support the Cashton Lions for their annual Palm Sunday Chicken Q. We will be serving at the Cashton Community Hall on Sunday, March 24 from 11 AM until gone. On the menu is 1/2 chicken, potato salad, beans, bread and milk all for \$13! Dine in or carryout's available.

Eternal Rest Grant Him, O Lord

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

Knights of Columbus 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.

A Night Out for a Worthy Cause

Join Pro-Life Wisconsin for a night out with fellow pro-lifers at our Spring Social on April 18, 2024 from 6pm-8pm at the Lodge at Mauston (104 Lodge Lane Mauston, WI 53948). *Enjoy dinner, drinks, fantastic company, and hear powerful real-life testimony from one of our faithful sidewalk counselors, Mr. Don Hudzinski. Tickets are \$40 each available through Monday, March 25. For more information and to register go to ProLifeWI.org/spring-social.*

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!

We need Revival:

Attend "the ANSWER" Eucharistic Rally on June 7. A revival involves the Holy Spirit opening our hearts in a deeper way so we can literally place Jesus Christ at the center of our lives. Join fellow parishioners and people from around the Diocese to encounter Christ in a deeper way and be transformed by inspiring presentations and prayer. Bishop Robert Barron, world renowned evangelist, will give the homily at Mass. Visit diolc.org/the-answer or use your smartphone's camera to scan the QR code to the right for more information. You won't want to miss this!



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.

Mass Intention Schedule

Sat. March 16th	4pm at Sacred Heart	Donald Pieper Family
	4pm at St. Augustine	† Jim, Maria & Ron Lehner & Evie Sullivan
Sun. March 17th	8am at St. Mary's	For the People
	10am at Sacred Heart	† Hazel Hemmersbach
Tues. . March 19th	8:00am at Sacred Heart	† Chuck & Iva Brownell
Saturday March 23rd	4pm at Sacred Heart	† Henry Geier, Aaron Waters and the Geier Family
	6pm at St. Augustine	† Kalen Islam
Sunday , March 24th	8:00am at Saint Mary's	For the People
	10am at Sacred Heart	Jim & Enid Neubauer Family

Weekly Readings

Sunday:	Jer 31:31-34/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 (35)
Monday :	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday:	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a (543)
Wed.	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42 (253)
Thursday:	Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59 (254)
Friday:	Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42 (255)
Saturday:	Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56 (256)
Next Sunday:	Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 (37)/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39 (38)

Please pray for these Intentions

— Pope Francis
 — Bishop Callahan
 — + Patrick Leis Sr.
 — +Margaret Jothan
 — +LaMont Haas
 — 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
 — 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 23rd & 24th

<u>St Augustine</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
6pm Saturday	Pam Leis/Sheri Flock		Volunteers Appreciated
<u>Sacred Heart</u>			
4pm Saturday	Jack Herricks/Claire Eggen		Volunteers Appreciated
10am Sunday	Rod Smith/Amy Brueggen	Clayton Lee & Gerard Cummings	Volunteers Appreciated
<u>St. Mary's</u>			
8am Sunday's	Jeff Menn/Glen Miller	Thaddeus Slattery & Jeffery Menn	Volunteers Appreciated

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