

Welcome to the

Catholic Community March 24th, 2024

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From the Administrator

The Eleventh Bishop of the Diocese of La Crosse

After I finished praying my Holy Hour on Tuesday morning, the Solemnity of St. Joseph,, I opened my inbox to see a startling email. Other text messages from friends and family confirmed the breaking news. Earlier that morning, Pope Francis announced that he accepted the letter of resignation of Bishop William Callahan and appointed auxiliary Bishop Gerard Battersby to be the eleventh Bishop of the Diocese of La Crosse.

For those who have seen Bishop Callahan in the past few years at public engagements know that Bishop Callahan's health was in poor shape. At times, it was difficult for him to persevere through the end of a celebration like a Mass, and he, at times, had to delegate Confirmations to other priests. From my experience with Bishop Callahan as a seminarian and a couple of years as a priest, some of his favorite things to do as a bishop are Confirmations and Ordinations. It was a blessing to have him ordain me a deacon on May 1, 2021, the Solemnity of St. Joseph the Workman, patron saint of our Diocese, and on June 25, 2022, the memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

At every Mass, during the Eucharist Prayer, we pray for the Pope and for the local Bishop. It was strange to begin to pray "Gerard, our Bishop," at Mass on Tuesday. This is what we are called to do. When I made my promise of obedience at my ordination, it was to "Bishop Callahan and to his successors." To make this shift is another blessed opportunity to live out my vocation according to God's will.

Lastly, I think that it is nothing short of Providence that Pope Francis made this announcement on the Solemnity of St. Joseph. St. Joseph is a patron saint of our Diocese, so let us invoke his intercession for Bishop Emeritus Callahan and God's will for him in the next stages of his life. Let us invoke St. Joseph's intercession for our new Bishop Battersby and for his upcoming pastoral work for the flock in the Diocese of La Crosse. St. Joseph is the patron saint of the universal Church. Why? The Church is the Body of Christ, and St. Joseph was tasked to protect the Blessed Mother and Jesus Christ, Whose body Joseph cradled. Thus, St. Joseph continues to protect the Body of Christ, that is, he continues to protect all of us.

Blessings,

Fr. Matthew

The Week at a Glance...

Sunday, March 24th

—Passion Play 7pm SH

Tuesday, March 26th
—Mass 8am SH

Thursday, March 28th

—Mass 7pm SH

Friday, March 29th

—Good Friday Service 1pm

SH

Saturday, March 30th

—Mass 8:30pm SH

Sunday, March 31st

—Mass 8am SM

—Mass 10am SA

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.



Week of March 24, 2024



Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage

Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage, cinematically walks through the locations of the Holy Week story, representing the most important days of human history. Immersed in the real and sacred places of the Holy Land, the pilgrim faithful is brought tangibly nearer to the story, the landscape, and the reality of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.



Embraced in Mercy: The Rite Explained

Whether you go to Confession regularly or a decade ago, this session guides you step-by-step through the deeper meaning of every aspect of the Rite—what it is, why we do it, and how it impacts your life.



Holy Thursday | Catholic All Year at Home w/ Kendra Tierney

Explore Holy Thursday contradictions with the Tierney family: joyful Eucharist and sacramental priesthood vs. somber start of Jesus' passion. Get family activity ideas, music suggestions, and a Holy Thursday seder-inspired feast featuring lamb, knishes, bitter herb salad, homemade applesauce, flatbread, and wine/grape juice. Don't miss a messy but special dessert.

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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, Wl. 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: Idccw.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!

Many Thanks!

Thank you to all who supported St. Augustine's at our annual St. Patrick's Day Smorgasbord! Also, many thanks to all our parishioners for the generosity of your hard work and monetary donations! May God bless you all!

An overdue thank you to the Zach & Beth Brown Family for the installation of our new front doors at St. Augustine's! Your hard work is very much appreciated!

St. Mary's Day of Creation and Brunch

All are invited to join us for a Day of Creation on April 13th at St. Mary's Ridge. Bring your favorite craft and join us for some fellowship!

Mark your calendars for brunch after the 8am Mass on April 14th. Bring your favorite breakfast dish and we will provide the coffee. See you there!

Passion Play—Tonight!

Please join us tonight as the youth of our parishes perform the Lord's Passion. It will begin at 7pm at Sacred Heart. This is an excellent way to reflect on Our Lord Passion.

Early Bulletin Deadline

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

Servers, We need you!

We are still looking for servers for the Holy Triduum, especially Holy Thursday. If you are able to help out for any of the Masses please just come. We will most definitely find a home for you.

Server Training

If you are planning to assist Father during the Holy Triduum, please note the following training times. It would be beneficial to all if you could attend. Holy Thursday at 5:30pm, Good Friday at 12:30 and Holy Saturday from 1pm-2pm. Thank you to all who have volunteered. Your assistance makes it possible for all to have a Blessed Triduum!

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 10th 2024

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For Youth and

Keeping in mind that mercy is the desire to lessen the suffering of others, our final saint is the epitome of this definition. When we think of someone who helped those who suffered in our modern day times, our minds definitely came to the aid of those who not only suffered bodily, but also spiritually in her work with the poor.

Mother Teresa was born Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu. Her father died when she was only 8 years old, leaving her family in a dire financial situation. She always felt called to missionary work and at 18 joined with the Sisters of Loreto in Ireland. She was named Sister Mary Teresa after St. Theresa of the Little Flower. She was sent to India shortly after and within a few years took her first profession of vows and after her final procession when she was nearly 27, she was known as Mother Teresa.

On a train trip to her annual retreat, Mother Teresa had a vision in which Jesus begged her to take care of the poorest of the poor. He wanted her to begin a new religious community whose mission was to help those people, to be His light to them. It took her nearly two years of discernment (prayer and contemplation) until she was able to begin. Her days started with communion and then with her rosary in hand, she went to find the poorest of the poor. After some time, she was joined by former students and her work grew from there.

Young Adults

In what ways can we be more like Mother Teresa in our own families, schools, larger communities? Do we try to lessen the suffering of others? Are we even aware that others are suffering, whether physically, should hopefully jump to Mother Teresa. She emotionally or spiritually? Or do we turn the other way and continue on with what we want to do?

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

In these last days of Lent we are challenging ourselves to do some hard things. St. Patrick chose to forgive the people who made him a slave and go back to Ireland. That must have been hard... What does Jesus ask us to do that is hard?

- He wants us to trust him, even when we are scared.
- We need to believe in him, even though we can't see him. He is in our hearts!
- We have to forgive the people that hurt us.
- Jesus doesn't want us to hit back when someone hits us.
- We need to use kind words even when we get mad.
- We have to love everyone.
- Jesus says to pray for your enemies.
- We need to try to obey all of the time.
- We should keep getting up when we fall down.

1st & 2nd with Mrs. Balk

Happy Spring!! Tuesday was the first day of spring and we were hearing rumblings of snow in our future. Could it be true? We were not sure, but it gave us food for thought. What are the best parts of a spring snowstorm?

- Getting to use my new sled
- Building snow forts
- Staying inside
- Sledding in the field
- Snow days

What are the worst parts of a spring snowstorm?

- The cold!
- The school will be out of business
- Having snow on my birthday (his birthday is in JULY!! I told him if there was snow on his birthday, Mrs. Balk was moving to Florida.)
- Wearing boots that are too small now
- Using snow pants that are all worn out

In a class vote, there was a narrow margin with a few more students that were in favor of a spring snowstorm versus those that were not in favor of one

3rd & 4th with Miss Santas

In third and fourth grade this week, in science we learned about slow and fast changes that happen on Earth. In Spanish we learned the intermediate directions and are learning all about some Spanish speaking countries. For English, we are working on all of the skills we have learned from the book this year, and spending some time working on using those in our writing; we are working on writing letters right now. We are doing a Great Mail Race, to send a letter to a Catholic school in other states and hopefully get a response to learn something about other Catholic schools in the U.S

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

This week the 5/6 graders are continuing their study of the civil war in Social Studies. We are analyzing the Emancipation Proclamation and how it freed only the slaves in the Confederate. This was a very controversial proclamation for a country at war with itself. In Math, Grade 5 is working on quadrilaterals while Grade 6 is making box and whisker plots and analyzing data with deviations. Grade 7 is learning how to calculate the mean, mode and median of a set of data and the eighth graders are factoring quadratic equations by completing the square.

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

Discord is the name of the uninvited goddess who tosses the golden apple among her peers. "To the fairest of the fair" she offers. What will come of Discord's gift? Nothing short of the Trojan War!

Let's leave verbs behind & move on to adverbs!

Religion with Mrs. Steger

7/8 focused on the mercy and forgiveness of the Father this week. How fitting as we enter into the holiest of weeks. Our Father is a font of mercy just waiting for us.

5/6 continued to the Liturgy of the Eucharist. There are so many parts to this 3rd part of the Mass. This is such a special part as it is through the Consecration that the bread and wine are changed into the Body and Blood of Christ. And it is also through this part that we are able to receive Him, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity.

Atrium students worked on previous works. Second grade students worked on reconciliation card work and the parables of the lost sheep and the found coin. Some students also spent some time doing maxim work. If you don't know what a maxim is, ask the 3rd and 4th graders if they can tell you one.

Phy Ed with Mr. Steger

We've been taking advantage of the good weather to go outside for PE. The students really enjoy combining capture the ball with body weight movements, such as burpees, air squats, and push ups. The competitive spirit tends to be strong and sometimes the students worry too much about winning and not enough about being outside, moving, and getting some good exercise. Let's work extra hard on teamwork and good sportsmanship.

Art with Mrs. Leis

The students used the skills they learned last week to make a 3 dimensional face. Some students chose to make themselves or a sibling while others made an imaginary person. It was a fun project and tested the students ability to remember skills from week to week.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our 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.

Reading Reflections

Today, we celebrate Palm Sunday. Reading about the climax of Christ's mission here on earth reminds us that He is the Perfect Steward, a model for us all on our stewardship journey. Our First Reading, from the prophet Isaiah, portrays a suffering servant. In many ways, the suffering servant foreshadows what Jesus endured during His passion. He humbly submitted to them even though He didn't deserve such torture. His mission as a steward was to fulfill His Father's mission. We, too, play a unique role in our Father's mission by bringing souls to Christ. It simply begins with the witness of our lives. Today's Gospel shares the account of Jesus' last days on earth, and how He lives them says a great deal about how we should live ours as faithful stewards. Jesus does many things in these last days, all around prayer and service — two trademark actions of a good and faithful Catholic. He hosts a Passover meal, giving us His Body and Blood in the Eucharist. He intensely prays to His Father, Lastly, He submits to humiliation, torture, and death for our sake, calling out to God the Father in His weakest moments. We might not be called to the same type of prayer and service, but we are all called to commit time to daily prayer with our Lord and to serve our families, churches, and neighbors. As we embark on this Holy week, let us take some time to reflect on the life of Christ as He is our model Steward, and may we strive to imitate Him daily.

Surrounding area Easter Sunday Mass Schedule

St. Mary's- Viroqua	Sunday, March 31st	10:30am
St. Mary's- Coon Valley	Sunday, March 31st	8am
St. John's- Wilton	Sunday, March 31st	11am
St. Pat's Sparta	Sunday, March 31st	8:15am & 10:30am

A Night Out for a Worthy Cause

Join Pro-Life Wisconsin for a night out with fellow prolifers 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 <u>ProLifeWI.org/spring-social</u>.

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!

Office Hours

With the celebration of Easter, please note the Triparish 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.

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.

Sacred Heart PCCW

Women of Sacred Heart parish, it is time to begin collecting your annual PCCW dues. We are asking all ladies to please send \$25 to Jessica Eggen at E8284 County Highway P, Westby 54667. You can also drop it into any collection with a clearly marked envelope "SH PCCW Dues" and we will forward it on. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Mass Intention Schedule

Sat. March 23rd	4pm at Sacred Heart	† Henry Geier, Aaron Watters and the Geier Family
	6pm at St. Augustine	† Kalen Islam
Sun. March 24th	8am at St. Mary's	For the People
	10am at Sacred Heart	Jim & Enid Neubauer Family
Tues March 26th	8:00am at Sacred Heart	† Art & Marion Janzen
Thurs. March 28th	7:00pm at Sacred Heart	† Dave Schreier
Fri. March 29th	1pm at Sacred Heart	
Sat. March 30th	8:30pm at Sacred Heart	For the People
Sun. March 31st	8am at St. Mary's	† Jerome & Martha Hundt & Judy Dickson
	10am at St. Augustine	† Mary Ann Schmitz

Weekly Readings

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)

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11 (257)

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38 (258)

Wed. Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25 (259)

Thursday: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15 (39)

Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42 (40)

Saturday: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Gn 22:1-18

Next Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9

Sunday: (42) or Mk 16:1-7 (41)

Please pray for these Intentions

- -Pope Francis
- Bishop Callahan
- -+Margaret Jothen
- -+La Mont 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 30th & 31st

St Augustine	<u>Lectors</u>	Servers	<u>Ushers</u>
10am Sunday	Azaria Carpenter		Volunteers Appreciated
Sacred Heart			
8:30pm Sat.	Thea Von Ruden		Volunteers Appreciated
St. Mary's			
8am Sunday	Glen Miller	Thaddeus Slattery & Jeffery	Volunteers Appreciated
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