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**Wilmot: Saturdays 4:30 pm**  
**Sundays 8:30 am**  
**Fridays 8:00 am**

**Bristol: Sundays 10:30 am**

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**March 7, 2021**  
**3rd Sunday of Lent**



## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area. - Jn 2:13b-15a

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**Catholic Schools**

Burlington Catholic Grade School (262) 763-1515  
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Paul Nachowicz CCHS Board of Directors Parish Representative

Dear Parishioners,

**Wednesday, March 24** is the designated Lenten Day of Reconciliation throughout the Archdiocese. The theme is *Pray, Reconcile, and Rejoice*. There are 16 parishes serving as host sites. Multiple priests will be available throughout the day at each site.

The host site for our deanery is St. Charles in Burlington.

**St. Charles Borromeo Church**

440 Kendall St.  
Burlington, WI 53105  
8 a.m. to 8 p.m. English  
4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Spanish

The host sites in **Kenosha** are divided by times.

St. Anne Parish 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.  
Our Lady of Mount Carmel 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Our Lady of the Holy Rosary 4 to 5:30 p.m.  
St. Elizabeth 4 to 6 p.m.

Information on all 16 sites is available at [archmil.org/pray-reconcile-rejoice](http://archmil.org/pray-reconcile-rejoice).

Lenten Blessings,  
*Dr. Sandi*

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

The 4:30 Mass will remain at Wilmot throughout the year. It will not rotate back to Bristol this year.

**Catholic Central Historical Fact**

"Cheerleading has become a sport here at Catholic Central. The girls take part in many competitions during the summer and the academic year. They train all year round by practicing once a week, aerobics and weightlifting. The main reason cheerleaders have turned themselves into athletes is because of 13-year coach, Dianne Smetana '63, otherwise known as 'Mrs. S'. For years, this dedicated woman has given up her time with her family and friends to give 110% to making cheering what it is today. We loved cheering for the best, with the best, MRS. S!!" *Marian 1992*



Catholic Central welcomes **Mr. Andrew Gorniak, M.S.S.** as Catholic Central's Admissions Coordinator. In this newly-formed position, Andrew comes to CC formerly as Admissions Director at Regis Catholic Schools. Additionally, Mr. Gorniak has been a sought-after backfield and strength and conditioning coach with Pepperdine University, the University of Arizona and others.

**Sharing Center Collection**

Please consider bringing an item for the Sharing Center Collection Basket each time you come to church.



- Needed items:  
Canned Food (unexpired)  
Hygiene products (adult, feminine, and baby)  
Laundry detergent  
Cleaning supplies

**Catholic Central High School Placement Exam**

Know any 8th graders taking steps toward high school, interested in becoming a Hilltopper! Our goal is to serve fifty new freshmen in the fall of 2021. We are currently offering the exam on an appointment only basis. To schedule a time to take the exam or have any questions please contact Admissions at 262.763.1519 or email [kschwenn@cchsn.net](mailto:kschwenn@cchsn.net)



**ZOOM (Virtual) Bible Study for Beginners & Beyond The Sunday Readings of Lent**

**February 16—March 25**  
Tuesdays 6:30-7:30pm or  
Thursdays 10-11am

Register at [holycrosscatholicchurch.net](http://holycrosscatholicchurch.net)

**St. Alphonsus Church Lenten Fish Boil**

**Friday, March 19th**

4:30 to 7:00 pm  
6211 344<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
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- Potatoes
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- Carrots
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## CHRISTIAN FORMATION NEWS

The next 9th/10th grade and Confirmation classes will be held virtually/in-person at Wilmot 9:30-10:30am, respectively, next Sunday, March 14th. K-8, except 2nd grade, completed work from February is to be scanned/mailed to the appropriate catechist on Friday, March 12th. If you have any questions, or need accommodations for the completed work, please contact Shelby Miller at [holycross.christianformation@gmail.com](mailto:holycross.christianformation@gmail.com).

### Bristol Cemetery Clean-up

We will soon be conducting our annual spring cleaning in the Bristol (St. Scholastica) cemetery. If you have any personal **Christmas or winter** items that you want to save, please remove them prior to Monday, March 22nd.



### SUSTAINABILITY IN EL SALVADOR

Drought has become a big problem across El Salvador, making it difficult for farmers to produce enough crops to support their families. But new farming techniques—and a new generation of young farmers—are making a difference. What would you do if your livelihood was threatened? How can you support young people in your community and around the world?

Thanks to this school program, CRS' Raíces Ahuachapán, Edwin Carlos has also learned how to grow vegetables at home - knowledge that was extremely important during the COVID-19 pandemic. In the days of the confinement, nearly 1,200 families started home vegetable gardens to grow nutritious foods like onions, tomatoes, cucumbers and squash. They can eat what they harvest or sell the produce at their church or the local market for additional income.

Pope Francis reminds us that "young people demand change. They wonder how anyone can claim to be building a better future without thinking of the environmental crisis." Thanks to programs like CRS' Raíces Ahuachapán, young people are becoming active agents of that change. Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to learn more.



*Pray, Reconcile & Rejoice*  
Lenten Day of  
**RECONCILIATION**  
Wednesday, March 24, 2021

### Gospel Meditation

Many prefer a "create as you go" approach to life where laws and protocols primarily exist to secure and protect liberties rather than dictate and outline proper and right behavior. There are no real benchmarks for acceptable ethical and moral behavior, with a "you can't tell me what to do" attitude prevailing. Parents are even limited in what they can request of their children, and dealing with threatening behaviors, especially from adults, are a challenge as well. Acceptable and expected conduct seems to amount to safeguarding each other's space rather than increasing awareness of necessary relationships that require a more refined and higher response.

We have lost our axis to the world of "anything goes" and no longer see the Ten Commandments as practical and wise guideposts to effective living. We live on "relativism island" where only a possible suggestion to "love and do not harm" may be the only standard able to be preached. While Jesus most certainly emphasized love above anything else, it was never about warm fuzzy feelings or halfhearted humanitarian efforts. The love of which Jesus spoke establishes an intimate connection with God, neighbor, self, and creation. Because this love, who is God Himself, is at the foundational core of our lives, it demands actions and attitudes that serve to build up, increase, and free up those relationships. Love requires proper conduct. Preserving and enhancing these love centered relationships is at the heart of the Ten Commandments (and the Beatitudes) and the reason for Jesus' display of anger in the temple.

The Ten Commandments can save the world from turmoil and conflict by instilling basic moral and relational principles within us. They also hold a healthy sense of sin in balance and always remind us of our relationship with God and the freedom God offers. Our faith preserves these jewels of truth that we often look beyond, dismiss altogether, or seek to remove from public view. Human beings can be so arrogant at times. Our Lenten journey, especially when embarked upon with sincerity and resolve, can restore all of our essential relationships. When we get absorbed in life's preoccupations and demands, things can quickly get distorted and we can find ourselves way off track. In short, we find ourselves in sin. Humanity is losing a sense of both grace and sin. We need both to understand what is real and true. Until we do, the oppressive systems and ideologies that hurt so many will never change. We will never change. We are grateful for those courageous souls who willingly embrace the conversion and hard work Lent demands and stand against antiquated systems and ideologies. They give us hope that all is not lost.

## LITURGY OF THE DIVINE WORD

Readings for the week of March 7, 2021

Sun: Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/  
Jn 2:13-25

Mon: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 [cf 42:3]/Lk 4:24-30

Tues: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]/Mt  
18:21-35

Wed: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20]/Mt 5:17-19

Thurs: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Lk 11:14-23

Fri: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf.  
11 and 9a]/Mk 12:28-34

Sat: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hos 6:6]/Lk  
18:9-14

Next Sun: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6  
[6ab]/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21

## LITURGY OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

### 3rd Sunday of Lent

#### Holy Cross Parish - Wilmot

##### Saturday, March 6

4:30 pm † Robert Pattie, req of Skip and Nancy  
Welzen

##### Sunday, March 7

8:30 am For the living and deceased of Holy Cross

#### Holy Cross Parish - Bristol

##### Sunday, March 7

10:30 am † Eleanor Skora, req of Casey & Olga Skora

##### Friday March 12, Wilmot

8:00 am For the living and deceased of Holy Cross

### 4rd Sunday of Lent

#### Holy Cross Parish - Wilmot

##### Saturday, March 13

4:30 pm Helen Schneeweiss, req of Al & Connie  
Smith

##### Sunday, March 14

8:30 am For the living and deceased of Holy Cross

#### Holy Cross Parish - Bristol

##### Sunday, March 14

10:30 am † Verna Ramelow, req of the Keefer family

## Sacraments

### Baptisms:

Parents (registered members) are to attend a formation session prior to the baptism of the child. Please contact the Parish Office.

### Sacrament of Marriage:

Please contact Dr. Sandi to arrange marriage preparation at least six months before the desired date of the marriage. One of the engaged must be a registered practicing parishioner.

### Confessions:

First Saturday of the month at 3:30;

April-September at Bristol & October-March at Wilmot

## SAINT OF THE DAY

### Saints Felicity & Perpetua / March 7

“When my father in his affection for me was trying to turn me from my purpose by arguments and thus weaken my faith, I said to him, ‘Do you see this vessel—waterpot or whatever it may be? Can it be called by any other name than what it is?’ ‘No,’ he replied. ‘So also I cannot call myself by any other name than what I am—a Christian.’”

So writes Perpetua: young, beautiful, well-educated, a noblewoman of Carthage in North Africa, mother of an infant son and chronicler of the persecution of the Christians by Emperor Septimius Severus.

Perpetua’s mother was a Christian and her father a pagan. He continually pleaded with her to deny her faith. She refused and was imprisoned at 22.

In her diary, Perpetua describes her period of captivity: “What a day of horror! Terrible heat, owing to the crowds! Rough treatment by the soldiers! To crown all, I was tormented with anxiety for my baby.... Such anxieties I suffered for many days, but I obtained leave for my baby to remain in the prison with me, and being relieved of my trouble and anxiety for him, I at once recovered my health, and my prison became a palace to me and I would rather have been there than anywhere else.”

Despite threats of persecution and death, Perpetua, Felicity—a slave woman and expectant mother—and three companions, Revocatus, Secundulus and Saturninus, refused to renounce their Christian faith. For their unwillingness, all were sent to the public games in the amphitheater. There Perpetua and Felicity were beheaded, and the others killed by beasts.

Felicity gave birth to a girl a few days before the games commenced.

Perpetua’s record of her trial and imprisonment ends the day before the games. “Of what was done in the games themselves, let him write who will.” The diary was finished by an eyewitness.

### Parish Mission Statement

Holy Cross Catholic Church, a rural faith community, lives the Gospel values by:

- † Striving to serve those in need
- † Forming children, youth, and adults as intentional Disciples of Christ and His Church
- † Working to strengthen our parish in light of changing times
- † Invoking the Holy Spirit to breathe new life into the community through the empowerment of spiritual gifts

### Email Notification

To receive email notifications of upcoming events, parish news and funerals sign up at:

[www.holycrosscatholicchurch.net](http://www.holycrosscatholicchurch.net)

### Holy Cross Prayer Line

If you are in need of prayer, contact Chuck Hiertz: phone (262) 843-2438 or email: [hcprayerline@gmail.com](mailto:hcprayerline@gmail.com)

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