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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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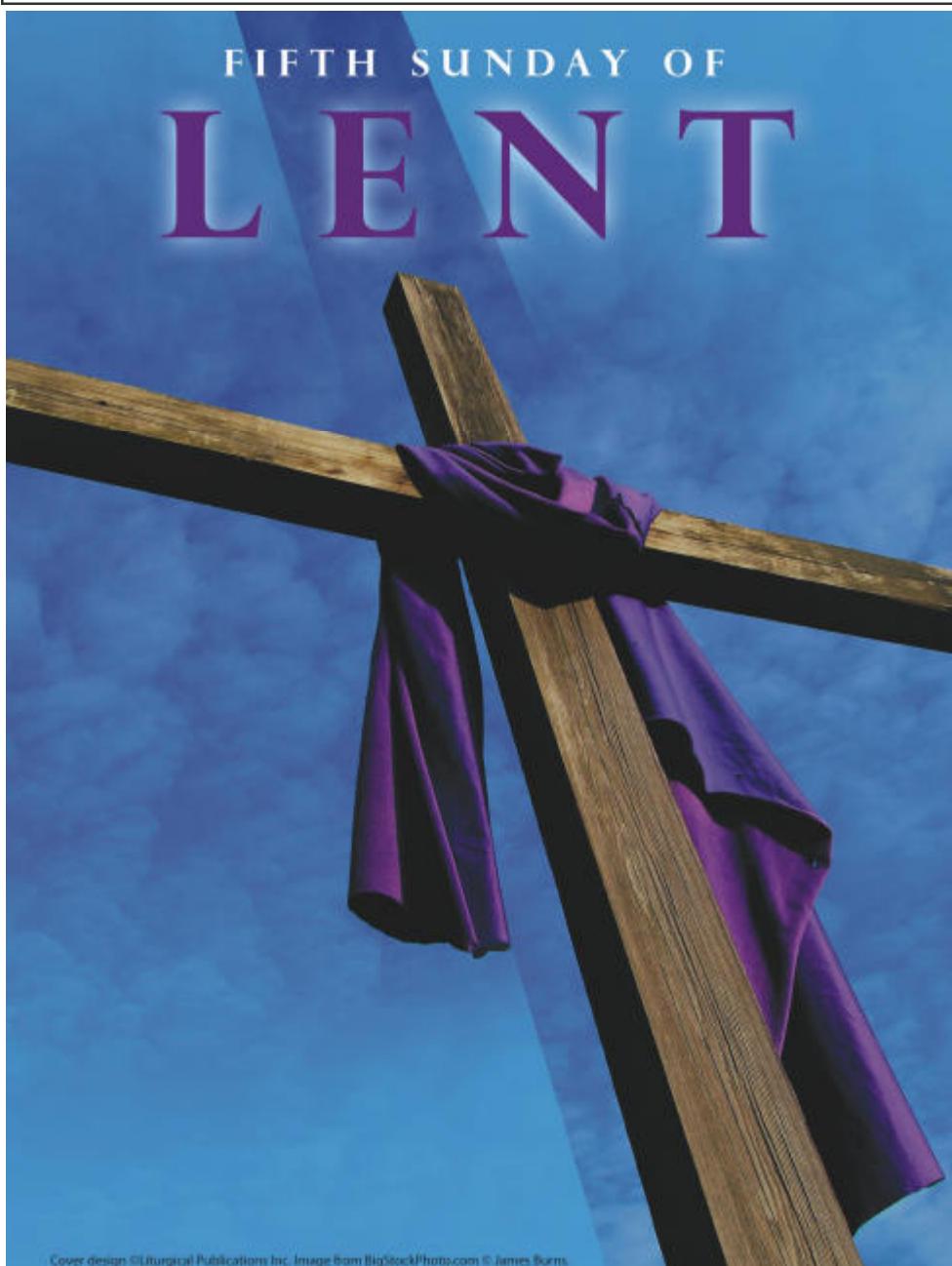
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5th Sunday of Lent



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A note from the Parish Director...

Dear Parishioners,

Next week we celebrate the holiest week of the liturgical year. Beginning with Palm Sunday and progressing through the Easter Vigil, we recall the suffering, death, and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. The **Paschal Mystery** - Christ's dying and rising - is the central mystery of the Christian faith.

Many shared with me how sad you felt not being able to celebrate Holy Week in person last year. You made the most of it by praying in your homes and watching Mass on TV or the internet—but it wasn't the same. I can relate. On Good Friday I brought my iPad into the empty church and live-streamed the service broadcasted from the Cathedral. As I stood alone and prayed along with Archbishop Listecki, Bishop Schuerman, and Bishop Haines, I felt the absence of our parish community in a profound way. Moved with sadness and a profound sense of unity, I gathered all of you and your intentions and presented you before the altar. I experienced God's presence powerfully on your behalf. It was a sacred moment that I will never forget.

Thanks be to God this year is different! Our doors are open. Yes, there are safety restrictions still in place and some of the rituals have been adapted to accommodate the pandemic, but we are able to gather in prayer. I invite you to worship with us in person or live-streamed on the parish Facebook Group.

May we unite our prayers with **renewed fervor this Holy Week**. Let us not take for granted the gift of being able to worship in church as a community. **From hosannas, to the cross, to the glory of the Resurrection, come let us worship!** Let us kneel before the Lord our Redeemer and offer Him homage for the gift of our salvation.

For by His holy cross, He has redeemed the world.

In Christ,
Dr. Sandi

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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

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

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.



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Poor nutrition can lead to devastating long term consequences for individuals, communities and entire countries. That's why communities must work together



to ensure that all children have access to better food and nutrition. New planting and cooking techniques are helping many communities in Madagascar improve the health and wellbeing of their children. How does your community work together for the good of others? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Parents Just Don't Understand

Anybody remember the old rap song by the Fresh Prince, aka Will Smith, "Parents Just Don't Understand?" As we grow up, it is sometimes a struggle for us to imagine that our parents understand us. It can seem impossible that Mom and Dad remember the stress of exam week or peer pressure. We never saw them as children; we never saw their disappointed faces when they weren't invited to a party, or their dashed hopes at a bad test grade. We never saw them homesick their first week of college or nervous to ask their crush to Homecoming.

We're often the same way about God. We gripe about what He asks of us. "He doesn't understand sin - he's all-good," we think. "He doesn't understand temptation - He is perfect."

In Scripture, God can be very much a father, telling us what we can and cannot do. And yet, in His divine genius, He is sometimes simply a man at a well, asking for a drink.

For me, it turns out I didn't need to tell my parents anything about what I was going through as a kid — they knew already. What I needed was for them to tell me what to do, and how to do it.

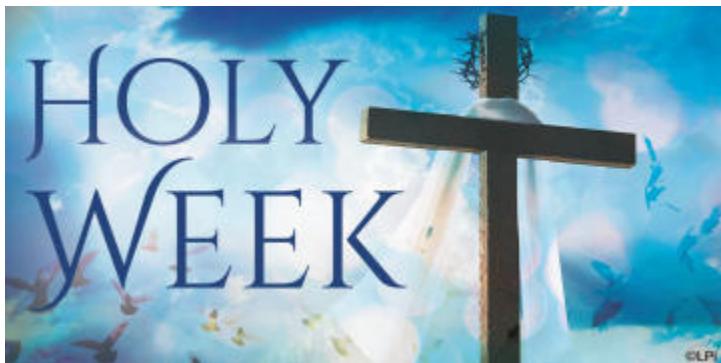
Similarly, we don't need to tell God about human nature. We need God to tell us about His nature. He's good enough to ask us for a drink, to enter into our humanity. But we have to remember, for our own sakes, to have the humility to ask Him for something, too — the water that will quench our eternal thirst.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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CHRISTIAN FORMATION NEWS

The next 9th/10th grade and Confirmation formation classes will be held virtually/in-person at Wilmot, respectively, on Sunday, March 28th, 9:30-10:30am. If you have any questions, please contact Shelby Miller at:

holycross.christianformation@gmail.com.



Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday
April 1, 2021 7:00 pm, Wilmot

Good Friday
April 2, 2021 3:00 pm, Bristol

Easter Vigil
April 3, 2021 8:00 pm, Wilmot

Easter Sunday
April 4, 2021 8:30 am, Wilmot
April 4, 2021 10:30 am, Bristol

Gospel Meditation

Any good teacher or parent will tell you that once a lesson is really learned it doesn't need to be taught again. When we internalize things we have learned, they become a part of who we are and influence how we perceive and interact with our world. The same is true for the law God has written upon our hearts. Once humanity learns this lesson, we will simply know it to be true and act accordingly. Sometimes, it is hard to get people to learn the lessons they need to learn. They are often distracted, disinterested, conflicted, misdirected, or just too stubborn and unable or unwilling to see what is right before their eyes. Understanding that God is in a loving and committed relationship with those fashioned and formed in God's own image, seems like such a simple lesson to learn. But history and experience has proven that it is not.

We struggle with faith, especially when that faith asks us to learn something very particular about ourselves. We must, like a grain of wheat, fall to the ground and die. Because God's DNA is at the very core of who we are, there are specific pearls of wisdom that must be acquired before we can live a full life. One very powerful lesson is that it is not the task of the world to tell us who we are and what has meaning, but God. For many, death is not an opportunity for greater life but a permanent ending to the life they have known. Jesus knew every dimension to what it means to be fully human because he was! He knows the joys, limitations, sorrows, frustrations, wonders, suffering, opportunities, and joys of the human experience. Jesus can teach us a wealth of knowledge and life's lessons from his example, especially obedience.

When we accept the law God has placed in our hearts and gain wisdom from it, then when we suffer we learn to listen more attentively to the Voice behind that law. We naturally flee to our Creator for inspiration, consolation, hope, direction, and comfort as we navigate through this time of darkness. We will not need to run from it, subdue it, fight it, or be overcome by it because we will know, having internalized this profound lesson before, that God will bring new life. God's law is love and love never fails. Even in the moments of Jesus' deepest despair, he glorified the name of his Father. What he learned allowed him to put everything in perspective and be obedient to the tender, loving Voice that echoed within. As Lent quickly winds down, may we learn the same! Then, may we gain the fortitude and wisdom to help others see what is right before their eyes.

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Wednesday, March 24, 2021

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

St. Charles Borromeo Church
440 Kendall St.
Burlington, WI 53105

Please note the following change to the time of this event.
4 p.m. to 8 p.m. only

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@cchsnet.org

Email Notification

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

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

LITURGY OF THE DIVINE WORD

Readings for the week of March 21, 2021

Sun: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/Heb 5:7-9/
Jn 12:20-33

Mon: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-
3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [4ab]/Jn 8:1-11

Tues: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 [2]/Jn 8:21-30

Wed: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/
Jn 8:31-42

Thurs: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 11 [8a, 9a]/Heb
10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Fri: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/Jn 10:31-42

Sat: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56

Next Sun: Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/

Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47

LITURGY OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

5th Sunday of Lent

Holy Cross Parish - Wilmot

Saturday, March 20

4:30 pm † Louie, Joanne & Randy Willkomm, req of
Rita Willkomm-Scherrer

Sunday, March 21

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

Holy Cross Parish - Bristol

Sunday, March 21

10:30 am † Wally & Jean Skora

Friday March 26, Wilmot

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

Palm Sunday

Holy Cross Parish - Wilmot

Saturday, March 27

4:30 pm For the living and deceased of Holy Cross

Sunday, March 28

8:30 am † Dave & Bev Palecek, req of the Van Pattens

Holy Cross Parish - Bristol

Sunday, March 28

10:30 am † William A. Roberts, req of Betty Roberts

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

Blessed John of Parma/ March 21

The 7th general minister of the Franciscan Order, John was known for his attempts to bring back the earlier spirit of the Order after the death of St. Francis of Assisi.

He was born in Parma, Italy, in 1209. It was when he was a young philosophy professor known for his piety and learning that God called him to bid good-bye to the world he was used to and enter the new world of the Franciscan Order. After his profession, John was sent to Paris to complete his theological studies. Ordained to the priesthood, he was appointed to teach theology at Bologna, then Naples, and finally Rome.

In 1245, Pope Innocent IV called a general council in the city of Lyons, France. Crescentius, the Franciscan minister general at the time, was ailing and unable to attend. In his place he sent Friar John, who made a deep impression on the Church leaders gathered there. 2 years later, when the same pope presided at the election of a minister general of the Franciscans, he remembered Friar John well and held him up as the best qualified for the office.

And so in 1247, John of Parma was elected to be minister general. The surviving disciples of St. Francis rejoiced in his election, expecting a return to the spirit of poverty and humility of the early days of the Order. And they were not disappointed. As general of the Order, John traveled on foot, accompanied by one or two companions, to practically all of the Franciscan convents in existence. Sometimes he would arrive and not be recognized, remaining there for a number of days to test the true spirit of the brothers.

The pope called on John to serve as legate to Constantinople, where he was most successful in winning back the schismatic Greeks. Upon his return, he asked that someone else take his place to govern the Order. At John's urging, Saint Bonaventure was chosen to succeed him. John took up a life of prayer in the hermitage at Greccio. Many years later, John learned that the Greeks who had been reconciled with the Church for a time, had relapsed into schism. Though 80 years old by then, John received permission from Pope Nicholas IV to return to the East in an effort to restore unity once again. On his way, John fell sick and died. He was beatified in 1781.

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

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