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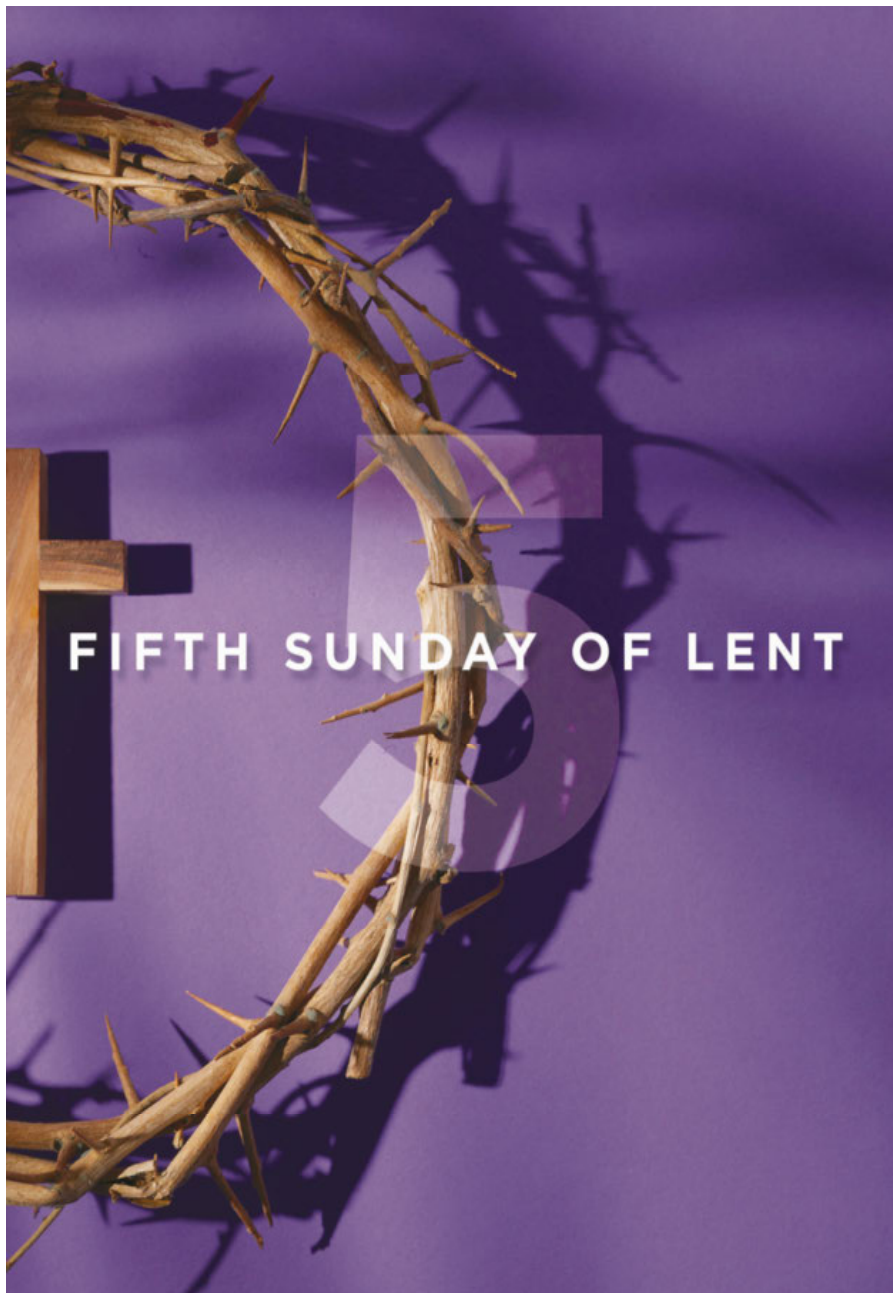
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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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Deacon Bryan Hilts  
Deacon John Bourke  
Deacon Gordy Ruplinger

## **BULLETIN EMAIL:**

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## **WEEKEND MASSES:**

Saturday—4:00 PM  
Sunday—8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

## **Pax Christi Adoration Chapel Hours:**

Sundays—11:00 AM until 11:00 PM  
Wednesdays—7:00 AM until 11:00 PM

## **PHONE:**

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School	715 443 3430
Religious Ed.	715 443 2433



**Congratulations to Mitchell and Hannah Franke on the baptism of their daughter, *Tatum Rose*.**

**Adult Choir** will sing on April 14 at the 7:00pm Holy Thursday Liturgy. They will also sing at the 8:00pm Easter Vigil liturgy on Saturday, April 16.

**Financial Aid** is available to students who enroll or who currently attend a Catholic high school. Students who wish to be considered for financial aid are to submit an essay explaining “Why a Catholic education matters.” The essay should be typed in four original paragraphs. Along with the essay the student should indicate his or her home address and the name of the Catholic high school he or she is attending. Send all of this to:



**Knights of Columbus  
PO Box 112  
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*\*Deadline is May 12, 2022*

**April Bulletin Announcement Deadlines**

So that the bulletin printer and their employees time off for Good Friday, the deadlines for announcements are due by noon on the following date:

<b>Bulletin Date:</b>	<b>Deadline Date:</b>
April 17—Easter Sunday	<b>April 7</b>

**Week at a Glance**

- Wed., Apr., 3** .....GR 9 HSRE 6:30pm
- Wed., Apr., 6** ..... GSRE 5:45pm
- Wed., Apr., 6** ..... Lenten Evening  
.....Mass 6:30pm
- Wed., Apr., 6** .....Gr 10 HSRE 6:30pm
- Wed., Apr., 6** ..... Communal Rosary  
.....following 6:30pm Mass
- Fri., Apr., 8** ..... Stations of the Cross  
.....following 8:00am Mass

**FYI:**

Several years ago, under Bishop Listecky’s leadership, a capital campaign was conducted throughout the Diocese. Because of that campaign we were able to identify issues that we needed to address and we accomplished them. For example, some of the projects that were completed with the last capital campaign included a new roof on the church building, steps leading from the deck of the church to the corner of Market and 6<sup>th</sup> Streets, as well as replacing the old windows in the school.

Bishop Callahan realizes that parishes, ours included, were able to do quite a bit with the monies collected from the last campaign. He also knows that there will always be future capital needs for all of our parishes. With that in mind, he is asking all parishes of the Diocese to secure monies either for current capital needs or to secure funds for the future. I have spoken with Bishop Callahan to say that at present we have no specific capital campaign needs. However, we all realize that even though we may not have current needs that require immediate attention, future needs will emerge.

In addition to the capital campaign that Bishop Callahan desires for each parish, there are also diocesan needs. For example, our diocesan center where all of the diocesan administration occurs is located in what used to be the minor seminary in La Crosse. There are a number of physical improvements needed in the building and as part of the Diocese it is our responsibility to participate in offering financial assistance. A portion of the capital campaign conducted here will help to offset some of the diocesan expenditures.

More information about the specifics of the campaign will be given to us in time to come. The campaign will continue over a five year period and ultimately, will benefit our parish for the future as well as the diocese for some of its current needs.





Please remember our diocesan seminarians in prayer. In particular this week we pray for **Matthew Szymanski.**



## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday	7:00pm
Good Friday	1:00pm
Easter Vigil	8:00pm
Easter Sunday	7:00am, 8:30am, 10:00am



### Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish Diocesan Annual Appeal 2021-2022



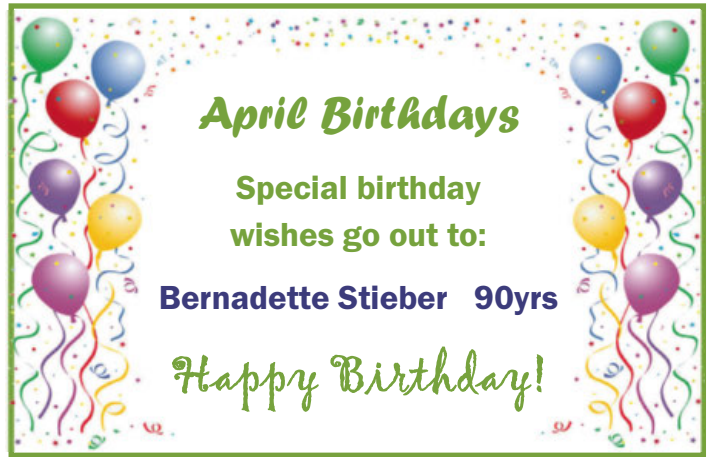
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Target Amount:	\$91,495
Amount Paid & Pledged:	\$75,840
Amount Paid:	\$75,299

### Parish Stewardship for March 27, 2022

Average amount needed in weekly stewardship envelopes..... \$13,300.00

Adults Env. & Online .....	\$ 25,084.58
Students .....	\$ 38.47
Plate .....	\$ 934.94
Automatic Direct Donation avg .....	<u>\$1,711.75</u>
<b>Total for the week.....</b>	<b>\$ 27,769.74</b>



## April Birthdays

Special birthday wishes go out to:

**Bernadette Stieber 90yrs**

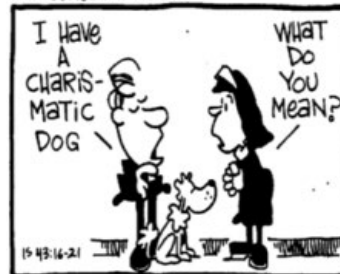
*Happy Birthday!*

## Happy Anniversary

*Congratulations to the following couple who will be celebrating a special wedding anniversary in the month of April*

LaVerne & Mary Furger	60yrs
Jerry & Janice Gage	55yrs
Gilbert & Susan Keene	50yrs
Andrew & Nancy Blume	50yrs

5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT



**Glory Garden Flower/Plants** Please use the Easter Flower envelope that came with your first quarter envelopes or your own envelope to note the name(s) of those to be remembered along with your donation. **We will print memorial names in a Glory Garden**



**supplement that will be available at the church entrances on Sunday, April 24.** \*If you choose to bring a plant for the Glory Garden, please place it in the Bride's Room some time between Holy Thursday & 9:00am Holy Saturday.



## Our Mission and Identity

Our parish, Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, grows only in Christ and through the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Flowing from these gifts, we dedicate ourselves to live and proclaim the Gospel message of Christ’s love. To live Christ’s love may at times be difficult. Nevertheless, it is our goal.

We are called to reach out to our parish family, to the needs of the local community, the diocesan Church, the universal Church, and to the global community. We do this by being attentive to the voice of God found in the Sacred Scriptures, in the Sacred Tradition of our Catholic faith, and through an informed conscience which we try to cultivate.

In light of our baptism, we try to be Christ centered in every aspect of our faith life.

## Contact Information

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## Pax Christi Adoration Chapel

The Adoration Chapel can ONLY be described as a wonderful gift. It is the gift of being close to the presence of the Lord Jesus as we contemplate His love for us.

During the Holy Mass, the bread and wine are changed into the Body and Blood of Christ. During times of Adoration when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed, we see the consecrated bread and the consecrated wine which have truly become the Real Presence of Jesus Christ. In one sense, this is a miracle in our midst – that Jesus would come to us in this way. But often that is the way of the Lord – a silent and unobtrusive way. He comes to us in silence, remains within us and invites us to carry Him into the world around us. None of us can ever fully understand how this occurs, but we do know why it occurs. It happens because God loves us and loves this world so deeply. He wants to remain with us and we with Him.

If you are willing to give the Lord even a bit of your time by adoring Him in the Blessed Sacrament, you will find these words to take on new meaning:

*Come in faith, Remain in hope, go out in love.*

**The effects of adoration:** Here is a comment from one of our parishioners who has a weekly hour of adoration. “In the past, I never had a personal relationship with Jesus. I knew of him, I knew about him, but I didn’t know him. I didn’t really love Jesus because you can’t love someone you don’t know. The first time I went to adoration, I was bored out of my mind and spent most of the time looking at my watch. During my second visit, I didn’t pray at all. The third time, however, I was at a low point. Adoration has improved every aspect of my life. I’m no longer in a state of constant worry about situations I have no control over. I don’t know what the future holds, but I find great comfort in knowing the One who does.”

**\*Currently the Adoration Chapel is open on Sundays and Wednesdays.**

# SACRAMENTS and SPIRITUAL LIFE

## Weekend Mass

Saturday at 4:00PM

Sunday at 8:00AM and 10:00AM

## Weekdays

Holy Mass is offered most days. A Communion Service is scheduled at 8:00AM on weekdays when the Mass is not celebrated.

## Baptism

Preparation classes will be held each month in the church meeting room. Pre-registration is required by calling the parish office.

## Reconciliation

Anytime by request.

## Marriage

Couples desiring marriage should contact the pastor at least six months prior to the anticipated date of the wedding.

## Anointing of the Sick


Anytime by request.

- Regular visits are made to the hospital. Families may notify the parish office when a parishioner is hospitalized.

- If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, please call the Religious Education Office.

- If you are interested in the religious life, the diaconate, the priesthood or lay ministry, please contact the pastor for further information.

- All adults (anyone beyond high school age) living within the parish and regularly participating in the liturgy may register as parishioners. To register, please contact the pastor.

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