

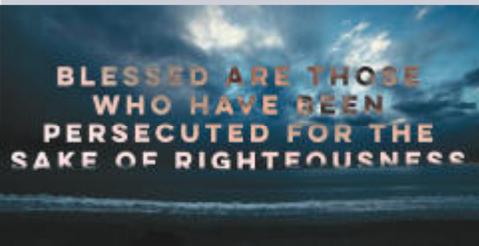
St. Anne Parish

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7 March 2021



Does God's Gracious Gash matter? Does it matter to how we live, the choices we make, that God became human, that Jesus lived and taught, died and rose, among us? The hope that it does matter is the guiding principle of a Christian reckoning to which I challenged myself and the



rest of our parish in a recent homily.

We continue our discerning with a reflection on the eighth and last of the Beatitudes. A link to the initial homily and previous reflections can be found on the God's Gracious Gash page at stanneswausau.org.

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN PERSECUTED

because you held fast to the love and mercy of the Gospel? Really, have you? Were you ever isolated, sneered at, maybe mocked because you advocated for something, for someone because of what you believe and know as a Christian to be right and just? I'm not sure I have. But, if you have, then it would appear that you are among the blessed!

The last of the Beatitudes gets bogged down by the word "righteousness." It's a churchy words that most of us don't use very often, or we get it confused with being self-righteous, a behavior that calls more attention to ourselves and so is discouraged. Righteousness demands something from us, but it is not about us.

When Jesus speaks of those "who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness," he is simply speaking of those who do what is right, who stand

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Lenten Voices Our gospel preaching series continues at 6:30 p.m. Thursday online

DEACON ART MILLER preaches on Psalm 139 and John 11.1-45

Having grown up on Chicago's south side in the 1940s and 50s, Deacon Miller brings a distinct perspective to his preaching. Among his childhood acquaintances was Emmett Till, killed at the age of 14 in Mississippi, and the subject of a book by Deacon Miller. He is retired as owner-president of an investment firm and as director of the Archdiocese of Hartford's Office for Black Catholic Ministries. He remains a husband, father, grandfather, writer, parish minister and justice advocate. You can meet him in this week's Quick Things & Conversation.



UPCOMING PRESENTERS



JESSIE BAZAN will preach about Mary's Magnificat, Luke 1.46-55. From Milwaukee and a graduate of Marquette University, Jessie has spent the last seven years praying and working with the Benedictine monks at St. John's Abbey in Collegeville, Minn., and is on the staff of the Collegeville Institute.

BISHOP GERALD KICANAS will preach on the Good Samaritan, Luke 10.25-37. Originally from Chicago, Bishop Kicanas retired in 2017 after 15 years as the bishop of the Diocese of Tucson, Ariz. Bishop Kicanas was rector of Mundelein Seminary near Chicago from 1984-95.



Reconciliation Celebrate God's mercy at 9 a.m. Saturday and 5-6 p.m. Wednesday

The Ash Wednesday pledge was to turn from sin and be faithful to the gospel. An important element of fulfilling the second part of that promise might be to confess our sin, receive God's mercy and be renewed in the work of discipleship, all of which is what we realize in the sacrament of Reconciliation. A guide to what happens when we come to celebrate this sacrament can be found in the Little Black Book on Thursday, Feb. 18. You'll also find an overview of the sacrament and an examination of conscience in the Quick Things email and at stanneswausau.org.



Some young people in eastern El Salvador think that being a farmer is a thing of the past. Their families have farmed for generations, but climate change and soil erosion have caused harvests—and therefore, incomes—to shrink considerably.

Edwin Carlos, a 17-year-old eager to support his parents and two little brothers, did not see farming in his future. However, after a teacher told him about how new techniques and technology were changing the way farming was being done to help restore the environment, he changed his mind. Edwin decided to join a group of 220 students who are learning skills like the importance of distancing when plowing and how burning harvest residue can harm the land and air.

Thanks to this school program, Raíces Ahuachapán, offered through Catholic Relief Services, Edwin also learned how to grow vegetables at home—knowledge that was extremely important during the COVID-19 pandemic. 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.

See a video of Edwin's story and learn more about how CRS helps communities find solutions to problems on the Lent page at stanneswausau.org. And, keep adding alms to your rice bowl.

THE GREAT THREE DAYS *Triduum*

Here is the current plan for St. Anne's celebration of Palm Sunday and Triduum. This schedule provides for more liturgies, as well as worship opportunities for people who aren't ready to return to church.

We say "current plan" because one thing we've learned over the past year is to be tentative in making plans. But, we are hopeful this plan will come to pass.

Registration for these liturgies - inside and outside - will begin March 22 at stanneswausau.org.

Palm Sunday

Mass in church and online March 27/28 at 4 p.m. Saturday and 8:30 a.m. Sunday, and outside on the blacktop at 10:30 a.m. Sunday. Mass will be celebrated in church if the weather warrants.

Holy Thursday

Mass in church and online at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 1.

Good Friday

Worship in church and online at 12:15 p.m. Friday, April 2, and outside on the blacktop at 5 p.m., or inside if necessary.

Easter

< EASTER VIGIL at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 3, in church and online. This is the primary liturgy of Easter!

< Mass in church and online at 8:30 a.m. Sunday, April 4.

< Mass outside on the blacktop at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, or in church if weather warrants.



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WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP TODAY

< During Lent we will gather with a more reverent atmosphere.

< PLEASE KEEP MASKS IN PLACE, INCLUDING AS YOU COME TO COMMUNION. After receiving the Body of Christ in your hand, step away from the minister, lower your mask and receive.

< If you are able, please remain standing during the Eucharistic Prayer.

< There will be a communal offering of communion. The presider will say, "The Body of Christ" and all will respond: "Amen!"

< Baskets in which to place contributions for the parish are located at the entrances and exits of church.

Kyrie Eleison

Michael Joncas



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Psalm 51, "Create in Me"

Tom Kendzia



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, a



clean heart, O God, cre - ate in me.

Gospel Acclamation

Mass of the Angels and Saints, Steven Janco



Glo-ry, praise and hon-or to you, Lord Je - sus Christ.

Profession of Faith (The Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

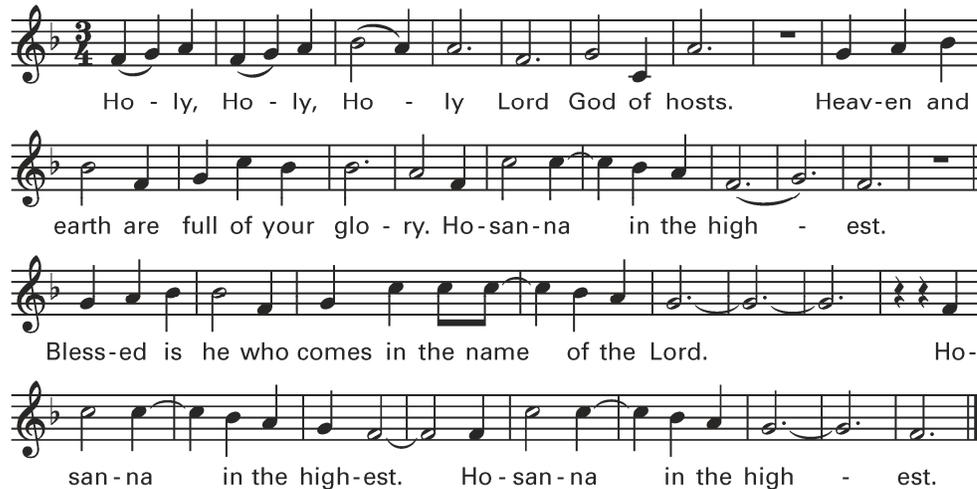
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

General Intercessions: "O Lord, Hear Our Prayer" Taizé Community



Eucharistic Prayer Mass of Renewal, Curtis Stephan

Holy, Holy



Mystery of Faith



Amen



Lamb of God



On these first two Sundays of March we are gathering items for the Salvation Army's outreach to those in need. Bring donations along to Mass or drop them in the Gathering Space during the week. Share Sunday collections occur at the beginning of each month for a rotating group of community organizations offering assistance to those in need.



- Baby products (formula, food, snacks, ciapers, wipes)
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Soups and Stews
- Sloppy Joe Mix
- Canned Chicken
- Applesauce and canned fruit
- Ketchup and Mustard
- Personal care items (deodorant, tooth-brushes, toothpaste)
- Paper towels
- To let paper
- Dish & Laundry soap
- Household cleaning products

SAFE HAVEN: Earlier this year, a 16-year-old Wisconsin boy was accused of killing his newborn daughter. It was a fatal act of desperation on the part of the boy and his girlfriend. Catholic Charities of the Diocese of La Crosse wants everyone to know of the state's Safe Haven Laws that allow parents to relinquish an infant under 72 hours old to any first responder with no questions asked. First responders include police officers, 911 medical staff or hospital staff members. Parents do not have to give a name or address. To learn more go to cclse.org.

Catholic Charities also offers a 24/7 free and confidential helpline for parents to review life options. Call 888.212.4357 or text 715.600.6391. If you know anyone who could benefit from this information and assistance, please share it with them.



PARTICIPATION AT MASS

Feb. 28
4 PM - 64; 9:30 AM - 93
Online - 342

ST. ANNE PARISH GIVING

Total collected (Feb. 21): \$12,958
Weekly need: \$14,266
Shortfall: \$1,307

Total collected (since July 1, 2020): \$498,797
Amount needed: \$485,034

2020 GIVING STATEMENTS are available in the Gathering Space. If you want your statement mailed to you, contact the parish office.

This Week

MONDAY 8 MAR / 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Lk 4:24-30

TUESDAY 9 MAR / Dn 3:25,34-43/Mt 18:21-35

- 7 AM - MASS +Sharon Majernik
- 6:30 PM - Fratelli Tutti: In Conversation with Pope Francis on Zoom

WEDNESDAY 10 MAR / Dt 4:1,5-9/Mt 5:17-19

- 8:15 AM - School Mass +Mary Ann Pregont
- 5-6 PM - Reconciliation
- 6:30 PM - Forming Young Disciples

THURSDAY 11 MAR / Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23

- 8:15 AM - School Mass +Sammy Rutz
- Noon - Fratelli Tutti: In Conversation with Pope Francis on Zoom
- 6:30 PM - Lenten Voices online

FRIDAY 12 MAR / Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34

- 7 AM - MASS +Melissa Lewandowski

SATURDAY 13 MAR / Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14

- 9 AM - Reconciliation

Fourth Sunday of Lent | 13/14 MAR

2 Chr 36:14-16,19-23/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21

- 4 PM Saturday +Braulio & Librada Lagaras - LIVESTREAM
- 9:30 AM Sunday +Donald Koss - LIVESTREAM
- 11 AM - Fratelli Tutti: In Conversation with Pope Francis on Zoom

Links to the readings listed above can be found on the main page of the St. Anne web site: stanneswausau.org. You can also sign-up to have the readings and a daily reflection sent in an email every morning.

BOTH MASSES OFFERED LIVE DURING LENT

During Lent both Lord's Day Masses will be offered live online, which means there are now two opportunities to celebrate Mass with the community gathered in church. Links will be available at stanneswausau.org and through an email sent to all parishioners on Saturday. The liturgies also can be watched anytime after the livestream begins.

MASS IN CHURCH: Lord's Day Mass is celebrated in church at 4 p.m. Saturday and 9:30 a.m. Sunday. To join us for worship, please register by going to stanneswausau.org, or call the parish office. As with all larger in-person gatherings, all participants are expected to wear masks and to honor seating procedures. A video previewing in-person participation can be found at stanneswausau.org.

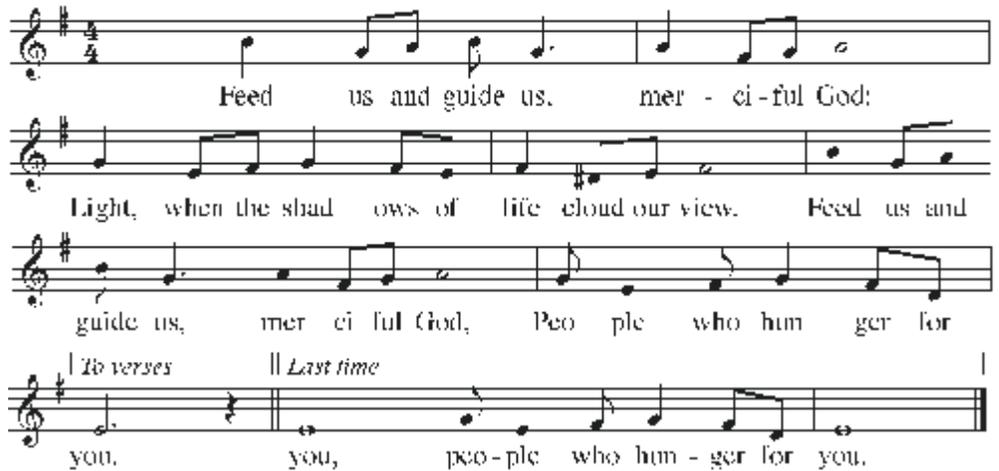
You'll find more parish news in the Quick Things email sent to parishioners every Wednesday.

A Prayer for Communion for Worship Online

We give thanks to you God for your divine life within us. Fill our hearts with gratitude for the sacramental presence of your son, Jesus Christ. Increase in us faith, hope and love so that we can be His presence in the world. We make this prayer through Christ, with whom we are united whether together or apart, He who is Lord, forever and ever. Amen.

"Merciful God"

Mary Louise Bringle, Tony Alonso



Feed us and guide us, mer - ci - ful God;
Light, when the shad ows of life cloud our view. Feed us and
guide us, mer ci ful God, Peo ple who hun ger for
you, you, peo - ple who hun - ger for you.

"Hosea"

Hosea, Joel, Gregory Norbet, OSB



1a. Come back to me with all your heart. Don't let
1b. Trees do bend, though straight and tall; so must
2a. The wil - der - ness will lead you to your
2b. In - teg - ri - ty and jus - tice with ten - der -
3. You shall sleep se - cure with peace; faith - ful -
1a. fear keep us a - part.
1b. we to oth - ers' call.
2a. heart where I will speak.
2b. ness you shall know.
3. ness will be your joy. Long have I wait-ed for your
com - ing home to me and liv - ing deep - ly our new life.

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Stations of the Cross: Walk and pray the Stations of the Cross beginning at the church entrance and processing for about a mile, stopping at 14 stations as we recall the journey of Jesus to the cross. This is weather-permitting.

The Little Black Book: Remember to pray 6 minutes a day.

Weekday Mass: 7A Tuesday & Friday; 8:15A Wednesday & Thursday.

Library in Lent: Stop in the parish library, located just off the Gathering Space, to find a display of books and DVDs for Lenten prayer and reflection. There also are links to a wide variety of Lenten resources in the weekly Quick Things email.

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for what is just, who hold to what is true even when, especially when, others resist acceptance.

Pope Francis, as he concluded his series of Angelus homilies on this passage from the Sermon on the Mount last spring, explained that the final Beatitude is an integral result of the ones preceding it. It's all one road winding its way to this destination.

"The poor in spirit, those who mourn, those who are meek, those who thirst for holiness, those who are merciful, those who are pure in heart and those who are peacemakers might experience persecution for Christ's sake," the Holy Father explained. "But in the end, this persecution is a cause of joy, of great recompense in heaven. The path of the Beatitudes is one of a Paschal journey that leads from a life according to the world to one that is of God; from an existence

guided by the flesh, that is, by selfishness, to one guided by the Spirit."

Too often, Pope Francis observed, disciples who are committed to following the teaching of Jesus become "a nuisance." If we are true to ourselves and to Jesus, we will take positions others oppose, we will stand with people others want to reject or ignore, we will challenge norms that would be so much easier to pretend didn't exist. We will be a nuisance.

"This word 'nuisance' is the key, because Christian witness alone, which does so much good for many people because they follow it, is a nuisance to those who have a worldly mentality," he said. "They experience it as a reproach. When sanctity and a life lived as children of God come to the fore, in that beauty which is uncomfortable because it begs that a position be taken: either one allows oneself to be open to the question and to

the good or one rejects the light and hardens one's heart, even to the point of opposition and hounding."

Let's give Pope Francis the last word, "We must be faithful to the humble path of the Beatitudes, because it leads to being of Christ and not of the world.

"Exclusion and persecution, if God grants us that grace, make us resemble Christ Crucified and, associating us with His passion, are the manifestation of new life. This life is the same as Christ's, who for us and for our salvation was 'despised and rejected.'

"Refusing compromises and taking the path of Jesus Christ is the life of the Kingdom of heaven, the greatest joy, true joy. And then, in persecutions, there is always the presence of Jesus who accompanies us, the presence of Jesus who consoles us, and the strength of the Holy Spirit who helps us to go ahead. Let us not be discouraged when a life consistent with the Gospel attracts the persecution of the people: there is the Spirit who sustains us on this road." **TL**



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