February 7, 2021 • Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Readings for the week of February 7, 2021

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]
1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c [31b]/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]
Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30 [1a]/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]
Mk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [1a]/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13 [1]
Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]
1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

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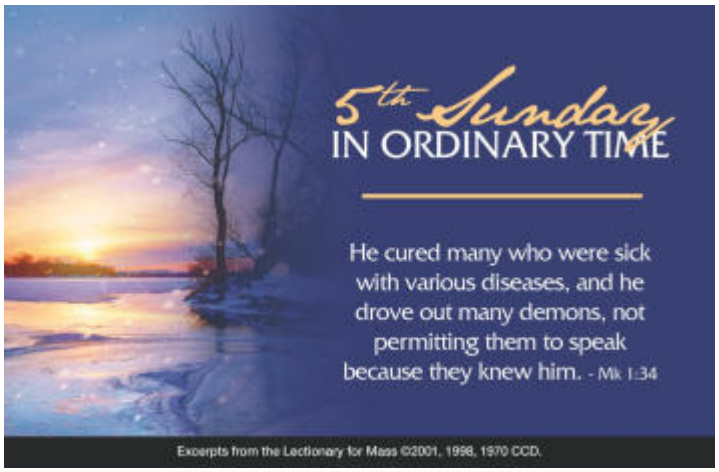

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Mass Schedule

Monday, Feb 8
7:30 am **Natalia Cherney**
by Patricia Tyler

Tuesday, Feb 9
James R & Mariezita G Boyles and Judy K (Boyles) Toles
by James & Sharon Boyles

Wednesday, Feb 10
8:00 am At St. Alexander

Thursday, Feb 11
7:30 am **Mary Wagner**
by Jeanne Woulf

Friday, Feb 12
Lillian Luszcz
by Dave & Nancy Witte

Saturday, Feb 13
5:00 pm **For the People of Sacred Heart & St Alexander**
Shirley Klein
by Richard J Klein

Sunday, Feb 14
7:30 am **Sylvia Nelson**
by Del & Darlene Nelson
10:30 am **Robert Wilkins** by Mary Ann Wilkins & Edward Wilkins

Please Note: Times listed for the weekdays/weekend are public Masses with the Sunday 10:30am Mass live-streamed for your viewing.

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, Feb 13 & Sunday, Feb 14

Lectors
5:00 pm Nancy Brost
7:30 am Kendra Shymanski
10:30 am Kevin Collins

Ushers
5:00 pm Marty Cattanach, Jim Fisher
7:30 am Al Taylor, Joseph Baciak
Dan Thomas
10:30 am Herman Steinert, Curt Evenson
John Ritchay

Rosary Leaders
5:00 pm Volunteer Needed
7:30 am Chuck O'Connor
10:30 am Kevin Collins

Altar Linen Cleaner ~ February
Darlene Johnson

Vacuum Cleaners ~ Feb 8 - Feb 13
Stacie Clark Family

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

For Both Parishes:

Retrouvaille Marriage Help Weekend Coming Soon! Whether your marriage has simply drifted apart, or has arrived at separation or divorce, Retrouvaille \Retro-vī\offers hope. The next program begins with a weekend away at St Anthony Spirituality Center in Marathon, WI, February 12-14. Fr Joseph Redfern, a priest of our diocese, is on the presenting team, along with 3 couples who share their personal stories of healing and reconciliation. This highly successful program is fully confidential, affordable (all volunteer-run), and open to couples of all faiths or no faith background. Please follow these links to download and share the Cover Letter to Churches, Bulletin Announcements, and Flyer to share with your parish. You can also follow this linkto learn more about Retrouvaille.

New Lay Formation Institute (LFI) class starts in the fall – Registration underway!

Registration is open for the next two-year Lay Formation cycle that begins in fall of 2021. Draw closer to Christ and deepen your knowledge of the Faith in a joyful community of learners! See complete information, schedule and application form at diolc.org/lay-formation. Discuss with your pastor and contact the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns at ministries@diolc.orgor call 608.791.0161.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Have you ever wondered what life would be like if you could see the future and know how things turn out? While it's intriguing to ponder what life would be like if we possessed this knowledge, actually knowing could easily rob us of the thrill, adventure, and soul-searching graces of our journey. Like Job, life does not always leave us on a happy note. Life experience can bring us face-to-face with our mortality and leave us with a profound sense of helplessness. We do not see the wholeness and fulfillment that will one day come and cannot grasp the certainty that a resolution to our plight will come our way. We need to learn how to reach for Jesus' hand and let him help us to our feet. Living a life of faith means realizing that we are not here to figure out life on our own. In order to drink deeply of what life presents us, we have to wrestle in the depths of our souls, agonize and search, possibly reach the lowest point of desperation, and cry out for the Divine healing we need to restore our faith, hope, and love. It is no wonder that those who are touched by God's healing power want to then serve others and show them the deeper waters that can be explored. Knowing too much can rob us of joyful surprises.
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Weekend Mass Schedule
Saturday 5:00 pm;
Sunday 7:30 & 10:30 am

Sacraments
Reconciliation.....Saturday 4:30 pm
or by appointment.
Baptism ..... contact Father John
Marriage.....Contact Fr. John
..... 6 months in advance

Please remember our
Sacred Heart Foundation when making or changing your Will.

SCRIP Is available at the parish office weekday mornings by calling 715.886.3422 or calling Pam at 715.570.4760. Please pay with correct change or check.

Electronic Deposit for contributions is available. Forms are available on the bulletin board, in the ministry rack in the sacristy in church, and on the website.

Sacred Heart Income
Saturday, Jan 30 & Sunday, Jan 31
Adults $8313.00
Electronic Contributions: (Feb 4)..... $
Offertory.....$260.30
Improvement Fund $1200.00
Other Income: Votives $54.00
Diocesan EFT.....$385.00
Total Received This Week..... $10212.30

Dioc/Non-Operating Income
Pinon Collection.....$110.00
Religious Retirement Fund..... $50.00

Joint Parish, Deanery & Area News

ACS website ..... www.assumptioncatholicschools.org
Relevant Radio 93.9 online.....www.relevantradio.com
Weekly bulletins are available online .....www.SeekAndFind.com
Sacred Heart Masses every Sunday at 9am.....Public Access Channel

ACS Mission Statement: To inspire excellence and personal growth grounded in Catholic principles and tradition.

Emergency Sick Calls — Sunday, February 7, from noon until 6pm on Monday, February 8 • Please call Fr Levi at 1.414.539.0380.

Religious Education News...From the desk of Mrs P Wettstein

Religious Education Classes this week:

Gr 1 – 5	3:30 – 5:00 pm
Gr 6 – 9	6:30 – 8:00 pm

All Gr. 10, parents, and Confirmation sponsors are asked to meet in the Sacred Heart Church basement from 6:30 to 8 this week. Masks are required, and social distancing measures will be practiced.

Diaconate Discernment Retreat Saturday, February 27

Are you a man at least 30 years of age who feels a yearning to give yourself more radically to the service of God and the Church – preaching the Gospel, serving those in need, assisting at the altar? If you think God may be calling you to be a deacon, talk to your pastor about attending the Diaconate Discernment Retreat at St Mary's Church in Altoona on Saturday, February 27, 2021.

Then contact Deacon Bryan Hilts, Director of the Office for the Diaconate at bhilts@diolc.org. A new deacon formation class will begin in the fall of 2021 and attendance at the Discernment Retreat is a prerequisite.

Here is the Facebook link for this event. https://fb.me/e/7RUt1pcug

DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING INSTANCES OF CHILD ABUSE

The Diocese of La Crosse, through its policies and procedures, seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor or volunteer). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Mrs Karen Becker, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs Becker at 608.791.0179 or intakeagent@diolc.org. The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at: diolc.org/safe-environment/reporting. Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local parish and on the diocesan website. If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, please contact Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at 608.791.2679 or tbrown@diolc.org.

Mission Statement
Be part of the family—St. Alexander Parish "Do not neglect hospitality for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels."
Hebrews 13:2

Prayer Chain
Carol Kuehl.....715-887-3938

Mass Schedule
Wednesday, February 10
8:00 am †Florence Schmick
by Charles Oertli Family
Sunday,
9:00 am February 14
†David Pisecki by Fran & Bob Montag

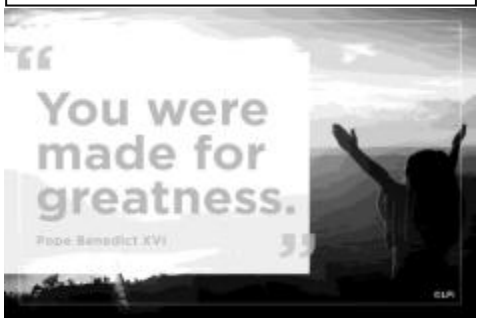
Sacraments
Reconciliation: Saturday 4:30pm at Sacred Heart or by appointment.
Baptism, Marriage & RCIA Contact: Fr. John Swing

Our Weekly Stewardship
January 31, 2021
Total Operating Budget...$177,266.00
Adults.....$1,785.00
Votive Lights.....$30.00
Bldgs, grnds, improvement.....$215.00
Initial Offerings.....$5.00
Catholic Life Subs.....$80.00
Total Support this Week.....$2,115.00
Weekly Support
Needed 2020/2021.....$3,409.00
Budgeted Income to Date $105,679.00
Income to Date.....$100,474.63

Dioc/Non-Operating Income
St. Pat's 5th Sunday.....$185.93
Total Non-Operating Inc.....$185.93

Please Note: The fifth Sunday plate collection goes to St. Pat's Mission. Thank You.
Next Electronic Contribution (EFT) will be March 4th, 2021

The 5:00pm Deanery Sunday Mass is currently held at:
St. Lawrence Parish



Liturgical Ministers
Weekend of February 14th, 2021
(Please arrive at 8:30am for training)
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Sun. Linda Quayhackx
Ushers
Sun. Bob Bassuener, Norb Fenske
Elevator
Sun. Norb Fenske

SANCTUARY LAMP SPONSORSHIP
February sanctuary lamps are sponsored for the following intentions:

•**In Memory of Paula Wallner**
by Joyce Durrant

•**In Memory of Grandson Matthew Yach**
by Bill & Doris Schwantes

•**For the Health of Brian Kluender**
by Jean Kluender

FOR BOTH PARISHES CONTINUED:

FORMED

Millions of people each year go on pilgrimage to Lourdes, a place where miracles frequently occur. This week on Formed.org, the movie *Bernadette* explores the origins of this miraculous place of encounter with the Lord and depicts Mary's apparitions to St. Bernadette. Looking for more inspiration regarding this holy place? Also check out *Truth to Inspire: St. Bernadette of Lourdes*, which discusses 18 apparitions of Our Lady.

Login: 54457 It's free to you!

ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

School News
You are very welcome to join our school family at any time. If you would like to visit our schools and see what a day in the life of a Catholic school student entails. Please call the ACS Enrollment office at 715/422-0900 to make a reservation.

Catholic Schools Week was celebrated last week. Thank you for all your prayers for what we do every day for children, families, and the community. Please join us in our excitement and spread the word about what a great school we have here. Invite another family to experience what goes on in our schools.

FNE Explorers Bread Sale Fundraiser
Feb. 6-7 at SS Peter & Paul Catholic Church. White or Wheat Bread - $5.00 a loaf. Drive-Up sales will be available on Saturday, February 6 from 3:00 PM - 4:15 PM. Bread will also be for sale inside the drive-up entrance after each Mass at SSPP. Fundraiser for FNE Explorers, a Wisconsin Rapids area scouting group.

Save the Date! February 20, 2021 Virtual Men's Lenten Retreat
We will have a virtual lenten retreat for men talking about looking to St. Joseph as a model for being a great husband and father. The retreat will feature speakers Fr. Sam Martin and Mr. Pat Brueggen. More information is coming soon.

Joint Parish, Deanery, Diocesan, & Area News

PRO-LIFE CORNER

Humanity has overcome the food chain, and having surpassed all other predators, has now turned to a strange form of cannibalism: humanity preys upon itself. We murder our own children by abortion. This is what we call "progress". This is not progress, it's self-genocide.

Conversation on Fatherhood and Spousal Love – Tune in at *For Your Marriage* Facebook page on Friday, February 12, at 2:00 pm ET for a live-streamed discussion between the associate director for Clergy, Consecrated Life, and Vocations, Fr. Daniel Hanley, and the director of Laity, Marriage, Family Life, and Youth, Mr. Dominic Lombardi as they discuss their reflections on fatherhood and spousal love looking to Saint Joseph as their example.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Register Online

https://www.assumptioncatholicschools.org/kindergarten-registration

Opens February 1st, 2021 and runs through March 1st, 2021

Kindergarten students require proof of age. Must turn 5 by September 1, 2021.

Original birth certificate will need to be presented at Visitation Day. *(Date to be determined)*

We Invite You To Take A Virtual Visit!

https://www.assumptioncatholicschools.org/kindergarten-registration

- Take a virtual tour of Our Lady Queen of Heaven School
- Meet our amazing team of teachers & students as they welcome you to the ACS family
- Discover the many reasons a Catholic education is the right fit for your child

At Home Suggested Lenten Practices Beginning on Ash Wednesday and continuing through all forty days of Lent, sign up to receive a daily email with a short video to help you connect in a stronger way with Jesus. 1. Sign up for Bishop Barron's daily Lenten reflections lentreflections.com/ or 2. Sign up for "Best Lent Ever" with Matthew Kelly at dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever. Choose a Prayer Card for Lent in order to "Go Deeper" in your relationship with Jesus and your understanding of the prayer. Visit diolc.org/deeper for adult resources and diolc.org/prayer for children and young people resources.

Dear Sacred Heart and St. Alexander's parishioners,

This week everybody in our parishes is receiving the whole enchilada. Everyone is receiving the bulletin by snail mail this week. Also included is a meditation booklet for Lent, a flyer on our Lenten Fish Fry, and a schedule for confessions during Lent.

Lent is a time to fine tune our life. I recommend focus on two things: your calendar and your checkbook. Examine where you spend your time and where you spend your money. This will go a long way in redirecting your life to a more purposeful way.

Your calendar and your checkbook can serve as an examination of conscience. It will very accurately describe where your heart is. The enclosed Magnificat Lenten companion can serve to keep you on track. There is a one page meditation for each day of Lent.

The sacrament of confession is particularly suited for Lent. Especially if it has been a long time since you have gone to confession. During this Covid time it is more difficult. We strive to implement every possible precaution. We will all wear masks, and/or shields, and maintain distancing.

Finally, look on the back of the fish fry flyer and there is an opportunity to sign up on the work schedule. May the grace of God bless you and deeply enrich your spirit during these 40 days.

Sincerely,

Father John

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