February 21, 2021 • First Sunday of Lent

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Readings for the week of February 21, 2021

Sunday:	Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10] 1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15
Monday:	1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19
Tuesday:	Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b] Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday:	Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b] Lk 11:29-32
Thursday:	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [3a]/Mt 7:7-12
Friday:	Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3] Mt 5:20-26
Saturday:	Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b] Mt 5:43-48
Next Sunday:	Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

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Mass Schedule

Monday, Feb 22
7:30 am **Bill Brost** by Family

Tuesday, Feb 23
Harold Coyer, John (BJ) Coyer, Lynnette Krueger and Otto & Edith Kuhn
by Marian & Sue Coyer

Wednesday, Feb 24
8:00 am At St. Alexander

Thursday, Feb 25
7:30 am **Janet Erickson**
by Jeff & Jolene Brown and Family & Friends

Friday, Feb 26
7:30 am **James K Cullinan**
by Kathleen Cullinan

Saturday, Feb 27
5:00 pm **For the Health of Darrel Anderson**
by Jerry & Rose Nash
Mike & Mary Arendt
by Family

Sunday, Feb 28
7:30 am **Anna McGowan**
by Roy & Cathy Taylor
Robert J Wenzel
by Karen Wenzel
10:30 am **For the People of Sacred Heart & St Alexander**
Bob & Mary Ann Benkowski
(55th Wedding Anniversary)
by Family

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

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 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.

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, Feb 27 & Sunday, Feb 28

Lectors
5:00 pm Darlene Johnson
7:30 am Kendra Shymanski
10:30 am Pam Bilderback

Ushers
5:00 pm Marty Cattanach, Jim Fisher
7:30 am Jim Koll, Jacki Koll
Terry Shymanski
10:30 am Curt Evenson, John Ritchay
Bob Benkowski

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

Altar Linen Cleaner ~ February
Darlene Johnson

Vacuum Cleaners ~ Feb 22 - Feb 27
Jerry & Darlene Johnson

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FOR BOTH PARISHES:

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.org or call 608.791.0161.

Brewing Truth Cor Jesu

6:30pm, Friday, March 5 at St Philip, Rudolph
6957 Grotto Ave, Rudolph, WI 54475

Youth & young adults: Join us for an hour of Eucharistic adoration, confession, & music to growcloser to the Heart of Jesus. Social with snacks & fun to follow. For more info, email angelica.schutz@acswr.org

Lenten Communal Penance Schedule

St Joseph-Adams	Thursday	February 25	6:30 PM
SS Peter & Paul	Thursday	March 4	6:30 PM
St Lawrence	Tuesday	March 9	6:30 PM
St Joachim	Wednesday	March 10	6:30 PM
St Alexander	Thursday	March 11	6:30 PM
St Philip	Thursday	March 11	6:30 PM
Sacred Heart	Tuesday	March 16	6:30 PM
St Vincent de Paul	Thursday	March 18	6:30 PM
Our Lady Queen of Heaven	Tuesday	March 23	6:30 PM
Assumption MS/HS	Wednesday	March 24	11:30 AM

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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, 13 & Sunday, 14
No Financials this week

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 21, from noon until 6pm on Monday, February 22 • Please call Fr Valentine at 608.399.4799.

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

We thank our grade 6 and 7 Religious Ed students, who shared "The Trial of Jesus" at the beginning of our Ash Wed service this past week. Thank you to Mrs Jean Anderson, Mr Joshua Martineau, and Mr Ryan Hustedt for their direction in leading this inspiring production!

Today we congratulate our students who will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation! May God bless our Second Grade Class as they share in His loving forgiveness and mercy!

Free Daily Lenten Reflections: Sign up to receive a daily email with a short video to help you connect in a stronger way with Jesus. This begins on Ash Wednesday (February 17) and continues through the forty days of Lent.

1. Sign up for Bishop Barron daily Lenten reflections lentreflections.com/or
2. Sign up for "Best Lent Ever" with Matthew Kelly at dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever
3. 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.

Nekoosa Child Development Day and 2021-2022 4K/5K Registration

Wednesday, March 3 • By appointment only between 9:00am and 6:00pm
Nekoosa Community Center - 416 Crestview Ln

For all children in the Nekoosa School District who will be 4 or 5 years old by September 1, 2021 and who are not currently in our 4K program, or any 2 or 3 years old whose parents have concerns regarding speech and development delays.

**To participate in this event, you must register your child(ren) for an appointment time by calling the Humke Elementary Office at 715.886.8010 or email Tiffany Rheinschmidt at tiffany_rheinschmidt@nekoosa.K12.wi.us. Time slots will be filled on a first come first serve basis.

Registration for this event will take place through February 26, 2021.
(We will accept walk-in's the day of the event, but there may be a wait time; Pre-registration is preferred. Thank you)

Assumption's Flag Football League is open to all (boys & girls) grades K-12. Participants do not have to be enrolled in an ACS school to join. Teams will consist of 6-8 players w/5-on-5 play and are broken into grade groups. Games are Saturdays in April and May. Contact Mr Joe Rayles for registration by March 26. jrayles@assumptioncatholicschools.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 24
8:00 am †Ruth Wroblewski by Family

Sunday, February 28
9:00 am †Tommy Palen
by Karen Knieter

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

Our Weekly Stewardship
February 14, 2021
Total Operating Budget...$177,266.00
Adults.....$2,387.00
Votive Lights.....$18.00
Offertory.....$113.56
Future lawn mower.....$25.00
Bldgs, grnds, improvement.....$20.00
Catholic Life.....$20.00
Memorial.....$20.00
DAA Rebate.....$446.67
Total Support this Week.....$3,050.23
Weekly Support
Needed 2020/2021.....$3,409.00
Budgeted Income to Date $112,497.00
Income to Date.....$114,101.86

Dioc/Non-Operating Income
SWEPS Food Pantry.....$100.00
Total Non-Operating Inc.....$100.00

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

Liturgical Ministers
Weekend of February 28th, 2021

(Please arrive at 8:30am for training)
Lector
Sun. Linda Quayhackx

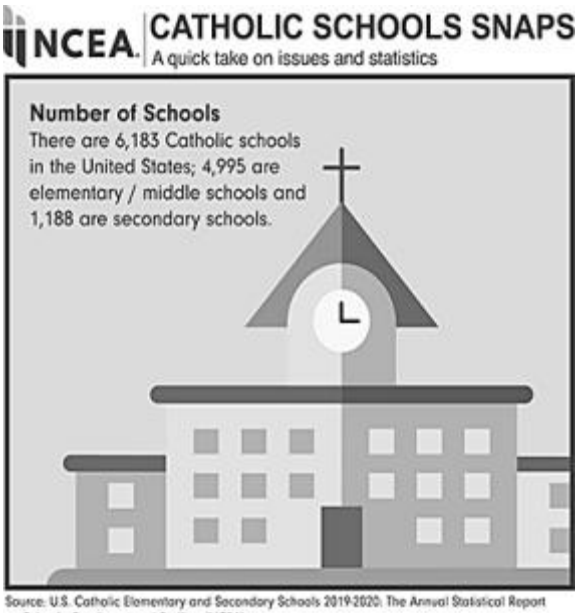
Ushers
Sun. Steve Schroeder, Ryan Shaw

Elevator
Sun. Steve Schroeder

FOR BOTH PARISHES CONTINUED:

LENTEN REGULATIONS
The season of LENT begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17. Lenten regulations are:
Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday.

In addition to abstaining from meat, Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, until they celebrate their 59th birthday, are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those who are bound to this regulation may eat only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.



Source: U.S. Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools 2019-2020: The Annual Statistical Report on Schools, Enrollment and Staffing (NCEA).

St. Lawrence Fish Fries

Don't forget to enjoy the traditional Saint Lawrence Fish Fries available only at Saint Lawrence and only on Fridays during Lent! Carry Out and Curbside Service is available from 4-7PM with your choice of fried or baked Cod and all the extras, even dessert! Call 715-423-4680 to order yours!

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

Joint Parish, Deanery, Diocesan, & Area News

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"A Christian can never conform to a law which is in itself immoral, and such is the case of a law which would admit in principle the licity of abortion. Nor can a Christian take part in a propaganda campaign in favor of such a law or vote for it . . . On the contrary, it is the task of law to pursue reform of society and conditions of life in all its milieu, starting with the most deprived, so that always and everywhere it may be possible to give every child coming into this world a welcome worthy of a person." - Holy See (1974).

Praying with Scripture during Lent

Would you like to spend a few minutes each day during Lent praying with a Scripture passage? Visit diolc.org/deeper to print a Prayer Card.

Dear Sacred Heart and
St. Alexander's parishioners,

Our second grade children are making their first confession this weekend. It is a milestone for them as they grow in understanding and in love of our Lord. We congratulate them and walk with them in their spiritual journey.
Out of all the sacraments, the sacrament of confession stands out where the one receiving the sacrament does most of the talking.
During this time of Lent we go out of our way to make this sacrament available. Next week, Thursday, area priests will gather at St Joseph's in Adams for confession. The week after that we will gather at Saints Peter and Paul in Wisconsin Rapids. Check your bulletin for a complete schedule. Plan to make the sacrament of confession and integral part of your Lent.

Blessings.

Father John

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Fridays
February 19 – March 26
3:00 - 6:00

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Dessert

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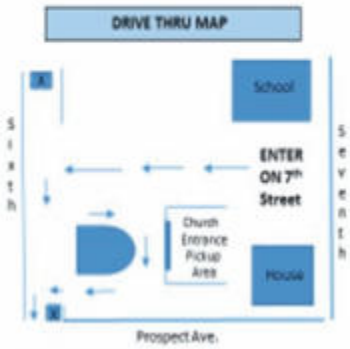

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Throughout history God has given His people signs. Our season of Lent offers us God's sign that it is time to stop the ordinary routines of our lives, create some desert space, and listen more attentively for God to reveal His presence. We are asked to unplug from our attachments, compulsions, obsessions, addictions, routines, and busyness to clear the slate and take stock in who we have become. We are asked to remember the ancient sign of God's covenant with humanity in which He vowed to nurture, sustain, and protect the relationship He has with His people. Once we slow down a bit and clear away some of the clutter, we can see how the journey of our life is unfolding. We can see what brings us in and out of tune with God's love and how we can better imitate God's loving fidelity in our relationship with Him. Even though some good solid self-denial is the order of the day, greater happiness and wholeness will be the fruit of our labors. Pleasant journey through the desert! ©LPi

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