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Mission Statement: "Sacred Heart of Jesus—St. Patrick Parish, as one family, proclaim and live our Catholic Faith through Liturgy, Sacrament, and Ministry. As a united parish, we seek to love and serve God and our neighbor."

## FEBRUARY 21, 2021—THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

### Liturgy Schedule

Fall/Winter

*(Reduced due to the pandemic)*

St. Patrick Church

At Oxford & Fulton Streets



**Sunday Masses (Nov.-Apr.)**

Sunday: 8:00 AM  
10:30 AM

**Sacred Heart of Jesus Church**

At Division & N. Dewey Streets

**Weekday Masses (Nov.-Apr.)**

Wednesday: 6:00 PM  
Friday: 12:00 NOON  
Saturday: 8:30 AM

**Adoration:**

Monday: 8:30 AM-6:00 PM

**Confessions:**

Wednesday: 5:15-5:45 PM  
Saturday: 9:00-10:30 AM

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## 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." - Mk 1:14-15

Issue 13

**Readings for the week of February 21, 2021**

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

*Parish Support*

Fund	February 14, 2021
Envelopes	\$9,741.00
Plate	\$89.00
Other Funds	\$2,649.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$12,479.00</b>



Parish GOAL: \$67,675.00  
 Received: \$52,040.00  
 Under Goal: \$15,685.00

Thank you for your generous support!



**PRAYER CHAIN:** If someone is seriously ill or facing surgery & prayers are needed or wanted, call Dee at 715-835-8347, or Mary at 715-514-4541.

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**CANDLES.** If you would like to remember someone by having a candle lit, you can do so at \$5 for one 7-day candle. There are candles available at both churches. Call the Parish Office.



**SH: Virgin Mary:** (1) † Verona Loechler  
 (1) † Marilyn Loechler  
**St. Joseph:** (1) † James Mach (1) Special Intentions  
**SP: Virgin Mary:** (1) † Vinnie Lee (1) † Joan Minerath

St. Mary's & St. Raymond's Parishes are seeking a part-time Marriage Prep & Wedding Coordinator. Hours usually involve evening or weekend meetings with couples prior to the wedding, Friday rehearsals, Saturday weddings. Interested candidates should send a resume and cover letter describing your interest in and experience with marriage ministry; include the subject line "Marriage Prep and Wedding Coordinator." to Jacqueline Van Hemert, Director of Evangelization and Faith Formation, at [JacquelineEVanHemert@gmail.com](mailto:JacquelineEVanHemert@gmail.com).

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**Baptism Preparation**

Parents who will be having a child baptized are required to attend one Baptism class. Attending class during pregnancy is ideal. During the pandemic, appointments will be made on an individual basis. Please contact the Parish Office to schedule a meeting.



**Bulletin Info Deadline:**

Kindly submit items for inclusion at least 10 days, inserts 5 days, prior to bulletin date.

**A CALL TO SERVE**

There are few things in life more uplifting than being able to help someone or be there for someone in need. When we can use our gifts and talents to make someone else's life better, it can bring joy to not just our lives, but to those we are able to serve. Jesus tells us there is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friend. As friends of Christ, we are called to love in this way; to be willing to lay down our life for others. A powerful way to do this is by being a priest of Jesus Christ. He is calling young men to consider this call to serve, to offer their lives out of love for their sisters and brothers. He may be calling YOU! If you or someone you know is interested in discovering more about this call to the priesthood, please contact me at: Fr. Nate Kuhn, Director of Vocational Recruitment for the Diocese of La Crosse, 3710 East Ave. S. PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602; or by phone at: 608.791.2667. God bless you!

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## READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

### FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

#### READING 1: GN 9:8-15

God said to Noah and to his sons with him: "See, I am now establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you: all the birds, and the various tame and wild animals that were with you and came out of the ark. I will establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed by the waters of a flood; there shall not be another flood to devastate the earth."

God added:

"This is the sign that I am giving for all ages to come, of the covenant between me and you and every living creature with you: I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth, and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the covenant I have made between me and you and all living beings, so that the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all mortal beings."

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

**R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.**

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me;  
teach me your paths,  
Guide me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are God my savior.

**R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.**

Remember that your compassion, O LORD,  
and your love are from of old.  
In your kindness remember me,  
because of your goodness, O LORD.

**R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.**

Good and upright is the LORD,  
thus he shows sinners the way.  
He guides the humble to justice,  
and he teaches the humble his way.

**R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.**



#### READING 2: 1 PT 3:18-22

Beloved:

Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit. In it he also went to preach to the spirits in prison, who had once been disobedient while God patiently waited in the days of Noah during the building of the ark, in which a few persons, eight in all, were saved through water. This prefigured baptism, which saves you now. It is not a removal of dirt from the body but an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers subject to him.

#### GOSPEL: MK 1:12-15

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him. After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

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#### CONSIDER THIS:

Lent is a time to fast from certain things and to feast on others. It is a season in which we should:

- ◆ Fast from judging others; feast on the Christ dwelling in them.
- ◆ Fast from words that pollute; feast on phrases that purify.
- ◆ Fast from anger; feast on patience.
- ◆ Fast from worry; feast on Divine order.
- ◆ Fast from complaining; feast on appreciation.
- ◆ Fast from discouragement; feast on hope.
- ◆ Fast from idle gossip; feast on purposeful silence.


**COLOR**

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



+ St. Joseph, pray for us! +

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
*FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT*

Sunday, February 21

8:00 AM SP: † Fr. James Hagmann

10:30 AM SP: People of Sacred Heart-St. Patrick

Wednesday, February 24

5:15-5:45 PM SH: *Opportunity for Confession*

6:00 PM SH: † John Marvin Hanson

Friday, February 26

12:00 PM SH: † Mike Kittilstad

Saturday, February 27

8:30 AM SH: † Jerry Kostick

9:00-10:30 AM SH: *Opportunity for Confession*

*SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT*

Sunday, February 28

8:00 AM SP: People of Sacred Heart-St. Patrick

10:30 AM SP: † Rosenda Burns

IDEAS FOR LENT

- ◆ **33 Days to Merciful Love: A Do-It-Yourself Retreat** by Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC, in Preparation for Consecration to Divine Mercy. Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC, brings to light one of the most beloved saints in modern times, St. Thérèse of Lisieux. Topics include trust, the Little Way, the Offering to Merciful Love and spiritual darkness. The 33 Days is a preparation for consecration to Divine Mercy. A book can be purchased at [ShopMercy.org](http://ShopMercy.org).
- ◆ **Consecration to St. Joseph** by Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC. During this Year dedicated to St. Joseph, a six-week preparation would be a most-timely study during Lent. The book is arranged for the consecration with 10-15 minutes of reading per day. Books can be purchased at [ShopMercy.org](http://ShopMercy.org).
- ◆ **Discovering a Deeper Relationship with the Holy Spirit** with Fr. Dave Pivonka This 14-part series features Fr. Dave Pivonka, a regular host of Steubenville Youth Conferences. Shot in various locations from Niagara Falls to the California desert, the presentations invite viewers to an encounter with the Holy Spirit. The entire series is available for free on [wildgoose.tv](http://wildgoose.tv), or the DVD is available for purchase.
- ◆ **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 (Feb. 17) and continues through the forty days of Lent.
  1. Sign up for Bishop Barron's daily Lenten reflections at [lentreflections.com/](http://lentreflections.com/), or
  2. Sign up for "Best Lent Ever" with Matthew Kelly at [dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever](http://dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever), or
  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](http://diolc.org/deeper) for adult resources and [diolc.org/prayer](http://diolc.org/prayer) for children and young people resources.
- ◆ **Virtual Formational Series** – Thurs., Feb. 25 at 2:00pm, Msgr. Joseph Hirsch will be the speaker for the next Virtual Formational Series. Msgr. Hirsch's presentation is entitled **Sacrament of Reconciliation: God's Sacrament of Healing for Our Wounded World**. This is a timely topic for Lent and deals with the common questions and struggles surrounding this Sacrament. This series is FREE but registration is necessary. Contact Paula Boyle at [pboyle@diolc.org](mailto:pboyle@diolc.org) to register.



Go to [diolc.org](http://diolc.org) for the FISH FRYNDER for the latest info on local Lenten Friday Fish Frys!

**Make this your Best Lent EVER!**



**DIACONATE DISCERNMENT RETREAT**

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 our pastor about attending the Diaconate Discernment Retreat at St. Mary’s Church, Altoona, on Feb. 27. Then contact Deacon Bryan Hilts, Director of the Office for the Diaconate at [bhilts@diolc.org](mailto:bhilts@diolc.org). A new deacon formation class will begin in the fall of 2021 and attendance at the Discernment Retreat is a prerequisite.

**GO DEEPER THIS LENT**

Downloadable materials are available on [diolc.org](http://diolc.org). Pick one that interests you! Topics include:

- \* Praying with Scripture during Lent — Would you like to spend a few minutes each day during Lent praying with a Scripture passage?
- \* The Morning Offering
- \* Mysteries of the Rosary
- \* “How God Guides Us” series
- \* The Hail Mary
- \* The Our Father

Visit [diolc.org/deeper](http://diolc.org/deeper) for lots of ideas, prayers, and reflections.

**THE BIBLE IN A YEAR PODCAST**

If you’ve struggled to read the Bible, this podcast is for you! Ascension’s *Bible in a Year* Podcast, hosted by Fr. Mike Schmitz and featuring Jeff Cavins, guides Catholics through the Bible in 365 daily episodes. Unlike any other Bible podcast, this one follows a reading plan inspired by the Great Adventure Bible Timeline® learning system, a groundbreaking approach to understanding Salvation History developed by Jeff Cavins. Tune in to [media.ascensionpress.com/all-bible-in-a-year-episodes/](http://media.ascensionpress.com/all-bible-in-a-year-episodes/) for info about the episodes or find the podcast in your favorite podcast app. Use Lent as a time to start your adventure!

**SOJOURNER HOUSE:**

Our role is to serve a meal to the residents on March 9.

Please contact Phyllis

Czech at 715-552-8199 to schedule time at the shelter.



We need your help on March 16 from 3:00-7:00 p.m. at THE COMMUNITY TABLE. TCT continues their mission to reduce food insecurity in the Chippewa Valley. Their mission has never faltered during this pandemic as they have reached a record high of people coming to their door each day. Please consider offering your time! Our Parish provides volunteers every **third Tuesday** of the month. From 3:00-5:00, we prep the food. From 4:45-7:00, we serve up food and clean up. To volunteer, please contact Becky Mattson at 715-832-1303 or [rmattson711@gmail.com](mailto:rmattson711@gmail.com).

**Daily Mass in Sacred Heart Church on:**

+ Wednesday at 6:00 PM

*Confessions 5:15-5:45 PM*

+ Friday at 12:00 Noon

+ Saturday at 8:30 AM

*Confessions 9:00-10:30 AM*

- No need to sign up.
- Pews will be cordoned off to provide the necessary distancing.
- Masks are required to be worn, as per diocesan directives.
- First Friday and First Saturday devotions will be included at the beginning of each month.

*We look forward to welcoming many of you to celebrate daily Mass with us!*



Please keep these deceased & their families in your prayers:

- + John Heffernan + Marilyn Loechler +
- + Larry Cornell +

Join us for Lectio Divina  
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