

Parish

First Holy Communion

March 19 & March 26, 2023

FIRST COMMUNION

*Elliot Williams *Emilia Atherton *Jayde Alderson *Josie Crowley *Bennett Frank

"I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me will never go hungry, and he who believes in Me will never be thirsty." - John 6:35

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand, anointed David in the presence of his brothers; and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David. (1 Sm 16:13)

Psalm:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (Ps 23)

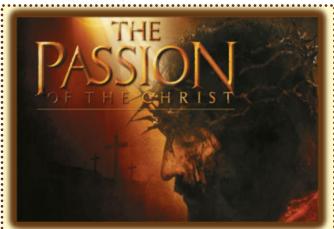
Second Reading:

"Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light." (Eph 5:14)

Gospel:

He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" — which means Sent — .

So he went and washed, and came back able to see. (Jn 9:6-7)

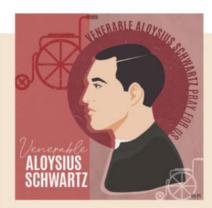


Join us for a showing of Mel Gibson's movie The Passion of the Christ.

Monday, April 3[:] 6:00 - 8:00 pm @ Blessed Sacra ment Parish Hall

Tuesday, April 4[:] 9:00 -11:00 am @ St. Pat's Parish Hall (basement)

and 6:30 - 8:30 pm @ Mary, Mother of the Church Parish Hall



Saint of the week

Venerable Aloysius Schwartz (Father Al) spent his life embracing poverty, building hospitals, and supporting orphans in war-torn Korea, the Philippines, and the Americas. His legacy lives on through the religious orders he founded the Sisters of Mary and the Brothers of Christ.

Prayer

Prayer for Venerable Aloysius Schwartz's intercession

Almighty, ever-living God, giver of good gifts, You have filled Msgr. Al with an ardent love for You and for souls. You have inspired him to dedicate his life to relieve the suffering of the orphans, abandoned, the sick and poor, especially the youth, which he did with all humility and courage until the end of his life. May his holy life of love and service to the poor be recognized by the Church through his beatification and canonization.

For Your honor and glory, we pray that the life of Msgr. Al. be an inspiration for us in striving for perfection in the love of God and service to others. I ask You to bestow upon me, through the intercession of Fr. Al (your intention).

I ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, and the maternal aid of Mary, the Virgin of the Poor.

Amen.

Solemnity of Saint Joseph: There will be Mass on Monday, March 20, at 8:05 am.

SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2023 | 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

From the Desk of Monsignor Steve:

"One thing I do know is I was blind and now I see"

The powerful gospel of the man born blind once again shows us the saving power of Christ in action. We hear in the gospel how a man, everyone knew within the community, was cured of his blindness. This cure is a true miracle in a time when medicine was an inferior practice. Even with this clear evidence, the Pharisees refused to believe it. They closed their eyes unwilling to admit the power of Christ within this world. This gospel is about the blind, not blind in sight but blind to the power of faith. The Pharisees and Scribes refused to believe, they blinded themselves to Christ. They refused to believe in Christ because they would have to bring change into their lives. They were comfortable with the life they had created. We must see and conform our lives to the life God created. We must open our eyes to His love within this world. If they had opened their eyes, Jesus would have entered their hearts. Thus, as we enter this 4th week of lent, we are challenged to not be blind but to recognize that saving power of Christ, that power, which is still within our midst, if we but open our eyes to see.

Today and next Sunday our little ones are receiving their First Communion. Keep them in your prayers.

God Bless, Msgr. Steve and George (woof)



Congratulations
to our
First Communicants.
God bless you on
your special day.

Calling All Palms

Please place your old palms in the boxes located in the entrances of the church.



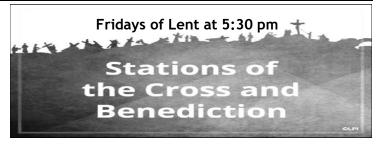
Sternal Life

At Peace in the Lord
Our sympathy for the families of
Richard Kouba

Of our parish who has died recently. May he rest in peace.

ADORATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Fridays: 8:30 am-Noon Sundays: 6 pm-8 pm. Join for part or all of adoration.



Help Requested



We are looking for volunteers to assist us with our Easter Sunday liturgies. Sign-up sheets are in the sacristy for ministers and altar servers. There is also a sign-up sheet

for volunteers to have their feet washed on Holy Thursday. Please consider helping us make this year's Holy Week special by volunteering for one or more of these opportunities.

Please Welcome

We wish to extend a very warm welcome to the new St. Patrick Parish members:

*Sharon Kelly
*Kristina and Jared Schoh & Halle, Grayson, Scarlett

Matthias Hahn and Rachel Kelly March 25, 2023

Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 19, Fourth Sunday of Lent

7:00 am Ray and Sharon Optiz 8:45 am Josephine Sanchez 10:30 am Rosemary Evans

12:30 pm Father James McNamee

Monday, March 20, St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 am Steve Pitsch

Tuesday, March 21, Lenten Weekday

8:00 am Art and Kate Brieske

Wednesday, March 22, Lenten Weekday

8:00 am Betty Harlos

Thursday, March 23, St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

8:00 am Betty Jean Dwyer

Friday, March 24, Lenten Weekday

8:00 am Karen Haller

Saturday, March 25, The Annunciation of the Lord

8:00 am Special intention of Thomas Williams

5:15 pm Joyce and Joe Dolle

Sunday, March 26, Fifth Sunday of Lent

7:00 am Anthony Wontor

8:45 am Deceased Members of the Buttell and

Winiecki Families

10:30 am Ernest Schmocker 12:30 pm Stephen Schaeffer



WE NEED YOU!
We need people

to join in the meal as much as we need the volunteers.

Please help

spread the word, by going to our parish Facebook page and like, invite, and share our Fish Fry events. Many volunteers are needed. Sign up for openings on the parish website, www.stpatsonalaska.com, or by calling the parish office.

A special Thank You the many contributors, placemat sponsors, and beverage sponsors listed on the inserts. Thank you Mike Richgels Team-ReMax and the St. Pat's Knight of Columbus, two of our celebrity bartenders. We appreciate their contributions and ask you to patronize these businesses whenever possible. If you would like to make a financial contribution to purchase items for desserts or the salad bar, envelopes are available and can be dropped in the collection basket or the parish office.

Congratulations to Rick Schill, winner of \$61 on March 10, 50/50 Raffle. The 50/50 Raffles are held every Fish Fry.

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

Calendar of Events

3/19	10:30 am	Liturgy of the Word for Children		
	12:30 pm	First Communion		
	6:00 pm	Eucharistic Adoration		
3/20	8:00 am	Mass		
	10:00 am	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd		
	6:00 pm	Baptism Preparation Class		
	6:00 pm	Lenten Evening Prayer Service		
	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal		
3/21	8:00 am	School Mass Grades K5-2nd		
3/22	8:30 am	Marian Mantle Prayer		
	9:00 am	Quilting Group		
	1:00 pm	Sunday Scripture Study Group		
	6:00 pm	Religious Education Grades 6-8		
3/23	8:00 am	School Mass Grades 3-6		
	9:15 am	No Greater Love		
	6:30 pm	KC Rosary		
	6:30 pm	No Greater Love		
	7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus		
3/24	8:30 am	Eucharistic Adoration		
	9:15 am	Stations of the Cross with School		
		Children		
	5:00 pm	Lenten Fish Fry		
	5:30 pm	Stations of the Cross & Benediction		
3/25	8:30 am	Reconciliation		
3/26				
	10:30 am	Liturgy of the Word for Children		
	12:30 pm	First Communion		
	6:00 pm	Eucharistic Adoration		

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions are held every Saturday following the 8:00 am Mass (except on Holy Saturday). Our Parish Penance Service will be held on Palm Sunday, April 2, at 7:00 pm.

Lenten Evening Prayer

Join us for a 1/2 hour of prayer and music on the Monday's of Lent at 6:00 pm.

Lent 2023

*Fridavs:

How are you choosing to walk in His Sandals for Lent?

*Weekday Masses: Monday through Saturday at 8:00

*Mondays: 8:00 am-Communion Service

6:00 pm-Lenten Evening Prayer 8:30 am until Noon-Adoration

5:30 pm-Stations of the Cross and Benediction

*Saturdays: 8:30 am-Reconciliation

*Sundays: 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm-Adoration

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Contribution Envelopes: We are aware that contribution envelopes have not been delivered to our parishioners. As always, any contribution made with your name (via check or envelope with cash) will be applied to your account and noted on your annual contribution statement. We also have an online giving option; the link can be found on the parish website and click on the light orange tab.

Knights of Columbus

The K of C Family Bowling Party will be March 19th at Coulee Golf Bowl from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm. We would like to invite our Parish family for a night of



fun. The cost is \$10 per bowler for 3 games (shoes included). We will reserve a couple lanes for adult bowlers. The Knights will supply snacks and sodas. Please plan to join us - spots fill up fast. RSVP with Dennis Tressic at dennistressic@gmail.com.

Spring Lifesavers for Life fundraising event will be



after all Masses on the weekend of March 25 and 26. It is a free will offering and money collected is used locally for Right to Life programs. Please donate if possible.

The 2023 St. Patrick's KC scholarship application is now available. Two-\$500 scholarships will be awarded. High school seniors of the parish can apply. For application go to (http://uknight.org/

CouncilSite/CouncilNews.asp?

<u>CNO=10914#7463</u>). Completed application are due March 24th. Contact Brian Wyland at 608-797-6878 with questions.



Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday: Saturday at 5:15 pm, Sunday at 7:00

am, 8:45 am, and 10:30 am. Penance Service at 7:00 pm

Holy Thursday: Celebration of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 pm, followed by Adoration until midnight.

Good Friday: 1:00 pm and 5:30 pm

Holy Saturday: Swieconka-Easter Food Blessing at

10:30 am. Easter Vigil Eucharist at 8:00 pm **Easter Sunday:** 7:00 am, 8:45 am, and 10:30 am

Aquinas School News

The annual Founder's Day Celebration will take place on Sunday, April 23, 2023, at the Radisson Hotel Ballroom. The Aquinas Catholic Schools Foundation invites all to attend. Join us as we celebrate those who have made a meaningful impact on Aquinas Catholic Schools. Cocktail Reception at 5:00 pm, Dinner and Program at 6:00 pm.

Enrollment for the 2023-2024 Aquinas Catholic Schools school year begins! If you are interested in exploring your options when it comes to education, we would be happy to show you what Aquinas has to offer. Current Aquinas families can also begin the re-enrollment process at this time.

Aquinas Catholic Schools is proud to offer over 50 scholarship funds and grants for students in grades 5K-12th! There is about \$650,000 available in aid for

the school year.



Aquinas is committed to providing a safe and structured learning environment for its students. Call (608) 784-0287 to schedule a tour! For infor-

mation or a tour of St. Patrick's School, contact Angela Koblitz, Principal, at angela.koblitz@aquinasschools.org.

Follow @AquinasCatholicSchools on Facebook to stay up-to-date on everything Aquinas.

Youth Group News

March Can Drive: Bring your empty soda cans to the can cage, located in the lower parking lot by the gym to support the youth of our parish. Contact DRE Anne if you have any questions.

Lenten Food Drive and Collection

The Lenten Food Drive continues throughout the Lenten season. Please bring nonperishable food items and drop them in the collection box at the church's

north entrance. If you would like to make a monetary donation to Hunger Task Force, please place your donation in an envelope marked "Hunger Task Force". All donations will go to the Hunger Task Force to assist the needy of our community.



Lenten Tree

Take a packet from the basket by the Baptismal Font. Create an ornament. Your family can do as many as you would like. Hang the ornament on the Lenten Tree. Help us fill the tree by holy week.



15th Annual La Crosse Lenten Luncheon: Catholic Charities cordially invites you to the 15th Annual La Crosse Lenten Luncheon! Gourmet soup, salad and bread will be served. \$30.00 per person or reserve a table of 4 for \$120.00. Please RSVP by March 20 as seating is limited. Wednesday, March 29, Holy Cross Diocesan Center, 3710 East Avenue South, La Crosse.

Chrism Mass, April 4: The Chrism Mass is one of the diocesan highlights at which the Bishop blesses the oils for the celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism and the Anointing of the Sick, and consecrates the Sacred Chrism used in the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Orders. Priests also renew their priestly promises at this Mass, and the faithful pray for them. The Chrism Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, April 4, at 10:30 a.m., at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse. Please consider attending!

Adesse Winners for March

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3/1	Marilyn Mouchka, Onalaska	30
3/2	James & Karen Morgan, Onalaska	30
3/3	Theresa Gamroth, Onalaska	30
3/4	Liz Shefelbine, Onalaska	30
3/5	Donald & Diane Stoeckly, Onalaska	250
3/6	Scott Hawker, Holmen	30
3/7	Matt Nikolay, Holmen	30
3/8	Brian Jeffords, Holmen	30
3/9	John Petry, Onalaska	30
3/10	Jim & Mary Olson, Onalaska	30
3/11	Ruth Smith, Onalaska	30
3/12	Peggy Trueblood, Onalaska	75
3/13	Lauren Nogel, Holmen	30
3/14	Jessica Larson, La Crosse	30
3/15	Suzanne Schulz, Onalaska	30
3/16	James Markos, Onalaska	30
3/17	Marilyn Ahrenhoerster, Hartford, WI	500
3/18	Connie Brensel, Onalaska	30
3/19	Troy Betthauser, Onalaska	75
3/20	Mike Fries, Onalaska	30
3/21	Alex Rodebaugh, Holmen	30
3/22	Jay Wiltse, Onalaska	30
3/23	Barb Harlos, Onalaska	30
3/24	Mary Lakey, Onalaska	30
3/25	Robert Muth, Onalaska	30
3/26	Earl Pedretti, Onalaska	75 20
3/27	Marie Mitchell, Onalaska	30
3/28	Sara Kessler, Onalaska	30
3/29	Peter Kalmes, Steamboat Springs, CO	30
3/30	Peggy Hilton, Trempealeau	30
3/31	Brant Amble, La Crescent, MN	30

Happenings Around the Area

HELP WANTED: Holy Trinity Parish is looking for a part-time maintenance person to clean the church on a regular basis and Leo Hall, to mow the lawn and remove snow, and to do other miscellaneous tasks. Hours are flexible and pay is negotiable. A nice job for a more mature person. Contact Fr. Rick if interested by calling the parish office at 608-782-2028.

Mary, Mother of the Church, La Crosse, will be holding a Fish Fry on Friday, March 24, from 4:00-7:00 pm, dine-in or carry-out.

Spaghetti and Pasta Dinner: The St. Mary's Men's Club is hosting a Spaghetti and Pasta dinner on Saturday, March 25 from 4-7 pm. Adults \$12, kids under 12 \$5, children under 3 free. Serving spaghetti and meatballs, salad, garlic bread, including beverage, and ice cream with toppings. St. Mary's Church, 900 Central Ave., Coon Valley.

Scrip and Mystic Monk Coffee and Teas are sold after all Masses.

St. Patrick's Quilters

Our Quilters will be raffling off a handmade quilt at the Lenten fish fries. The winner will have their choice design. Proceeds from the sales will be



used to purchase sewing supplies (batting, material, etc.) to make additional quilts that are donated to area organizations or people in need.

Enjoy quilting and want to have time with a great group of ladies working towards a very rewarding cause? Join the St. Patrick's quilting group on Wednesday mornings in the Parish Hall. Contact the parish office for more information.

Where's George

George (the dog) is hiding in the bulletin. Find George and email, or call the Parish Office. Your name will be en-



tered into a drawing for a prize from George. The latest winner is Gerald Faas. Be on the lookout for George to make his weekly appearance.

Rummage Sale

Mark your calendar for the St. Patrick's Annual Rummage Sale on July 21 and 22. Donations will be accepted starting in June.

Drop off dates will be announced soon!
Please consider joining the rummage sale planning committee. Call the parish office for more information.





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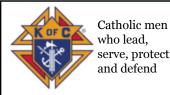
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