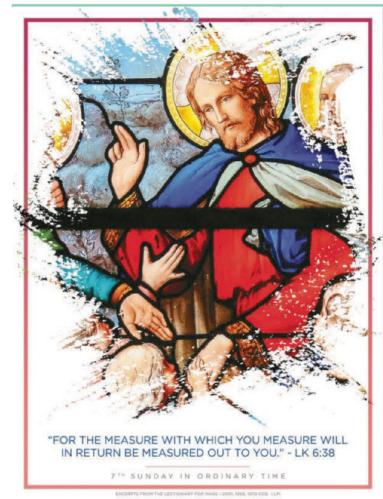


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# Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time | February 20, 2022



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## WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

#### February 19 through February 27

	Sat., Feb. 19	4:00p	SM	+ Pauline Meyer
		6:00p	SR	SM and SR Parishioners
	Sun., Feb. 20	8:30a	SR	+ Ann Young
		11:00a	SM	Priest Intention
	(Misa en español)	1:00p	SM	+ Patricia Devney
	Mon., Feb. 21		No Mass -	
	Tue., Feb. 22	8:00a	SR	Lynn and Bernie Walker
				Family
	Wed., Feb. 23	5:30p	SM	+Kathryn Papach
e	Thu., Feb. 24	8:00a	SR	SM and SR Parishioners
	Fri., Feb. 25	9:00a	SM	+Fr. Wilger
	Sat., Feb. 26	4:00p	SM	+JoAnn Deters
		6:00p	SR	+Harold, Frances, Rick Bohl
	Sun., Feb. 27	8:30a	SR	Chuck and Karen Zabrowski
		11:00a	SM	SM and SR Parishioners
	(Misa en español)	1:00p	SM	+Roger Haas

### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Thursday	7:00–9:00p	SR
Saturday	10:00a-12:00p	SM

### **EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION & ADORATION**

Tuesday	5:00–9:00p	SM
Thursday	5:00-10:00p	SR

### **OFFICE HOURS**

Mon-Thurs	9a-Noon or by apt	SM
Sunday	Noon-3	SM
Tues/Thurs	9a-Noon or by apt	SR

### **Reflections from Jon Jones**



Last week I was fortunate to attend a training similar to what Fr. Derek has been doing since his Sabbatical last Fall. Learning about the real struggles of addiction of any stripe has had a deep impact on me. I especially have been struck by the long term effects that our relationships have on all of us. Here are some

of my takeaways from last week.

The implications of being made in God's image are radical. Our God is social, having fellowship within himself. We claim this mystery of God's social-oneness every week in the Creed when we profess faith in One God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Because this is a loving fellowship, it grows as it must constantly be giving itself away. So, the inner communion of the Holy Trinity expands, and-ta da!-you and I are created to share in this Trinitarian communion. This means that at our most fundamental level we are social beings, made for relationship as our Creator is relational.

Another way of saying this would be to say that we are built for intimacy. We thrive when we feel close and connected to others. We desire to be heard, seen, understood, chosen, and blessed. But, you might have already noticed that all of those desires must come from someone else. We cannot be at peace if it is only we hearing ourselves. I cannot choose myself. You cannot bless yourself. We are made so that we look to others and find ourselves in the midst of our relationships.

When we are hurt or wounded in our relationships we suffer pain, hurt, or maybe even betrayal. Considering what pain and sin I have suffered at the hands of others, I simply cannot fathom how Jesus felt in comparison. To be arrested, abandoned, beaten, and executed by those he loved so dearly was the ultimate rejection. But, some days I spend time with Jesus in the Church and I ponder. My sufferings and his sufferings. My neighbor's suffering and his. And then I find there is healing in drawing near to him. I experience at the same time both his suffering and my healing. As the Prophet says, "by his wounds, we are healed."

And this is the core of our message, that we serve a God who is no stranger to suffering. Most kingdoms choose a symbol of strength and power to rally around, something that gives people hope that brute strength and willpower bring a brighter future. Instead, we rally around a man pierced and bloody to mourn and pray with him. In this posture of vulnerability, of calmly and shamelessly admitting what we are going through and sharing this space with the Almighty who is also suffering, we begin to abide. Abiding is supernatural intimacy.

Every morning we started our sessions with prayer and scripture. One particular morning I heard the Lord speaking to me through the same words that we pray aloud together this weekend:

"The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in mercy... He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities... For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust."

God desires intimacy with me. He desires it with you, too. He knows that we sin, but that is not who we are. We are his children who make him smile and whom he desires deeply to raise up and cherish. Who does not want to abide in that kind of intimacy? It is hard for many to believe, I know. So often, though, we reject intimacy with God because we cannot forgive ourselves. But, the faith of a mustard seed can move a mountain of a heart to bring freedom and forgiveness. Whether it is by forgiving yourself or someone else, God invites you into a relationship with him. It is what you and I were created for.



#### 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. Teresa Brown, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Brown at 608.791.0179 or intakeagent@diolc.org. The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or at: on the diocesan website 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.

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# Join Our Team

### Communication Coordinator for St. Mary's and St. Raymond's

Part-time position, usually 15-20 hours per week. Résumé and cover letter can be sent to Jon Jones at JJJones@SMSRCatholic.com.



Faith Formation Coordinator for St. Mary's Part-time position, usually 10 hours per week. Résumé and cover letter can be sent to Jacqueline Van Hemert at JVanHemert@ SMSRCatholic.com.



# Scam Alert

There is currently a scam going around from someone claiming to be Father Sakowski. This individual sometimes will send text messages claiming to be him; other times this individual will send emails, signing them in the name of Father Sakowski. Usually this individual will claim that he needs a favor or help with something.

### Do not respond to these requests. This is not Father Sakowski.

The actual contact information for our priests and staff is included in the bulletin and on both parish websites.

If you ever are feeling unsure if you actually are receiving a text message or email from Father, err on the side of caution and ask Father or a member of the staff before responding.

## Save the Date

## **Ritual Books Needed**

Feb. 22 Beatitudes Night for Men 6:00pm @ SM Feb. 23 Confirmation Class 6:30pm @ SM Feb. 26 Confirmation Retreat 10:00am-7:00pm @ SR Feb. 27 Women's Brunch 9:30am @ SR Feb. 27 Baptism Prep in Spanish 2:00pm @ SM Mar. 2 Ash Wednesday Mar. 2-4 Adoration and Forty Hours Devotion @ SR Mar. 3 March Birthday Celebration 8:30am @ SR Mar. 4 Fish Fry 4:00pm-7:00pm @ SR Family Adoration Hour with Mar. 4 Elizabeth Ministry 6:00pm-7:00pm @ SM Stations of the Cross Mar. 4 7:00pm-8:00pm @ SM Mar. 5 First Saturday Mass and Devotions @ SM Mar. 6 FFF/Edge @ SR FFF/Edge in Spanish @ SM Mar. 6 Mar. 6 Stations of the Cross 5:00pm-6:00pm @ SR **Guadalupe Council KC** Mar. 7 Meeting 6:00pm @ SM Mar. 9 FFF/Edge in English @ SM

### Subscribe to the Friday Fiat

Through our weekly email we highlight some amazing ministries and introduce new things our staff have been working on. Sign up by either calling your parish office or by scanning your parish's code below.









For more than a thousand years, the Church has used ritual books in the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy. Over time these books do get worn and, every so often, need to be replaced. The time has come to replace some of our ritual books. We invite you to consider memorializing them in memory of a loved one who has died or by marking a special occasion such as a milestone wedding anniversary or the birth of a child or grandchild. The memorials will be acknowledged in the bulletin if you so choose. Contact Tyler Andreae at tandreae@smsrcatholic.com or 715-855-1294 ext 147 in order to memorialize a ritual book.

- 1 large edition of The Roman Missal which contains the prayers and instructions of the Mass \$500 (St. Raymond)
- 1 Book of Gospels which contains the Gospel readings from Sunday Masses and other occasions - \$200 (St. Raymond)
  - 1 Book of Gospels (Spanish Edition) \$500 (St. Mary)

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# What's Coming Up...

# **A BEATITUDES NIGHT** FOR MEN

A night of fellowship and connection

**FEBRUARY 22, 2022** ST. MARY'S GUADALUPE ROOM

Join the St. Raymond's Parish Council of Catholic Women

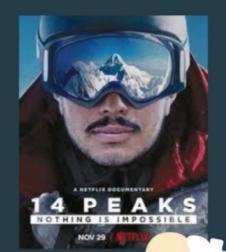
for brunch, socializing and comradery after the 8:30am

Mass on February 27 at St. Raymond's. This is an

opportunity to gather as women, socialize over brunch,

talk about the needs of women, and offer ideas to the PCCW about how to meet those needs. RSVP either by calling Julie Graaskamp (715-878-4399) or by signing up

on the sheet in the St. Raymond's gathering space.



7 PM Movie & Discussion 9 PM Prayer

Questions?



Mass Schedule for March 2, 2022 9am @ SM (with school and parish) 5:30pm @ SM 7pm Misa en Español @ SM 7pm @ SR \*40 Hours Devotion at SR will begin at the end of 7pm Ash Wednesday Mass at SR and will run until 3:45pm on March 4.



Deep Fried and Baked Cod Loins, Augratin Potatoes, French Fries, Green Beans, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Dessert, Bread Pudding, Milk and Coffee

> Five Fridays during Lent: March 4, 11, 18, 25 & April 1, 2022

> > Dine In/Serving Hours: 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM Carryouts Also Available: (715) 877-3400

PRICES 3-piece Dinner: \$12.00 2-piece Dinner: \$11.00 Ages 6-11: \$ 6.00

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South of Brackett or North of Foster on Highway 53 Turn East on Mallard Road (address: E10455 Mallard Road)

Check out and buy a chance on the Parish Council of Catholic Women Bake Sale!









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