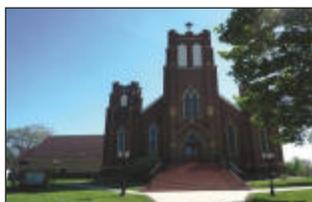


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MARCH 14, 2021

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS TIMES

Weekday Mass Schedule

See page 2 of the bulletin for the weekday schedule as it is periodically subject to change based on pastoral circumstances.

Weekend Mass/Confession Schedule

Saturday 4:00 PM All Saints, New Richland

Mass time will be 5:00 PM on March 20th

Sunday 8:00 AM St. Joseph, Waldorf

Sunday 10:00 AM St. Ann, Janesville

Confession is available half an hour before each weekend Mass.

ALL COVID REGULATIONS STILL APPLY

PASTOR AND PARISH OFFICE INFORMATION



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NOTIFICATION FOR WEATHER CANCELLATIONS

We are all familiar with the unpredictable weather we have in Minnesota. We will be using the Remind App this year to send notifications about weather cancellations to members of all three parishes. To sign up to receive notifications by either text or email, please send a text to **81010** with the message **@communio**

If your children are registered for St. Ann's Faith Formation, you are already signed up for the Faith Formation remind group and will be notified of any Faith Formation cancellations.

If you are a member of St. Ann's and would prefer to be placed on a call list, please contact the parish office. Members of All Saints and St. Joseph's are already on a call list.



Information for the parish bulletin is due to the parish office by 12:00 Noon on Tuesday each week unless otherwise noted. Please send to:

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LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday	Mar	15		No Mass Scheduled	
Tuesday	Mar	16	5:30 PM	John W. Fury †	St. Ann - Janesville
Wednesday	Mar	17	12:00 PM	Matt and Mary Burns †	St. Ann - Janesville
Thursday	Mar	18	12:00 PM	Bob and Lil Mulcahey †	St. Ann - Janesville
Friday	Mar	19	10:00 AM	Diane Wedland †	All Saints - New Richland
Saturday	Mar	20	5:00 PM	Dr. Albert and Lois Flor †	All Saints - New Richland
Sunday	Mar	21	8:00 AM	Melissa Ann Farley Gerdts †	St. Joseph - Waldorf
			10:00 AM	For the Parishes	St. Ann - Janesville

MESSAGE FROM THE ST. ANN TRUSTEES

We would like to provide an update on the health of the parish and finishing the parish center. Thank you to everyone for your contributions and prayers. God has been good to St. Ann's this past year. This last year has produced one of the worst pandemics in history, but the people of St. Ann's continue to walk with God during this time. We have had Mass both in person and available for live streaming since our pastor Fr. Brian has been with us. We still raised money for our parish by having both the Forester Fundraiser and Fall Festival with covid precautions in place. The people of St. Ann's continue to give every week to cover operating costs, which are needed for expenses such as lights and heat to the church. The people of St. Ann's have also given over \$750,000 to build our parish center. The project is over 85% complete. We have had many obstacles to overcome this past year, therefore we need one last push to have this project fully completed.

The health of our parish is good. With the parish center being approximately 85% complete we need more funds to complete the project. With the dioceses supporting the parish to totally complete the project. The completed project means that the kitchen will be a warming kitchen with flooring throughout the building. On the outside we will have all the concrete for sidewalks including the drive thru and all the landscaping completed. As trustees it is extremely difficult to ask for more money from each and everyone of you. As we know this past year has been hard on many of our parishioners. Also many have given above and beyond and we thank you very much. We currently have approximately \$100,000 remaining in the Project renewal account and will need approximately an additional \$150,000. Since the December mailing, we've received an additional \$66,000 and again thank you very much. Meeting with the finance council we have decided the best approach is to do another major campaign for an additional three years. As we mentioned, we are currently meeting monthly expenses, but want to keep any additional funds received there for future repairs needed in the church and rectory.

In order to secure a loan, pledges are needed. If you still have the information packet sent out last December, please refer to it as more information is available along with a pledge/donation sheet.

We ask everyone to spread the word and take home a pledge form and pray about what they can commit for the next three years. With these pledges we can take out a small loan to finish this building. Thank you everyone for supporting our church. Ann and I will be available after church to answer any questions.

Ann Carda and Mike Cahill

2021 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL UPDATE

2021 Catholic Ministry Appeal Update 03/08/21

St. Ann – Janesville

\$12,822.00 goal
\$ 4,585.00 received to date
35.76% of goal
13 donors

St. Joseph – Waldorf

\$3,383.00 goal
\$3,435.00 received to date
101.54% of goal **(Congratulations!)**
7 donors

All Saints – New Richland

\$6,614.00
\$4,250.00 received to date
64.26% of goal
11 donors



FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING

St. Ann Finance Council will meet with Fr. Brian on Tuesday, March 16, at 6:30 PM

ST. ANN'S GREETERS

March 14 - Angela Adams Family
March 21 - Dennis and Brenda Schultz
March 28 - Barb and Curt Ahlman

If you are unable to be there for your scheduled time, please call Ann Carda at 507.317.9604.

Meditations for the Fourth Week of Lent

WE THIRST FOR YOU, O LORD

Proclaiming the Faith

John 3:14-21

The events that give rise to the teachings in today's Gospel begin a few verses before when the Pharisee Nicodemus comes to visit Jesus secretly in the night. Nicodemus has heard about Jesus and is curious, but he is also afraid. He wants to believe, but he isn't quite ready to make a public commitment.

The people of the Gospels aren't so very different from us. Nicodemus

is intrigued by Jesus but unwilling to be seen publicly with him. How often have you learned that someone you've known for a long time is or was raised as a Catholic? This is particularly true of famous people who are afraid that making their faith public will harm their careers. Sometimes we fall victim to this same temptation, hiding our faith out of fear. However, we should remember that while we fear that we may be mocked or made fun of for our faith, in some parts of the world today, people

actually are being killed for their Christian beliefs.

Truly the words of John 3:16 ("For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life") are at the heart of our Catholic faith. The season of Lent is the perfect reminder that we are called to let our faith show in our daily lives — with joy and fervor!

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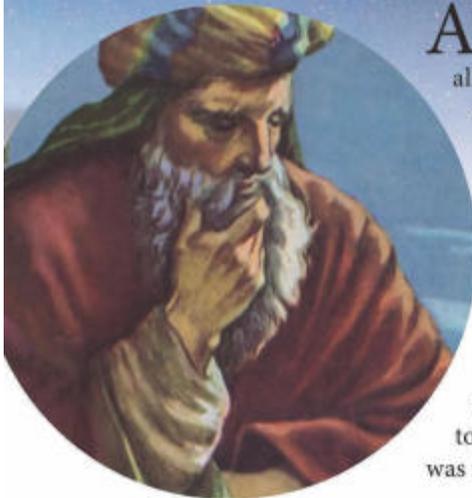
- › Do the people I work with, go to school with, and spend free time with know that I am Catholic?
- › Who encourages me most in my faith? Who can I encourage?
- › How can I come more closely to the light of Jesus this Lent?



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OUR FAITH

A Good Pharisee



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Although the word “Pharisee” has come to have a very negative connotation, not all Pharisees were wicked. Nicodemus, the curious Pharisee in today’s Gospel, was one of those who eventually followed Jesus. Besides his secret visit to Jesus at night, he appears twice more in Scripture. A member of the Sanhedrin, he defends Jesus when the chief priests and other Pharisees are debating what to do with Jesus. And after the Crucifixion, along with Joseph of Arimathaea, he brought about a hundred pounds of myrrh and aloë to anoint Jesus’ body. Tradition says that he was martyred for the Faith.

Catechism CONNECTION

“By giving up his own Son for our sins, God manifests that his plan for us is one of benevolent love, prior to any merit on our part: ‘In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the expiation for our sins.’ God ‘shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.’”

— *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 604

FAMILY ACTIVITY

Pretzel Prayers

Once considered the official Catholic food of Lent, pretzels date back at least 1,400 years. Because fat, eggs, and milk were part of the Lenten abstinence, these little bites of bread made only with flour, salt, and water were invented. They were wrapped in the shape of arms crossed in prayer and the three holes in the middle represented the Trinity. Traditionally, pretzels were the perfect food to share with people who were struggling for food or living on the streets because they didn’t spoil easily. Make your own pretzels as a family (find a recipe on the Internet) and share them with someone in need in your neighborhood or community.



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Lenten Prayer

Unto to you, I cry, my God!

“No one who lights a lamp hides it away or places it [under a bushel basket], but on a lampstand so that those who enter might see the light.”
— Luke 11:33

Lord, give me the courage to be a brave and bold witness to you in all that I say and do.

SIGNS OF THE SEASON

The Color Purple

The liturgical color for Lent is purple, symbolizing pain, suffering, and mourning. But why purple? Purple was the most expensive color in biblical times. Extracted from a sea snail, it took as many as 12,000 shells to get enough dye to color a handkerchief. Because of the enormous cost, only the wealthiest (almost exclusively royalty) wore purple garments. When soldiers mocked Jesus for being the “King of the Jews,” they put a purple robe on his shoulders to belittle his claim. Therefore, we use the color purple during Lent to remind us of the Passion and death of the Lord.

MESSAGE FROM FR. BRIAN

St. Augustine was a worldly man, through the prayers of his mother, St. Monica and the work of the Holy Spirit became one of the most regarded theologians of the Church. He was born in modern day Algeria in 354AD and died in 430AD. He wrote extensively; on the fall of Rome in the City of God, pointing out the flaws in the pagan religion through their own telling of it, The Confessions, a very in depth look at how the Lord worked in his life to become a Catholic, and on Sacred Scripture which we will look at here. At the age of 31 he converted to Catholicism and St. Ambrose baptized him.

From a treatise on John by St Augustine A Samaritan woman came to draw water

A woman came. She is a symbol of the Church not yet made righteous. Righteousness follows from the conversation. She came in ignorance, she found Christ, and he enters into conversation with her. Let us see what it is about, let us see why a Samaritan woman came to draw water. The Samaritans did not form part of the Jewish people: they were foreigners. The fact that she came from a foreign people is part of the symbolic meaning, for she is a symbol of the Church. The Church was to come from the Gentiles, of a different race from the Jews.

We must then recognize ourselves in her words and in her person, and with her give our own thanks to God. She was a symbol, not the reality; she foreshadowed the reality, and the reality came to be. She found faith in Christ, who was using her as a symbol to teach us what was to come. *She came then to draw water.* She had simply come to draw water; in the normal way of man or woman.

Jesus says to her: Give me water to drink. For his disciples had gone to the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman therefore says to him: How is it that you, though a Jew, ask me for water to drink, though I am a Samaritan woman? For Jews have nothing to do with Samaritans.

The Samaritans were foreigners; Jews never used their utensils. The woman was carrying a pail for drawing water. She was astonished that a Jew should ask her for a drink of water, a thing that Jews would not do. But the one who was asking for a drink of water was thirsting for her faith.

Listen now and learn who it is that asks for a drink. *Jesus answered her and said: If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink," perhaps you might have asked him and he would have given you living water.*

He asks for a drink, and he promises a drink. He is in need, as one hoping to receive, yet he is rich, as one about to satisfy the thirst of others. He says: *If you knew the gift of God. The gift of God is the Holy Spirit. But he is still using veiled language as he speaks to the woman and gradually enters into her heart. Or is he already teaching her? What could be more gentle and kind than the encouragement he gives? If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink," perhaps you might ask and he would give you living water.*

What is this water that he will give if not the water spoken of in Scripture: With you is the fountain of life? How can those feel thirst who will drink deeply from the abundance in your house?

He was promising the Holy Spirit in satisfying abundance. She did not yet understand. In her failure to grasp his meaning, what was her reply? *The woman says to him: Master, give me this drink, so that I may feel no thirst or come here to draw water.* Her need forced her to this labor, her weakness shrank from it. If only she could hear those words: *Come to me, all who labor and are burdened, and I will refresh you.* Jesus was saying this to her, so that her labors might be at an end; but she was not yet able to understand.

ST. JOSEPH FEAST DAY - MARCH 19

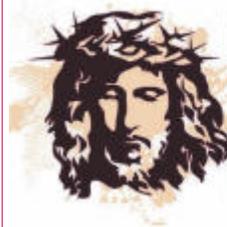


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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Thursday of Holy Week, April 1 – 5:30 PM St. Ann in Janesville
Friday of the Passion of the Lord, April 2 – 12:00 PM St. Ann in Janesville and 3:15 PM All Saints in New Richland
Holy Saturday Easter Vigil, April 3 – 8:00 PM All Saints in New Richland
Easter Sunday, April 4 – 8:00 AM St. Joseph in Waldorf
Easter Sunday, April 4 – 10:00 AM St. Ann in Janesville



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

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EASTER FLOWER OFFERINGS

If you would like to make a monetary donation for Easter flowers to decorate the church in memory of a loved one, envelopes are available at the entrances of the church. The envelopes can be placed in the collection basket at weekend Mass, dropped off or mailed to the parish office. Please circle your church name on the envelope provided and have your donation in to the parish office by Sunday, March 28.



EVENTS DURING LENT



• For an Awesome •
Lent!

Stations of the Cross at St. Ann's & Stations of the Cross at St. Ann's following

Events for Lent 2021!

Encounter with JESUS is EVERYTHING!
Watching the **Kerygma** in the parishes after mass for **20 minutes!**
Plan on staying for the video!
(If you have small children head home, the video is a little intense)

20th of February All Saints	28th of February St. Joseph	14th of March St. Ann
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Palm Sunday Presentation, 1hr!
March 26th 7pm at All Saints,
March 28th 1pm at St. Ann,
April 2nd 2pm Good Friday at St. Ann
12th Annual Parish Retreat for Adults (7th grade & up) 20th of March from 9am – 1pm at All Saints, bring snacks & food to pass!
An in depth look at the Kerygma by a priest (Fr. John Riccardo) who has a chiasm for explaining it in a life changing way!

30-day Scripture Challenge
Reading a Scripture passage every day of the week and journaling words heard and your prayer! 3 different groups will meet every week at St. Ann! Starting **Ash Wednesday 12:30-1pm**
Friday before Stations 5pm
Sunday after mass for a half hour
All Saints will meet after Saturday Mass



Lenten Series

Sundays at 4pm in main church

Feb. 21: A day in the Desert

Feb 28: First Temptation: Turn these stones into bread

March 7: Second Temptations: Throw yourself down and the angels will catch you

March 14: Third temptation: You can have all this if you worship me.....

March 21: Wounds and Crucifixion

Things to consider

Journey into desert with Christ

Experience the solitude

Open your heart to Christ

Carry your Cross to Calvary

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MASS TIME CHANGE

Mass time change to 5:00 PM in New Richland starting March 20th.

40 CANS FOR LENT

The Knights of Columbus will provide containers at the entrances of St. Ann for donations of canned/boxed food items for the Janesville Food Shelf. It is an inexpensive way to give something up for Lent and help others at the same time. The goal is one item per family per day during the 40 days of Lent. Cash donations are also welcome. Please help make a difference and thank you for your generosity.



SOUP AND BREAD

Again this Lent the Knights of Columbus will host Soup and Bread after the Stations of the Cross on Fridays. The Knights will provide the cups, bowls, napkins, spoons, plastic ware and lemonade. You are responsible for your great soups, breads, desserts, snacks or whatever you would like to bring or make. We look forward to another year of great food and fellowship. If you have an questions, please contact Bob Carda at 507.317.9603

The Stations of the Cross at St. Ann Parish will be at 5:30 PM on Friday each week during Lent.

MASSES LIVE STREAMED

For those of you who are not able to attend Sunday Mass, we do live stream the 10:00 AM Mass from St. Ann Parish for you to view and also daily Masses on Tuesday-Thursday. If you can login to the parishes website, www.stannjan.com just click on the box that reads:

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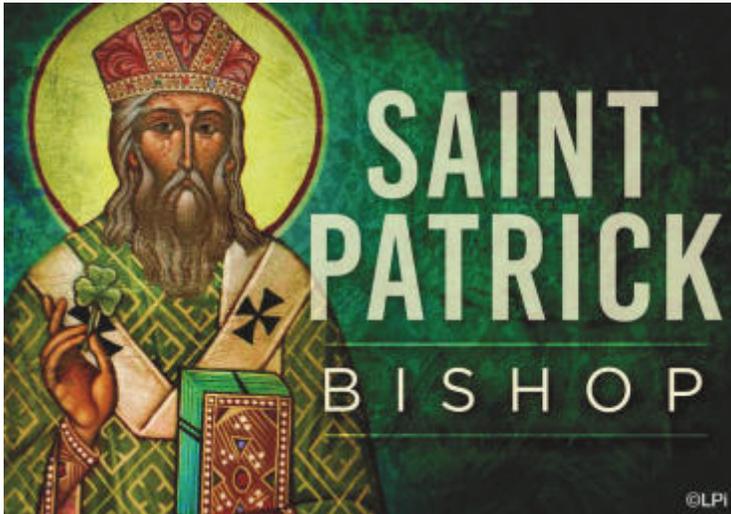
on Sunday, March 14. Envelopes are provided in your annual packet of offering envelopes from the parish.

Catholics at the Capitol, April 15 – On Mission for Life and Dignity!

There's no time more important than now to speak up for life and dignity. So join Catholics from across Minnesota for this year's Catholics at the Capitol, a special day of prayer, education, and advocacy in St. Paul.

Be formed in the faith, beginning the day with Mass at the Cathedral of St. Paul. Be informed on the issues, as we hear from inspiring speakers like international pro-life advocate Obianuju Ekeocha and Archbishop José Gomez, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and the archbishop of Los Angeles. And be sent on mission, joining a Eucharistic procession from the cathedral to the capitol before sharing your Catholic convictions with your elected officials.

The big day is April 15, but registration is already open. Visit catholicsatthecapitol.org to learn more and secure your spot. Together, we can protect life and dignity.



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Date: Thursday, March 18, 2021

Time: 1:00 - 7:00 PM

Location: Trinity Lutheran Church - Janesville

For an appointment or for more information, please call or text MaryLou at 507.327.7823.

Because of COVID-19, they will not be taking walk-ins. Appointments are required.

PRAYING THE ROSARY

The Rosary will be prayed each Sunday in Janesville starting around 9:35 AM.



FIRST RECONCILIATION

First Reconciliation

The Communion of Saints second grade students will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on
Wednesday, March 17th
at 6:00 PM at St. Ann's in Janesville
&
Wednesday, March 24th
at 6:00 PM at All Saints in
New Richland

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen.



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