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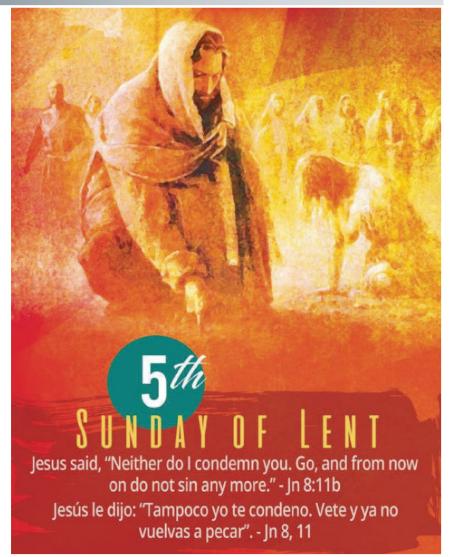
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John F. Taylor

The funeral for Russell Dennis was held at St. Joseph Catholic Church on March 30, 2022. The funeral for Elizabeth "Betty" Shaide was held at St. Joseph Catholic Church on March 29, 2022.



Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen



April 3 - Fifth Sunday Lent

There is an underlying theme that runs through this week's readings, as well as the last 2 weeks. That is: God always wants to open the graves and bring forth life. Even if they are graves that we dug for ourselves through our sins and stupidity. No grave is too deep, no grave is too wide that God cannot fill us with the Holy Spirit, granting us forgiveness and mercy. He is the God of the living and the dead.

It is this same Holy Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead. The same Holy Spirit that gives new life to us by His indwelling within us. Stop and consider for a moment, every day the Holy Spirit grants to us new life. Then each day we are being raised to new life. Do we accept this wondrous gift? Or are these earthly days clouding our minds with too much triviality, worthless, tiring activities chasing what we think we want when what we truly desire is God?

In Jewish tradition, it is thought that the spirit leaves the body after the third day. Lazarus has been dead now for 4 days. Clearly Lazarus is dead. But that does not mean that God cannot bring life to a dead body. It is remarkable to me that so many people ridiculed and scorned Jesus. They had witnessed the miracles He had done. They heard His words of teaching. They knew how much Jesus loved Lazarus, Martha and Mary.

But they could not see past the death of this world. They could not see the future of eternal life. Even Jesus moans, "How long, O Lord, must I be among these people?" Then with quiet prayer and a simple command, "Lazarus, come out!" Lazarus is brought back to life. The Bible does not tell us what the people said then or their reaction. I wonder, were these the same people who will say next week, "Crucify him!"



Hennessy Marie Sweeney daughter of Michael & Brenna was baptized into the Catholic faith on March 27, 2022.

MASSES INTENTIONS COMMUNION SERVICE

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Monday, April 4	
7:00 am SJ	Communion Service
Tuesday, April 5	
12:00 Noon	Chrism Mass at Cathedral of Christ the King in Superior
5:30 pm \$J	Special Intention
Wednesday, April 6	
8:15 am HT	† Ed & Lorraine Hughes
8:30 am \$J	† Alice Kiewit
Thursday, April 7	
7:00 am SJ	† Joseph Skopec
8:30 am SJE	† Russell Deering
Friday, April 8	
7:00 am SJ	t Katherine Effertz
8:15 am OLL	† For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
10:00 am Mass at Woodstone Senior Living	† Keith Lindquist
Saturday, April 9	
4:00 pm OLL	† Dennis Sirek
4:30 pm \$J	† Tom & Mary Malinovsky
Sunday, April 10	
8:30 am HT	t Richard Hutera
9:00 am SJ	t Russ & Rena Brown and Peg Meyer
10:00 am OLL	† Gerald Rademaker
11:00 am SJE	† Evelyn Hayes
1:00 pm SJ Misa en español	For the People of Our Cluster
5:30 pm \$J	t Carl & For Patty Anderson



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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, April 4 6:00 pm Vocation Holy Hour 7:00 pm Genesis - It's More Than Creation	OLL OLL
Tuesday, April 5 8:15 am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 3:15 pm Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 5:10 pm Knights of Columbus Family Rosary 7:30 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting	SJ SJ SJ OLL
Wednesday, April 6 9:00 am PAROUSIA: The Bible & the Mass 6:00 pm A Family of Faith	HT SJ
Thursday, April 7 8:00 am Spirituality Committee Meeting 8:15 am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 9:00 am PAROUSIA: The Bible & the Mass 5:00 pm Liturgy Committee Meeting	SJ SJE SJ
Friday, April 8 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm Stations of the Cross	SJE HT
Saturday, April 9 10:00 am Confession 3:00 pm Confession	SJ SJ
Sunday, April 10 10:00 am Knights of Columbus Hospitality	SJ











GIFT SHOP CLOSING MAY 29

Many religious items still available!



Our Lady's Treasures Gift Shop will close permanently on Sunday, May 29 at noon for unrelated renovations. Stop in for your Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation needs and Mother's Day and Father's Day gifts. We also have Divine Mercy resources, many rosaries, medals and crucifixes for your special occasions.

The shop at the main entrance of Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Rice Lake (Dobie) is open Friday after the 8:15 am Mass, Saturday after the 4 pm Mass and Sunday after the 10 am Mass. Or contact **Judy Pottinger** at 715-651-9906 for a time that is convenient.

Children will be able to participate in a hunt to find the unleavened bread.

SEDER MEAL

The Feast of Unleavened Bread All are welcome!



Our Lady of Lourdes

Lower Level Dining Hall -2411 23rd St. Rice Lake, WI 54868

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13 7:00 PM

\$12 Adults \$7 Children Under 12 and Workers

Please pay at the door or in advance at the cluster office (Cash/Check Only)

RSVP's Needed by Monday, April 11, 2022 at Noon.

Call Shannon in the cluster office - 715-234-2032, ext. 2.

All cluster families and their children are invited to this ceremonial meal where we honor our Jewish heritage by remembering the Passover.

THE MEAL WILL INCLUDE:

Ceremonial Plate

Boiled Egg, Haroses (mixture of fruits and nuts), Parsley, Horseradish, Unleavened Bread (Matzo)

Actual Dinner Plate

Matzo Soup, Relishes, Chicken, Lamb, Potatoes & Gravy, Corn and Fruit Cup,

Wine, Grape Juice, Coffee and Water will be offered

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to make the Seder Meal a success!

Contact Cathy Solum 715-234-6874, text 715-651-2759 email: ctn94610@centurytel.net

WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS!

As discussed last week, the first Seder Meal was held at the rectory of Our Lady of Lourdes Church at then Pastor Fr. Kraker's dinner table with about eight people in attendance.

Wow! Eight people at the table! We have certainly grown over these 46 years! We continue to use the same format, program and recipes in an effort to keep the Seder authentic. When I spoke with some of the women who have been chairpersons of the Seder, they all told me that keeping the Passover traditions and making each Seder elegant was their priority. White table cloths and linens. They used crepe paper for purple table runners but soon changed to ribbon because spills on crepe paper are messy! Pussy willows, early spring flowers, greens and candles burning. Oh yes, it is a beautiful setting!

Each year, more people got involved and participation continued to grow. In recent years, we've seated 100 people or more. Many people have taken various roles over the years. Just finding the special foods turned out to be a challenge. The Matzo Ball Mix for the soup was sent from California by Ruth Lapacinski's daughter. Eventually, it was found in Eau Claire. Now, we can get everything we need here in Rice Lake or on Amazon. For about 5 years Regina Tomesh and Bill Denison made the Unleavened Bread. Jack and Kathy Doyle were a driving force behind the Seder Meal for over 20 years, Jack still works with us.

The first year I got involved, I arrived the day before for prep work. Cutting up the whole chickens was one of the jobs. Jack was already there standing at the kitchen island. He said, "I'm all ready!" He held up a cleaver and hammer! We buy our chickens cut up now. Submitted by Marybell Lenz

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to donate items, please call one of the men listed below. Also, the **Churchberries** sewing group will have multiple tables at the sale full of fabric pieces, sewing notions, thread, wool yarn, quilting books and magazines, patterns and many more sewing goodies.

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HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY | April 10

8:30 AM | Holy Trinity

9:00 AM | 1:00 PM Espanol | 5:30 pm | St. Joseph

10:00 AM | Our Lady of Lourdes

11:00 am | St. John the Evangelist

THE SACRED TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY | April 14

7:00 pm | St. John the Evangelist & St. Joseph

GOOD FRIDAY | April 15

1:00 pm & 3 pm | St. Joseph

1:00 pm | Holy Trinity

EASTER VIGIL | April 16

8:30 pm | Our Lady of Lourdes & St. Joseph

Join us at each of our four parishes to experience the Triduum (Tree-du-um), a 3-day-long Mass and dramatic reenactment of Jesus' last days. What is Holy Week? Holy Week is the commemoration of Christ's Passion, beginning with his entrance into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. Within Holy Week, we celebrate the Triduum. What is the Triduum? We assume that Thursday commemorates the day Jesus instituted the Eucharist; Friday commemorates the day he was executed on the cross; and the vigil commemorates his emergence from the tomb. We assume, further, that the liturgies of these 3 days are dramatic "reenactments" of events by turns touching, tragic and triumphant — which happened during Jesus' last days and culminated in his victory over death.

FAITH FORMATION UPDATES

A FAMILY OF FAITH

Next Session - Wednesday, April 6th 6:00pm St. Joseph Church



Ouestions?

Contact Director of Faith Formation -Leah Kurzynski at lkurzynski@stjosephricelake.org

SAVE THE DATE DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



Our Lady of Lourdes 2411 23rd St.

Rice Lake, WI 54868

SUNDAY, APRIL 24 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Adoration

Reconciliation

Veneration of the Divine Mercy Image

Rosary

Divine Mercy Chaplet

St. Joseph Church Council Meeting March 22, 2022

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Chairman Jeff Pierce.

The following members were present: Father Ed Anderson, Father Adam Laski, Jeff Pierce, Rick Vesper, Liz Johnson, Jack Nelson, Caroline Morgan, Aaron Hendricks and Francis Audette.

Fr. Ed gave the opening prayer.

Jeff gave an update on the cemetery project. A version of the rules for the Columbaria are in publication, as is the revision to the Cemetery Rules, to be reviewed and revised as needed. The foundation for the pergola and landscape work will commence when the frost is out of the ground. The committee has been soliciting bids for the altar under the pergola.

Rick discussed the Environmental Enhancement Committee updates (murals and artwork). New renderings were viewed, and the council plans to make them available to the parish for review and input. Bids are starting to come in for different projects, such as: framing the Stations of the Cross and Communion rails. The next committee meeting is scheduled for May 9.

We discussed presenting a list of names to the parish of possible nominees for the Parish Council. We need three new members.

A suggestion was brought up to downsize the baptismal font and to relocate it from the back of the church.

A suggestion was made to relocate the statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe to the front of the church, if and when we do the interior decorating.

Pictures will be scheduled this summer for the new cluster directory.

Details are being worked on for this summer's Picnic and Praise. Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Dobie is the selected site this year.

A closing prayer was led by Fr. Adam.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for May 10 at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Caroline Morgan

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