
**ST JOSEPH AND OUR
LADY OF THE LAKES**

REPENT



“But I tell you, if you do not
repent, you will all perish
as they did!”

LUKE 13:3

March 20, 2022

St. Joseph Mission Statement

We the Roman Catholic Faith Community of St. Joseph Church In Amery, Wisconsin declare our parish mission is to know God, to love Him and to serve Him in this world. We pursue this mission by celebrating the Eucharist and sharing our faith, love, time, talents, and treasures with our families, our communities and the world.

Our Lady of the Lakes Mission Statement

The Catholic Parish of Our Lady of the Lakes in Balsam Lake, Wisconsin is a people of multiple ethnic and cultural traditions called to instill the teachings and love of Jesus Christ through proclamation of the Gospel, celebration of the sacraments, and by our works and actions in our parish community, and our civic community.

Parish Cluster Staff Information

Pastor Fr. Gene Murphy
Parish Administrator: Sandi Morgan for SJ & OLL

SJ Coordinator of Faith Formation: Joe Nguyen SJ
Custodians: Mary Ann Larson, Dan Fleming, Roger Waterman

OLL Pastoral Associate: Sally Christiansen
OLL Coordinator of Faith Formation: Jo Agne

Mass Schedule with Intentions

Sunday Mar 20

8:30am OLL +Leonard & Irene Horejsi by Rita Creuzer
10:30am SJ +Don Stewart by Gary & Arlene Dado

Tuesday Mar 22

9am SJ Communion Service
9am OLL Communion Service

Wednesday Mar 23

9am SJ +Merlin Fox by Shirley Schumacher

Thursday Mar 24

9:00am OLL +Sharon Franz by Family

Friday Mar 25

9am SJ Communion Service

Saturday Mar 26

4pm SJ+ Amy Benson by Hayek Family
6pm OLL Parish Cluster

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Bulletin submission deadline is Mon by 4 pm

Sacraments

Baptism

Call Sandi @ SJ 715-268-7717 or Sally @ OLL 715-405-2253 for information on getting Baptized. Baptism class required for first child.

Reconciliation/Confessions

St. Joseph: Sat. 3-3:30 pm or by appointment.
OLL: Sundays 8-8:15 am; 2nd Thurs. after 9 am Mass or by appointment.

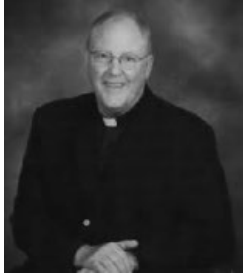
Marriage

Preparation is required at least 6 months prior to the wedding. Call the church as soon as possible after engagement for an appointment.

Anointing of the Sick

If you or someone in your family is hospitalized, sick, or homebound and would like to receive communion or anointing, please call the parish.

Pastor's Notes



Much of the Gospel presents Jesus trying to shake people out of their deficient yet unwavering ideas about God. In today's scene, some people came to Jesus with a dilemma about God's justice. They were trying to make sense of two experiences of death. In one case, Pilate martyred people while they were offering sacrifice. The people concluded that those worshippers were either punished for secret sins or that evil was winning over God. In the second case, a tower fell and crushed 18 random victims, leaving the amateur theologians wondering if those people deserved death, or if life ultimately has no rhyme or reason. The essence of their questions was whether or not God can be counted on to reward the good and punish evil. If not, was life simply absurd?



SJ: Alex Olson, Amity, Ann Kirsik, Andrew Purfeerst, Angela DeLapp, Arlene Dado, Bill Bailey II, Bob Lawrence, Bobbie Anderson, Brenda Mayer, Brian Moll, Ed Greshner, Brooke Lawrence, Carolyn Anderson, Colleen Dee, Colleen Tolliver, Darlene Kearns, Dave Maus, Dave Myers, David Butler, Gail Clark, Betty Grund, Gerald John, Jackie and Adam Jackson, Jack Linehan, Julaine Berglund, Melissa Holland, June Hendricks, Karen Hampton, Laurie Evans, Levi Stephens, Logan Mott, Logan Traynor, Loren Brusletten, Lynn Ream, Marcia Van Arnam, Mary Lossness, McKenzie Alexander, Patrick Phaneuf, Pierce Steen, Rae Ann Ailts, Robert Fredrick, Rosemary Myers, Scott Wolden, Shannon Niccum, Shay Tilander, Sue Bowman, Theresa Majchrzak, our Military.

OLL: Ardis Miller, Amity, Azalea Wright, Becky Zahler, Bob Thompson, Charlie Turner, Cher Wirth-Thompson, Cynthia Dunn, Dean Yourchuck, Debbie Lynch, Diane McKenna, Dorothy Wells, Dustin Knutson, Elizabeth Holmberg, Greg Burnett, Jeanette Simon, Jean Thompson, Jeff Bowers, Jeremiah Johnson, Jim & Lynda Burmeister, Joan Carr, John Carlson, Karen Bader, Kelly Mcmall, Ken Jensen, Ken Kellogg, Mark Becker, Meredith Ganley, Michael Vallant, Mickey Castellano, Mike Thompson, Michael Mulvaney, Nadine Vanderhoof, Olive Klatt, Peg Stary, Peter Daly, Rich Kotval, Riley C., Sandy Drennan, Sara Markert, Sharon Johnson, Shay Billeci, Sue Wendell, Tom Dowd, our Military.

Cluster Event Calendar

Sunday Mar 20:

OLL Mass 8:30am

SJ Mass 10:30am

Tuesday Mar 22:

9am Communion Service SJ

9am Communion Service OLL

6:30pm AA OLL

Wednesday Mar 23:

9am Mass SJ Followed by Stations of the Cross

Faith Formation classes 6:30pm

Thursday Mar 24:

9am Mass OLL Followed by Stations of the Cross

Friday Mar 25:

9am Communion Service SJ Followed by

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross

Join us for Stations of the Cross on Wednesdays and Fridays after service at St. Joseph and Thursdays after service at Our Lady. We hope to see you there!

Readings for the Week

Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 [8a]/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25: 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [9a]/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

YOUR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

Spiritual direction is an ancient Christian practice that is being rediscovered in our busy modern world. In spiritual direction, we are trying to discern the voice of God in our life. A spiritual director listens carefully as we describe the milestones, detours, and questions of our own spiritual journeys. There is nothing quite so sacred, mysterious, beautiful, or fragile as a human being. There is no service we can render other persons quite as great or important as to be a listener and receive others in the moments when they need to open their hearts and tell someone their story. THIS is where spiritual direction begins, with our memories and with our stories. Spiritual direction begins with the heart—**listening with the ear of our heart.**

Spiritual direction is available with Celeste Ruebl, a trained spiritual director, in-person or virtually. Contact her at 651-214-7916 or cbruebl@gmail.com.

	OLL Jan 2022	OLL Jan 2021	SJ Jan 2022	SJ Jan 2021
Actual Income.	\$22,332	\$52,189.44	\$28,491.68	\$51,542.70
Actual Expenses	\$25,269	\$21,428.54	\$31,848.56	\$45,061.18
Mortgage Bal	\$31,798.74		\$109,958.82	
	Mar 13, 2022		Mar 13, 2022	
Adult Envelopes	\$2577		\$3217	
Loose/Youth.	\$191		\$155	
Mortgage Cont.	\$2717		\$430	
Total	\$3485.		\$3802	

Reporting Sexual Abuse

If you or someone you know has been the victim of sexual misconduct by a priest, deacon, parish employee or volunteer, we urge you to contact Kathy Drinkwine, Safe Environment Coordinator at 715/718-1110. The Diocese of Superior is open to and respects your complaint, feelings of betrayal or hurt due to this abuse, exploitation, or harassment. Both justice and compassion call us to respond to the harm experienced from a person in a position of trust. We want to listen and address the hurt that may have occurred.

All current incidents of sexual abuse of minor by anyone must be reported to civil authorities.

Job Position

St. Joseph is seeking a full-time administrative assistant for the front office. The candidate should be proficient in Microsoft Office suite, social media, and data systems. Hours are Monday – Friday 9am-4:30pm with flexibility for some required weekends. High school diploma required, background check will be required. Interested persons please send resume via email to Office@stjosephamery.org No phone calls please.

Grief Share

St. Joseph Church Grief share begins on Thursday March 10 from 6:30 to 8:00pm and continues on Thursdays through June 7. There will be no session on April 14, Holy Thursday. Please register with Rosemary at 715.651.5684.

Pope Francis' Message for Lent

Pope Francis focuses on the three theological virtues in his Lenten message, inviting the faithful to “renew our faith, draw from the living waters of hope, and receive with open hearts the love of God.” Grounding his reflection on the Paschal Mystery, the Pope says, “This Lenten journey... is even now illumined by the light of the resurrection, which inspires the thoughts, attitudes, and decisions of the followers of Jesus.”

He goes on to say that the journey of conversion, through fasting, prayer, and almsgiving, “makes it possible for us to live lives of sincere faith, living hope, and effective charity.”

The Holy Father explains “accepting and living the truth revealed in Christ means, first of all, opening our hearts to God’s word.” Through fasting, “experienced as a form of self-denial,” we are able “to rediscover God’s gift and recognize that, created in His image and likeness, we find our fulfillment in Him.” Fasting, too, by helping us recognize our own poverty, helps us to love both God and neighbour.

“Lent is a time for believing,” the Pope says, “for welcoming God into our lives and allowing Him to ‘make His dwelling’ in us.” Pope Francis relates the virtue of hope to the ‘living water’ that Jesus promises the Samaritan woman at the well. This is not the physical water the woman is expecting, but rather the Holy Spirit who is given through the Paschal Mystery. Although hope may seem challenging in fragile and uncertain times, “Lent is precisely the season of hope, when we turn back to God.”

Hope, he says, “is given to us as inspiration and interior light” through “recollection and silent prayer.” The experience of hope in Lent, he says, “means receiving the hope of Christ, who gave His life on the Cross and was raised by God on the third day.

“Love is a leap of the heart,” says Pope Francis. “It brings us out of ourselves and creates bonds of sharing and communion.” The Holy Father emphasizes the need for “social love” in building up “a civilization of love.” “Love is a gift that gives meaning to our lives,” he says. Love helps us to see all men and women as our brothers and sisters. Charity is multiplied when given with love, as we see not only in the Scriptures, but in our own lives, too, when we give alms “with joy and simplicity.” “To experience Lent with love,” says Pope Francis, “means caring for those who suffer or feel abandoned because of the Covid-19 pandemic.” He invites us to “speak words of reassurance, and help others to realize that God loves them as sons and daughters.”

After reminding us that “every moment of our lives is a time for believing, hoping, and loving,” Pope Francis concludes by saying:

“The call to experience Lent as a journey of conversion, prayer and sharing of our goods, helps us – as communities and as individuals – to revive the faith that comes from the living Christ, the hope inspired by the breath of the Holy Spirit and the love flowing from the merciful heart of the Father.”

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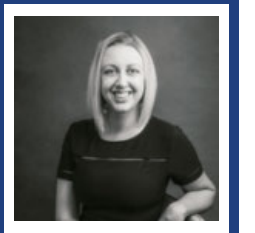
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