

ST JOSEPH AND OUR LADY OF THE LAKES

LIFE



“His father ordered his servants, ‘Let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again.’”

LUKE 15:24 A

March 27, 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 27

8:30am OLL+ Philip Markert by Judy Markert
10:30am SJ +Caron Fellner by Mark Fellner

Tuesday Mar 29

9am SJ Communion Service
9am OLL Communion Service

Wednesday Mar 30

9am SJ +Jim Lang by Marita Beaudette & Jennifer Lefler

Thursday Mar 31

9:00am OLL+ Betty Williams by Audrey Ruck

Friday Apr 1

9am SJ Communion Service

Saturday Apr 2

4pm SJ+Sue Ness by Mary Kalinoski
6pm OLL+ Ellis Family by Gretchen & Pat Ellis

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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.

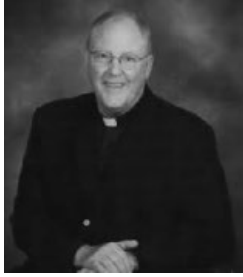
Marriage

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



There are countless descriptions of the prodigal father of this parable. One, perhaps not so well known, that captures its simplicity, good humor and depth is Joe Wise's children's song "The Prodigal Son." Wise sings the story of the boy who took off on his bike with some frozen dinners, a bag full of coins, and a soft bedroll. But even as it goes through the story of his misadventures, the most poignant line is, "And his father drank his coffee at the door."

Filling that out, Wise's chorus repeats the super-singable refrain, "And waiting is half of his story, and waiting is how he will be. He can't help it, our God, he's a father, and waiting is how he must be."

Of course, it all comes to a head when the father "saw him coming and he ran. ... His son in his arms and the fiddle plays on and dancing is how he must be."



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Cluster Event Calendar

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OLL Mass 8:30am

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9am Communion Service OLL

6:30pm AA OLL

Wednesday Mar 30:

9am Mass SJ Followed by Stations of the Cross

Faith Formation classes 6:30pm

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9am Mass OLL Followed by Stations of the Cross

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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: 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

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn
4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2,
10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 3:8-14/
Jn 8:1-11

UKRAINE



A warm thank you to our parish communities of St. Joseph and Our Lady of the Lakes! Your generosity with gifts to aid those suffering from the war in Ukraine has been wonderful. We heartily thank Ann Krisik for doing extensive research about where our money goes and sharing that information as well as her heart at St. Joseph masses this past weekend. Over \$5685 was raised at Our Lady of the Lakes Church; and over \$6300 was raised at St. Joseph Church for a current total of \$1206.97 this past weekend. Parishioners will also have an opportunity to donate the weekend of March 26-27.

	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 20, 2022		Mar 20, 2022	
Adult Envelopes	\$2912		\$935	
Loose/Youth.	\$223		\$934	
Mortgage Cont.	\$725		\$0	
Total	\$3860		\$1869	

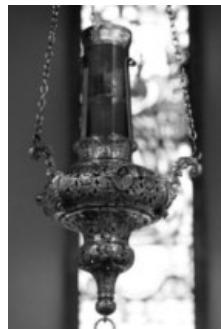
Living Stations will be presented by the 10th and 11th graders at St. Joseph Church on April 6 at 7:00 p.m. This has been both beautiful and very meaningful in the past. Please come and show our youth your appreciation for their preparation and presentation.

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.

At St. Joseph Church, there will be a training and updates to protocol for all current and prospective Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion following Mass on Sunday, March 27th. A light lunch will be provided.

The Sanctuary Light at Our Lady of the Lakes shines during the month of April for the Klein family, as requested by Carol and Ray Tourville.





Centuries-old Marian icon offers solace, protection amid horror of war

By: Christina Lee Knauss, Catholic News Service

As Ukrainians turn to their faith amid the ongoing tragedy of Russia's invasion of their nation, many who follow both the Orthodox and Catholic traditions will look to an unusual icon of Mary as a symbol of the solace they seek.

In some news photos, clergy are seen holding the icon, which depicts Mary holding a long piece of fabric in her outstretched hands. This sacred image is known in Ukraine and many other East European nations as the "Pokrova," or the Intercession of the Theotokos, "mother of God" in Greek, a title for Mary used in both Eastern Orthodox and Byzantine Catholic churches.

The Pokrov icon has its origins in a 10th-century Marian apparition that occurred in Constantinople, according to Sarah Cahalan, director of the Marian Library at the University of Dayton in Ohio. Orthodox tradition states that on Oct. 1 in the year 911, Mary appeared to St. Andrew the Fool for Christ during a vigil held at the city's Church of St. Mary of Blachernae Church.

The saint said he saw Mary spreading her cloak — some accounts say it was her veil — over the congregation as a symbol of her protection. At the time the city was under attack and according to tradition, after Mary's appearance the attacking armies withdrew. After the Pokrov apparition, the image of Mary holding her veil or cloak became associated with protection from war and natural disasters among Eastern Christians, and Prince Yaroslav the Wise placed Ukraine and its people under the protection of the Pokrov in 1037.

Cahalan noted the Pokrova is one of many Marian icons significant to Ukrainian Christians, both Catholic and Orthodox. Devotion to Mary is an intrinsic part of both Orthodox and Catholic spirituality in the Ukraine, according to Father Silviu Bunta, an Orthodox priest from Romania and professor of Scripture at the University of Dayton.

He said churches of the Orthodox Church, the most common form of Christianity in Ukraine, have many titles for Mary, ranging from "Theotokos" to protectress and champion for people on earth. The Pokrova icon, because of its origin in a time of siege and war, would be a natural one for Ukrainians to contemplate during this difficult time, Father Bunta said. He said the icon would likely also be on display at any Orthodox or Catholic churches in the nation that might offer a special Eastern-rite service for people in crisis and distress called a "Service of Paraklesis."

When immediate victory is not possible, Mary also is a vital source of solace and hope for those who are suffering, partly because she experienced so much suffering during her own life in having to experience the persecution and crucifixion of her Son.

"She offers protection and, when protection is not possible, she offers comfort to the persecuted and the marginalized," Cahalan said. Mary is a comforter in difficult times because she is both an intercessor and has a perspective on our human struggles because she lived life on earth and experienced the same struggles, Father Bunta said.

"We should turn to her not just as someone who intervenes, but also someone who has lived our life," he said. "Mary lived here on earth and has carried God in her womb, and because of that she contains everything in our lives. "Even when we have a sense of abandonment, estrangement and hopelessness, we can turn to her because through her life she has contained everything and can offer comfort like no one else."

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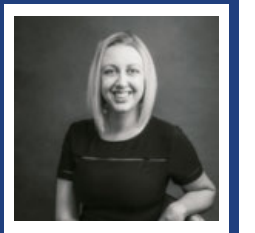


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