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The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time February 24, 2019

Scripture Readings for March 3

Sirach 27:4-7 (84C)
1 Corinthians 15:54-58
Luke 6:39-45

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	February 25 – No Mass
Tuesday	February 26 St. Patrick, Brownsville 8:30am +Carol Walhovd
Wednesday	February 27 Crucifixion 8:05am +Michael Wieser
Thursday	February 28 Crucifixion 8:05am +Eleanor Henry
Friday	March 1 Crucifixion 8:05am +Joseph Fasnacht La Crescent Health Services 9:45am +John Dresen
Saturday	March 2 Crucifixion 5:00pm +Lloyd Lensing, +Joe and +Jerry Buehler
Sunday	March 3 St. Patrick, Brownsville 8:00am +Armin and +Phyllis Foellmi Crucifixion 9:30am +Fern and Dale Richards

RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE for March 2

St. Patrick 9:30-10:00am
Crucifixion 4:00– 4:30pm

IN OUR PRAYERS

For the sick: Bernadette Thesing

For the deceased: Steve Zemlo

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

About a month ago I was walking toward the front doors of Crucifixion Church and looking through the glass I saw a man walking his dog on the sidewalk. As he went by, he made the sign of the cross. It is an old tradition in the church to make the sign of the cross when passing a Catholic church. It is an acknowledgement that God, in the Blessed Sacrament, is present.

Actions are a reflection of our faith. They also can help the faith to grow stronger in our lives. Each time we pray the Nicene Creed we are encouraged to bow for the words, “and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man.” The bow is a small sign of our humility as we acknowledge the humility of Jesus, the Second person of the Trinity who humbly became like us.

These may seem like small things yet by the grace of God, these acts of faith can have a profound impact in our lives. They also can impact others who may see us making the sign of the cross and ask us why this is done. It gives an opportunity to share the faith with others. May God bless us in our journeys of faith.

Lenten Opportunities at Crucifixion

March 6 is Ash Wednesday. Please be mindful of the Mass times for that day. Also, we will be having all Wednesday Masses during Lent at 6:30pm. There will be no Wednesday morning Masses during this season. Hopefully, this will give people who work during the day and opportunity to celebrate the Eucharist. As we have done in the past years, there will be a collection during the Wednesday evening Mass. This collection will be forwarded to one of the local groups that work with people who have special needs.

On Tuesday evenings we will be praying as a parish, the Stations of the Cross. It is an opportunity for all of us to walk with the Lord in remembrance of his last hours on the earth. In recalling the Lord's passion and death, we are reminded that Jesus experienced the paschal mystery for our salvation. Through the forgiveness of our sins, we can be lifted up into the presence of our God. The Stations begin at 6:30pm on Tuesdays during Lent.

On Thursday evenings at 6:30pm, we have the opportunity for a quiet time of prayer. A Eucharistic Holy Hour is celebrated at Crucifixion Church each Thursday during Lent. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed and we have time for quiet prayer with the Lord. It is an opportunity to walk with the Lord as the disciples did after the Last Supper as Jesus took them with him to the Garden to pray in quiet.

All are invited to participate in CRS (Catholic Relief Services) Rice Bowl during Lent. The CRS Bowl is a faith-in-action program. It offers opportunities for your family to engage daily with the spiritual pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. It is an opportunity for us as a parish to come together as a community and reflect on what it means to live out our Gospel call to go out and encounter those most in need.

May God bless us in powerful ways during this Lenten season that we might experience new life with our God in the power of the Resurrection.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mardi Gras at Crucifixion School is Monday, March 4, from noon – 6:00pm. This fun school celebration is also the Parent Teachers Organization (PTO) biggest fundraiser each year. We need LOTS of volunteers to help host this event. Please consider helping. If you can volunteer, please email Becky Kramer at bexkramer@yahoo.com or call 608-385-2242. You can also help by donating candy, small toys, silent auction items, or baked goods. You can't have a cake walk without cakes! Donations can be dropped off in the school office. All help is greatly appreciated. Thank you for helping make Mardi Gras possible!

Lenten Soup Suppers

Tuesdays, March 12 – April 16, 2019

Crucifixion School Auditorium

Doors open at 5:00pm

Serving from 5:30 – 6:15pm

Stations of the Cross 6:30pm

All are welcome as we share soup and bread. The "Soup Ladies" are preparing for the 12th season for Lenten suppers. We are seeking volunteers to help prepare food (soup, bread, fruit, or light dessert) for one meal. Perhaps you and a friend could work together to prepare a soup. Main ingredients can be supplied upon request. Chopping assistance can also be supplied upon request. Volunteers are also needed for setup, serving and cleanup. If you can help in any way, please sign up in the church entrance or call Jackie Pitel at 895-4281 or Kathy Passe at 895-4049.

2019 Crucifixion Gala

We need your help! Silent and live auction items are needed for the 17th Annual Gala - A Night of Giving which will be held Saturday, April 27th. We're looking for many different items but a special attraction from bidders is given to the unique themed items and baskets our generous supporters have come up with in the past. Popular items have included handmade decor, quilts, homemade goodies, jewelry, homemade dinners, boat rides...the list goes on and on. Please don't limit your selves to these - be your creative self! We welcome quality artwork, tickets to events, trips, timeshares and stays at a bed and breakfast, gift certificates, etc. Whatever would be a special treat for you or your family will undoubtedly inspire others to bid. An easy way for you to help is to sponsor a basket. We'll take your cash donations, shop for items, and build a beautiful themed basket for you! We'll post your name on the

basket as the donor. If you are able to help out with a donation, please contact Arlene Holland or Cassie Sjoberg to arrange pick-up of your item. Arlene can be reached at 895-8837 and Cassie can be reached at 608-792-8382. We look forward to you at Gala 2019.

Save the Dates!

The Knights of Columbus Council 5115 Fish Fry dates are:

March 15, March 29, and April 12

La Crosse Area World Day of Prayer

A prayer service will be held at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church at 21 N. Hill St., La Crescent. Brunch will be served at 9:30am. A donation of \$5.00 is requested. Worship Service is at 10:30am All are welcome. Please call Joan at 895-2841 or Kathy at 262-538-1034 to make reservations.

The "**40 Days for Life**" spring campaign runs from March 6 through April 14. This is a peaceful and prayerful approach to save babies and end abortion. It tracks biblical history, where God used 40-day periods to transform individuals...from Noah in the flood, to Moses on the mountain, to the disciples after Christ's resurrection. What a great opportunity to pray and witness for life during Lent! For information, see www.40daysforlife.com. Please continue to pray for an end to abortion.

The monthly **Holy Hour of Prayer for Life, Marriage, and Religious Liberty** will be Saturday, March 2, at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, from 8:30am - 9:30 am in the Adoration Chapel. This is preceded by **8:00am Mass for the Sanctity of Life & Marriage**. For those that take part in the First Saturday Devotions, this ties in nicely.

"The Church is aware that in promoting matrimony and the family and in defending the sacredness of life, it contributes to the good of society." - John Paul II

"Do you have questions about prayer?" Then you'll want to bring them to Theology Uncorked's first presentation of the new season, which is on prayer! We'll be welcoming recently-ordained priest of our diocese, Father Brian Mulligan, for his talk on prayer and his personal vocation story, "Pray Like a Pirate!! ARRR!" So, grab your hearties, and come enjoy something better than grog at The Oaks Wine Bar, 75 W 3rd St, Winona, MN 55987, happening as always on the 4th Thursday of the month, February 28, 7:00pm.

The documentary movie **UNPROTECTED A Pope, the Pill, and the Perils of Sexual Chaos** will be shown at Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall, 130 S. Losey Blvd. in La Crosse, on Tuesday, February 26, 6:30pm. The first showing at Marcus Cinema was sold out. Highly recommended for high school students and older. No tickets needed. Free will offering accepted. Sponsored by V-Hawks for Life.

Annual Meatball Supper, Wed., February 27

Dining in and Carry-outs

5:00 – 7:30pm

Immanuel Lutheran Church

419 E. Grove St. Caledonia

Serving meatballs and gravy, mashed potatoes, carrots, salads, dinner rolls, assorted pies or you choice of a dessert

SCHEDULES

For March 2 and 3

Lectors:

5:00pm Jim Piggush

9:30am Ruth Berns

Eucharistic Ministers:

5:00pm Nancy Piggush, Kent Isensee

Shirley Isensee

+Janine Ausdemore, Carol Banse,

Kathy Duerwachter, Deacon

9:30am Chuck West, Mary Reisbig,

Teresa McElhiney

Carol Reisbig, Paul Geronime,

Kristi Mormann, Deacon

Servers:

5:00pm Rose Wieser and Volunteer

9:30am Simon Wieser and Nelson Schwartzhoff

Gift Bearers:

5:00pm Jeff and Patti Balacek Family

9:30am Nick and Jackie Fruechte Family

Ushers for 9:30am Mass on March 3

Jim Frie, Chuck West, Andy Esser, Tom Kelly

Scrip Sellers

5:00pm Mary Ann Graf and Deb Covey

9:30am Kate Dunnum

FAITH FORMATION

Do you have questions about Jesus, Christianity, or the Bible? Interested in deepening your relationship

with Jesus? Contact Mike Schramm for a no-commitment conversation at 507-895-2700. Invite a friend or family member.

Spend More Time Reading the Bible: Join fellow parishioners weekly to preview the Sunday Mass readings every Tuesday at 9:00am at the Fitzgerald Center (1380 Lancer Blvd).

Beer and a Bible – Men’s Group: Come to the Sports Hub in downtown La Crescent at 6:30pm on Tuesday, March 5, for community and discussion of the Catholic faith over a beer. Friendly and inviting atmosphere. For more information, contact Mike Schramm at 507-895-2700.

Adult Bible Study - See the significance of Cain and Abel, Noah, the Tower of Babel, and Jesus: Study the Bible like never before. Join us every Thursday for a new series on the Bible on Thursday, February 28, at 9:30am in the Fitzgerald Center (1380 Lancer Blvd). Contact Mike Schramm at 507-450-0506 or cruxffc@acegroup.cc

Interested in becoming Catholic? If you have ever thought about becoming Catholic, the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is the normal way that adults seeking entrance into the Catholic Church are brought in. Contact Mike Schramm for a no-commitment conversation at 507-895-2700.

SCHOOL NEWS

Open Registration.....please tell friends and family to register at Crucifixion Catholic School!

Dance Teamthanks to Nicole Wiczek for being the dance team coach this year!

Help-a-Student Fund.....this fund is used to assist families in financial need allowing them to send or keep their kids at Crucifixion School. Donations can be dropped at the school office or you can use your church envelope labeled ‘Help-a-Student’. Any help is greatly appreciated.

Important Dates.....

2/26 Parent Teacher Conferences

2/27 8:05 am, 6th grade mass

2/28 8:05 am, 1st grade mass

3/1 Staff Development Day, No school