

March 2 & 3 2024 Third Sunday of Lent

In the sacraments, the Lord fills us with his grace to help us love him with our whole hearts.

As we continue our journey through Lent, today's reading from Exodus enumerates the commandments God's people were to live by as part of the covenant relationship God established with them at Mount Sinai. The first three commandments shape our relationship with God, and the remaining seven shape our relationship with one another. Jesus summarized these with the great commandment: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind, and you shall love your neighbor as yourself. If we live this dual commandment of loving God and neighbor, we will fulfill the 10 Commandments.

Let's focus on the very first commandment: You shall not have other gods besides me. Sounds easy enough. We don't go to some other church to worship the god of rain or the god of fertility as the pagans did back in the day. We only worship God as revealed in sacred Scripture and sacred Tradition.

And yet, is it really true that we do not have other gods besides the Lord God? Because if it is true, then he is the one we seek to please first; whose commandments we seek to obey; the one to whom we turn first for guidance and help; the one around whom we organize our lives; the one who comes first in our hearts.

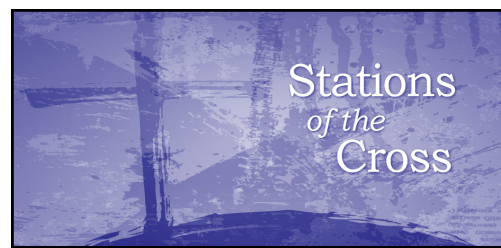
Each of us loves God. But maybe there are times when he doesn't really, always come first. The daily distractions of our lives can end up receiving all our attention. We may lack energy, and might be running low on the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and so rather than pray, we watch a show or spend time on social media. Rather than share our faith with a family member, well, we'll find pretty much anything else to do instead. God, and the things of God, seem to take a back seat at times in our lives. Thank goodness we never take a back seat for him!

That is part of the reason giving something up for the six weeks of Lent is so affirming and challenging. The Lord is always attending to, caring for, and loving us. We take this time to participate in prayerful, spiritual practices that they might help us remember to whom we belong, and to whom we ought to give our "first fruits."

Fortunately, the Lord is ready to help us. Every time we receive him in the Eucharist, every time we encounter him in the sacrament of reconciliation, the Lord fills us with his grace, cleansing our hearts and strengthening them to resist the temptation of all those attachments and desires that keep us from loving God wholeheartedly. That same zeal we heard Jesus display in the Gospel story as he cleansed the temple he also has for us – for seeing us get rid of all that inner clutter that keeps us from truly and fully loving him. All we need to do is ask; all we need to do is come to him.

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Pastorate 7 Stations of the Cross Lenten Schedule 2024



Holy Family:

*Friday after 9:15 am Mass led by priest

Sacred Heart:

*Tuesdays in Lent after 5:15 pm Mass led by priest
*Fridays in Lent at 2:20 pm led by SHS

St Joseph:

*Thursdays in Lent after 5:15 pm Mass led by priest
*Fridays in Lent at 2:20 pm led by SJS

St. Cecilia:

*Tuesdays in Lent after 5:15 pm Mass priest or lay led
*Fridays in Lent at 3:00 pm priest or lay led

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Mar 28 2024	
MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER	
Holy Thursday	
Sacred Heart	7:00 p.m. Mass Adoration at Altar of Repose till Midnight
St. Cecilia	7:00 p.m. Mass Adoration at Altar of Repose till Midnight
St. Joseph	7:00 p.m. Mass Adoration at Altar of Repose till 10:00 p.m.

Mar 29 2024	
PASSION OF THE LORD & VENERATION OF THE CROSS	
Good Friday	
Holy Family	12:30 p.m.
Sacred Heart	12:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m. (en español)
St. Cecilia	3:00 p.m. Good Friday Service 7:00 p.m. Solemn Stations of the Cross & Confessions (multiple confessors available)
St. Joseph	12:15 p.m.

Mar 30 2024	
EASTER VIGIL	
Holy Saturday	
St. Cecilia	8:00 p.m.

Mar 31 2024	
THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD	
Easter Sunday	
Holy Family	8:00 a.m.
Sacred Heart	8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.
St. Cecilia	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. (en español)
St. Joseph	7:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.

Reedsburg Area Helping Hands Easter Collection at Holy Family, La Valle

We need your help to collect items for Easter baskets for local children-in-need. Hygiene items needed are: shampoo/conditioner, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs, hairbrushes, facial tissue, toilet tissue, laundry detergent. Easter Basket Items: Candy, small toys/games, Easter baskets. Drop off items at the Holy Family no later than Monday, March 18, 2023.

Holy Angels Parish Masses This Week

Tue 3/5 **Holy Family** 9:00 am Adoration

Fri 3/8 **Holy Family** 9:15 am Mass-For the Health of Kerry Smith
Stations of the Cross after Mass
Holy Family 10:00 am Confessions

Sat 3/9 **Our Lady of Refuge Chapel, Sacred Heart Million of Monicas** 9:00 am
Holy Family 3:00 pm Confessions
Holy Family 4:00 pm Mass-Marion Morrissey

Pastorate 7 Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday Masses

3:00 pm Confession - Holy Family, La Valle
4:00 pm Mass - Holy Family, La Valle
4:30 pm Mass - St. Joseph, Baraboo
5:30 pm Mass - St. Cecilia, WI Dells

Sunday Schedule

7:30 am Mass - St. Joseph, Baraboo
8:00 am Mass - Sacred Heart, Reedsburg
8:00 am Mass - St. Cecilia, WI Dells
10:00 am Mass - St. Cecilia, WI Dells
10:00 am Mass - St. Joseph, Baraboo
10:30 am Mass - Sacred Heart, Reedsburg
3:00 pm Mass (Polish TBD) - St. Cecilia, WI Dells
6:00 pm Mass (Spanish) - St. Cecilia, WI Dells

You can find all the weekday and weekend Mass times and places at

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Just click on the menu item: Mass Times to go to the master calendar for our pastorate.

Helping Christians in the Holy Land

When you donate to the Good Friday Collection, you help to ensure that Christianity will remain in the Holy Land for years to come. Last year's collection provided support to 29 parishes and 4 homes for orphans. The funds collected also helped keep 16 schools open for over 10,000 pre-K through grade 12 students. Will you help maintain the Christian presence in the Holy Land with your contribution to this year's Good Friday collection? **Friday, March 29, 2024 Good Friday service, Passion and Veneration of the Cross will be at Holy Angels, Holy Family, La Valle at 12:30 pm.**

Pontifical Good Friday Collection
March 29, 2024
Serving those in need in the Holy Land

Commissariat of the Holy Land
1400 Quincy St. NE - Washington, DC 20017
www.MYFranciscan.org

Parish Support 2/24/2024 Holy Angels

Offertory	\$2170.00
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Thank you.

You do not need to be a member to receive our parish emails or texts. Please contact the office at 608-985-7558 to receive them.

Rice Bowl: Nowadays, in Morazán, El Salvador, it is very difficult to know when the rainy or dry seasons will be. The unpredictable weather puts the livelihood of Sandra's family in jeopardy. Despite the challenges, Sandra and her husband, Santos, remain dedicated to ensuring their children grow healthy and succeed in school. Learn how their strong family dynamic enabled Sandra to participate in a Catholic Relief Services' project on raising chickens and how her determination has helped her family and community. Visit crricebowl.org to read this week's Story of Hope. **Return your Rice Bowl by Saturday, March 23, be sure you print your name & address on the Rice Bowl so we can include it in your 2024 contribution statement.**

Healing from Abortion
Upcoming retreat: March 15-17. Confidential. Contact Mary: rachel@madisondiocese.org or 608-821-3177. Visit: www.madisondiocese.org/rachel
For women or men who struggle after an abortion.

Lenten Prayer: May your words, O Lord, abide in our hearts so that we may see the dignity of each person, recognize their worth, and create communities that are just and merciful. Amen.

St. Luke Fish Fry
St. Luke, Plain
Friday, March 1, 5:00-8:00 pm
Serving family style
Carry Outs Available
Bake Sale Sponsored by Faith Formation

A special offer for Pastorate 7 members!

St. Joseph Fish Fry
Friday, March 8th
5:00-7:00 pm
in St. Joseph School gym
310 2nd St., Baraboo

NEW! A special offer to members of Holy Family, St. Cecilia and Sacred Heart Parishes! Bring a bulletin from your church to the fish fry and be entered into a free drawing for a \$50 Kwik Trip card! Drawing to be at 7:00 pm on the 8th. You don't need to be present to win but you might want to be!

Have the Winter Blues? Come to our next Euchre Card Parties
St. Joseph, Baraboo: Sunday, March 17, 2024 at 1:00 pm.
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Saturday
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Mass 4:00 pm Holy Family, La Valle

Weekday Mass Schedule
Friday
Confession 8:30 am Holy Family
Mass 9:15 am Holy Family, La Valle



Sacraments
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