

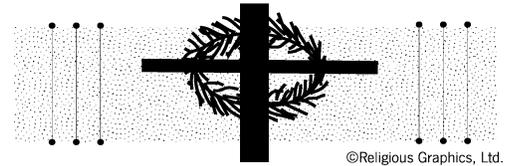
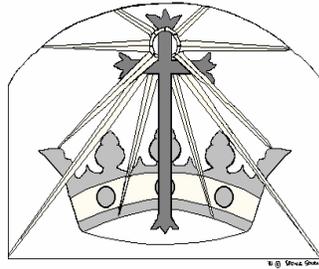
CHRIST THE KING PARISH

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**First Sunday of Lent
February 18, 2018**



Mass Schedule / Scripture Readings / Intentions / Ministry Participants

Monday - Feb. 19, 2018 *Communion Service @ 8:30 am * Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 * Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday - Feb. 20, 2018 * Mass @ 8:30 am * Is 55:10-11 * Mt 6: 7-15 * **Mass Intention: Priest's Intention**

Wednesday - Feb. 21, 2018 * Communion Service @ 8:30 am * Jon 3: 1-10 * Lk 11:2-32

Thursday - Feb. 22, 2018 * Mass @ 8:30 am * 1 Pt 5:1-4 * Mt 16:13-19 * **Mass Intention: + Dale Simon**

Friday - Feb. 23, 2018 * Communion Service @ 8:30am * Ez 18:21-28 * Mt 5:20-26 * Stations of the Cross @ 7 pm *

Saturday - February 24, 2018 * 4 p.m. Mass

Readings: Dt 26:16-19 * Mt 5:43-48

Mass Intention: + Emil Weiland

Lector: Laurie Weber

Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Sue Strebe * Andrea Strooisma * **Volunteer Needed**

Servers: Bradley and Darron Willcome

Crucifix Bearer: Alyssa Willcome

Ministers of Welcome: Sue Strebe and Jordan Willcome

Sunday - February 25, 2018 * 8 a.m. Mass

Second Sunday of Lent

Readings: Gn 22:1-2,9,10-13,15-18 * Rom 8:31-34 * Mk 9:2-10

Mass Intention: Christ the King and St. John Families

Lector: Carol Sallee

Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Doreen Hebert * Kay Derks * **Volunteer Needed**

Servers: Joseph and Emily Justman

Crucifix Bearer: Needed

Ministers of Welcome: David and Steven Hebert

Sunday - February 25, 2018 * 10 a.m. Mass

Second Sunday of Lent

Readings: Gn 22:1-2,9,10-13,15-18 * Rom 8:31-34 * Mk 9:2-10

Mass Intention: + Adam Wolf

Lector: Mary Kortuem

Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Pauline Frome * Mary Buss * **Volunteer Needed**

Servers: Nathan Rucker and **Needed**

Crucifix Bearer: Needed

Ministers of Welcome: Diane Lang and Dawn Allar

From the Desk of: Father Samuel Martin

Praised be Jesus Christ! A friend of mine has a blog that I've followed for years and each Friday he posts a song that captures his mood as the work week wanes and the weekend begins. A month ago he posted the song "Perfect Space" by a group called "The Avett Brothers" and it's worth your time to check it out. Some of the lyrics are downright poignant, especially the following: "I wanna have friends that I can trust, That love me for the man I've become not the man that I was." It's a song about the lessons we learn in this life and the ways we change that make every life worth living. God knows we all change so much as we pass through this world and one of the discouraging elements is that we don't all change in the same way or at the same time. This causes tension in relationships that were once a source of support and joy; sadly, some friendships end because whatever once brought us together is no longer sufficient as we slowly drift away from the person we once were. We have many former friends because people change and not always in the same way and at the same time. And this reality makes our faith even more of a gift because it introduces us to a Person who is unchanging. Jesus calls us no longer slaves, but friends – and He truly intends to be the best friend a person could ever ask for in this world. Getting to know Jesus is the single most important decision we make in this life, as friendship with Him changes us in all the right ways. Speaking this way makes us uncomfortable – a seminarian once had a voicemail greeting that I would call and listen to in a mocking fashion because it was all about his love for Jesus and how he wanted to share that with whoever was calling. Needless to say, I lacked the spiritual maturity to be able to admit that a friendship with Jesus was the most valuable reality in this world. The good news is that He wants to be close to you – but He is not yet satisfied with the depth of His friendship with you. No, Jesus wants to truly be the God of our life (He is, but He leaves a lot up to us in terms of how much we trust Him and let Him in). Last weekend you heard something about Eucharistic Adoration and how it changes people in good ways. Many people listen to these testimonies and are inclined to think that's a good idea . . . for someone else. And that's where we need the Holy Spirit to change hearts. Jesus wants to be closer to you and give you the grace to accept the life you have as His first gift to you. But the greater gift He is offering is the one we are reluctant to consider – He wants to share your life with you, not just an hour on Sundays. He wants to inspire you with His Holy Spirit when you need new ideas, He wants to give you just the right words when a friend or co-worker is grieving, He is the best listener when you are confused and are trying to work out what to do next. All of this is possible for every human being . . . Jesus is knocking at the doors of your heart. You can let Him in if you want to, but only you can do this. Nobody else can make this decision for you. Our parish prays for vocations, which is basically a plea to God to open the eyes of our hearts that we might see and accept His will for us. Please consider your prayer life; people who pray little in this life will be sad when they meet God because then they'll know how much beauty and love they missed by not spending time with Him. And sign up for Eucharistic Adoration. One hour a week in the Adoration chapel will change your life, but only God can convince you of this. In conclusion, Pope Benedict XVI once said, "If we let Christ into our lives, we lose nothing, nothing, absolutely nothing of what makes life free, beautiful and great . . . Yes, open, open wide the doors to Christ – and you will find true life." Why not let Jesus be the friend who will love you for the person you've become, not the person you once were?

May we learn to trust Jesus through Adoration and His desire to forgive all of our sins!

Your friend in Christ,
Father Martin

Mission Statement

As members of God's family, Christ the King Parish will always be a welcoming community that comforts, shares its Catholic faith, and inspires others.

Sacraments

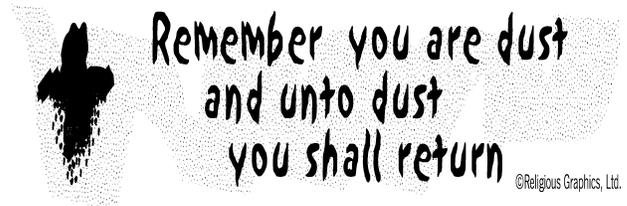
Baptism.. Expectant parents are to participate in the Baptism preparation program offered in February, June and October. The Baptisms are then scheduled for the second and fourth Sundays of the month, after the 10:00 a.m. Mass

Marriage.. Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance by contacting the parish pastor.

Anointing of the Sick.. (which was known as Extreme Unction or Last Rites) has taken a different connotation since The Second Vatican Council. The sacrament is celebrated not only for those who are dying, but to those preparing for major surgery, the aged, and the sick. It is time for the Church to pray for and with those who are ill and anoint them with oil. The proper celebrant of this sacrament is a priest. Those who desire to receive this sacrament are to contact Fr. Martin, in advance.

Penance . . . Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday afternoon 3:15 p.m. until 3:45 p.m. or by appointment



Ministry to the Homebound...

First Sunday... Joan Meyer
Second Sunday... Barb Ward
Third Sunday... Sue Mews
Fourth Sunday... Deacon Jeff and Rita Austin
Fifth Sunday... Shelly Schultz
Sue Kappel (substitute)
Rosie Frank (substitute)
Jack and Kris Franklin (substitute)



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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND AREA EVENTS

Father Martin wishes to share with you

that during this 2018 Flu Season the "Sign of Peace" with each other will not take place. Hopefully the flu affects fewer and fewer people soon. Keep in your prayers those in our parish who have it and that they may they recover soon.

This weekend's bulletin is a basic one. The parish office has been closed this past week, with Judy being out with the flu.

Friday * March 2, 2018 "Friday Evening Mass and Healing Service" * Mass time: **5:30 p.m.** at Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church-Mfld. Confessions before mass begins 4p.m.-5:15 p.m. * Following Mass you may come forward for individual prayer.

Co-chairladies of the P.C.C.W. Circles

The **2018 P.C.C.W. Handbook** has been completed. Please stop and pick up your copy to use as your updated reference for the upcoming year. It has been placed on the counter top by the sink, in the gathering room. If any of the parish ladies wish to have a copy for themselves, copies have been made for them, also.

The **Holy Names Society Annual Pancake and Raffle** will be taking place on **Sunday, March 4, 2018. Serving from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. "New this year"** at the breakfast, there will be a raffle table apart from the regular tickets. **We are looking for any donations** of baskets, gift certificates or any craft/yard art projects.

Men and youth of the parish your time and talent is needed in the preparation for this annual event. Set-up, serving, kitchen help, pancake grillers, clean-up, etc. **Remember this is the only fundraiser that the Holy Name Society has each year** and this can only take place, if there are volunteers helping. **Contact Todd Rueth or Tom Springob** to say **you will be there to give your services or are able to give to the raffle table,** to support the parish Holy Name Society and this fundraiser.

Prayer, fasting and almsgiving are the three pillars of Lent. Our Lenten experience can be enhanced when we fast every Wednesday and Friday during Lent. To learn more about the ancient practice of fasting, go to our website: livethefast.org, call us at (888) 276-3475 or email us info@livethefast.org

LENTEN "FAST AND ABSTINENCE" REGULATIONS

1. Everyone **14 years of age or over** is bound to **abstain** from meat on **Ash Wednesday, all Fridays during Lent and Good Friday.**
2. Everyone **18 years and under 60 years of age** is bound to **fast** on **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday.**
3. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meatless meal. Two smaller meals may also be taken, sufficient to maintain strength according to each one's needs, but together not to equal as full meal.
4. ***Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed minimal penitential practices.***

Sunday - Feb. 18 * St. Joachim's Parish * Pittsville "Youth Beef Tips Dinner" Mass with youth @10:30 am * Dinner serving 11am- 1 pm

Friday-Feb. 23 * Famous Fish Boil & Fish Fry * Colby Lions Shelter * Serving 5 pm until 7:30 pm * Carry outs by drive-thru. Open to the Public !

Tuesday- Feb. 27 * Community Outreach Meal for Everyone * St. John's Lutheran Church—Hwy 13 North, Spencer * Serving 5-6 pm

Friday- March 2 * Shrimp and Beer-Batter Fish Fry @ St. Mary's in Auburndale * Serving 4:30 pm until 7:30 pm . Public cordially invited ! Baked fish also available.

Saturday-March 3, 2018 * Catholic Women's Retreat * St. Mary's Community Center * Altoona, WI . Please join us for this uplifting one-day conference to refresh YOUR soul. **Registration forms can be located at back table.** Promoted by the Eau Claire Deanery & La Crosse Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.

50th Wedding Anniversary Celebrations - 2018

The Diocese of La Crosse is again sponsoring 50th Jubilee Wedding Anniversary Celebrations for those couples celebrating fifty years of marriage It is such a joy to experience the wisdom of these couples who have lived through the joys and sorrows of married love. **Please call the parish by deadline of Thursday-March 1st. * Needed is your names, address, phone number, and date of your anniversary.** Bishop William Patrick Callahan will send each couple a special invitation to attend a celebration, in their honor. The dates and locations of this year's events are; June 24th at St. Mary - Altoona * July 8th at Christ the King Chapel - La Crosse * August 5th at St. Bronislava - Plover

Diocesan Sesquicentennial opening Mass To celebrate the opening of our diocesan sesquicentennial, Bishop Callahan will celebrate Mass at St. Gabriel Church in Prairie du Chien on **Saturday, March 3, 2018**, beginning at 10 a.m. with a reception to follow at St. John Church in Prairie du Chien. All are welcome. If you are unable to attend the Mass you can view it via live stream at diolc.org/live.

Anniversary Mass – Servant of God Father Joseph Walijewski on **Sunday, March 18**, there will be a Mass honoring the Servant of God, Father Joseph Walijewski, on the occasion of the 5th anniversary of the opening of his Cause for Canonization. The Mass will be celebrated at Saint Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse at 10:30 AM. All are welcome. Learn more at frjoesquild.org.

World Day of Prayer on **Friday, March 2**, St. Bernard Catholic Church in Abbotsford will be hosting the 2018 World Day of Prayer. World Day of prayer is an ecumenical celebration of informed prayer and prayerful action. All are welcome to join in the prayer service written by the women of Suriname. They invite us to explore Genesis 1, the story of Creation, with the theme "**All God's Creation is Very Good!**" Concepts of climate change, natural disasters, pollution and human abuse of the environment will be explored. The service is sponsored by St. Bernard's PCCW and begins at **2:00 p.m.** The church is located at **402 N. 2nd Avenue** (corner of 2nd Ave./Cedar) and is handicap accessible.

Religious Education



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Mrs. Deb Mlsna

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March 14 - St. Joseph's Table will be celebrated by the students. A food drive is part of this activity and all are welcome to donation food during March. Baskets will be available in the gathering room. The food will be blessed on March 14.

March 7 & March 14 - Lenten confession for the CCD students will be from 6:30 - 7:45pm. After the students have celebrated the sacrament, adults are welcomed to attend, but we do need to make sure our students go first. Thank you.

Our 1st through 4th grade students use the Faith and Life textbook series. The format is the same for all four of these grades. The text starts with creation and works through the bible to the time of Jesus and his gift of salvation for us. Even though the same pattern is used, different details are included. For example, in the grade 1 book Moses is mentioned as a prophet whom God gave the 10 Commandments to. In the grade 3 book Moses is further described as an infant who was saved and more details about his life, including the plagues are given.

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday, February 28: Prayer retreat grade 5

Wednesday, March 7: Reconciliation, grades 9&10 meet at church right away. Grades 7&8 to follow.

Wednesday, March 14: Reconciliation, grades 5&6 meet at church right away. Grades 3&4 to follow.

Wednesday, March 21: Shadow Stations @ 6:30pm at the Lucille Tack Center

Wednesday, March 28: NO Religious Education classes, *Easter break*

Youth Ministry News

Tanzania Mission Trip 2019 Plans are being made for an Intergenerational Parish Mission Trip of 20 people ages 16 and older to serve with the Sisters of Our Lady Queen of Africa, in Sumbawanga, Tanzania, Africa from June 17-28, 2019. This immersion experience will offer the chance to serve at the school, orphanage, and clinic. There will also be an opportunity for a safari and market experiences. Tentative cost is \$2500 (dictated by airfare). For more information, please contact Mr. Dan Kitzhaber .

Steubenville Youth Conference for teens presently in grades 8-12 An awesome, high energy event with 2,000 other teens . PLUS: we'll roll up our sleeves and lend a hand while serving others. It will be at St. Thomas University in St. Paul, July 27-29 The cost of \$270 includes most meals, transportation, & all housing A deposit of \$50 is needed with sign up by Feb. 10. To sign up, please contact: please contact Mr. Dan Kitzhaber.

CATHOLIC Adventure Camp July 8-13. This is for teens currently in grades 6-12. Crosswoods Christian Adventure Camp, located south of Ashland, has been reserved for the Diocese of LaCrosse! This high adventure week will offer you the chance for rock climbing, repelling, canoeing, mountain bike riding, low ropes and high ropes, adventure trails, hiking, and time for prayer, the sacraments and reflection on God's marvelous creation. The total cost will be \$410 for youth and \$250 for adults. Signup soon. Financial help is available. Please contact Mr. Dan Kitzhaber, if interested.

SHS High School Luncheon Bible Study: Every Tuesday meet in room 310 during your lunch period. Bring a hunger to grow in your faith 7 a bag lunch (or school lunch). We read, discuss & share God's Word and the food. This year, we are reading 1Corinthians. This is a GREAT opportunity! Bring your friends!!

Youth Minister:

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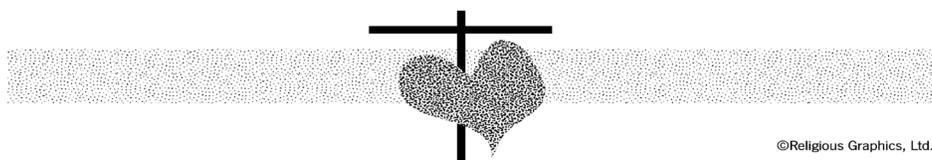
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***** Pray daily for vocations to the priesthood, religious life, and sacramental marriage *****

ANNOUNCEMENTS

******* Donations needed for King's Community Food Pantry items ******* needed are: Cold Cereal * Hot Cereal * crackers * Flour * Sugar * Jelly * Peaches * Pears * Applesauce * Fruit Cocktail * Canned tomatoes * Canned carrots * Sauerkraut * Oil * Pancake Syrup * Rice * Egg Noodles * Spaghetti Sauce * Boxed Potatoes * Hamburger Helper * Chef Boy r dee * Salmon * Laundry Detergent * Clorox * Paper Towels * Toilet Paper * Ziplock Bags (Quart with tabs) * Monetary gifts are always welcome to buy the perishable items needed each week. Just place your check into weekend collection basket and make check out to: Kings Community Food Pantry. Thank you for supporting this area food pantry. God's blessings.

It is a privilege, a good habit to spend one hour with Our Lord! It is a slice of heaven on earth, come adore Jesus at Pope St. John Paul II Chapel, 510 S. Columbus Ave. Saturdays at noon-1pm * Sundays at 9am-10am * Mondays 2-3 pm We do have other times if this doesn't fit into your schedule. Please call Jean at 715-387-0571 or Dale at 715-383-2262, God awaits to bestow His Graces for those who come and adore!

Arise! A Come and See Day with the Sisters! **Who:** Girls ages 9 - 13, who are interested spending some time with the Sisters and others who enjoy spiritual things, while finding out more about religious life. **When:** **Saturday, March 17, 2018** * **Time:** 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. **Where:** Mater Redemptoris House of Formation; [3730 East Avenue South; La Crosse, WI 54601](#)
Cost: Donations accepted **Register:** Online registration at www.materredemptoris.org **Questions:** Please contact Sister M. Consolata at materredemptoris@gmail.com or [608-788-4530](tel:608-788-4530)

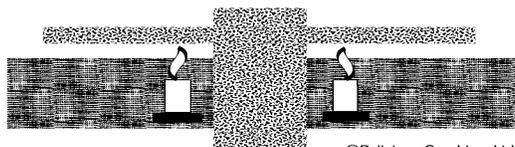
Diaconate Discernment Retreat Saturday, April 7 Are you a man at least 35 years of age and if you think God may be calling you to be a deacon, consider attending the Diaconate Discernment Retreat at St. Anthony's Retreat Center on April 7, 2018. Call the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns at 608-791-0161. A new deacon formation class will begin in the fall of 2019 and attendance at the Discernment Retreat (this spring or next) is a prerequisite. For more information, visit www.dioc.org/diaconate.

Attention Engaged Couples: **Registration is now open** for the *Married Love: Two Becoming One* classes in Marshfield starting this fall. The **dates for 2018** are: **April 7**. Couples should first contact their priest and then plan to attend a class at least six months before their wedding. Be sure to register early because classes fill quickly. For questions or to register, contact Alanna Hart at hart_alanna@yahoo.com or 715-650-7310.

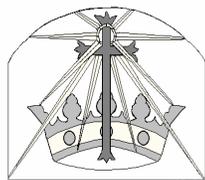
Viterbo University's 2nd annual Franciscan CORE is scheduled for June 10– 15, 2018. This 5 day summer service camp for rising 10th, 11th, and 12th graders offers education, experience, and reflection on Catholic Social Teachings themes and principles using a Franciscan lens. Franciscan CORE seeks to develop empathetic and grounded leaders for the world and Church through: Compassion for those on the margins., Outreach to those in need, Reflection on God's call, and Experience of community and service. For more information or to apply, visit www.viterbo.edu/franciscan-core Registration opened on January 1st, 2018 .

If you would like to have a "Mass Intention" for a deceased loved one or special intention in **2018** please call the parish rectory @ 715-659-4480 and talk to Judy. There are openings for weekend masses and **numerous openings for Tuesday and Thursday morning, weekday mass @ 8:30 am..**

The Diocese of La Crosse is committed to creating a safe environment within the Church for children and youth. We continue to have a special care for and a commitment to reaching out to victims of sexual abuse and their families. * Diocese of La Crosse Guidelines For Reporting Instances of Child Abuse posted on church bulletin boards. *



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To place a prayer request on the Christ the King Prayer Chain, please call these prayer leaders:

Marcia Draeger (715-659-5182), Kay Derks (715-659-4046), Joan Meyer (715-384-2774)

Each of these has a list of people to call and inform them about your prayer requests, do not call parish office.

You may also place your requests on the St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Prayer Chain by calling Shirley @ 715-384-3613 and Donna 715-384-2479 (there are 2 lists) and they will take your request.

Christ the King Staff: Fr. Samuel Martin : Pastor * Fr. Daniel Sedlacek : Associate Pastor

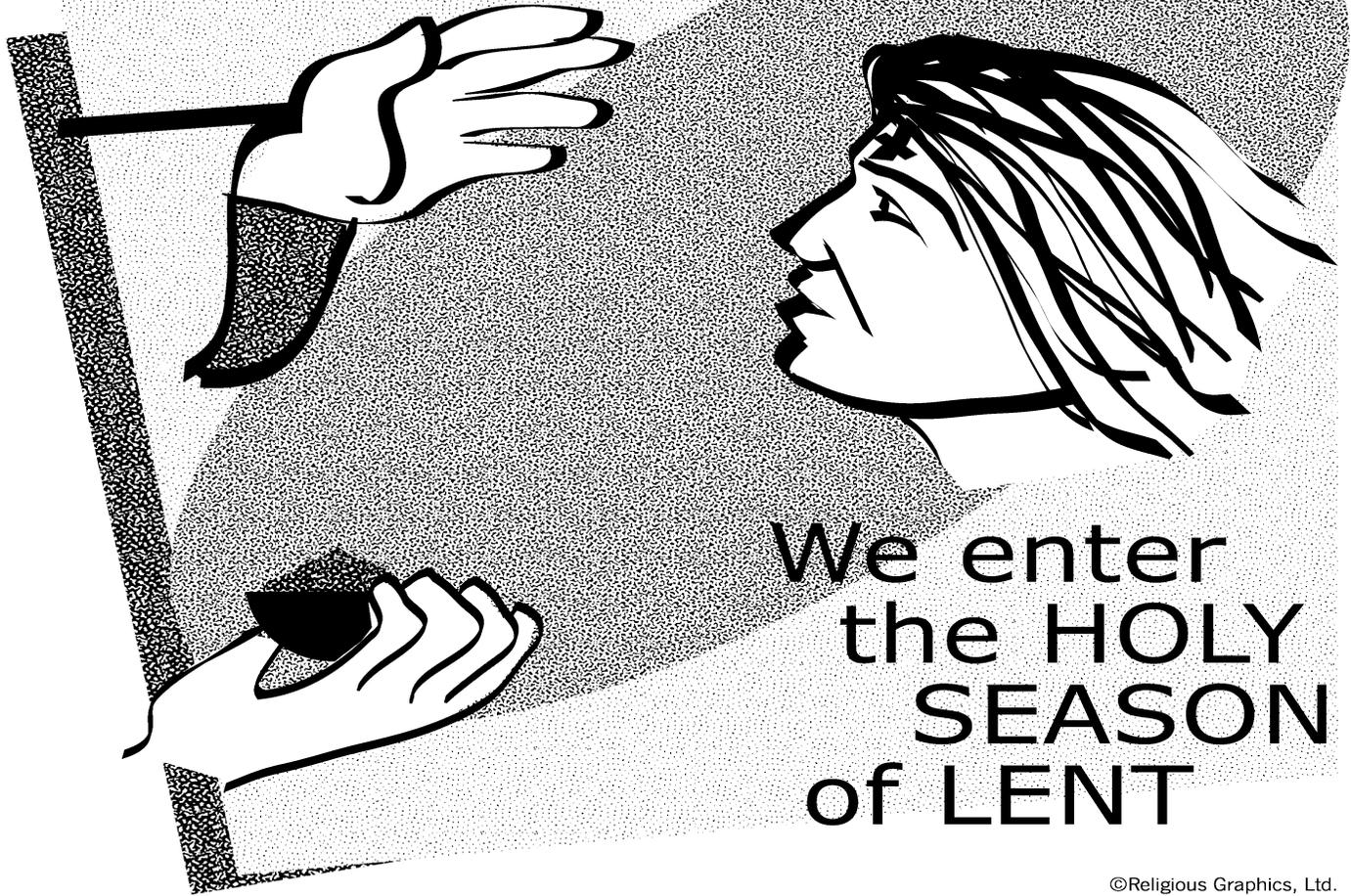
* Deacon Jeff Austin : Permanent Deacon * Judy A. Drechsler : Parish Secretary * Bonnie Jakel : Sacristan

* Gary Niziolek : Part-time Maintenance * Jim Kilty : Snow Removal

Parish office Hours Are:

Monday * Tuesday * Wednesday - 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Thursday - 9 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. * Friday - Office is CLOSED

Marked with the
SIGN of REPENTANCE



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**Diocese of La Crosse Guidelines
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The Diocese of La Crosse is committed to creating a safe environment within the Church for children and youth. We continue to have a special care for and a commitment to reaching out to the victims of sexual abuse and their families. * To report allegations of sexual abuse by a member of the clergy, lay employees or volunteers of the Diocese of La Crosse please fill out the report form found at: www.dioc.org/safe-environment/reporting * Alternatively, you can also contact these people: Msgr. David Kunz, Vicar for Clergy @ 608-791-2679 or Mrs. Karen Becker, Victim Assistance Ministry @ 608-519-8002
Victims of sexual abuse, in addition to contacting civil authorities, are asked to come forward in order to receive pastoral assistance Such assistance can be received from: Deacon David Allen, Victim Assistance Coordinator @ 608-792-9684