

# SAINT WENCESLAUS PARISH

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

April 2, 2017

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Saturday Evening Mass 4PM - Sunday Mass 10AM  
Confession Available Before Every Mass

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### Contributions from March 25-26:

Adult Envelopes	\$925.00
Collection Plate	\$247.75
Youth Envelopes	\$7.95
Votive Candle Donations	\$97.00

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### Mass Schedule:

Mon, Apr. 3 – 8am (Weekday) for:  
**Margaret Pettera by Bill & Floy Boland**

Tue, Apr. 4 – 6:30pm (Weekday) for:  
**Eileen Boland by Ron & Ruth Ann Colson**

Wed, Apr. 5 – 8am (Weekday) for:  
**Frank Pintz by the Family**

Thr, Apr. 6 – 8am (Weekday) for:  
**Karen Fisher by Greg & Mary Fisher**

Fri, Apr. 7 – 8am (Weekday) for:  
**John Fisher by Betty Fisher & Family**

Sat, Apr. 8 – 4pm (Palm Sunday) for:  
**Merrill McMillin by Robert McMillin**

Sun, Apr. 9 – 10am (Palm Sunday) for:  
**The Living & Deceased  
of St. Wenceslaus & Sacred Heart**

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### Upcoming Liturgical Roles:

#### Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> : 4pm

**Readings & Passion Narrator:** Gloria Wall

**Passion Speaker:** Ken Myers

**Ushers:** Art Wall & Derek Wall

**Servers:** Any Available Servers

#### Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> : 10am

**Readings & Passion Narrator:** Donnie Fisher

**Passion Speaker:** Tom Martin

**Ushers:** Tim Sprosty & T.J. Sprosty

**Servers:** Group G: Andrew Deegan, Jacob

Martin, Noah & Tommy Sprosty

#### Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> Rosary Leaders:

The Donnie & Mona Fisher Family

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### April Hospitality Activities:

Church & Hall Cleaning Group #1

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## Parish Announcements:

### Tuesday Mass & Stations

This Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> our 6:30pm Mass will be followed by the Stations of the Cross at 7pm.

### Firewood for Sale

Our parish tree trimming project has produced a pile of firewood at the end of our parking lot. If you are interested in buying it as is, contact Father by 6pm on Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> with your best offer.

### Community Club Fish Fry

Come this Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> from 5pm to 8pm in the Eastman firehouse. Adults are \$7 and age 12 and under are \$4. Carryouts available. Donations of salads & desserts for the meal are welcome.

### Life Guardians' Can Cage

Bring your aluminum to the newly reopened can cage in Eastman to support pro-life efforts.

### Our Parish Red Box

The cabinet in the back of church is full of media materials for your home or car: DVD's for sign-out, CD's to borrow, and free items on the bottom shelf for you to keep or give as gifts.

### Rural Life Committee

The La Crosse Rural Life Committee promotes farming and its lifestyle throughout our diocese. Contact Father if you would be interested in learning more about their work.

### "A Pencil In Our Lords Hand"

On Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 9pm, EWTN will broadcast a documentary film about the life of our own diocese's Fr. Joseph Walijewski, whose cause for canonization is currently underway.

### Gerard Hall Donations

The Gerard Hall donation box is in our church entryway until Palm Sunday. They seek toiletries, diapers, wipes, clothes, bottles, formula, twin-bed bedding, and the like for mothers and their babies.

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### A Meditation with Jesus in the Garden

Part 4 of 4 – The Blood of Jesus & its Fruits

My Jesus has now uttered His great fiat! But the effort causes Him to fall again upon the earth, crushed beneath the enormous weight with which He had burdened Himself. Oppressed on the one hand by the divine Justice, which considers Him as universal victim upon whom are to be united all sin and its punishment; and on the other hand by His infinite desire to fulfill His divine mission as Redeemer of the world, which latter is preparing for Him that baptism of blood so greatly desired by Him.

Ah! In truth, the good Jesus can now be considered as choice wheat ground between two millstones, and as sweet grapes trodden in the wine-press! Indeed, such is the intense agony which oppresses His Heart that He begins to sweat Blood from all His members; and this so copiously, that it trickles down to the ground! Oh, how much has that great fiat cost Jesus! Oh, how much He has

had to suffer in order to become debtor for our sins! And what shame for me who refuse to make even the least sacrifice, while I see my God freely become victim for love of me. *"He was offered because it was His own will."*

But why, sweet Jesus, why torture Yourself thus with infinite pain, You Who with one sole prayer, with one sigh, with one beat of Your Heart, could have saved the world? But a prophet had already said that the redemption of Jesus would be a copious redemption. And truly it is a copious redemption which He has wrought, for by it we are moreover restored to the honor enjoyed by the innocent, the just and the saints!

Only a God could have accomplished so great a work! But Jesus is not yet satisfied; in His incomprehensible love He wishes that by means of His sufferings there be placed in our hands as something absolutely ours, the rich treasures of His merits, that by them we might obtain every good from the most High.

What more could be desired? Yet there are gifts so great that man could not have dared to ask for them, nor even thought of being able to acquire them. But the infinite charity of our Blessed Savior thinks of them, and with the voice of His Blood, and the sighs of His afflicted Heart He obtains for us from His Father the supreme grace of being raised up even to the Embrace of the Divinity, by means of the Eucharist which He had that same night instituted. And as if this is not enough to satisfy a charity which knows no limits, He wishes that His Spirit, the Divine Paraclete, be infused and remain permanently in our souls. *"I shall ask the Father,"* He had said that same night to His Apostles, *"I shall ask the Father, and He shall send you the Holy Spirit."* And now here in Gethsemane, suffering and dripping Blood, He fulfills such a promise meriting for us the infusion of the Divine Paraclete, and thus elevating man to the highest degree of happiness, grace and glory.

Jesus can now do no more for us; yet there remains to Him one more desire. He remembers that His Father has said to Him: *"Ask of Me, and I will give You the nations as Your inheritance;"* and raising His blood-stained Face to Heaven, He asks that among those nations promised to Him as His inheritance, He might have chosen bands of espoused souls who will be the beloved of His Heart, faithful disciples following His example, and upon whom He can pour forth the abundance of those graces merited by Him with so much pain. *"Give Me souls, give Me souls, oh Father, and all else will I give You, even My life which will be consummated on the cross for them. Give Me souls."*

And among all these souls Jesus also chooses yours; desires it, wants it, asks it of His Father with tears, and for it in particular renews the offering of Himself and all His boundless sufferings. My soul, my soul, how greatly are you loved by that God, Who sweating blood, chose you, desired you, embraced you as spouse!

And even as in a little while Jesus, from the height of the cross, will say to His Mother, *"Behold your son,"* and in the person of John will consign to her all the redeemed, so in Gethsemane He turns to His Father and says: *"Behold Your children. I, Your Son by nature, hold the place of sinful man, that the sinner might take My place and become Your child by grace. For Me, o Father, sufferings; for sinners, pardon and peace; for*

*Me death, for him life; for Me, abandonment, for him a perfect, blessed and eternal union with Thee ... Behold, behold Your children ... embrace them. My Blood renders them pure, beautiful, and worthy of You. Father, I wish (Jesus had never before said "I wish," but now He says it). I wish that the souls which You have given to Me, may be one with Us, united to Us, as I with You. Remember, oh Father, that I have abased Myself to become man, that man might be raised up even to God reigning in Your own glory for all eternity."*

Behold the incomprehensible mysteries of love which operate in the Heart of a God Who sweats blood for men! Behold the admirable fruits of the Blood of Jesus! Silence, admiration and generous love; these, oh redeemed Soul, Soul espoused to a God become man, is the only return you can make to the Great, and Holy, and Infinite Love, Who immolates Himself for you!

(Meditate in silence.)

Holy Father, with a heart penetrated with the most vivid gratitude, I thank You in the name of all men, for giving us a Redeemer so good and so generous, through Whom, with infinite advantage, we have recovered the blessings lost by original sin. I offer You for the salvation of all the redeemed, the Blood which He shed, beseeching You to grant that the fruits of the redemption be as copious as the redemption itself and that the good Jesus be known, loved and blessed by all the children of Adam for all eternity. (Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.)

Holy Father, I offer the Precious Blood of Jesus to obtain from Your mercy the exaltation and increase of the Catholic Church, the conversion of all infidels, heretics, and sinners, the perseverance of the just, and the liberation of the souls in Purgatory. I offer It to You for the greater good of my superiors and all my dear ones. Moreover, I offer It to You for the sanctification of my soul and to obtain ... (Here one petitions for all the graces desired.) (Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.)

Holy Father, Who has so loved the world as even to sacrifice Your only begotten Son amid great torment for it, grant that the world will now exceedingly love Jesus, show whole-hearted gratitude to Him, bless and exalt Him; and that the souls may be many who are perfectly united and constantly faithful to Him, and that among that number may also be found my own poor soul. Holy Father, I offer You the sighs, the prayers, and the agony of Jesus in Gethsemane, together with the Blood He shed, that You may reawaken most vividly in the hearts of all Christians devotion to the admirable mysteries of the Redemption; and with it that true and generous spirit of sacrifice, which makes the soul so like to Jesus.

(Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.)

## CONCLUSION

One more glance at your Jesus, oh my Soul, oh Soul of His love and pain. The long hours of the Agony in Gethsemane have already passed to give place to a day of outrage and to the final three hours of torture on the cross.

Behold Judas comes to betray Him ... and Jesus like a meek lamb, goes to meet him! Ah, my Jesus, am I to see You in the arms of a traitor? Ah, no! rather come to my embrace; even into my heart, oh good Jesus, for I no longer wish to offend You, but always to love You.