

SAINT WENCESLAUS PARISH

2nd Sunday of Lent

March 12, 2017

Parish Announcements:

Stations of the Cross

At St. Wenceslaus:

Tuesday, March 14th @ 7pm
Sunday, March 19th @ 11:15am
Tuesday, March 21st @ 7pm
Tuesday, April 4th @ 7pm

At Sacred Heart:

Wednesday, March 29th @ 6pm

Lenten Penance Services

St. Gabriel's in PdC – Sunday, Mar. 19th @ 3pm
St. Mary's in Gays Mills – Sunday, Mar. 26th @ 7pm
Sacred Heart – Wednesday, Mar. 29th @ 7pm
St. Wenceslaus – Thursday, Mar. 30th @ 7pm

Card Clearance Sale

The cabinet in the back of church contains greeting cards suited for a variety of occasions. They are now on sale for 25¢ apiece or five for \$1. (You can leave your money in the collection basket or the votive candle box.) Act now! These cards will all be removed on Monday, March 20th.

St. Wenceslaus Council Meetings

Our Parish Pastoral Council will meet this Sunday, March 12th at 6pm in the rectory.

Life Guardians

Our area pro-life group will meet this Sunday, March 12th at 7pm in the Seneca Town Hall. All are welcome to attend.

Youth Mission Trip/Pilgrimage/Retreat Funds

Our parish has \$1,290 earmarked for such grants to youth. Contact Father for details.

West Coast Nun Run

Mater Redemptoris House of Formation is inviting women (aged 16 to 28) to join their May 30th to June 15th pilgrimage. Visit four religious communities, various shrines, California Missions, National Parks, and maybe a beach or two between here and the West Coast. Space is limited. Inquire soon with Sister M. Consolata at 608-788-4530.

Basic Evangelization Training

A two-day immersion into the fundamentals of evangelization will be held April 28th & 29th at the Diocesan Center in La Crosse (Friday 7pm to Saturday 4pm.) Gain real-world skills & confidence to share your Catholic faith wherever you may be. This training costs \$45 and has been given to thousands. For more details call 608-791-0161 or register at: diolc.org/basic-evangelization.

Bishops Grant Dispensation in Honor of the Feast of St. Patrick

The bishops of Wisconsin have announced a special dispensation for Catholics statewide from the law of abstinence for Friday, March 17th, 2017. This Lenten dispensation will allow the faithful to celebrate the Feast of St. Patrick. Those who utilize the dispensation should perform another act of penance that day (self-denial, charity, prayer, etc.)

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

Contributions from March 4-5:

Adult Envelopes	\$1,152.00
Collection Plate	\$250.00
Youth Envelopes	\$6.26
Catholic Life Magazine Donations	\$85.00

Mass Schedule:

Mon, March 13 – 8am (Weekday) for:
Nicholas G. Walz

Tue, March 14 – *** 6:30pm *** (Weekday) for:
Ruth Zlabek

Wed, March 15 – 8am (Weekday) for:
Blessings on Fr. Victor Feltes

Thr, Mar. 16 – 8am (Weekday) for:
Bernard Boylen by Peggy Keegan

Fri, Mar. 17 – 8am (St. Patrick's Day) for:
Jack & Norma Slama

Sat, Mar. 18 – 4pm (3rd Sunday of Lent) for:
Merrill McMillin by Robert McMillin

Sun, Mar. 19 – 10am (3rd Sunday of Lent) for:
Loyde Beers by Lonnie & Jane Achenbach

Upcoming Liturgical Roles:

Saturday, March 18th : 4pm

Lector: Brian Sipos
Ushers: Ron Colson & Charles Linder
Servers: Any Available Servers

Sunday, March 19th : 10am

Lector: Donnie Fisher
Ushers: Randy Kramer & Andrew Wall
Servers: Group D: Noah & Tommy Sprosty,
Nicholas Walz, Hunter Hagensick

Sunday, March 19th Rosary Leaders:

The Donnie & Mona Fisher Family

March Hospitality Activities:

Coffee & Donuts (March 19 th)	Group #1
Church & Hall Cleaning	Group #6

A Meditation with Jesus in the Garden *The Sadness of Jesus*

This is the first of four, 15-minute meditations by Blessed Elena Guerra of Italy (1835–1914) from her book of devotions, "*Let us Pray.*"

Place yourself, O devout Soul, in the presence of your most beloved Savior and bring to mind the night in which Jesus, having instituted the Holy Eucharist to be your food, leaves the Cenacle with His Apostles to go to the Garden of Olives, there to begin that most crude Passion by which He was to save the world. A deathly sadness shows itself on the brow and reveals itself in the words of the afflicted Jesus. A deathly pallor clouds that Face on which but now had shown a Heavenly beauty. Meanwhile the sorrowful Savior rests His gaze upon you, as though He would say to you: "*Dear Soul, who are the cause of so much anguish to Me, stay with Me but for an hour, and see if there be any sorrow like unto My sorrow ... But know that on the night of My agony I sought in vain for one to console Me. I looked for one who would comfort Me and I found none.*"

O adorable Jesus, can there ever be a creature so ungrateful, and so hard of heart, as to refuse to pass an hour in Your company, remembering those mysteries of supreme pain and supreme love accomplished in the obscurity of the night of Your Passion, in the Garden of Gethsemane? O good Jesus, behold me present before You. Deign to reveal to me the greatness of Your pains and the excess of love which caused You to become a victim for my sins and for the sins of all men.

"*My soul is sorrowful even unto death!*" There is truly no greater suffering than that which can be compared to the pains of death. Now our Savior, Who is infallible Truth, to make us understand the excess of suffering which came to oppress Him as He entered Gethsemane, says that His soul is weighed down by a mortal sadness: that the anguish which He endures is so severe as could cause His death. "*My soul is sorrowful, even unto death!*" And having said this He enters further into the Garden, till, reaching the place where He was accustomed to pass the night in prayer, He exhorts His faithful Apostles (whom He had brought with Him even into the Garden that they might be witnesses to His sufferings) to watch and pray with Him. Then, withdrawing from them a stone's throw, He knelt down to begin the most painful and at the same time most generous prayer ever made upon earth.

The first motive for the sorrow of Jesus was that horrible accumulation of outrage and opprobrium which in a short time was to rush in upon Him like the furious billows of a tempest-tossed sea. In fact, He had hardly left His beloved Apostles when there appeared before His mind all the frightful scenes of pain and blood of His impending Passion - the betrayal by one of his apostles, dishonor, scorn, calumnies ... moreover a scourging so cruel as to lay bare His very bones. But this is not enough. His Sacred Head must be tormented by a crown of

thorns, which is to remain fastened thereon even till death. Furthermore, blows, spittle, mockeries. Still this is not enough. He must bear the infamy of a legal condemnation, and see Himself abhorred by the great ones of His nation and by His own people. Dying then, because of so much suffering, He must drag Himself to the mount of sacrifice, with the cross on his lacerated shoulders, falling several times half dead beneath its enormous weight. He must drink the bitter gall. Be stripped in the midst of an insolent multitude. Allow Himself to be nailed hand and foot. Hang for three long hours from those iron nails, and remain there, suspended between Heaven and earth, to expiate by unspeakable pains the iniquities of the human race! Yet this is not enough. To these frightful pangs must be added the most bitter mockery, the most cutting insults and taunts. Then the burning thirst, rendered more tormenting by the vinegar. The abandonment by His Father. The immense grief of His beloved Mother. The terrible and desolate death!

Redeemed Soul, purchased by the cruel pains of Jesus, consider your Savior overwhelmed in an abyss of suffering ... and this for love of you ... to save you ... to bring you with Him to paradise! Oppressed by so much anguish Jesus goes back to the three Apostles whom He had charged to watch and pray; but He finds them sleeping! There is not one word of comfort for Jesus agonizing ... not one sentiment of compassion! In the bitterness of His abandonment, He turns His sorrowful look upon you, oh devout Soul, to see if He can find in your heart a feeling of compassion and gratitude. And you? Have you no word for the good Jesus? What would you have said if you had really found yourself near to Him in the night of His agony? Alas! open your heart and do now that which you would have done then, for equally welcome will it be to Him, since He always accepts with pleasure the expressions of affection which come from the heart of His faithful ones. (Meditate in silence.)

Holy Father, Who has so loved the world as even to sacrifice Your Incarnate Son for it, in the name of all the redeemed I thank You for this act of Your infinite charity, offering You in return the most perfect holiness and merits of the same Only Begotten Son. (Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.)

Holy Father, Who to deliver us from eternal perdition has placed upon the adorable humanity of Your Only Begotten Son the burden of all our iniquities. I offer You the agony of Jesus in Gethsemane, beseeching You to grant me the grace to enjoy in eternity the fruits of His unspeakable torments. (Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.)

Holy Father, Who to reconcile guilty humanity with Your offended Majesty, hast subjected Your most innocent Son to the rigors of inexorable justice, on Whom were laid the pains merited by our sins, I offer You the most lovable submission of Jesus in Gethsemane, beseeching You to grant the conversion and salvation of all sinners. (Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.)