

SAINT WENCESLAUS PARISH

Laetare Sunday / 4th Sunday of Lent

March 26, 2017

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

Contributions from March 18-19:

Adult Envelopes	\$1,472.00
Collection Plate	\$592.75
Youth Envelopes	\$3.75
Coffee & Donuts (Group #1)	\$41.00

Mass Schedule:

Mon, Mar. 27 – 8am (Weekday) for:
Dale Duha by Mark & Barbara Martin

Tue, Mar. 28 – *** 6:30pm *** (Weekday) for:
**Judy Lenzendorf Pohronezny
by Betty Nolan**

Wed, Mar. 29 – 8am (Weekday) for:
Bernard Boylen by Peggy Keegan

Thr, Mar. 30 – 8am (Weekday) for:
For the Soul of Joe Darnell

Fri, Mar. 31 – 8am (Weekday) for:
Mike Kilburg by Florence Kilburg

Sat, Apr. 1 – 4pm (5th Sunday of Lent) for:
**Kirk & Jenni Steiner-U'Ren & Their Families
by Storey Holland**

Sun, Apr. 2 – 10am (5th Sunday of Lent) for:
**Tom & Florence Fisher
by Greg & Mary Fisher**

Upcoming Liturgical Roles:

Saturday, April 1st : 4pm

Lector: Gloria Wall
Ushers: Loyde Beers & Mike Beers
Servers: Any Available Servers

Sunday, April 2nd : 10am

Lector: Jane Achenbach
Ushers: Bob Fisher & Justin Fisher
Servers: Group F: Isaac & Ben Kramer,
Jonah & Ethan Klema

Sunday, April 2nd Rosary Leaders:

The Don & Toni Lenzendorf Family

Parish Announcements:

Tuesday Evening Mass

This Tuesday, Mass will be offered at 6:30pm at St. Wenceslaus. Communal Stations of the Cross will not be held after Mass this week.

PCCW Meeting

Our Parish Council of Catholic Women will be meeting this Tuesday, March 28th at 7pm in Msgr. Baer Hall. All women of the parish are welcome.

Jesus' Seven Last Words & Stations of the Cross

At Sacred Heart, this Wednesday, March 29th at 6pm, join in the Stations of the Cross and hear a talk by Father about the final seven phrases Jesus spoke from upon his Cross.

St. Wenceslaus Penance Service

This Thursday, March 30th at 7pm multiple priests will be here to hear your Lenten confession.

Parish Red Box

The cabinet in the back of church now houses our parish's full collection of DVD's and CD's. Feel free to sign-out some items to enjoy in your home or vehicle, but please be prompt in returning them.

Two Area Job Fairs

At Fennimore on March 29th, 10am-2pm. Call 608-822-2333 or visit swtc.edu/jobfair for details.

At Richland Center on April 5th, 10am-2pm. Call 608-822-2334 or visit swtc.edu/jobfair.

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.

Gerard Hall Donations

Gerard Hall is an eight bed, all female home in LaX that helps moms and their unborn or newborn babies. The donation box in our church entryway is now receiving donations for clothes, diapers, wipes, toiletries, bottles, formula, twin-bed bedding, etc.

Basic Evangelization Training

A two-day immersion into the fundamentals of evangelization will be held April 28th & 29th in LaX (Friday 7pm to Saturday 4pm.) Gain real-world skills & confidence to share your Catholic faith wherever you may be. For info, call 608-791-0161 or register at: diolc.org/basic-evangelization.

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 religious houses, shrines, California Missions, National Parks, and perhaps a couple of beaches between here and the West Coast. Call Sr. M. Consolata at 608-788-4530.

Youth Mission Trip/Pilgrimage/Retreat Funds

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

April Hospitality Activities:

Coffee & Donuts (April 16 th)	Group #2
Church & Hall Cleaning	Group #1

A Meditation with Jesus in the Garden ***The Great Fiat*** — Part 3 of 4

Contemplate, O redeemed Soul, how your Savior, His Heart transpierced by man's ingratitude, falls prostrate in agony upon the ground. He is alone, abandoned, with no one to aid Him, Who has not refused to extend His hand to the weak and the afflicted, and even to make a resting place of His Breast for His Apostle, who, tired, laid his head upon it!

Rise up, faithful soul, the moment has come in which to make Jesus suffering a return of love. What would you have done if on the night of the Passion you had found yourself in Gethsemane close to the agonizing Jesus?

My dearest Lord, I wish to raise You up from the earth ... to offer You my heart, upon which to rest Your drooping Head and then to say a word which will console You. My most sweet Savior, I love You, I love You, I love You! I wish to see love for You, to obtain love for You, to have all love You. I wish to consume life itself to have You loved, loved greatly, loved always, loved by all Your redeemed.

My sweet Jesus, I have said that I would spend even life itself to have You loved; to make sacrifice for this, no matter how great; yet when I meet some slight contradiction, some small humiliation, a refusal, a reproof an unkindness ... do I bear it? Do I really love sacrifice? ... do I rejoice in being able to offer You the mortification of passion? ... Good Jesus, I am ashamed to answer ... But here close to You; here at the school of suffering and love, I wish to learn, my sweet Master, to mortify and sacrifice myself in all things and for love of You.

Meanwhile the hours of His mortal agony pass slowly for Jesus ... He, the God of Heaven and earth, languishes prostrate upon the ground, and no one is mindful of Him. But what are the disciples doing? They sleep!...Ah, Jesus on the night of His Passion had to undergo even this pain of desertion of His dear ones; and He felt in His Heart the whole bitterness of it! That sorrow He then accepted, even desired it; but now He does not wish it any longer; rather He wants His redeemed to hold vigil around Him, meditating on His Passion. But instead the greater part sleep the sleep of the ungrateful, which consists in the forgetfulness of Him Who loves and benefits us.

Oh, what an excess of ingratitude and hard-heartedness! O good Jesus, You are not known; for if we but knew You, we would always think of You, and our hearts would not beat except for You. While Jesus is grieving alone and prostrate upon the ground, behold an Angel of Heaven comes to comfort Him. With the humility of an obedient son, Jesus receives His Father's messenger, ready to submit to His Commands. The Angel has come to strengthen Him, but not to console Him, nor to lighten His pains, nor to take from His hands the bitter chalice. Indeed He encourages Jesus to bear up under the battle He is to wage, and to receive bravely the blows which Heaven, the world, and hell will hurl at Him; Heaven because the eternal Justice of the Father was about to punish in Him all the iniquity of men; the world, which unable to endure the holiness of the Son of God, was preparing a Cross for Him; and hell, which through hatred of the Saint of Saints, excites the enemies of Jesus

Christ to greater cruelty, and more spiteful outrage. Wherefore the Angel exhorts Him to drink to the very dregs the abominable chalice of human iniquity, to become, as it were, cursed for us, to bear the whole weight of Divine Vengeance.

Meanwhile Justice and Mercy await the fiat of Jesus, in which they will be reconciled forever. Heaven awaits it, that it might be peopled by holy men; the earth awaits it, yearning to see the malediction merited by its first sin blotted out by the Precious Blood of the Divine Redeemer; the just imprisoned in the bosom of Abraham, await it, that they might again become the children of God and see the gates of Heaven reopened to them.

But how greatly does this fiat cost Jesus. He, the most innocent, He, the Holy & Immaculate One - must put on the loathsome garb of the sinner, of the wicked: He must appear as the guilty one, and make our iniquities His own. Immeasurable is the anguish this causes Him, and makes Him repeat: "*Let this Chalice pass from Me!*" But at the same time He sees that we are lost if He does not take the guilt of our offenses upon Himself, if He does not consent to the scourges of the punisher, and wash away our iniquities in His Blood ... Therefore with a most generous burst of heroic love, Jesus pronounces His sublime fiat.

He says fiat- "*Thy will be done,*" and thus He consents to shoulder all our misdeeds, and as if guilty of them, accepts, and even calls upon Himself these horrible chastisements; wherefore He says fiat to the thorns to expiate for our evil thoughts; fiat to the scourging to punish in Himself our sins of sensuality; fiat to the insults, the spittle and the blows to atone for our pride; fiat to the vinegar and gall, in satisfaction for our numberless sins of speech and gluttony; fiat to the cross and nails, to repair for our disobedience; fiat to those three hours of tearful agony on the cross to heal all our wounds, to remedy all our evils; fiat to His death to give us eternal life! Oh precious fiat which rejoices Heaven, saves the world, and overthrows hell! Fiat that breaks so many chains, dries so many tears! Thanks be to You, Oh good Jesus; thanks for so generous a fiat. I bless You and thank You in the name of all men. (Meditate in silence.)

Holy Father, Who in reparation for our rebellions and disobediences did wish to be honored by the generous fiat of Jesus in Gethsemane, I offer You that same fiat in expiation for all the offenses which Your adorable Majesty has received from my rebellious and stubborn Will, beseeching You to grant me perfect docility and submission through the merits of the same fiat.

(Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.)

Holy Father, through the glory which the generous fiat of Jesus in Gethsemane procured for You, I beseech You to pardon me every fault of rebellion and disobedience, and to grant me the grace henceforth to love fully submissive to Your holy will and to the will of my superiors for love of You.

(Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.)

Holy Father, through the generous effort and the anguish which the fiat uttered in Gethsemane cost Jesus, I beg You to grant to me, to all the souls consecrated to You, and to all Christians, the spirit of holy fortitude and constancy, united to a generosity which will count as light every sacrifice for Your glory.

(Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.)