



St. Francis de Sales Lenten Newsletter

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Message from the Pastor:

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Francis de Sales Parish,

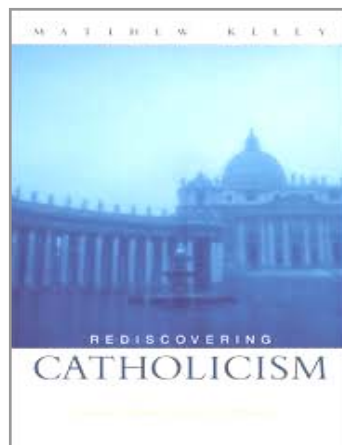
We are now approaching the rich and prayerful Season of Lent. It begins with Ash Wednesday, of course, which this year falls on February 22. It concludes with Holy Week, celebrating Good Friday on April 6 and Easter on April 8. This holy period gives us the opportunity to walk with Christ in His passion and death, and then joyously in His resurrection from the dead and His ascension to the right hand of the Father. We are called to join Christ in the whole of the Pascal Mystery that is the promise of our own passage from death to life if we are faithful to Jesus.

Our Lenten Season is a time for prayer and penance. As well, it is a moment to offer our good

works to our Father in Heaven in reparation for sin and to draw closer to Him. As part of those spiritual works during Lent, Mass, the Sacrament of Penance and the Stations of the Cross hold a primary place.

Please, take the time to make this Lent a special time, for you and for your family members. Attached is a list of services and events covering Lent, Holy Week and Easter. Why not take advantage of some or all of the special services and moments as a means of deepening your faith and your attachment to Christ? Come join us in prayer and devotion as we look forward to Easter!

Sincerely yours in the Lord,
Monsignor David J. Malloy
Pastor



Monsignor Malloy will be offering an adult and young adult faith formation series on Monday evenings beginning Feb. 27 at 7:00 p.m. It will center on the book *Rediscovering Catholicism*, by Matthew Kelly. The series will be held on Feb. 27, Mar. 12, 19 and 26. If you have a copy of the book, please bring it with you. All are most welcome!

MASS SCHEDULE:

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 22, 2012

As our Lenten journey begins this day, each participant receives a mark of ashes on the forehead as a symbol of one's need for conversion and repentance. Ash Wednesday is a day of universal fast and abstinence in the Church.

- 7:00 a.m. Mass w/ ashes
- 9:00 a.m. Mass w/ ashes
- 12:15 p.m. Service w/ ashes
- 5:00 p.m. Service w/ ashes
- 7:00 p.m. Mass w/ ashes

WEEKDAY MASSES

The Season of Lent offers us an opportunity to do something "extra" in our faith lives. Starting the day off with Mass would be a wonderful Lenten exercise and a reminder that we are invited to pray throughout the entire day.

- Monday – Friday at 7:00 a.m.
- Saturdays at 8:00 a.m.

SUNDAY MASSES

As we journey together through the Season of Lent, we follow the Scripture and hear the story of Jesus' journey toward the Cross. We culminate with the liturgies of Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter. Come and walk with Jesus during this Lenten Season.

- Saturday at 5:15 p.m.
- Sunday at 7:30 a.m.
- Sunday at 9:00 a.m.
- Sunday at 10:30 a.m.
- Sunday at 5:00 p.m. (Spanish)



Days of Fast & Abstinence

Lent runs from Ash Wednesday until the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday.

Alleluia is not sung or said from the beginning of Lent until the Easter Vigil.

During Lent the altar should not be decorated with flowers, and musical instruments played only to give necessary support to the singing of the assembly.

FAST & ABSTINENCE: Our most common form of liturgical fasting is the hour we spend before

receiving communion, abstaining from food and drink. (This is all year, not only during the Lenten Season.) Most of us don't think about it anymore, but it used to be a three-hour fast, and prior to that, a fast from midnight. This had the advantage of making communion the first food of the day, a real spiritual "break-fast."

We abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent and we fast (eating only one full meal) on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Everyone age 14 and older is bound by the law of abstinence. Younger children are to be educated in its significance. ALL Catholics are expected to avoid meat on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent no matter how old they become.

However, fasting binds from after one's 18th birthday until after the 59th. Catholics younger and older than that need not fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Nonetheless, fasting is a praiseworthy penitential practice, even when it is not required.



Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl



This Lent, our parish will be joining millions of Catholics across the country by participating in CRS' Operation Rice Bowl. Your family is invited to pick up a Rice Bowl packet in the back of the Chapel and join in this simple yet powerful Lenten practice. Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl invites us to pray with our families and faith communities,

fast in solidarity with those who are hungry, learn about our brothers and sisters around the world, and give sacrificial contributions to help those in need. To ensure that CRS is able to continue providing their life-saving work, please return your Rice Bowl to the Parish Office by: Sunday, April 15, 2012. Visit orb.crs.org for additional resources to use at home.

CRS



Stations of the Cross

You are invited to follow Christ's journey from His encounter with Pilate to His burial in the tomb. These 14 Stations offer an ideal meditation for our own journey through life.

Stations will be held on all of the Fridays of Lent at the following times.

Friday, February 24 – 6:00 p.m. Stations and Simple Supper

Friday, March 2 – 6:00 p.m. Stations and Simple Supper

Friday, March 9 – 6:00 p.m. Stations and Simple Supper

Friday, March 16 – 6:00 p.m. Stations and Simple Supper

Friday, March 23 – 6:00 p.m. Stations ONLY

Friday, March 30 – 6:00 p.m. Stations and Simple Supper

Living Stations of the Cross

You are invited to join the youth of our parish for this moving presentation of Living Stations.

Friday, March 23 – 7:30 p.m. LIVING STATIONS w/ Intermission & Hospitality

Good Friday — Stations of the Cross & Adoration of the Holy Cross at 7:00 p.m. in Spanish

The readings for the Lenten Masses have been chosen in relation to the themes of baptismal renewal and penance. The gospels and readings from the Hebrew Scriptures have been selected for their mutual relationship.

Confession, Penance, and Reconciliation

SEASON OF MERCY Reconciliation Service Tuesday, March 20

Come and rediscover the Sacrament of God's Mercy and personally encounter Jesus Christ. The Most Rev. Jerome E. ListECKI, Archbishop of Milwaukee, will be the presider and homilist.

Everyone is Welcome!
**7:00 p.m. at St. Mary Parish
108 McHenry St., Burlington, WI**

Parish Reconciliation Service

Wed., March 21 at 6:30 p.m. St. Francis de Sales

A parish service with examination of conscience, followed by the individual Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered on Wednesday, March 21, at 6:30 p.m. Several priests will be available to help administer the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please join us in offering up our sins and failings before the Lord.

Private/Individual Confessions

The opportunity to receive Christ's healing through the Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered at the following times, or you may call the Parish Office at any time to set up an appointment with Msgr. Malloy or Fr. Angel.

Every Saturday at 4:00 p.m. (before 5:15 p.m. Mass)
Every Sunday at 4:00 p.m. (before 5:00 p.m. Spanish Mass)
First Saturday of the Month 10:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.
Every Wednesday during Lent 6:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m.
Monday, April 2 at 6:30 p.m.
Friday, April 6 at 10:00 a.m.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is greatly encouraged during the Lenten Season.

School—Stations of the Cross

You are invited to join our school students as they journey together the path that Jesus took to His death. Stations are presented by different grades and in various formats. Stations will be held on the following Fridays of Lent at the following times.

Friday, Feb. 24 – 2:30 p.m.
Friday, March 2 – 2:30 p.m.
Friday, March 9 – 2:30 p.m.
Friday, March 16 – 2:30 p.m.
Friday, March 23 – 2:30 p.m.
Friday, March 30
Living Stations – 2:00 p.m.

During Lent, we enter a season of reflection and repentance. We hear the stories of the persecution of Christ, and we come together to prepare ourselves to enter fully into the Paschal Mystery.



Pray that during this Lenten Season we will be able to sincerely experience the Love of Jesus and that this may be a time of renewal and hope for all of us. Together we can journey with Christ and pray for a stronger faith and trust in His promise to be with us always.

HOLY WEEK BEGINS WITH...

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

March 31/April 1, 2012

Today we celebrate Christ's entrance into Jerusalem to accomplish the Paschal Mystery of His death and resurrection. The memorial of this event is included in every Mass today. As part of this memorial, palm branches will be blessed and distributed at our regular Sunday Masses.

Please pick up a palm on your way into the church today so that it can be blessed!

5:15 p.m. Saturday

7:30 a.m. Sunday

9:00 a.m. Sunday

10:30 a.m. Sunday

5:00 p.m. Sunday (Spanish)

The Mass of Chrism

The Mass of Chrism is our annual celebration of the Blessing of the Holy Oils. We join with the bishops and priests of our Archdiocese, as we gather not only to bless oils and consecrate Chrism, but to pray earnestly for everyone and everything that these oils will anoint in the coming year.

Tuesday, April 3

7:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, Milwaukee

THE SACRED TRIDUUM

The Sacred Triduum is the three-day celebration of the death and resurrection of Christ – Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil. The Church meets at times during those three days to remember what it is that Jesus has done for us. Lent often overshadows the Triduum, but the documents from Vatican Council II tell us: "Christ redeemed us all and gave perfect glory to God principally through His paschal mystery: dying He destroyed our death and rising He restored our life.

Therefore the Easter Triduum of the passion and resurrection of Christ is the culmination of the entire liturgical year." *General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar, # 18*

Lent exists so that we can prepare ourselves for these three great days. What is remembered during these three days is so spectacular and miraculous that it takes the Church fifty days to celebrate it. From the close of Easter Sunday until Pentecost we celebrate with great joy that which Jesus has done for us.

We look at the Sacred Triduum as one single celebration that lasts for three days. We cannot separate the death of Jesus from His resurrection. We do not spend all of the three days in church, but at various times during those days, we are called to church to gather and remember together. When we are not in church, we are asked to keep the spirit of those days even in our homes, if possible. Those days are not days of "business as usual."

CELEBRATE WITH US! COME JOIN US!

During these days of Holy Week, the Church offers us many opportunities to deepen our faith and to experience the tremendous richness of our liturgical prayer and heritage. Come and experience the Washing of Feet, the Proclamation of the Passion, the Veneration of the Cross, the new Easter Fire

which lights our church and our new Paschal candle, the celebration of Light overcoming the darkness, the story of ancestors in faith, the blessing of water, the Litany of the Saints, the baptisms of our newest members and ultimately our celebration of Christ's victory over sin and

death, which in turn brings salvation to the whole world. We have a journey to make and we have much to celebrate! Come and open your heart to the saving power of God! Join us in celebrating the most Sacred Days of the Church Year! All are welcome at this table.

HOLY THURSDAY

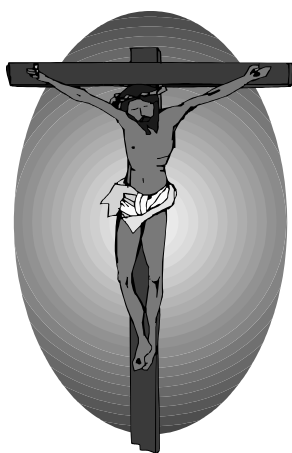
You are invited to share in the commemoration of the Lord's Last Supper and the beginning of His journey toward Calvary. At the Last Supper, on the night he was betrayed, our Savior instituted the Eucharistic Sacrifice of His body and blood. On this night we give thanks in a special way for the great gift of the Eucharist. We also celebrate the great mandatum by following the example of Jesus, as He washed the feet of His disciples, and to do as He has done. Following the Mass, the Eucharist will be transferred from the church into the chapel, where an altar of reservation will be set up. Please consider spending some time in private adoration before the Blessed Sacrament this night. Adoration will conclude at 10:00 p.m. with a very brief Night Prayer.

Holy Thursday

April 5, 2012

Mass at 7:00 p.m.

followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:00 p.m.



GOOD FRIDAY

According to the Church's ancient tradition, Mass is not celebrated today. Instead, all are invited to participate in the commemoration of the Lord's passion and death. As Christ carried His cross to His own death, we are invited to journey with Him, joining our own sufferings to His. As we listen to the reading of the Passion, venerate the cross and receive Holy Communion, we are grateful for God's greatest act of love.

Good Friday

April 6, 2012

Confessions at 10:00 a.m.

Service with Adoration of the Holy Cross at 1:30 p.m.

Stations & Adoration of the Cross at 7:00 p.m. in Spanish

HOLY SATURDAY

Blessing of Food for the Easter Table

April 7 at 10:00 a.m.

In preparation for Easter, baskets filled with customary foods are blessed in church for the first meal following the 40-day fast. As an extension of the joyful fellowship of the Lord's Table, families traditionally share this blessed food after celebrating the Mass of Easter and receiving Holy Communion. Thus, the Eucharist emerges as the original sacred meal, breaking the fast and opening the doors of the home to festive Resurrection fellowship with the Lord.

EASTER VIGIL

You are invited to participate in this most holy night that celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Our journey with Christ through Lent ends with a celebration of new life. Christ triumphs over death and we share in His great triumph. As we bless the Easter fire and Easter candle, we will also celebrate the gift of Baptism and through it our entrance into the Christian family. It is on this night that we celebrate the great Sacraments of Initiation as we welcome the newest members of our church: Our newest members celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism,

Confirmation and First Holy Communion and we welcome our R.C.I.A. candidates into full Communion with the Roman Catholic Church. This is the night for our whole parish family to gather around our newest members and offer our support in their journey of faith!

Easter Vigil

April 7, 2012

Mass at 8:00 p.m.

Beginning with the lighting of the Easter Fire and the Service of Light

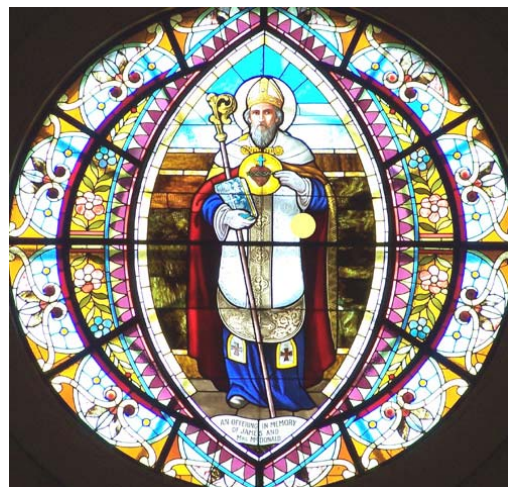
Remember to sign up on the board in the back of the chapel to help with our Holy Week and Easter liturgies. We need your help!

There is no 5:15 p.m. Saturday Mass tonight. The celebration of Holy Saturday and the Easter Vigil takes precedence over all other celebrations.

A Time to Tear Down

A Lenten Retreat for High School Students

All 9th and 10th grade students are invited to join the Youth Ministry Program for "A Time to Tear Down." This Lenten Retreat begins at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 24 and ends with Mass at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 25 at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Wilmot, WI. For more information or to register for the retreat please contact Bill Snyder at youthmin@sfdslg.org or 262-248-8397. Come and have the opportunity to grow closer to God and to have a greater knowledge of yourself and your mission in this world. We will share in prayer, fun activities, singing and relaxation.



EASTER SEASON

The fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost are celebrated in joyful exultation as one feast day, or better, as one "great Sunday." These above all others are the days for the singing of the Alleluia. (General Norms, 22)

The first eight days of the Easter Season make up the octave of Easter and are celebrated as solemnities of the Lord. At Mass on Easter Sunday, a double alleluia is added to the dismissal and its response. The sequence, Victimae Paschali, is mandatory on Easter Sunday, and is sung following the second reading, before the singing of the Alleluia!

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 8, 2012

The celebration of the Lord's resurrection will be celebrated with the following Mass schedule:

7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m.
10:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m. (Spanish)

G E T I N V O L V E D

Contact our Staff:

Our dedicated parish staff is available to answer your questions and to help you grow in your faith. Please feel free to contact us at any time. We are here to serve you and the community of St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church.

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As baptized members of Christ's Body, you are invited to get involved in the life of your parish. There are many different ways to get involved, and if you don't see something that interests you, please call the parish office and offer your services. New faces and talents are always welcome.

Parish Ministries: Receptionists, Office Help, Greeters, Ushers, Readers, Altar Servers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Ministry to the Homebound, Cantors, Choir Members, Instrumentalists, Religious Education & Youth Ministry Teachers & Helpers, Event Coordinators, Chaperones

Committees/Organizations: Parish Council, Buildings & Grounds, Finance, Prayer & Worship, Christian Formation, Human Concerns, Altar Society, Wellness Committee, Parish Life, Hospitality, Catholic Daughters, Hilltoppers, Shepherds of Christ, Knights of Columbus, MOMs Ministry

Activities/Events: Fall Festival, Chili Cook-off, Italian Dinner, Irish Night, Hospitality, KC Breakfast, Retreats

SEE OUR PARISH WEBSITE FOR A FULL LIST OF WAYS TO GET INVOLVED:
<http://www.sfdslg.org/>