






MARCH 5, 2023
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Sun	3/5	8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:50 PM 1:00 PM	All Living & Deceased Descendants of the Vande Corput Families MASS at St John's - Regina Maroszek Divine Mercy Chaplet Stations of the Cross	
Tues	3/7	8:15 AM	Mass at St John's - Ron Mueller	
Wed	3/8	8:15 AM 9:00 AM	Mass at St John's - Living & Deceased Members of the Jim & Jeannine Gillis Family Communion Service / Adult Faith Formation	
Thurs	3/9	8:15 AM	Mass at St John's - Joanne & Jeff Van Camp	
Fri	3/10	8:15 AM 6:15 PM 7:00 PM	In Memory of Florence, Walter & Duane Ebert Stations of the Cross at St John's 'The Chosen' Series at St John's following Stations of the Cross	
Sat	3/11	4:00 PM	Mass at St John's - Dale Katch	
Sun	3/12	8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:50 PM 1:00 PM	In Memory of Clayton & Duane Ebert Req by Gary Ebert Mass at St John's - Gary Schaumberg Divine Mercy Chaplet Stations of the Cross	

THURSDAY, MARCH 23:
MASS WITH BISHOP RICKEN
+ THE BLESSING OF SOIL, SEEDS,
ANIMALS, AND MACHINERY

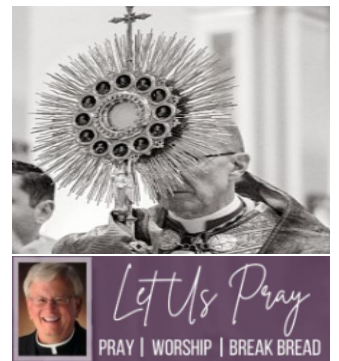
- **March 23, 2023, at 10 a.m.** at St. Anthony Parish, 253 N. Franklin St., Oconto Falls
- **10:00 a.m.** - Mass and blessing of soil, seeds, etc.
- **11:30 a.m.** - Lunch and speaker, Sr. Marla Clercx
- **Lunch Ticket Information:** Meal tickets (\$15 each) must be purchased seven days in advance by mailing, calling, or emailing the host parish.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
St. Anthony Parish
(920) 846-2276 | holy3.org
secretary@holy3.org



About the speaker, Sr Marla Clercx was born and raised in Jasper, a small town in Minnesota. The tight-knit community taught her the importance of looking out for one another and responding to the needs of others. It's her connection to rural life that shapes her connection to God as Creator and her commitment to caring for the earth.

Please join the Young Adult community and Bishop David Ricken on Tuesday, March 7 from 7:00-9:00 PM at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral in Green Bay for an evening of prayer as we continue to prepare our hearts during this Lenten journey. Bishop Ricken will lead us in Adoration. Confession will be available during this time as well. Stay for hospitality afterwards to build community with other young adults from the Diocese. We hope to see you there!



(Practicing) Catholic - Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman - The Long Walk

The walk down from Mount Tabor after the Transfiguration must have been a long one for Peter, James, and John. How differently they must have viewed the world with the eyes that had seen what they had just seen. How uncertain they must have been.

I think it's important to remember that, on the mountain, they were amazed, yes — but first, they were afraid. We are given the image of these three grown men — these saints, these giants of salvation history — cowering in fear at the voice of God. It was not until Jesus touched them that they could even bear to look up.

Christ was transfigured on Tabor, but in a way, the disciples were transfigured as well. We are all changed by what we see and what we hear. That change can be hard because knowledge is hard. Truth is hard. Sometimes cowering is easier.

Go forth, God told Abram. I will make of you a great nation. Rise, Christ told his disciples. And do not be afraid.

I spend too much time cowering in fear at the voice of God. I cower even when the voice whispers into my heart instead of booming from the clouds. When it's the start of a hard day or a tough conversation. When it's the middle of a half-finished battle, big or small. When I know where Christ is and what he is asking, but I'm afraid because the walk down the mountain is so long, and the world that awaits me is so uncertain.

"Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you." — Psalm 33

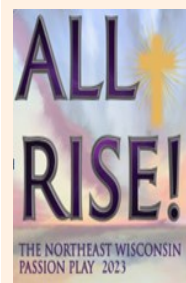
DAY/TIME	LECTOR	DISTRIBUTORS	GREETERS	SERVERS	USHERS
SUNDAY	Abby Matuszak	Don Eisenreich	Brock & Chase Socha	Liberty Schroeder	Don Eisenreich
8:00AM / MAR 12			Alec Socha	Eloise Melchert	Fred Fleming

INCOME FOR WEEK:

Church Support	\$ 1,232.46
Loose Collection	345.00
Cemetery Fees, Maintenance, etc.	925.00
Other	63.25

DISBURSEMENTS:

Otis Elevator	\$ 125.00
Snow Removal	500.00
RE Supplies - Church Candles	207.80



7:00 pm March 30, 31, April 1

1:00 pm April 1, 2

Xavier Fine Arts Theatre

1600 W. Prospect Ave., Appleton

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An original, uplifting dramatic musical based on the ministry, teachings, Passion and Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Meditation - March 5, 2023: 2nd Sunday of Lent

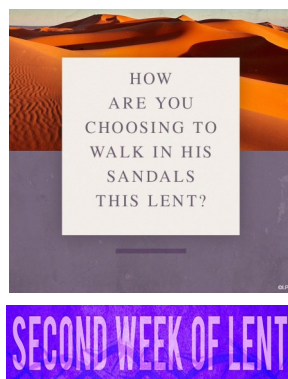
As a kid I remember looking at my sister and thinking, "No man is ever going to marry her. She is way too...my sister!" I couldn't see her as anything except my goofy, emotional, cooties-laden sister. Years later, on her wedding day, I remember seeing how her husband looked at her, he was totally in love with her, his watery eyes full of overwhelmed joy, drinking in her beauty and grace. He was the one who actually saw her. Blinded by familiarity, I had not been able to see her until now. She was glorious. I finally saw how beautiful my sister really was.

Jesus is transfigured before Peter, James, and John. His face shone like the sun and his clothes dazzle with heavenly light. If it's a miracle, it is so related to the apostles' perception of the glory of Jesus. The physical spectacle reveals how the Father perceives the Son, so to speak: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased; listen to him." The Son is always bathed in the Father's love. It's only just now that they finally perceive it.

Who could possibly give his or her heart totally to Jesus? If we perceive him to be just another teacher, symbol, or moral example, we can't. But if the Holy Spirit gives us eyes to see that he is the Beloved Son of God, who makes our humanity not just pleasing to God but filled with glory ... then who can resist him? Perhaps only the lovers are the ones who properly see. — Father John Muir

Jesus teaches us to repel the attacks of the devil who, as his name says, wants to sow division in us, between us and God, between us and others. How do we repel him? Not by negotiating with him, but by opposing him in faith with the divine word.

~ Pope Francis, Twitter



Why Do We Do That? - Catholic Life Explained - Lent

Question: Lent always seems to help me renew my relationship with God and strengthen my religious practice. Do you have any suggestions as to what I could do to achieve that the rest of the year?

Answer: The obvious answer may seem to be to do whatever you do during Lent all year round. But part of the power of Lent is that we focus as a community on renewing our faith and preparing for Easter. Our Lenten practices have a purpose and a goal. Therein lies the secret. When we focus our efforts on one virtue, or try to change one bad habit, or seek to deepen our understanding of one aspect of faith, we focus our efforts and give our full attention to what we are trying to accomplish. We tend to be more successful achieving our goals. More importantly, it has a ripple effect in our lives: one thing changes or is added to the spiritual mix of our lives and many aspects are changed. All too often we leave our spiritual growth to chance and the practice of faith to habit, and then wonder why we have no sense of growth or progress. Think of it in terms of exercise. We walk, lift weights, bend and stretch to attain the maximum benefit from what we do. In addition, to keep those benefits, we eat healthful food and get enough vitamins and rest. Spirituality requires the same kind of attention: we pray, fast, read the Bible, receive sacraments, and do charitable work to maximize the benefits of practicing faith. Keeping Lent year round keeps us in spiritual shape!



St John's Goal \$41,643

Given to date: \$18,183

Still needed: \$23,460

44% of our goal

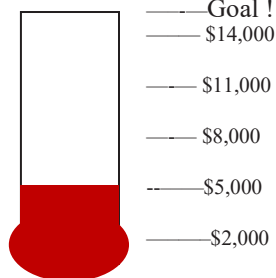
St Seb Goal: \$14,962

Given to date: \$5,050

Still needed: \$9,912

34% of their goal.

Bishop's Appeal



Ministry of the Sick: Please notify the parish office if a member of your family is confined to their home or is hospitalized. Also, please inform the hospital of your affiliation with your parish.

Baptisms: Please call the parish office two months in advance.

Marriage: Please call St. John's parish office eight months in advance.

Funeral Arrangements: Please call St. John's parish office.

Anointing of the Sick and Dying: Please call St. John's parish office.

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DC. Richard Matuszak
833-2294 or 609-5292

St Sebastian Parish Office - 833-2558
Hours – Mon/Tues/Thurs/8:00 – 4:00
Wednesday 8:30 - Noon, Closed Friday