

#### Lent is in full swing, how is it going?

This point in the Lenten season is an excellent time to take a look inward at how we are doing on whatever Lenten Promises were made. Perhaps as one looks inward, it is noted that everything is going smoothly and great spiritual progress is being made. On the other hand, sometimes it can look different, like "wait a minute, I need a restart." Regardless where you find yourself at this point, you are in a great spot! A great spot to continue good progress, or a great spot to start a new. The Lord is just happy that you are looking inward.

#### Why does God allow all this to happen?

If one were to look to the news today, it could be very depressing. It may even cause one's faith in God to be shaken. Why, if God is all powerful, all knowing and loving would he allow for such terrible atrocities to happen? He is God, why doesn't he stop all this evil? Is it payback for our sins?

The simple answer is no, it is not payback. Our God is a loving God and does not wish to punish us, he welcomes us always with open arms. The Lord does not wish for our suffering, rather, he only longs for our love. The gift of free will was given to all so that one may experience true divine love though individual actions and desires to want to love him. Each day, every person has the free will to choose to follow the Lord or to turn away from him.

It is through that same love he has for us that we are called to serve him by serving others. In this world that seems to be wracked with evil, we have the power to take a stand for good, against evil. We have been given the grace to love one another and to do his work here on earth. By simply taking one day at a time and making small differences in our homes, in our communities. This Lent is an excellent time to consider what small difference you can make in order to make this world a better place.

#### Did you know...

Recently there has been much discussion using the terms Discipleship and Evangelization, what do those words actually mean? According to Merriam-Webster the word disciple means: one who accepts and assists in spreading the doctrines of another.



# MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- Consecration of Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary ~ March 25 11 am ~ St. Peter's
- Shadow Stations of the Cross ~ NPHS April 10, TLHS April 13
- Discipleship Day ~ April 30
- Extreme Faith Camp ~ June 20-24
- Mission Trip ~ July 9
- Totus Tuus ~ July 17-22

#### GREAT SITES TO BOOKMARK

- Daily Readings ~ <a href="https://bible.usccb.org/">https://bible.usccb.org/</a>
- Resources for all ages (free to our parishioners, contact Jen with trouble registering)
   https://formed.org/
- Cluster website, stay up on all things in our cluster! ~ https:// www.northernlakescatholics. org/
- Faith on the Go! Find digital ways to grow each and every day: <a href="https://www.northernlakescatholics.org/faith-on-the-go-">https://www.northernlakescatholics.org/faith-on-the-go-</a>
- Fr. Mike Schmitz Bible in a Year Podcast: https:// ascensionpress.com/pages/ biy-registration

#### CLICK ON THE BOX TO GO TO THE WEB PAGE FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER.

# Pope Francis asks the faithful to join the Bishops and priests to Consecrate Ukraine and Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Pope Francis has asked bishops, priests and the faithful around the world to join him in consecrating Ukraine and Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on Friday, March 25, the feast of the Annunciation. The NLCC will have multiple opportunities to pray in solidarity that day.

Please consider joining for Mass this Friday, March 25 at St. Peter's. Adoration begins at 8:30 (the rosary will also be prayed) and Mass will begin at 9 am.

From 11 am –12 noon there will be Adoration at St. Peter's. During Adoration, The Act of Consecration will be prayed at 11:30 am as that more or less corresponds to the time in Rome that the Pope will be praying the Act of Consecration.

If you would like to join your prayer with those across the world, consider praying the Consecration and a rosary that day:

Click here to pray the Consecration of Russia and the Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.



#### **SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

# SDCCW Mary Jane Morancyk Hennessy Scholarships

Applications available from the SDCCW website: https://sdccw-wisconsin.weebly.com
Applications to be postmarked no later than April 30th.



#### St. Peter the Fisherman Scholarship

St. Peter the Fisherman Parish is offering a \$500 scholarship to a graduating senior. All Applications due May 1, 2022 Contact the office or go to our web page for an application.



## **REMINDER:**

There is no Faith Formation on either

Wednesday, March23 Or Wednesday, March 30

# God's Plan for Living a Joy-filled Marriage

Saturday, April 2, 2022
An Engaged Couple's Retreat Day
8:30am—5:30pm
Holy Rosary Social Center
Medford, WI



This retreat day is lead by married couples, deacons, and priests who will facilitate communication between the engaged persons, concerning the adjustments and steps that can be made to insure a joy-filled marriage. They do this by sharing their own lived experiences of marriage and life.

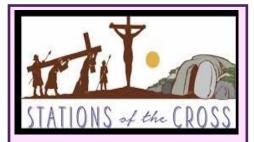
Cost is \$85 ~ Register contacting Holy Rosary Office.



#### THE PILLARS OF LENT

As we begin our Lenten journey, reflect on how your prayers, fasting and almsgiving can guide you. As Pope Francis explains, these are "elements which, when lived sincerely, can transform life and provide a sure foundation for dignity and fraternity." How can practicing the Lenten pillars transform your life and the lives of our sisters and brothers around the world?

Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.



#### March 3rd ~ April 8th

MONDAYS
ST. ALBERT ~

After 9:00 AM Mass

**TUESDAYS** 

ST. MARY ~

After 4:30 PM Mass

THURSDAYS

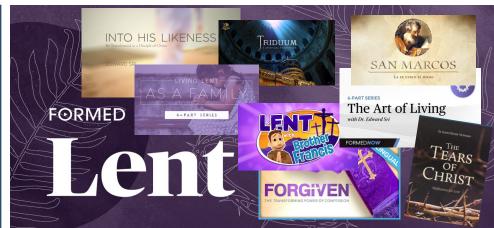
ST. KUNEGUNDA ~

After 8:30 AM Mass

**FRIDAYS** 

ST. THERESA ~ at 12:00 PM

**ST. PETER ~** at 5:00 PM



Our Cluster provides Formed.org access to all parishioners at NO CHARGE! It is a great resource with movies, books, audio, kids shows, studies and MORE!

Here is how you can enroll yourself to Formed.

Go to: formed.org or our site: northernlakescatholics.org

Choose the "Sign up as a Parishioner Option"

Find **St. Theresa of Avila**, in Three Lakes as your parish. This is the parish every parishioner will use, regardless of which church in the cluster is considered their home parish.

When you find that you will be asked for your name and for an Email.

Each subsequent time you go to the site, it should prompt you to **Start Watching**. You can access formed from any smart device.

ENJOY! Call the office with any troubles logging on!



WAY OF THE CROSS

April 10, 2022 ~ 4 pm
Northland Pines High School Auditorium

April 13, 2022 ~ 7 pm

Three Lakes High School Auditorium

Presented by:

**Northern Lakes Catholic Communities Youth** 

St. Albert, St. Kunegunda, St. Mary, St. Peter, St. Theresa

# **NLCC HOLY WEEK/EASTER LITURGIES**

PALM SUNDAY ~ April 10, 2022

Mass in all our cluster parishes with normal Mass times.

### **HOLY THURSDAY ~ April 14, 2022**

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER ~ 6 pm at St. Peter

GOOD FRIDAY ~ April 15, 2022 CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION 3 pm at St. Peter

#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

St. Mary at 10 am
St. Kunegunda at 10:30 am
St. Albert and St. Theresa at 12 Noon



# HOLY SATURDAY ~ April 16, 2022 CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION



#### FOOD BASKET BLESSING

at 10 AM at St. Peter

**EASTER VIGIL MASS~** –8 pm at St. Peter

## EASTER SUNDAY ~ April 17, 2022

Mass in all our cluster parishes with normal Mass times.

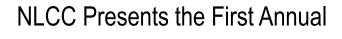
#### **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY ~ April 24, 2022**

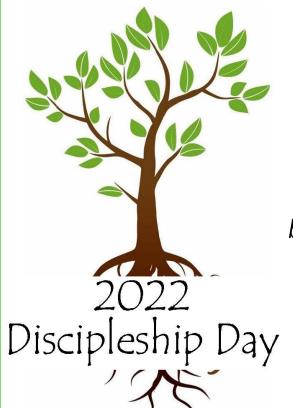
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#### **DIVINE MERCY PRAYER SERVICE**

Adoration, Divine Mercy chaplet and Reconciliation 3 PM at St. Peter







# Discipleship Day

A day committed to making disciples by growing as grow as disciples ourselves.

Saturday, April 30, 2022 9 am—3 pm St. Peter the Fisherman, Eagle River

Join us for Mass,
Adoration, Reconciliation
Talks by Peter & Katie Murphy
and small group discussions.
Lunch will be provided.

**ALL ARE WELCOME**. So that we may properly prepare, registration is requested.

# Peter and Katie Murphy

Peter currently serves as the Associate Director for the Curia in the



Diocese of Green Bay. Katie homeschools their children while also serving at the Director for Faith Formation at St. Maximillian Kolbe parish in Sobieski, WI. Peter and Katie love speaking together and sharing their passion for Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit with all.

Please register online, by calling the office, or stopping by a cluster Parish.

For those able, who are <u>not</u> part of the NLCC Cluster,

a \$10 free will offering is suggested to offset the cost of lunch.

Presented by the Northern Lakes Catholic Communities of St. Albert, St. Kunegunda, St. Mary, St. Peter and St. Theresa

