

OUR LADY OF THE FALLS

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

ST. BRIDGET

HOLY GHOST

NOTRE DAME



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT | MARCH 12, 2023

Regular **Weekday Mass** Schedule

Mon	8:00 am	Notre Dame
Tue	5:30 pm	Holy Ghost
Wed	8:00 am	Notre Dame
Wed	8:30 am	Holy Ghost
Thur	8:00 am	Notre Dame
Thur	5:30 pm	Holy Ghost
Fri	8:00 am	Notre Dame
Fri	8:30 am	Holy Ghost
Sat	8:00 am	Notre Dame

Confession Schedule

Confessions also available by appointment.

Notre Dame: Weekdays beginning 5 minutes after daily Mass.

Saturday: 3:45-4:15 pm

Sunday: 7:15-7:45 am; 9:15-9:45 am;
6:15-6:45 pm

Holy Ghost: Weekdays 15 minutes before daily Mass (except on Wednesday during the school year).

Thursday: 3-4:50 pm; Saturday: 4-4:45 pm

Regular **Sunday Mass** Schedule

Sat	4:30 pm	Notre Dame
Sat	5:00 pm	Holy Ghost
Sun	8:00 am	Notre Dame
Sun	8:00 am	Holy Ghost
Sun	9:30 am	St. Bridget
Sun	10:00 am	Notre Dame
Sun	11:00 am	Holy Ghost
Sun	7:00 pm	Notre Dame



St. Francesca of Rome

Feast Day: March 9 (1384 – 1440)

Francesca was born in the city of Rome in 1384 to a wealthy, noble family. She wanted to become a nun but was forced to marry. Although the marriage had been arranged, it was a happy one, lasting for forty years. Francesca visited the poor and took care of the sick, inspiring other wealthy women of the city to do the same. During a time of flood and famine, she turned part of the family's country estate into a hospital and distributed food and clothing to the poor. According to one account, her father-in-law was so angry that he took away from her the keys to the supply rooms; but gave them back when he saw that the corn bin and wine barrel were replenished after Francesca finished praying. She founded the Olivetan Oblates of Mary in 1421, a religious order for widowed women that cared for the poor and sick. St. Francesca was canonized by Pope Paul V on May 9, 1608.



A COMMUNITY OF THREE PARISHES

MISSION:

*To invite all people to encounter Christ,
and to inspire them to become saints.*

DAILY READINGS

Sunday, Mar. 5

Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 12:1-4a/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9 (25) Pss II

Monday, Mar. 6

Lenten Weekday

Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38 (230)

Tuesday, Mar. 7

Lenten Weekday

Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12 (231)

Wednesday, Mar. 8

Lenten Weekday

Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28 (232)

Thursday, Mar. 9

Lenten Weekday

Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31 (233)

Friday, Mar. 10

Lenten Weekday

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46 (234)

Saturday, Mar. 11

Lenten Weekday

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 (235)

Sunday, Mar. 12

Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42 (28) Pss III

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Mar. 11	4:30 pm	✠ Mary Yankee	ND
	5:00 pm	✠ Audrey Roseland	HG
Sunday, Mar. 12	8:00 am	✠ Jeanne Hancock	ND
	8:00 am	✠ Ken Briggs	HG
	9:30 am	✠ Lillian White	SB
	10:00 am	✠ Viola Kelly	ND
	11:00 am	For the Parishes	HG
Monday, Mar. 13	7:00 pm	✠ Tonny & Carol DeWit	ND
	8:00 am	No Mass.	ND
Tuesday, Mar. 14	5:30 pm	✠ Bob Jakubowski	HG
Wednesday, Mar. 15	8:00 am	No Mass.	ND
	8:30 am	✠ Wilfred & Norma Sundly	HG
Thursday, Mar. 16	8:00 am	No Mass.	ND
	5:30 pm	✠ Rodney Henning	HG
Friday, Mar. 17	8:00 am	✠ Tony, Mike & Russ Rowan	ND
	8:30 am	No Mass.	HG
Saturday, Mar. 18	8:00 am	✠ Nolan Samb	ND
	4:30 pm	✠ Peter Dachel	ND
	5:00 pm	✠ Lloyd Zwiefelhofer & Charles Hagen	HG
Sunday, Mar. 19	8:00 am	✠ Mike & Jan Krejchi	ND
	8:00 am	✠ Irene Haas & Marlene Sobrowicz	HG
	9:30 am	✠ James & Joan Carey	SB
	10:00 am	✠ Rick Boos	ND
	11:00 am	✠ Karen & Renee Klynk	HG
	7:00 pm	The intention of Tom & Elish Harvey	ND



From Fr. Jesse Burish

Praised be Jesus Christ!

Since the beginning of Lent I've been speaking about a not-so-commonly-known word in the life of the Church: *Mystagogy* (pronounced "mis-tuh-gah-gee"). *Mystagogy* refers to a period following the Easter Vigil when someone who has just entered the Church (namely, by baptism) receives further instruction in the Faith in which the meaning of the sacraments and Catholic life is deepened. In part, this is to help those newly received into the Church deepen their understanding of what happens in the Mass and the whole sacramental life of the Church.

You'll notice that starting this 3rd Sunday in Lent and going forward, our Gospel readings are drawn from John's Gospel, whereas before they came from Matthew. The reason we switch to John's Gospel is because John is, in so many ways "mystagogical." John's writing in very symbolic ways is intended to take us deeper into the "mysteries," that is, the sacraments of the Church, and this period of Lent is designed to help prepare those coming into the Church at Easter for their initiation.

In our Gospel reading this Sunday, Jesus and the Samaritan woman seem to be talking about drinking water but it's about more than that. The conversation we overhear is not just about her but very much about you and me as well. In biblical times, the well was the place where many people gathered. It was the place in a community where everyone had to go to get something they all needed for survival: water. In a sense, the church is our well. Here we gather with other Christians and here we too can meet the Lord, just as the Samaritan woman did. Through the Mass, the Lord speaks the truth of who we are, what we have done with our lives and what we can become if we follow him.

Throughout this Gospel runs this theme of the living water of God. "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." This is the water of Baptism, the water of the Holy Spirit. Jesus would say later, "If any one thirst, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Baptism was when our fundamental identity changed, and our relationship with God changed, and therefore our eternal destiny changed. Are you living as if you're baptized, or are you living as if you're not baptized? If sin has dried up your living waters and you have stifled your life in the Holy Spirit, perhaps this is a good week to return to the sacrament of Confession, that other sacrament that Church Fathers and doctors regarded as a kind of renewal of Baptism.

Now, just a word about one way in which our baptism is signified in the Mass. When we enter the Church, we dip our fingers in holy water and make the sign of the cross as a reminder of our baptismal identity in Christ. The Mass begins and ends with the sign of the cross. If we're paying attention, every time we make the sign of the cross, it should be for us a "mystagogy" experience. The sign of the cross is a visible sign of an invisible reality. In the sign of the cross, we recall our creation from the hands of the Trinity, and our recreation in baptism. The cross is our standard and protection as we are blessed with it going forward. In the sign of the cross we configure ourselves to Jesus and his cross.

Again, make this season a time of mystagogy—a deepening of what you have already received through Christ and his Church. Think about what your baptism means for you. Has it changed you, or what ways have you stifled its change in you? Think about the sign of the cross every time you make it, especially here in Mass in the church. What does it mean?

If we don't take the call of Lent to heart and strive for conversion and strive to deepen our awareness of our baptism and the Mass and the sacraments, then graces that God has given us bear little fruit in our lives. Come and drink of the overflowing well of Christ's Passion at this altar and renew that moment in your life when the waters of baptism made you a new creation.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Adorers Needed at the Goldsmith Chapel

By leaving us the Blessed Sacrament, Jesus gives us the chance to be with Him every day. Stop by anytime—open Sunday 7 am - Friday 10 am.

Adorers Needed for the following hours:

Sunday 11 am

Monday 2 pm

Tuesday 2 pm

Wednesday Midnight

Wednesday 1 am

Please call Andy at 715-568-5243 if you can help with any of these hours.

Adoration, Confession, Evening Prayer and Mass at Holy Ghost

Thursdays from 3-5 pm Adoration with confession followed by 5 pm evening prayer, Benediction, and 5:30 pm Mass.

PLEASE PRAY FOR
THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF

† Donald "Tick" Schulz (ND)

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon him.

May he rest in peace. Amen.

May his soul and the souls of all the
faithful departed, through the mercy of God,
rest in peace. Amen.



Baptism

Please welcome recently baptized

at Notre Dame

Walter Pintens, son of Mickenzie
(Endres) and Jacob Pintens

at Holy Ghost

Ivy Rurup, daughter of Katherine
(Sabaska) and Justin Rurup

PARISH SUPPORT

Our Lady of the Falls Catholic Community is not an entity that can receive donations. Please make donation checks out to the individual parish.

St. Bridget Support

Collection Received Feb. 26: \$1,081.00
Monthly ACH \$305.00

Holy Ghost Parish Support

Collection Received Feb. 26: \$4,568.00
Monthly ACH \$5,704.50

How to give to either St. Bridget or Holy Ghost: Donations from visitors or non-parishioners are welcome. You can place your contribution in the collection basket at Mass or:

- Mail your envelope to Holy Ghost, 412 S. Main St., Chippewa Falls, WI 54729.
- Contact the parish office to set up ACH automatic withdrawal, or visit the parish website for online giving via credit card.

Notre Dame Parish Support

Collection Received Feb. 26: \$7,533.15
Mar. 5: \$12,595.64
Monthly ACH \$17,181.18

We need your financial support! There are several ways you can make a contribution. You can place it in the collection basket at Mass or:

- Mail your envelope to us at Notre Dame, 117 Allen St., Chippewa Falls, WI 54729.
- Contact the parish office to set up ACH automatic withdrawal, or visit the parish website for online giving via credit card.
- Remember to drop off or mail in your Capital Improvement donations



St. Francesca Resource Center

*Located on the west side of the GREC.
Enter the single green door by the flag pole.*

Open Tuesdays: 9 am–1 pm & 4–7 pm

715-215-2638 | st.francesca.rc@gmail.com

www.stfrancesca.org

Catholic Charities offers FREE financial management sessions. Call Catholic Charities at 715-832-6644 to confirm availability.

LOCAL & DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mar. 12: Tilden Lions Sheephead and Euchre Tournament Join us at 1 pm in the St. Peter Catholic Church basement for our annual Sheephead and Euchre Tournament. Entry is \$10 which includes lunch. The tournament follows the St. Peter Home and School Association breakfast served from 8:30-11:30 am (free will offering). Handicap accessible. 11358 County Hwy Q, Chippewa Falls

Mar. 12: St. Peter Mega Raffle Only 200 tickets being sold. Top prizes include: \$4,500, \$2,000, \$1,500. Drawing Mar. 12. Tickets are \$100. Contact spparishofficers@gmail.com for a ticket.

Mar. 16: The Chippewa Falls Area Catholic Women's Club will have their March Luncheon at the Fill Inn Station. **Note change of location.** Social hour is at 11:30 am followed by lunch at 12:30 pm. Wear green in honor of St. Patrick. Menu will include roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, buttered corn, coleslaw, rolls, dessert, coffee and milk. Cost is \$15. For reservations call Lorraine Gardow at 715-723-0579. We invite new members to attend and join our Catholic organization to promote fellowship among women from local parishes who support the McDonell Area Catholic Schools. Annual dues are \$10 and start each year in October.

Mar. 17: The St. Olaf Men's Club invites you to our All-You-Can-Eat Fish Fry. Serving hours are 4-7 pm. Menu includes: beer-battered fried or baked fish, French fries or baked potato, vegetables, coleslaw, and salad bar. Cost is \$14 for all adults, \$5 for children ages 5-12, kids 4 and under are free. Carry-outs will be available. St. Olaf Catholic Church, 2407 North Lane, Eau Claire, WI.

Mar. 19: St. Joseph Day at Lilydale, 6343 Cty Hwy N, Chippewa Falls. You are cordially invited to join us for a celebration of Thanksgiving to be hosted at Lilydale in honor of St. Joseph. **11:45 am:** Doors open **Noon:** Welcome and Grace followed by Italian Luncheon | **1 pm:** Blessing of St. Joseph Altar followed by a social hour until 3 pm. Additional details on the website at: lilydalewi.com — Public Events. Kindly reply that you will be attending: call/text 715-456-2328 or email elizabeth@lilydalewi.com

Mar. 19: Catholic Medical Association Meeting from 6-7 pm at St. Mary's Church 1812 Lynn Ave, Altoona. The topic will be "Eat, Fast, Feast" by Jay W. Richards. Everyone is welcome.

Mar. 19: Catholic Order of Foresters Spring Meeting for the Chippewa Valley. Mass at St. Paul's at 11 am. Dinner at Main Street Cafe at 12:30 pm. Meeting to follow. All COF members are welcome to attend.

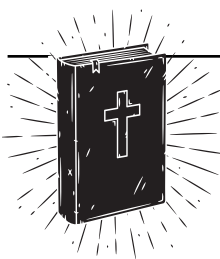
Mar. 27: American Red Cross Blood Drive at St. Olaf Parish Parish Center (Enter Door #4), 3220 Monroe St, Eau Claire on Mar. 27 from 10 am-4 pm. For an appointment, please call 715-832-2504, ext. 100 or 1-800-733-2767. Appointments can also be scheduled online: www.redcrossblood.org

Mar. 31: THE LAST ONE! New England Style Fish Boil dinner at Immaculate Conception serving 4:30-6:30 pm for Dine-In OR Carry-Out meals only; there will be no "Drive-up/Take Home" service provided this year. Meals include boiled Pollack, Red Potatoes, Onions, Carrots; Coleslaw, Macaroni & Cheese, Vienna Bread, and Beverage. Our famous Fish Chowder will also be available this time. Tickets are sold on-site starting 4 pm at the Immaculate Conception School Entrance, 1702 Sherwin Ave, Eau Claire. Meals will be served in the wheelchair accessible (elevator) school basement cafeteria. Hot Dogs available for kids age 13 & under. Price: Adults \$14; Children 6-12 \$7; Children 5 & Under \$Free. All Carry-Out Meals \$14.

Immaculate Conception Parish is seeking applicants for the "Head of Maintenance" position. This person is responsible for organizing and supervising a maintenance program of Immaculate Conception School and Parish. Interested applicants may apply for a part-time or full-time position.

Employment Opportunities at MACS for the remainder of the 2022-23 school year: Primary and Elementary Substitute Teachers, MS Track Coach, JV Baseball Head Coach, Assistant Varsity Coach, Shuttle Drivers (morning & afternoon), Food Service. Please visit our website ABOUT - EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY or contact Mary Beth Pfeifer at 715-723-0538 x3312 or by email hr@macs.k12.wi.us

MACS 4K - Grade 12 2023-24 Enrollment is open! Did you know schoolchildren will typically spend about 15,000 hours in school? Catholic schools partner with parents to form children in faith, while providing an excellent education and community atmosphere. Families may go to the Admissions section of our website for more information or contact Admissions Coordinator Kathleen Adams at 715-723-0538 to learn more, schedule a tour, apply for financial aid, or apply. Enrollment is subject to a family meeting with the principal and records review (for transfer students).



FAITH FORMATION

Two separate Bible studies are taking place, everyone is welcome!

The first is on the gospel of Matthew, and the second is the story of Salvation History. Both Bible studies meet Tuesday 9:30 am in the GREC Mary room. Contact jshakal@ourladyofthefalls.org for more information

Young Adult Lectio Divina

Join the Chippewa Catholic Young Adults for Lectio Divina on Thursdays at 7 pm. Young adults in their 20's and 30's get

together once a week to prayerfully read, reflect on, and discuss the Gospel for the coming Sunday. Locations may vary. For more information contact Kate by calling or texting 715-705-2240 or kzweber@ourladyofthefalls.org.

Basketball for Young Adults. Join other young adults as they play Basketball in the GREC Gym at 7:30 pm on Wednesday nights (22 S Prairie St, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729). Contact Kate for more information at 715-705-2240 or kzweber@ourladyofthefalls.org.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Program Children ages 3-5 will discover and explore both liturgical and scriptural Montessori-based materials specifically designed to help lead the child into a deeper relationship with the Good Shepherd. One characteristic of a child this age is independence, therefore we strive to answer this call for the child with our motto being: "Help me fall in love with God by myself." Please pray for the children Tuesdays from 9:30-11 am. Classes have begun, for more information please contact Cassandra Klinkhammer at kassandra.klinkhammer@gmail.com.

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)

Do you know anyone interested in becoming Catholic, or Catholic and wishing to be confirmed? Please contact John at jshakal@ourladyofthefalls.org for more information.

Are you looking for faith-filled activities for your 4k-12th grade children for summer 2023?

Take a few moments to fill out this form to help give us an idea of interests for your children for the summer. This survey includes those interested in Totus Tuus, VBS, Steubenville, Mission Trips, and Summer Fun Youth Nights among other opportunities. Filling out this form will also sign you up for updates on the summer as details are finalized. Summer 2023 Interest Form: <https://tinyurl.com/cfym23info>

"Christ With Us" Lent Series Please join us Thursday mornings during Lent from 9-10:15 am at the GREC, St Joseph room for a weekly Lent session. Refreshments will be served. Questions, please email Renee Zimmerman at rzimmerman@ourladyofthefalls.org. ■ March 16 - The Shroud of Turin ■ March 23 - The Precious Blood of Jesus ■ March 30 - St. Faustina and Divine Mercy

"The Screwtape Letters" Lenten Discussion Group Join with other Chippewa Falls area Catholics as we explore C.S. Lewis' book, "The Screwtape Letters". By looking at corruption of a human soul from the perspective of a devil, we'll learn how to not be a Christian while at the same time discovering how to be a Christian through loving things the devil hates and hating things the devil loves. Our adventure runs each Saturday until April 1. Meetings will be 9:30 am-11 am in Holy Ghost School (come in the back door off the big parking lot). Bring your own book or purchase one at the first meeting (\$10). No reading necessary before the first meeting. Bring your own coffee, we'll provide the rolls. Members of all area parishes are welcome. RSVP to Paula Hanson phanson@ourladyofthefalls.org or Alexis Pomietlo dre@stcharles-cf.com

Saint Francesca Food Drive A Food Drive to help stock the shelves at the St. Francesca Resource Center will take place on March 26th. Grocery bags with a list of needed items will be distributed after Mass on March 18 and 19. *And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.'* Matthew 25:40

The Saint Francesca Resource Center would like to thank Boy Scout-Troop 13 for collecting 235 pounds of non-perishable food items during their annual pancake breakfast at Holy Ghost Parish! Thank you for a job well done and much appreciated!

THIS & THAT FROM SR. YVONNE

Give Me Your Living Water

Today, we go from reading the Gospel of Matthew to the Gospel of John (John 4: 5-42). The dialogue between Jesus and a woman from Samaria is among the longest and most theological found in Scripture. It is a wonder that the conversation happened at all. Jesus, a Jew, was expected to avoid conversations with women in public. The bad feelings between Jews and Samaritans should have prevented the conversation as well. There was a rivalry between the Jews and the Samaritans.

Like the Jews, the Samaritans believed that a Messiah would come, but they also were influenced by the worship of other gods and they intermarried with foreigners—no love lost there. We can better understand the conversation if we consider the importance of water, especially in the climate of Israel and at the noon time of the day. One can live without food for days, but not without water. The disciples were in town buying food, so when the woman came to the well, Jesus asked her for a drink of water and the conversation began. The high point is when Jesus reveals himself to her as the Messiah.

After the conversation, the Samaritan woman becomes a disciple. Even though she is not a Jew she returns to town to lead others to Jesus: "COME AND SEE." The townspeople return with her to meet Jesus for themselves and many come to believe in Him.

The encounter with Jesus has many levels for the Samaritan woman. First, she is converted to believe in Jesus as the Messiah, even though He knows her sins (many husbands) but He speaks to her just the same. The second level is social: The Samaritan woman becomes an evangelist to her own people: "COME

AND SEE." The third level is educational. Jesus uses this encounter to teach his disciples that God's mercy has no limits. The disciples return from their shopping confused because they found Jesus talking to this Samaritan, a woman at that! The townspeople began to believe in Jesus because they had heard for themselves that Jesus was truly the Savior of the world.

The Liturgy of today reminds us of our baptism. It is the water that began to quench our thirst for all that is good and worthwhile, for Jesus himself. Baptism is not just a ritual, but a new way of living, a lasting bond to the person of Jesus and union with the community of the Church. As the Catholic Community of Our Lady of the Falls, let us pray for each other, for our children and grandchildren so that we might live the promises of our Baptism. We are nourished by the Eucharist as we come together each week. Can we reach out to others and say like the Samaritan woman, "COME AND SEE?"

GENERAL PARISH INFO

St. Bridget715-723-4890
412 S. Main St., Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

Holy Ghost Office715-723-4890
412 S. Main St., Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

Notre Dame Office715-723-7108
117 Allen St., Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

Bulletin Announcements:

Due on Mondays by noon. Submit to
bulletin@ourladyofthefalls.org.

If you are interested in becoming a new member of Notre Dame, St. Bridget, or Holy Ghost and have not yet registered, we would love to have you! Contact Kate Zweber via a text message or phone call at 715-705-2240 or email kzweber@ourladyofthefalls.org.

Marriage Preparation: Arrangements must be made with the Pastor at least six months in advance. Contact Angie at the administration office 715-705-2241.

Baptism: To arrange for baptism contact Angie at the administration office 715-705-2241.

Homebound: Please give us a call if you or someone you know is homebound and would like a parish contact. Contact Notre Dame or St. Bridget/Holy Ghost parish office.

Anointing of the Sick Available any time.
Contact the administration office at 715-723-7108.

Goldsmith Adoration Chapel Contact:
Andy Shakal | 715-568-5243

***GREC**=Goldsmith Religious Education Center

SB=St. Bridget/**HG**=Holy Ghost/**ND**=Notre Dame



Prayer Requests / Ministry of Prayer If you have prayer intentions that you would like to submit, please contact:

ND: Janet Michaud at jmmichaud@charter.net
SB: Marilyn – 715-723-0514
HG: Letty – 715-861-3998

COVER ART:

Jesus and the Samaritan Woman at the Well
Guercino, 1640

OUR LADY OF THE FALLS ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Bridget

Mar. 12-19 — Birthdays: Steve Falch, Natale Mielke, Weston Mielke, Allison O'Neill, Sue Jacobson, Ken Johnson, Mackenzie Christopher

Faith, Fellowship And Fun Celebrate the Lenten season at St. Bridget's Hall on Saturday, March 18 beginning at 6 pm with a family movie night. We will start the movie when Fr. Guenther arrives after the 5 pm Mass at Holy Ghost. We will show the movie "WONDER." The Pulver's will provide the popcorn. Bring your own beverage and movie snacks. SEE YOU ON THE 18th AT 6 pm! This invitation extends to all in the Catholic Community of Our Lady of the Falls. That means "You"

Stations of the Cross Each Wednesday Night at 6:30 pm at St. Bridget's. We pray the Rosary, walk the Stations of the Cross and have a Communion service. We share prayers for our intentions and those of the whole world, especially for world peace. You are invited to attend!

Happy St. Patrick's day to those who are Irish and those who are Irish just for the day!

Holy Ghost

Festival News! Mary Pfiefer has agreed to co-chair (LEAD) the festival with me. I'm really excited about this. Can't wait to work with you, Mary. If you see Mary, please welcome her to the festival team!!! If anyone else would like to help with the festival, please contact Wanda Brooks 715- 404-8663. This year's festival set for Sept. 10.

Triduum Choir - We are starting a Triduum Choir here at Holy Ghost. Opportunities to sing are: Holy Thursday at 7 pm, Good Friday at 3 pm and Easter Vigil at 8:30 pm. You can pick and choose when you want to sing. If interested, call Lisa Hubbard at 715-723-0759. Thank you!

Praise to the Lord! Holy Ghost Choir has plenty of room for you to join our choir! Practices are on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm. We sing at the 8 am Sunday Masses. High School students are welcome too. To join or if you have questions, please call Lisa Hubbard at 715-723-0759.

Faith in Action CRS Rice Bowls Please pick up a rice bowl in the back of church to help you on your Lenten journey. The bowl will help with your alms giving this lent. Place the bowl on your family's dinner table and use the calendar found inside the bowl. The calendar gives you stories of hope, recipes from different countries, and suggestions to help you have a meaningful lenten journey. *HG Social Concerns*

Notre Dame

The Men Of Notre Dame Will Sing On Sunday March 19. New singers are always welcome. Please join us for the following rehearsals: Wednesday March 15 at 5:30 pm in the choir loft and Sunday March 19 at 9 am in the GREC Dining Hall Please contact Dave Van de Loo at 715-396-1895 with any questions. Thanks.

Triduum Choir will be here soon! All parishioners are invited to join the Triduum Choir that prepares to sing during the Triduum Masses at Notre Dame. If you are looking for a short musical commitment - this is the group for you! Rehearsals are Mar. 15, and Apr. 5 from 6:45-7:45 pm. Connect with Mike Renneke, music director, to let us know you are interested or with questions.

Notre Dame Offertory Gift Bearer Sign up Form We invite you to sign up for your family to bring up the offertory gifts for the weekend Masses at Notre Dame. There is a flier in the back of the church on the bulletin board with a scan code to sign up. You can also sign up online at www.ourladyofthefalls.org under Current Announcements and also under Notre Dame - Ministries and Apostolates - Liturgical Ministries - Gift Bearer. You will receive an email reminder two days prior to the date you signed up for. When you come for Mass the day you signed up to bring up the offertory gifts, please sign in on the Liturgy Form at the back of Church. We look forward to seeing your family bring up the offertory gifts!

Spring 2023 Liturgy Schedule for Our Lady of the Falls Community

City Lenten Penance Service at St. Charles:

Thursday, March 30: 6:30 pm

Holy Thursday (April 6):

Notre Dame: 7 pm

Holy Ghost: 7 pm

Good Friday (April 7):

Notre Dame: 1 pm

Holy Ghost: 3 pm

Easter Vigil (April 8):

Notre Dame: 8:30 pm

Holy Ghost: 8:30 pm

Easter Sunday (April 9):

Notre Dame: 8 am; 10 am; NO 7 pm Mass

Holy Ghost: 8 am; 11 am

St. Bridget: 9:30 am

Divine Mercy Sunday (April 16):

Notre Dame: Time TBD

First Holy Communion

Notre Dame: April 23: 10 am Mass | Holy Ghost: April 30: 11 am Mass

Stations of the Cross

FRIDAYS

Holy Ghost: Noon | Notre Dame: 5:15 pm

WEDNESDAYS St. Bridget: 6:30 pm

Decree from The Most Reverend William Patrick Callahan, Bishop of La Crosse

The disciplinary practice of abstaining from meat on the Fridays in Lent is an important dimension of the penitential nature of the season. This year, the Feast of St. Patrick, March 17, 2023, falls on a Friday in Lent. Given the many celebrations that occur on this day in accord with the norm of the law, I herewith grant to all Catholics of the Diocese of La Crosse as well as all present here that day, a dispensation from abstinence from meat and meat products. I encourage all who make use of this dispensation to engage in another sacrificial or charitable act that day.



Divine Mercy Sunday, a universal church Feast will be observed on the First Sunday after Easter Sunday, April 16. In her Diary, St. Maria Faustina Kowalska recorded 14 revelations from our Lord requesting this feast. The most complete, concise description is found in entry 699: "I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. ... The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment."

To receive the extraordinary graces of this feast, one must receive Holy Communion worthily on Divine Mercy Sunday, (or the vigil celebration),

by making a good Confession beforehand, staying in the state of grace and receive with great trust in Divine Mercy. We also are encouraged to venerate the Divine Mercy Image and perform acts of mercy through deed, word, or prayer. Our deanery program will be held at Notre Dame in Chippewa Falls. Please watch the bulletin for specifics in the near future.

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A Prayer for Lent

O gracious Master, infuse in our hearts the spotless light of Your Divine Wisdom and open the eyes of our mind that we may understand the teachings of Your Gospel. Instill in us also the fear of Your blessed commandments, so that having curbed all carnal desires, we may lead a spiritual life, both thinking and doing everything to please You. For You, O Christ, our God, are the enlightenment of our souls and bodies; and to You we render glory, together with Your eternal Father, and with Your all holy, life-creating Spirit, now and ever, and forever.

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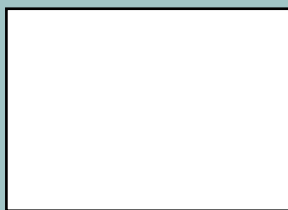
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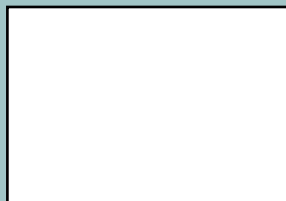
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