

St. Francis of Assisi Pastorate

March 16, 2025

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Location & Hours

107 S 7th Street

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Monday 9:00—12:00

Tuesday 9:00—1:00

Wednesday 9:00—1:00

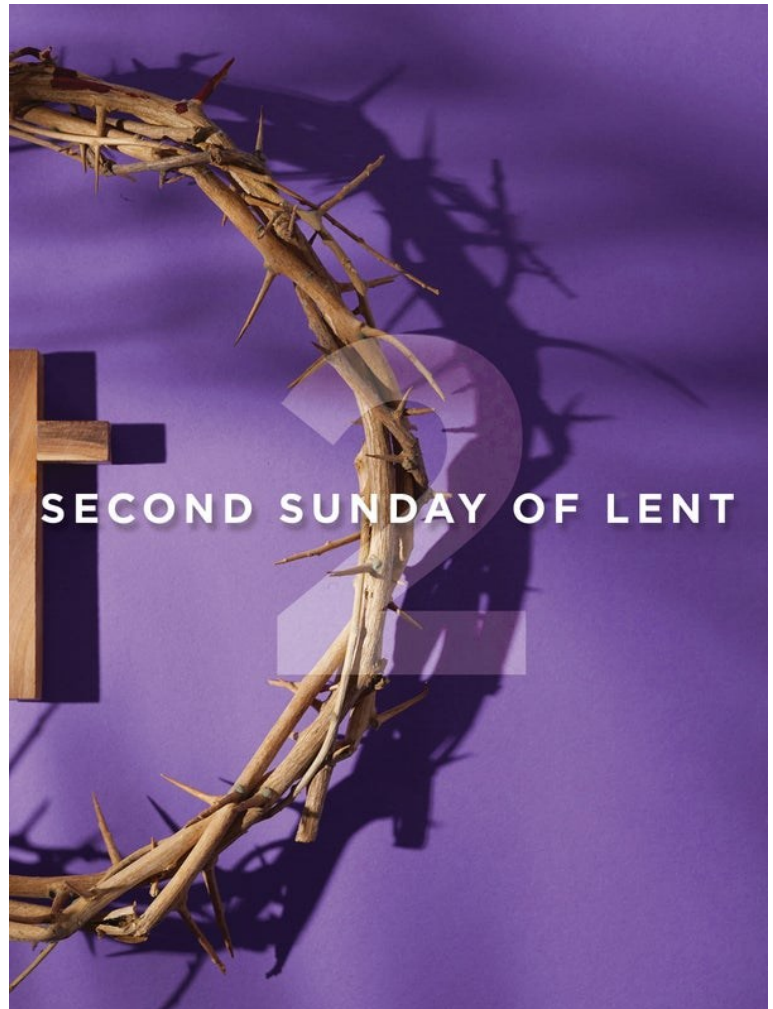
Thursday 9:00—1:00

Friday 9:00—1:00

**Contact the office to schedule Weddings
(6 months prior), Baptism or Baptism Class,
Hospital/Homebound visits & OCIA**

FOR EMERGENCY PASTORAL CARE

Contact Fr. Rob directly—(608) 437-5349



St. Bridget

803 Main St.

Ridgeway, WI 53582

Holy Redeemer Perry

10070 Spring Valley Dr.

Mt. Horeb, WI 53572

Immaculate Conception

304 Meadow St.

Blanchardville WI 53516

Immaculate Conception

100 Church St.

Barneveld, WI 53507

St. Ignatius of Loyola

109 S 6th St.

Mt. Horeb WI 53572

St. Patrick

601 Grover St.

Hollandale, WI 53544

RW = Ridgeway

BA = Barneveld

HR = Perry

MH = Mt. Horeb

BL = Blanchardville

HO = Hollandale

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We are now in the second week of Lent. During this season of Lent in our St. Francis of Assisi pastorate we want to recollect four spiritual habits. They are daily prayer, monthly confession, Friday penance and re-claiming Sunday. The first week we reflected on first spiritual habit - daily prayer.

This second week we focus on Monthly Confession. St. John Paul used to tell young people that if they wanted to mature faster, one of the best means was to frequent confession, because a thorough examination of conscience would help them to get to know themselves, a sorrowful confession would assist them to grow in a sense of personal responsibility, and the firm resolve to change one's behavior would be an enormous aid in the formation of the virtues. No matter how young we are, these truths remain valid.

What are the fruits of frequent confession? The Catechism lists several of them: "The regular confession of our venial sins helps us from our conscience, fight against evil tendencies, let ourselves be healed by Christ and progress in the life of the Spirit. By receiving more frequently through this sacrament the gift of the Father's mercy, we are spurred to be merciful as he is merciful" (CCC 1458).

Pope Pius XII gave a more extended list of the spiritual advantages in his 1943 encyclical *Mystici Corporis*. "To ensure more rapid progress day by day in the path of virtue, the pious practice of frequent confession, which was introduced into the Church by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, should be earnestly advocated," he wrote. "By it, genuine self-knowledge is increased, Christian humility grows, bad habits are corrected, spiritual neglect and tepidity are resisted, the conscience is purified, the will strengthened, a salutary self-control is attained, and grace is increased in virtue of the Sacrament itself." In this statement pope Pius XII named benefits.

During his Angelus meditation, Pope Francis eloquently stated, "God never tires of forgiving us, but we tire of asking for forgiveness," and prayed, "May we never tire of asking for what God never tires of giving."

Frequent confession is the means by which we never fatigue of receiving the love God lavishly wants to give.

Forgiveness and the Journey of Healing

Tuesday, April 8, 2025, 6:30pm

St. Ignatius Church



Robert Enright is a licensed psychologist and a professor of educational psychology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He established the International Forgiveness Institute, Inc. in 1994. He is the pioneer researcher in the social sciences on the psychology of forgiveness. Time magazine referred to him as the forgiveness trailblazer. The author of over 130 publications, including seven books, he has lectured extensively across the world on the themes of forgiveness therapy and forgiveness education. He has appeared on ABC's 20/20, NBC's Nightly News, and in the National Public Television documentary The Power of Forgiveness. He currently is helping schools to establish forgiveness education in Athens, Greece; Belfast, Northern Ireland; Galilee, Israel; and Monrovia, Liberia, Africa.

The STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross is one of a simple, yet powerful, way to prayerfully walk alongside Jesus and encounter him like never before.

There are fourteen Stations of the Cross. Each is an invitation to contemplate and experience a pivotal moment from Jesus' sentencing to his death to his burial. They are a powerful way to step into some of the most significant moments in human history and encounter Jesus like never before.

Come and pray the Stations of the Cross this Lent

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| Friday, March 7 | 6:00 pm St. Ignatius, Mount Horeb |
| Friday, March 14 | 6:00 pm Holy Redeemer, Perry |
| Friday, March 21 | 6:00 pm St. Ignatius, Mount Horeb |
| Friday, March 28 | 6:00 pm Holy Redeemer, Perry |
| Friday, April 4 | 6:00 pm St. Ignatius, Mt. Horeb |
| Friday, April 11 | 6:00 pm Holy Redeemer, Perry |

Wednesdays of Lent after the 8:00am Mass Immaculate Conception, Blanchardville

Fridays of Lent after the 8:00am Mass St. Patrick, Hollandale

A person who is suffering from a slight illness... has no need to go and see a doctor, she can get well alone... But if it is a serious illness, if it is a dangerous wound, then the doctor must be called in, and after the doctor come the medicines. When we have fallen into some grave sin, we must go to the doctor, who is the priest, and take the medicine, which is confession.

John Vianney

St. Thomas Aquinas said that friends share three things: time, possessions and secrets. For example, how do I know if you're my friend? Well, let's say we've been to Mexico together, you've tried my shaky attempts at pasta carbonara, and you know what ridiculous costume I wore in a music video I filmed in my early twenties. We, dear reader, are definitely friends. We've shared time, possessions and secrets.

How does friendship with Jesus develop? The same way. Jesus lives and eats with his disciples. Then he takes Peter, James and John to Mount Tabor and there reveals to them his deepest secret: his glorious, divine Sonship. The majesty of God shines from within his humanity in a way that goes beyond description. God the Father confirms this "secret," saying, **"This is my chosen Son, listen to him"** (Luke 9:35). It's all so precious that **"they fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone."** Do we take time to be alone with Christ, to allow him to mystically share this "secret" with us as his dear friends?

Lenten challenge: This week, identify one time when you experienced an awareness of some specific aspect of Jesus — perhaps on a retreat, at Mass, in prayer or in an act of service. Spend ten minutes consciously re-living that experience in your heart. If you can't recall one, set aside at least two hours this Lent as a mini retreat, either alone in nature or in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Focus on him and ask him to share the secrets of his heart with you. He will. Then, as his friend, share the secrets in your heart.

— Father John Muir

FINANCIAL - Weekend of March 2, 2025

Barneveld & Ridgeway (St. Bernadette)

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| Offertory | \$ 885.00 |
| Loose Collection | \$ 194.75 |
| Online Giving | \$ 170.00 |
| Cemetery Care | \$ |
| Building Fund | \$ 50.00 |
| TOTAL | \$ 1,299.75 |

Blanchardville & Hollandale & Argyle (St. Isidore)

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| Offertory | \$ 2,724.00 |
| Cemetery Care | \$ 95.00 |
| Intl. Combined | \$ 300.00 |
| Holy Day | \$ 100.00 |
| Year to Date | \$ 85,811.70 |

Holy Redeemer Perry & Mt. Horeb (St. Michael the Archangel)

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| Total Contributions | \$ 12,679.85 |
| Weekly Budget | \$ 5,606.00 |
| Surplus (Shortage) | \$ 7,073.85 |

2024-2025 Fiscal Year Total

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| Contributions | \$ 196,707.11 |
| Budget | \$ 196,210.00 |
| Surplus (Shortfall) | \$ 497.11 |

Capital Improvements Funds

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| Contributions for week ending | 3/4/2025 | \$ 380.00 |
| Contributions this fiscal year | 3/4/2025 | \$ 16,461.00 |
| Fund Balance | 3/4/2025 | \$ 107,126.60 |

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!

Weekly Mass Schedule

Saturday, March 15

4:00 pm Earl & Frances Garfoot (BL)
5:00 pm No Mass (RW)
5:00 pm Mary Bollig (MH)

Sunday, March 16

8:00 am Agnes Schlimgen (HR)
9:00 am Jasper Staley-Ross (BA)
10:30 am (MH)
10:30 am People of the Pastorate (HO)

Tuesday, March 18

8:00 am Art & Charlotte Sutter (MH)
8:00 am (RW)

Wednesday, March 19

8:00 am Holy Souls in Purgatory (BL)
8:00 am Jon Leonhardt (BA)

Thursday, March 20

8:00 am World Peace (HO)
8:00 am Lenore Anderson (MH)

Friday, March 21

8:00 am Lawrence Hefty (MH)
8:00 am Holy Souls in Purgatory (HO)

Saturday, March 22

4:00 pm No Mass (BL)
5:00 pm Marlene Ryan (RW)
5:00 pm Leo & Theresa Sutter Family (MH)

Sunday, March 23

8:00 am † Leroy & Seraphine Schlimgen (HR)
9:00 am (BA)
10:30 am Marjorie & Raymond Lorenz Sr. (MH)
10:30 am Barbara & Lawrence Sutter (HO)

THANK YOU, members of St. Michael the Archangel Parish,
for your generous support of our Sentiments for Seminarians
collections last November.

Your contributions enabled us to provide **\$1,700.00** in gift
cards to the seminarians of the Madison Diocese!



Thank you for your incredible charitable spirit!

Your generosity truly makes a difference!

- Knights of Columbus Council #10559

Lay Minister Schedule March 22 & 23

St. Ignatius of Loyola—Mt. Horeb

Saturday March 22

Music: Greg Dennis & Shari Sailing
Servers: Brinley Steiner
Greeters: Pat & Angie Hefty
Ushers: Nick Meier & Bill Sutter
Reader: Heidi Meier
Eucharistic: Kevin Hefty, Pat Hefty &
Minister: Heidi Meier
Sacristan: Nick & Heidi Meier

Sunday March 23

Music: Patsy Byrnes & Shari Sailing
Server: Preston & Declyn Myers

Greeters: Connie & Laurel Grindle
Ushers: Mike Barcheski & Joe Connors
Reader: Chris Pfahler
Eucharistic: Chuck Misky, Nancy Parsley &
Ministers: Chris Pfahler
Sacristan: Nancy Parsley

Holy Redeemer—Perry

Sunday March 23

Music: Theresa Judd & Mary Affeldt Sutter
Greeters:
Reader:
Eucharistic Minister:
Server:

Immaculate Conception—Blanchardville

Saturday March 22

No Mass

St. Patrick—Hollandale

Sunday March 23

Reader: John Conway
Eucharistic Minister: Jim Sigg
Server: Luke Sigg

St. Bridget—Ridgeway

Saturday March 22

Reader: Terri Walczak

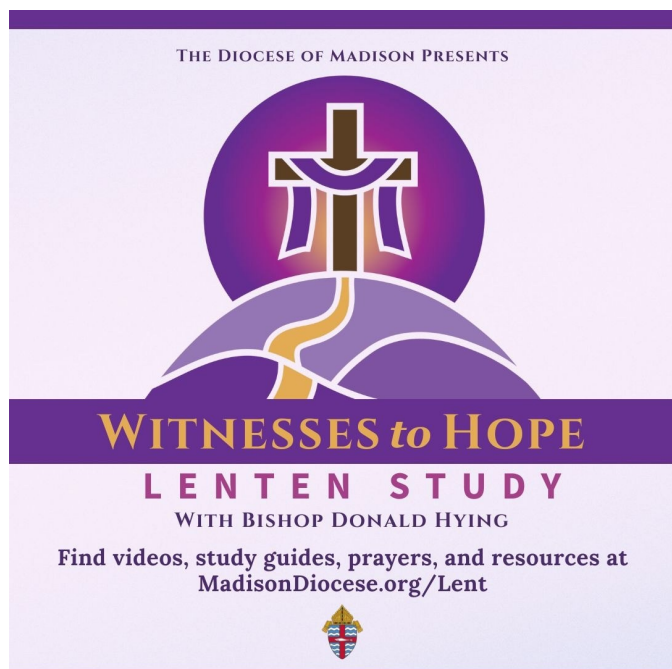
Immaculate Conception—Barneveld

Sunday March 23

Greeter: Tonya & Brian Droessler
Reader: Michelle Lancaster
Eucharistic Minister: Mary Ann Meyers

Upcoming Events:

- March 16 Pot Luck at Holy Redeemer following 8:00 am Mass. Please bring a dish to pass. EVERYONE WELCOME!
- March 18 Community Supper Hosted by St. Michael's Parish, Mount Horeb Senior Center, 107 North Grove
- March 19 Stations of the Cross, following 8:00 am Mass, Immaculate Conception, Blanchardville
- March 20 SMA KC meeting 7:00 Parish Office Building
- March 21 Stations of the Cross, following 8:00 am Mass, St. Patrick's, Hollandale
- March 21 Stations of the Cross, 6:00 pm St. Ignatius, Mount Horeb
- March 26 Stations of the Cross, following 8:00 am Mass, Immaculate Conception, Blanchardville
- March 27 Multi Cultural Center Dinner, Baked goods needed at the parish office by 1:00 pm, to cook or serve call Joe Byrnes @ (608) 437-2518
- March 28 Stations of the Cross, following 8:00 am Mass, St. Patrick's, Hollandale



This Lent, Bishop Hying invites you to join him for Witnesses to Hope, a Lenten program that helps you reflect on ways you can deepen your own relationship with Christ and bring others into relationship with Him. For each week of Lent, Bishop Hying offers a reflection on the coming Sunday's Gospel, provides spiritual inspiration for the Lenten season, and explains one of the four steps in the Walk With One evangelization initiative.

Created as part of the National Eucharistic Revival, Walk With One is a four-step process of accompaniment that focuses on a "heart-to-heart" approach to evangelization. Witnesses to Hope connects the steps of Walk With One to the Lenten journey and is an ideal study for

Accompanying Bishop Hying's videos are weekly study guides which provide reflection questions, prayers, tips, and more. Visit madisondiocese.org/lent for all the study materials.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

St. Ignatius

Thursday 5:00—6:00 pm

St. Patrick

Thursday 7:00—7:50 am

RECONCILIATION

St. Bridget

2nd & 4th

Saturday 4:30-4:45 pm

St. Ignatius

Saturday 4:00—4:30 pm

Thursday 5:00—6:00 pm During Lent

Immaculate Conception (BA)

Sunday 8:30—8:45 am

Immaculate Conception (BL)

1st & 3rd Saturday 3:15 pm

St. Patrick

Sunday 10:00—10:15 am

St. Patrick

Pray for us!



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The Cistercian Nuns of Valley of Our Lady Monastery recently completed construction of a new monastery and relocated from Prairie du Sac to Hollandale. They are striving to create strong community connections and hope to build a local network of friends and volunteers. If you and your family members are interested in offering volunteer service to the monastery, please contact them through the form link below. A wide variety of opportunities exist for ongoing and occasional projects, such as reliable drivers for grocery deliveries and appointment transportation, grounds maintenance, and skilled handymen for smaller jobs. This is an ideal opportunity for thriving retirees as well as community members from parishes around southern WI.

To volunteer: <https://forms.gle/8W7bVfqtqGFcKGx9>

