



# SS Peter & Paul "Catholic Connection"

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## MARCH 2026

*Joseph: A Quiet Hero in God's Plan*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Every March, the Church turns our hearts toward Saint Joseph the quiet, faithful man chosen by God to be Mary's husband and the earthly father of Jesus.

Scripture tells us that Joseph, a humble carpenter from Nazareth, was descended from the royal line of King David. Through him, Jesus was legally placed within that lineage, fulfilling God's promises to His people. Joseph gave Jesus a home, a name, and the steadfast love of a devoted father.

Though Joseph speaks no recorded words in the Gospels, his actions tell the story of deep faith and obedience. He listens to God's guidance often delivered through dreams and responds without hesitation. When told not to fear taking Mary as his wife, he trusts. When warned to flee to Egypt, he acts. When called to return home, he obeys. Joseph's quiet courage shows us that holiness often reveals itself in silent trust and faithful work.

The Gospel of Matthew calls Joseph a "righteous man." His righteousness was not rigid or harsh but rooted in mercy. When he discovered Mary was with child, he sought to protect her from shame, showing compassion even in confusion. Joseph teaches us that true holiness combines faithfulness with gentleness and love.

Tradition holds that Joseph likely died before Jesus began His public ministry, with Mary and Jesus by his side. Because of this, the Church honors him as the patron of a happy death. He is also the protector of the universal Church, fathers and families, workers, and those seeking trust in God's plan.

As we honor Saint Joseph this March, let us place our families, our parish, and our future in his care. May his quiet strength, patient faith, and humble service guide us to follow Jesus more closely in our daily lives.

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Kris Mekala, MF



### Mark your Calendars:

- Mar 1 – Squires Penny War Ends
- Mar 3 – Weekday Mass 9am, Adoration 9:30am
- Mar 5 – Stations of the Cross 6pm, Soup after
- Mar 8 – NO FF, St. Anne's & KC's Meeting 9am
- Mar 8 – Spanish Mass 2pm
- Mar 9-17 Office Closed, YES Weekly Mass 9am
- Mar 12 – Stations of the Cross 6pm, Soup after
- Mar 15 – FF 9am, Adoration 9:30-10:30am
- Mar 17 – Mass 9am, 9:30-10:30am Reconciliation
- Mar 17 – Adoration 9:30am-6pm
- Mar 17 – Reconciliation 5-6pm
- Mar 19 – Weekday Mass 9am, NO Adoration
- Mar 19 – Stations of the Cross 6pm, Soup after
- Mar 24 – KC's Silver Rose Prayer Service 8:30am
- Mar 25 – The Annunciation of the Lord Adoration at Sacred Heart 9am-5pm, Mass 5pm, Soup 6pm
- Mar 26 – NO Weekday Mass
- Mar 26 – Stations of the Cross 6pm, Soup after
- Mar 29 – Palm Sunday Mass 10:30am
- Apr 2 – Holy Thursday
- Apr 2 – Mass at Sacred Heart 6:30pm**
- Apr 2 – Adoration at Sacred Heart 7:30pm-10pm
- Apr 3 – Good Friday Mass 1pm, Sacred Heart 3pm
- Apr 4 – Holy Saturday Mass 4:30pm**
- Apr 5 – Easter Sunday Mass 10:30am
- Apr 12 – Divine Mercy Sunday Mass 10:30am**
- Apr 12 – Spanish Mass 2pm
- Apr 19 – First Communion 10:30am, NO Adoration
- Apr 26 – Confirmation 3pm at SMM Waupaca



### STATIONS of the CROSS

**Thursdays 6pm, Soup after**  
**3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26**

### Reconciliation

Every Saturday 3:34-4:15pm  
During 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday Adoration, 9:30-10:30am  
Tuesday, March 17 9:30-10:30am & 5-6pm

**With grateful hearts, WE GIVE THANKS for the beautiful gift of fellowship shared within our parish family!**

A heartfelt thank you to our St. Anne's group for hosting a wonderful afternoon of Chili & Bingo! The laughter & conversation, reminded us how faith grows stronger when we gather together in joy.

We are also deeply thankful to the Knights of Columbus for generously giving their time and providing a free meal in February... a true example of charity in action and servant-hearted leadership.

AND thank you to the Squires for hosting such a fun and energetic cornhole tournament! Your enthusiasm and spirit brought smiles to so many & showed the joy of young people living out their faith together.

Moments like these remind us that the Church is more than a place - it is a family. Thank you to everyone who served, participated, and helped build community through generosity & faith.

May God bless you abundantly for the ways you share His love with others!

**St. Anne's News!**

Our next meeting is Sunday, March 8 @ 9am, before 10:30am Sunday Mass.

We encourage all our women of the parish to attend! Our next events being planned:

Parish Bake Sale: April 11 & 12, with proceeds going to St. Vincents

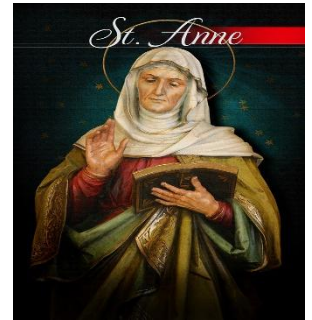
Dinner out: Save the Date! Help celebrate our Feast of St. Anne's

July 25 @ Hotel Fremont.

6pm after Saturday 4:30pm Mass... MORE details to come!

Bus Trip: Bus trip to Holy Hill in October, details will be posted soon!

\*\* Please let us know if you are interested so we can start planning\*\*



**☪ Catholic men - this is your invitation!**

Faith isn't meant to be lived alone. If you're looking for purpose, brotherhood, and a way to put your faith into real action, consider joining the Knights of Columbus!

The Knights are men striving to grow stronger in faith, support their families, serve their parish, and make a real difference in the community... together. If you're ready to take the next step in your faith life, there's a place for you here.

☑ Build friendships that matter ☑ Serve with purpose ☑ Grow as a Catholic man ☑ Lead by faith

You can *join online for free* at [kofc.org](http://kofc.org) using code BLESSEDMCGIVNEY

📅 **Next Meeting**: Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 9am in the Fellowship Hall

Please keep this ministry in your prayers & ask the Holy Spirit to guide you as you discern how God is calling you to serve.

*"As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another."* — Proverbs 27:17



**"For the battle belongs to the Lord."**  
1 Samuel 17:47

**Steubenville Catholic Youth Conference**



Encounter God and be illuminated by Him through inspiring talks, praise and worship, the sacraments, games, and hanging out with thousands of other Catholic teens.

**When:** July 10-12, 2026 (Fri.-Sun.)

**Where:** Rochester, MN

**Cost:** \$75

**Who:** All teens currently in gr. 8-12 (*they do not need to be Catholic – invite your friends!*)

**Register:** By May 3 (space will be limited after that)

Please call or text Steph Hansen (920-277-8844) and turn in your deposit and permission form as soon as possible!!

**Almost entirely funded by the Catholic Foundation**

**Return the form below with your deposit please....**

**Side Trips in La Crosse**

Friday – Hiking the bluffs

Sunday – Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe

I give permission for my son/daughter, \_\_\_\_\_, to attend the Steubenville Catholic Youth Conference July 10-12 in Rochester, MN.

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent phone # and email (if Steph doesn't have it already): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ I have included my \$75 deposit. (Checks can be made payable to S.S. Peter and Paul Parish)

# HOLY WEEK



# SCHEDULE

## Palm Sunday, March 28 & 29

Saturday, March 28

4:30pm at Ss. Peter & Paul

Sunday, March 29

8:00am at Sacred Heart

10:30am at Ss. Peter & Paul

## Holy Thursday, April 2

6:30pm at Sacred Heart

*Adoration after Mass from*

*7:30pm until 10:00pm*

## Good Friday, April 3

1:00pm at Ss. Peter & Paul

3:00pm at Sacred Heart

## Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil, April 4

8:00pm at Ss. Peter & Paul

## Easter Sunday, April 5

8:00am at Sacred Heart

10:30am at Ss. Peter & Paul

IF TODAY  
YOU HEAR  
*his voice.*  
HARDEN  
NOT YOUR  
*hearts.*

*Psalm 95*



We are truly blessed by the many hands and hearts that help prepare our church for the sacred celebration of the Mass. At this time, we are prayerfully seeking additional **Sacristans** to serve our parish family. Sacristans play a quiet yet deeply meaningful role in the life of the Church - preparing the altar, sacred vessels, and worship space so that all may encounter Christ reverently in the Holy Eucharist. This ministry is a beautiful way to serve the Lord behind the scenes, offering your time and care as an act of prayer and devotion.

If you feel the Holy Spirit gently calling you to serve in this special way, we would be grateful to welcome you! Training and guidance will be provided.

Please consider sharing your gifts in this sacred ministry by helping us prepare the Lord's house with love, reverence, and joy.

✝ For more information, please contact the parish office.

## TUESDAY, MARCH 17 ADORATION

Join us for 9am Mass & Adoration 9:30am-6:00pm

Reconciliation 9:30-10:30am and 5-6:00pm

Soup Supper & Fellowship 6pm

We need adorers so the Eucharist is never left unattended!  
Please see the Sign-Up Sheet for available time slots.

HIS MERCIES  
NEW EVERY  
*morning*

## 2026 BISHOP'S APPEAL

Jesus invites us to shine His light - a light that brings hope and healing to everyone we encounter! Through the Bishop's Appeal, that light reaches far beyond our parish, supporting Catholic Charities, faith formation at SSPP, and many other vital ministries throughout our Diocese. Every gift truly makes a difference!

[catholicfoundationgb.org/give](http://catholicfoundationgb.org/give).





**March 24 | 8:30 AM**

*- Prior to the 9:00am Weekday Mass -*

All parishioners are warmly invited to gather in prayer and devotion for the **Silver Rose Prayer Service** on Monday, March 24 at 8:30 AM, just before our 9:00am Mass. This beautiful time of reflection honors Our Blessed Mother and invites us to pray especially for the dignity of all human life, for families, and for a deeper spirit of faith in our communities.

**About the Silver Rose Program**

The Silver Rose Program began in 1960 as a spiritual initiative to honor *Our Lady of Guadalupe*, Patroness of the Americas. What started as a single rose carried on pilgrimage has grown into an international devotion, with silver roses traveling annually across North America. As each rose journeys from parish to parish, the faithful unite in prayer, symbolizing the unity of all people under the loving care of Mary and bringing intentions for life, peace, and conversion before the Lord.

**Come spend a few moments in quiet prayer as we welcome the Silver Rose among us. May Our Lady lead us closer to her Son and renew our hearts in faith and hope. All are welcome.**



**Thank You!**

With grateful hearts, we extend our sincere thanks to our Altar Guild and liturgical artists for the loving care and devotion you pour into our sanctuary. Through every season of the Church year - from the radiant joy of Christmas, to the quiet reverence of Lent, to the glory and celebration of Easter - your faithful work helps create a sacred space that draws us more deeply into prayer and worship.

Through beauty, color & thoughtful preparation, you help proclaim the Gospel without words... reminding us that what we celebrate at the altar is holy and life-giving. You are a blessing to our entire parish family and help lift our hearts to God.

*May the Lord richly bless you for the beauty you bring to His house and for the reverence you inspire in all who gather here. Thank you for sharing your talents so generously!*

