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St. Mary's, Coon Valley
Weekend Masses
- 4:00 PM Saturday (max 40 people)
- 8:00 AM Sunday (max 40 people)

Weekday Mass:
Tues. - 6:30 PM and Thurs.- 8:00 AM

Annunciation of the BVM, Viroqua
Weekend Masses
- 6:30 PM Saturday
- 10:30 AM Sunday

Weekday Mass:
Wed. - 6:30 PM and Fri. - 8:00 AM

New Parishioners: Welcome to our parish! Please introduce yourself to Fr. Matt and contact the parish office for registration and information. https://www.stmarycv.org/visit-us

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before Mass on Sat. or by appointment, call Fr. Matt or on our website under the Sacraments tab. https://www.stmarycv.org/sacraments

Sacrament of Baptism: Please submit a registration by mail, or e-mail to both stmaryscv@mwt.net **AND** frmattmarshall@gmail.com. You will be contacted by the parish office to finalize your requested date. The registration form at: https://www.stmarycv.org/sacraments.

Sacrament of Anointing / Visitation of the Sick: Please contact the parish office or Fr. Matt when someone you know is in need of a sacrament or a pastoral visit. Requests may also be made from our website under the Sacraments tab. https://www.stmarycv.org/sacraments

Mass Intentions: Please use the Mass Intention envelopes available in the church.

Book of Prayer Requests: Please call or email Fr. Matt to have and intention added during COVID time. General Book of Prayer requests will be included in the intercessions.

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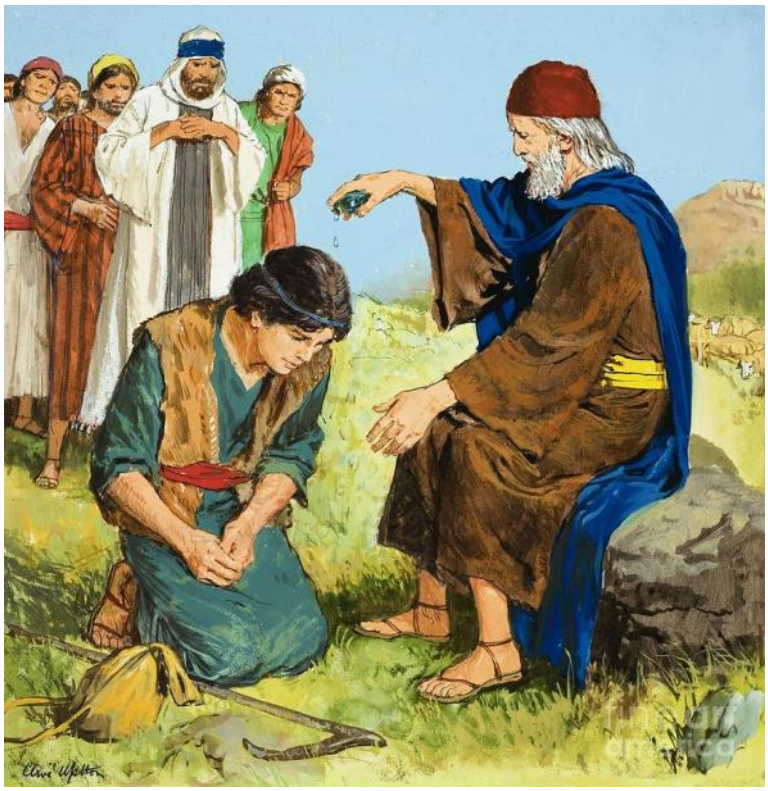

"The Anointing of David" by Clive Utton

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Fr. Matthew Marshall

Pastor

March 14, 2021

Readings: 511A(due to Confirmations)

St. Mary's Parish, Coon Valley, WI
Fourth Sunday of Lent

SUNDAY, MARCH 14, 2021
1) 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
2) Ephesians 5:8-14
3) John 9:1-41
or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

FOCUS: The Lord of all gives sight to the blind.

Jesus' power and claims divide those who encounter him. He is the long-awaited one, and he heals all wounds, even giving sight to the blind. We can trust that Jesus can heal all the wounds of our lives, giving us sight to see and a light to follow in the darkness of sin.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, the Lord sends Samuel to Jesse of Bethlehem because the Lord has chosen the new king from among Jesse's sons. Samuel goes, and anoints David *in the presence of his brothers*. In Saint Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, he exhorts them to *live as children of light*. In the Gospel, Jesus encounters a man blind from birth. After Jesus gives the man sight, the Pharisees become divided over the account. The man defends Jesus, explaining that he must be from God.

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Intentions
Mar 13 ~ 4:00 PM - †Jeannette C. Duda
Mar 14 ~ 8:00 AM - †Jim Shay
Mar 16 ~ 6:30 PM - †Durwood "Woody" Roningen
Mar 18 ~ 8:00 AM - †Stanley Kerska
Mar 20 ~ 4:00 PM - †Stella Hohlfeld
Mar 21 ~ 8:00 AM - †Ken and Irene Roesler

DID YOU KNOW?
If you are 70 ½ or older, you can do a **qualified charitable distribution (QCD)** of up to $100,000 a year from your **IRA directly to a charity**. The distribution won't show up in your adjusted gross income and CAN count toward your required minimum distribution (RMD). The QCD allows you to be more strategic with your RMD. Consult your tax advisor before making any decisions. If a QCD is for you, please consider St. Mary's Parish as your charity of choice.

Next Week in Service — Mar 21th

If you are not able to serve as scheduled below, please find a substitute. Thank you

Money Counters:	Loree Nickelotti and Rodney and Kathy Berg

Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **March 13** ~ Confirmation Retreat **10 AM–1 PM**
- **March 13** ~ 4:00 PM Confirmation during Mass
- **March 17** ~ Stations of the Cross at 6:30 PM
- **March 24** ~ Stations of the Cross at 6:30 PM
- **March 27/28** ~ Palm Sunday
- **March 30** ~ Fr. Matt's 33rd Birthday!
- **April 1** ~ ***Holy Thursday Mass at 7:00 PM***
- **April 2** ~ ***Good Friday at 3:00 PM***
- **April 3** ~ ***Holy Saturday Mass at 7:30 PM***
- **April 4** ~ ***Easter Sunday Mass at 8:00 AM***

Our Sunday Mass Streaming Live on Facebook:
https://www.facebook.com/StMarysCoonValley

Church will be open for private prayer Tuesday through Friday from 9AM until 7 PM and Sunday until 7 PM (please practice good social distancing)

STATIONS of the CROSS
On March 17th and 24th
at 6:30 PM

Annual Appeal 2020-21		
As of 03/11/2021	**Total Pledged**	**Total Payments**
Pledged/Paid	$16,765.00	$16,073.56
Target Amount	$12,925.00	$12,925.00
Over Target	$3,840.00	$3,148.56
Percent Pledged: 129.71%, Percent Received: 124.36%		
Number Contributing:	37	

WE HAVE REACHED OUR GOAL! Thank you! All funds donated from this point forward will be returned to the parish untaxed by the Diocese. **If you have not contributed, now is the time!** Extra cards and envelopes are located at the church doors, or you may give online at: https://diolc.org/donate-online, under Designation, choose: 2020 (445) St. Mary Parish.

Giving Last Week		Week 09	3/7/2021
Adult Env.(28)	$1,788.00	Needed Weekly	$1,900.00
Offertory	$444.00	Received This Week	$2,322.25
Cath. Life Mag(1)	$40.00	YTD Needed	$19,000.00
Amazon Smile	$50.25	YTD Received	$17,734.67
Total	**$2,322.25**	Difference	(1,265.33)
Memorials(PCCW)	$1,150.00		
E. Flowers(PCCW)	$75.00		

From Fr. Matt:

- **Congratulations to our students who were confirmed this weekend!** We love you and are praying for you. As our community confirms the gift of God's Spirit alive in you, remember: **God believes in you, and so do we!** Congratulations!

- Wednesday is the Feast of St. Patrick. I ask that you keep your pastor in prayer especially that day. Patrick is a very special saint to me. When priests are ordained we make something like a trading card that people can pick up at our first Mass. The prayer I chose is from Patrick in the year 410 AD: **"May God not let it come about that I ever lose one of his people who he chose for himself out of love. I pray that God give me perseverance, and that he help me to be a faithful witness to him right up to my passing from this life."** Patrick died that year. Pray that I will be a pastor as loving, generous, and creative as he is. Please pray that like Patrick's name means in Latin, I would truly be a "father to all". I include a famous prayer of his below. I pray it is a help to you!

Donations: We cannot survive without your generosity! Here are some ways to contribute:

- US Postal Service: mail directly to the parish office, your 2021 Contribution envelope is postal ready!
- *Bill Pay* through online banking, add St. Mary's as contact (if possible, use your envelope number as the account number).
- Use our *online service* at: diolc.org/st-mary-coon-valley (a processing fee will be deducted from your contribution, which averages 3% for debit and credit cards and $.75 for EFT, ACH your contribution will be recorded for the full amount).
- *Drop off* you contribution envelope at either church, Coon Valley or Viroqua and the funds will be directed to St. Mary's

Pray + Fast + Give

Lenten regulations are as follows:

1. Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent, and Good Friday.
2. In addition to abstaining from meat, Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, until they celebrate their 59th birthday, are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those who are bound to this regulation may eat only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

Parish Announcements

Liturgical Ministry Volunteers Needed for Holy Week

We will need help for Holy Week from Readers, Servers, and Ushers starting on **Palm Sunday, March 27/28 through Easter Sunday, April 4.** If you are able to help one or more areas please sign up in the back of church. Your time and talents are much appreciated.

Congratulations and welcome to the table of the Lord

Tyla Hess

First Communion

March 13, 2020

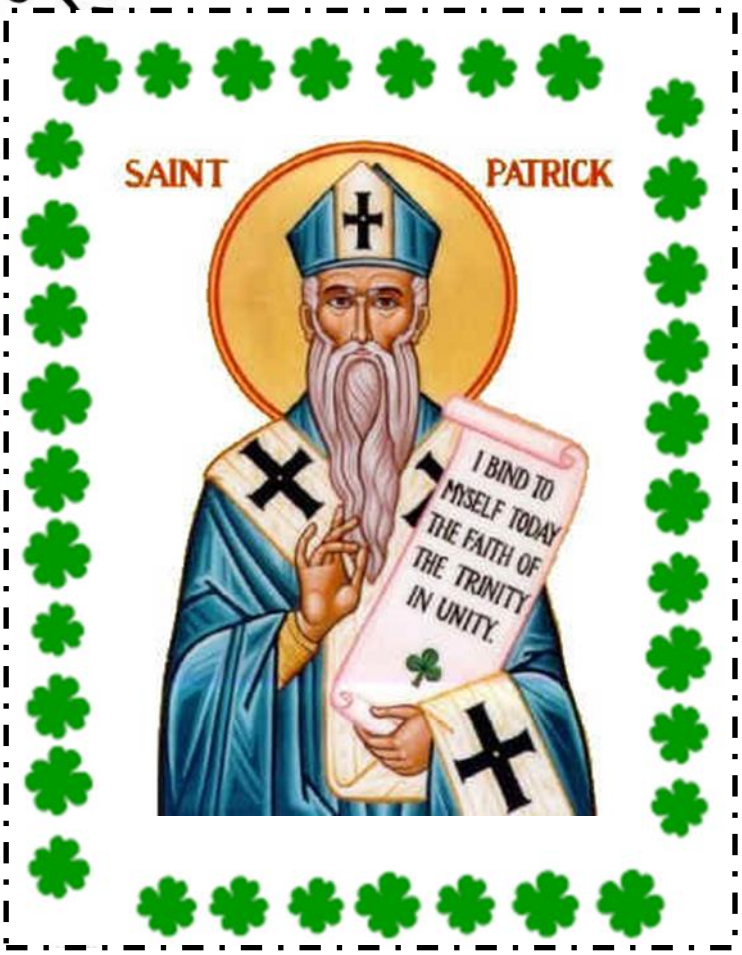
Daughter of Andrew and Victoria Hess.

"May Jesus bless you and keep you, may He be your Friend and Guide, and may you always be happy knowing He's walking by your side."
Jeremiah 17:7

Easter Flower Donation Envelopes

Please find Easter Flower Collection envelopes at the back entrance to church. Donations may be made in Memorial/Honor of someone. Any donation that is received by March 28th will have their name printed in the Easter bulletin.

Prayer Card Cutout



Diocesan/Local Announcements

Lenten Day of Recollection-Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe
You are invited to attend a Lenten Day of Recollection on Saturday, March 20, that will include Mass (8:20 AM and 12:15 PM), Confessions (9:00 AM and throughout the day), three 30-minute spiritual conferences with Fr. Paul Check (9:30 AM), Fr. Joachim (11:00 AM), Fr. Elias (2:00 PM) and Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Come and stay as long as you would like. Lunch will be available in the Culina Mariana. Note: no reservations required. See flyer in the back of church or visit: diolc.org/lent

Father Joseph Walijewski Legacy Guild
Join us to celebrate Padre Jose and learn more about how he lives among us today. We will unveil a new video and share stories of his missions with the children in Peru at Casa Hogar! This event will be a lead in to Holy Week, which is always a special time to celebrate and remember Padre Jose in Peru and around the world. Wednesday, March 24th at 7:00pm CST. Zoom Meeting: Please email ssceery@frjoesguild.org to sign up in advance.

Lent: Questions on the Sacrament of Reconciliation
If God knows my sins, why do I have to confess them? God doesn´t need it. We need it. Confessing helps us to own up to the fact that we are sinners in need of redemption. Confessing strengthens us to stop comparing, making excuses and assigning blame. **Lenten confession opportunities are listed on todays insert and in the back of church.**

Employment Opportunity:
Administrative Assistant for the Offices of Catechesis & Evangelization and Family Life/ Youth Ministry
Apply: Employment Opportunities | Diocese of La Crosse (diolc.org/jobs)

Knights of Columbus Career Opportunity
The Knights of Columbus is looking for men seeking a career opportunity, representing their insurance program as a Field Agent. We offer a complete benefits package with this full-time position. One must be an eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus. For more information, please contact Tim Nowak, General Agent, at (920) 462-4100 or by email at timothy.knowak@kofc.org or check us out at: www.kofcwi.org

Pray Card Cutout

St. Patrick Prayer

Christ be with me, Christ within me.

Christ beside me, Christ before me.

Christ behind me, Christ to win me.

Christ to comfort and restore me.

Christ in quiet, Christ in danger.

Christ in hearts of all who love me.

Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

Amen.

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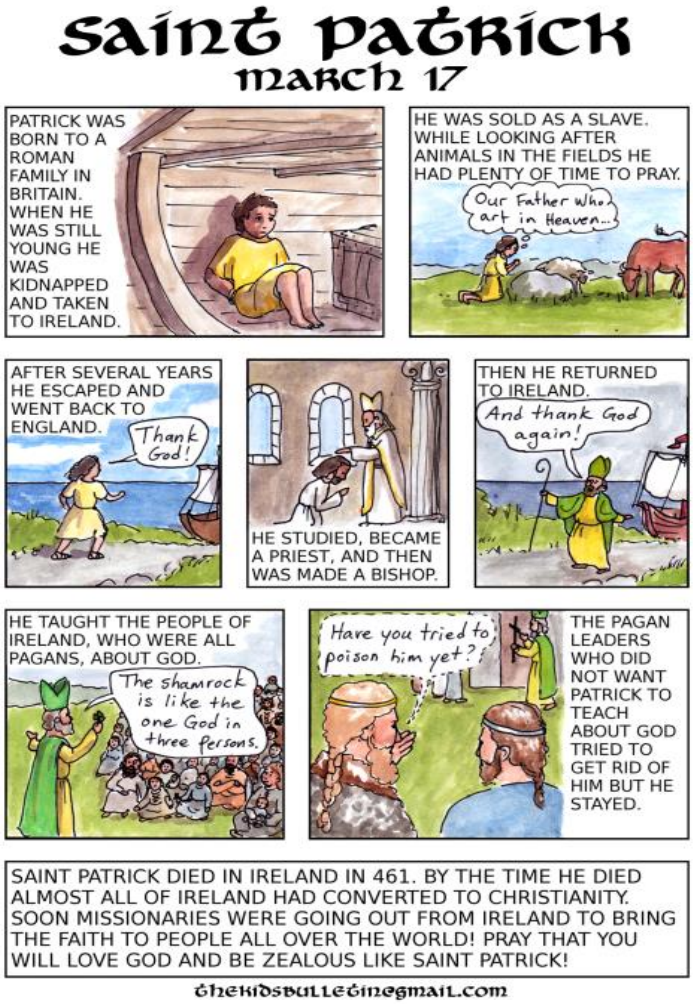

St. Mary Parish

904 Central Ave
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Saturday, March 13, 2021

4:00 PM

Rev. Matthew N. Marshall

CONFIRMANDI 2021

Brock Michael Hoskins
Confirmation Name: Peter
Parents: Richard Hoskins, Andrew and Victoria Hess
Sponsor: David Hall

Dustin Harrison Kenyon
Confirmation Name: Sebastian
Parents: Keith and Kristine Kenyon
Sponsor: Patricia Klos

Grant Michael McCauley
Confirmation Name: Michael
Parents: Thomas and Dana McCauley
Sponsor: Dennis Bell

Brittney Lynn Mislivecek
Confirmation Name: Cecelia
Parents: John and Julie Mislivecek
Sponsor: Mary Humfeld

Garrett Charles Vatland
Confirmation Name: Sebastian
Parents: Scott and Lisa Vatland
Sponsor: Charles Marino

[Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Viroqua]

Gabrielle Marie Olson
Confirmation Name: Teresa
Parents: Trever and Emily Olson
Sponsor: Valerie Steiner

Come HOLY SPIRIT, fill the heart of your FAITHFUL and KINDLE in them the FIRE of your LOVE...

Lent 2021

Confession Opportunities in the La Crosse Area

Mary, Mother of the Church *2006 Weston Street, La Crosse*
Wednesdays 4:00 – 5:00 PM & 7:00 – 8:00 PM (Lent only)
Saturdays 3:15 – 3:45 PM

Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman *530 Main St, La Crosse*
Mondays – Fridays 11:30 – 11:55 AM
Saturdays 9:00 – 9:30 AM & 3:45 – 4:15 PM
Wednesdays from 5:00 – 6:30 PM (Lent only)

Roncalli Newman *1732 State St, La Crosse*
Tuesdays: 4:15 - 5:05 PM; Wednesdays: 11:00 - 11:50 AM; Thursdays: 6:00 - 6:50 PM
Fridays: 11:00 - 11:50 AM; Saturdays: 4:00 - 4:50 PM; Sundays after the 8:30 PM Mass

St. Patrick Parish *1031 Main St, Onalaska*
Mondays 6:30 PM until done (Lent only)
Saturdays 8:30 AM until done

Blessed Sacrament Parish *130 Losey Boulevard South, La Crosse*
Saturday 3:30 – 4:15 PM
Sunday 7:15 AM until Mass
Wednesday, March 24th 6:30 PM until done

Holy Trinity Parish *1417 13th St S, La Crosse*
Appointment only

St. James the Less *1032 Caledonia St., La Crosse*
Every Friday after the 8 AM Mass until finished
Every Saturday after the 8 AM Mass until finished

Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe *5250 Justin Rd, La Crosse*
Weekdays: 11:45 AM - 12:45 PM
Saturdays: 11:45 AM - 12:45 PM; 2:15 - 3:15 PM
Sundays: 9:00 - 9:30 AM; 10:30 - 11:00 AM; 12:00 – 1:00 PM

St. Charles, Genoa *707 Eagle Street, Genoa*
Saturdays 3:15 – 3:50 PM
Friday March 26th 6:00 – 8:00 PM

St. Leo the Great, West Salem *210 Hamlin St W, West Salem*
Sunday, March 21 from 5:00pm until done

St. Joseph's Ridge *W2601 State Road 33, La Crosse*
Wednesday, March 24th 6:00 - 9:00 PM

St. Peter, Middle Ridge *W697 State Road 33, Rockland*
Wednesday, March 31st 6:00 – 9:00 PM

Meditations for the Fourth Week of Lent

We Thirst for You, O Lord

Proclaiming the Faith

John 3:14–21

The events that give rise to the teachings in today's Gospel begin a few verses before when the Pharisee Nicodemus comes to visit Jesus secretly in the night. Nicodemus has heard about Jesus and is curious, but he is also afraid. He wants to believe, but he isn't quite ready to make a public commitment.

The people of the Gospels aren't so very different from us. Nicodemus is intrigued by Jesus but unwilling to be seen publicly with him. How often have you learned that someone you've known for a long time is or was raised as a Catholic? This is particularly true of famous people who are afraid that making their faith public will harm their careers. Sometimes we fall victim to this same temptation, hiding our faith out of fear. However, we should remember that while we fear that we may be mocked or made fun of for our faith, in some parts of the world today, people actually are being killed for their Christian beliefs.

Truly the words of John 3:16 ("For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life") are at the heart of our Catholic faith. The season of Lent is the perfect reminder that we are called to let our faith show in our daily lives — with joy and fervor!

FOR REFLECTION

- Do the people I work with, go to school with, and spend free time with know that I am Catholic?
- Who encourages me most in my faith? Who can I encourage?
- How can I come more closely to the light of Jesus this Lent?

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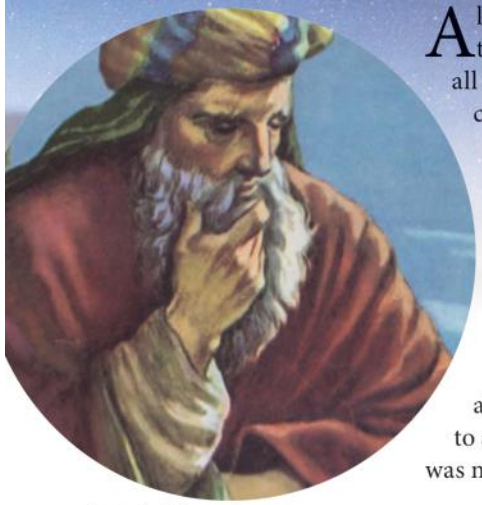
OUR FAITH

A Good Pharisee



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Although the word "Pharisee" has come to have a very negative connotation, not all Pharisees were wicked. Nicodemus, the curious Pharisee in today's Gospel, was one of those who eventually followed Jesus. Besides his secret visit to Jesus at night, he appears twice more in Scripture. A member of the Sanhedrin, he defends Jesus when the chief priests and other Pharisees are debating what to do with Jesus. And after the Crucifixion, along with Joseph of Arimathaea, he brought about a hundred pounds of myrrh and aloe to anoint Jesus' body. Tradition says that he was martyred for the Faith.

*Catechism*CONNECTION

"By giving up his own Son for our sins, God manifests that his plan for us is one of benevolent love, prior to any merit on our part: 'In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the expiation for our sins.' God 'shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.'"

— *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 604

FAMILY ACTIVITY

Pretzel Prayers

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Once considered the official Catholic food of Lent, pretzels date back at least 1,400 years. Because fat, eggs, and milk were part of the Lenten abstinence, these little bites of bread made only with flour, salt, and water were invented. They were wrapped in the shape of arms crossed in prayer and the three holes in the middle represented the Trinity. Traditionally, pretzels were the perfect food to share with people who were struggling for food or living on the streets because they didn't spoil easily. Make your own pretzels as a family (find a recipe on the Internet) and share them with someone in need in your neighborhood or community.

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Lenten Prayer

Unto to you, I cry, my God!

"No one who lights a lamp hides it away or places it [under a bushel basket], but on a lampstand so that those who enter might see the light."
— Luke 11:33

Lord, give me the courage to be a brave and bold witness to you in all that I say and do.

SIGNS OF THE SEASON

The Color Purple

The liturgical color for Lent is purple, symbolizing pain, suffering, and mourning. But why purple? Purple was the most expensive color in biblical times. Extracted from a sea snail, it took as many as 12,000 shells to get enough dye to color a handkerchief. Because of the enormous cost, only the wealthiest (almost exclusively royalty) wore purple garments. When soldiers mocked Jesus for being the "King of the Jews," they put a purple robe on his shoulders to belittle his claim. Therefore, we use the color purple during Lent to remind us of the Passion and death of the Lord.

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