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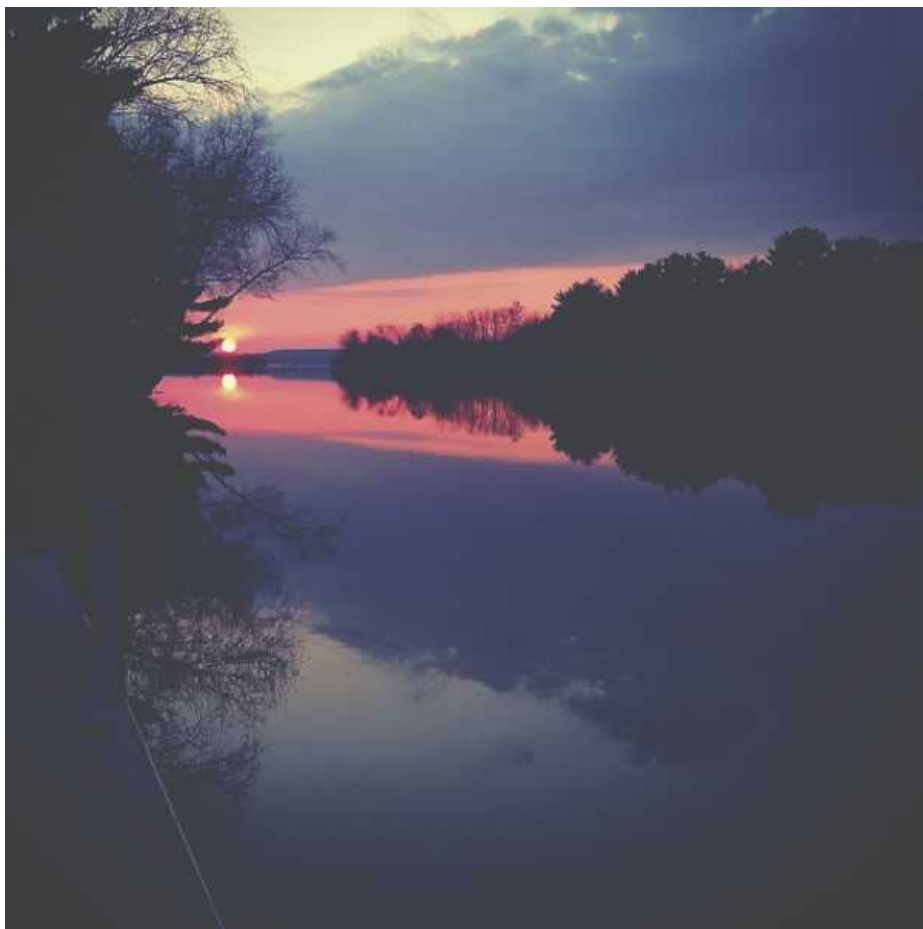
The sign itself was as pathetic appearing as the person lying behind it. Scribbled in what looked like red lipstick, it was barely legible: "Poems for Pennies." The man behind the sign seemed like he'd tossed himself down in a heap. His legs and arms akimbo, he could not have looked less like someone ready and able to make poetry on the spot.

For just a moment as I passed him I was tempted to search my pockets for loose change to throw into the Twins baseball cap he'd upended to collect his poetry pay. I wanted to know if he really would deliver the rhyming verses his plea promised. I realized it was an anomalous pleasure--my sudden fascination with the potential of this street person to offer a bit of variety and entertainment in my day. I have been less intrigued by the signs of other homeless people which read, "God bless you for anything you can spare for me."

A student who was about to graduate from UWEC once asked me before he left, "Do you have any advice for me?" That question is rare among graduating students. I said, "Not so much advice as a hope, a hope that you will be able to better care for the side-lined and marginalized and the not-so-good people than I have. The hard part is caring about and for the people who seem not to deserve it."

I always hope there are better people than I am around. I understand from the little moments in my life like passing the penniless poet that I have a higher opinion of myself than my actions would warrant. I don't think I'm alone on that score but I want to believe there are truly virtuous and holy, well-intentioned and well-acted people out there who do what a worthy disciple of Jesus would do.

I guess I know saints exist--great ones like Mother Theresa and St. Francis but I want to know there are everyday saints who would have given the penniless poet a buck and passed on the poetry. I want to know there are everyday saints who pick up blowing bits of trash and throw them in a garbage can, who hear a nasty rumor about someone and refuse to pass it on, who look at me when I am being less than noble and pray for me rather than judge me. Don't we all want more of those people in this world? Maybe by Easter there will be at least a few more right here in Prescott. That's my hope anyway...GRS



Music for Mass

Glory to God

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. • We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. • Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. • For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. • I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Money Counters

First National Bank

Monday 20 March • 9:30 am,

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Ron & Anita Sterud

✠ PENITENTIAL RITE: KYRIE ELEISON

MICHAEL JONCAS

1. & 3. Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son... Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son. Ky-ri-e,
2. Chri-ste e-le-i-son... Chri-te e-le-i-son. Chri-ste,

1. & 3. Ky-ri-e e-le - - i-son.
2. Chri-ste e-le - - i-son.

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✠ RESPONSORIAL PSALM: YOU KNOW ME LORD

JAMES WALSH

All: Verses 1, 3, 5, & 7.

1, 7. You know me, Lord, you search my heart, my thoughts are o-pen to your gaze.
3. Where could I go to flee from you? How can I shel-ter from your face?
5. If dark-ness came to swal-low me and night sur-round me in its grasp,

Pro-tect me, Lord, from e-vil ways and guide me in the path of life.
If heav-en-ward, I find you there: in earth's dark depths you fol-low me.
no dark-ness would there be for you: the light would be as light as day.

Cantor: Verses 2, 4, & 6.

2. Before a word is on my tongue you know the secrets of my heart. Be close to me, surround me, Lord, from all my terrors set me free. (To Vs. 3)
4. If I could take the wings of dawn and journey to the ends of earth, your hand would still be guiding me, your right hand still would hold me fast. (To Vs. 5)
6. For it was you who fashioned me: knit bone to bone and flesh on flesh. I thank you, Lord, Creator God, that you should think and breathe on me. (To Vs. 7)

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A Living Gift our memory



The parish we have today is a gift from so many people. Our gratitude is also our commitment to hand on this precious gift to the next generation. Please consider making a significant gift to the parish or including St. Joseph Parish in your will. This week we honor and remember **Leo Manion**.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Saturday 11 March

3:00 pm Confessions (on the hour)
4:00 pm Mass/Joan Thom by Louis Thom

Sunday 12 March *Second Sunday of Lent*

8:00 am Mass/Parishioners
10:00 am Mass/Dorothy Frandrup by Peter & Idalia Stark

Monday 13 March

No Mass/Parish Office closed

Tuesday 14 March

8:15 am Mass/Marc Tobias by Len Cernohous

Wednesday 15 March

8:15 am School Mass/Rupert Szews

Thursday 16 March

5:30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
6:00pm Mass/Health & Well-Being of Carol Marschall
by Tom & Margaret Driscoll
6:30pm Stations of the Cross

Friday 17 March

10:30 am Mass at the Care Center/LeRoy Frandrup by
Neil & Jan Riley

Saturday 18 March

3:00 pm Confessions (on the hour)
4:00 pm Mass/Joan Thom by Louis Thom

Sunday 19 March *Third Sunday of Lent*

8:00 am Mass/Frank Falteisek by Jim & Joan Baker
10:00 am Mass/Parishioners

PRAYER CORNER

Please keep the following in your prayer.

Mark Bradford; Betty Armstrong; Andy Falteisek; Sharon Heikkila; Breanna Kinneman; Dr. Charles Bauer (Sally Doughty's Brother); Autumn Judd (Sharon Heikkila's Grandniece); Cletus Rein (Gayle Wrisky's Father); Erinn Guggenheimer; Eddy Wuorenma (Gene & Lois Ruhr's Son-in-law); Richard Hulne (Roger & Patricia Hulne's son); Jerry Haus; Duane & Margaret Kullman; Mike Meier; Marge Rothmeier (Joan Clark's sister); Myllin & Joan Misura (Sr. Geralyn Misura's brother); Patti Killian; Don Bethel; Jerry Killian; Rita Maves (Darla Ironside's Sister); Michael "Chip" O'Brien (Shanon Murphy's brother); Tom Killian; Christine Martin (Sr. Laverne Wilichowski's sister); Christine Woodard (Shirley Hayes' sister); and all the parishioners who are homebound or in the nursing home.
To add a name to the prayer corner, call 715-262-5310. Names will remain on the list for one month, unless the parish office is notified otherwise.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Classes begin at 3:30pm for grades 1-6, 6:30pm for LAFF, and 6:45pm for grades 7-10.

- **March 15** - Classes gr. 1-10/Reconciliation for gr.9-10 & LAFF at 6:30pm.
- **March 22** - Classes gr. 1-10
- **March 29** - No Classes. Spring Break.
- **April 5** - Classes gr. 1-10 & Stations of the Cross/LAFF meets/LAFF helps clean church on April 8 at 9am.
- **April 12** - No Classes (Holy Week)

For more info call Carol Mercord at 715-262-3514 or send email to carolmercord@stjosephprescott.com. Please refer to the online calendar for more information at www.stjosephprescott.com.

HOME SCRIPTURE STUDY

All are welcome to join the group that explores the Sunday Scriptures. The next meeting will be on 23 March at 9am at Mary Beeler's home.

PENANCE SERVICE

There will be a communal penance service here at St. Joseph's on Sunday, 26 March at 1pm.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PAYMENT PLAN REMINDER

All first quarter pledges are due at the end of March. To change your payment method from cash or check to electronic, contact our Parish Office at 715-262-5310 for more information.

THURSDAY LENTEN SCHEDULE

Please join us here at St. Joseph's Parish on Thursday evenings during Lent for the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament starting at 5:30pm. Mass will follow at 6:00 pm and then the Stations of the Cross at 6:30pm. All are welcome to attend at any time. This schedule is in effect from March 2 to April 6.

FASTING & ABSTINENCE DURING LENT

Catholics of age 14 and older abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent. In addition, on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, Catholics from age 18-59 fast (health permitting), limiting themselves to one full meal and two smaller meals, which don't equal one full meal together, each day.

PARISH SCHOOL NEWS

March is a busy month as I schedule the school calendar and events, prepare contracts and employment invitations, and plan curriculum and staff development for the 2017-2018 school year. Even though I will not be here to administer these plans, I am responsible for planning them. Chris Magee and I have met and continue to be in contact so he is on board with all plans for next school year.



Christine Meshak,
School Principal

Two events unique to our school are the two days of Regionals sponsored by the Diocese of LaCrosse. This means St. Joseph Parish School students have two more days off during the year than our public school peers. On these days the teachers and I head to Eau Claire or La Crosse to attend workshops. The Fall Regional in September focuses on curriculum and school issues. The Spring Regional in March focuses on faith formation.

Our school sometimes has different conference times than the public school, too. Most of our teachers have second jobs and work afternoons and evenings, so we schedule our conferences to best meet their and our parents' needs. Even with these extra days we have off, St. Joseph Parish School still teaches more hours than the public school throughout the year due to our later dismissal time. This averages out to be 40 more instructional hours per year!

Liturgical Roles

Third Sunday of Lent

Saturday, 18 March • 4:00 pm

Bernie Wisniewski	Lector 1
Caroline Wisniewski	Lector 2
Joan Clark	EM
Rob Daugherty	EM
Katie Wiltermuth	EM
Kevin Schmidt	Server
Tessa Schmidt	Server
Bill Hartman	Usher
Mike Meier	Usher
Jessica Schmidt	Greeter
Susan Schmidt	Greeter

Sunday, 19 March • 8:00 am

Victoria Simones	Lector 1
Dar Hovel	Lector 2
Lou Clement	EM
Harold Clement	EM
Linda Oberpriller	EM
Jason Clement	Server
Bennett Matzek	Server
Bill Hovel	Usher
Nick Hovel	Usher
Tom Magnan	Greeter
Marie Magnan	Greeter

Sunday, 19 March • 10:00 am

Jill Boros	Lector 1
Jennifer Christensen	Lector 2
Roger Hulne	EM
Patricia Hulne	EM
Charity Lubich	EM
Rachel Miller	EM
Katie Murphy	EM
Molly Bishop	Server
Ava Budworth	Server
Allen Dunn	Usher
Chad Lubich	Usher
Jacob Hillyer	Greeter
R. Jr. Hulne	Greeter
Isaiah Warp	Video

Lector 1 • 1st reading

Lector 2 • 2nd reading & petitions



Contact Information

PARISH STAFF

Rev. George Szews	Pastor
Rev. Mr. Gerald Rynda	Deacon
Christine Meshak	School Principal
Sr. GERALYN MISURA, FSPA	Fr. Solanus Circle
Carol Mercord	Director of Religious Education
Carrie Haas	Parish Secretary
Ann Schwebach	Finance Secretary
Trisha Matzek	School Administrative Assistant
Katy Hillebrand	School Administrative Assistant
Howie Kittleson	Building & Grounds Manager
Don Sabelko	Cemetery Sexton

PHONE

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Religious Education	715-262-3514
Convent	715-262-5105
Don Sabelko, Cemetery Sexton	715-262-3123

OFFICE HOURS

Closed Monday; 9:00 am-4:00 pm Tuesday to Friday

DEVOTIONS

Perpetual Help Novena - Tuesdays at 8:00am

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

A class for new and expecting parents is held quarterly. Parents must be registered as parish members prior to attending the class. Call the parish office for more information. Baptisms are not celebrated during the Lenten season.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Couples planning marriage should contact the parish office at least six months in advance. Marriages are not celebrated during the Lenten season.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Contact the Parish Office to make an appointment with the pastor.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK

Holy Communion is brought to the sick and homebound every Wednesday. Those who are seriously ill or anticipating surgery should contact the parish office to arrange for the Anointing of the Sick.

PARISH BULLETIN

Items for the weekly bulletin must be in the parish office by Friday at 12:30pm. (i.e. 9 days before the bulletin date)

PARISH WEBSITE..... WWW.STJOSEPHPRESCOTT.COM
 PARISH EMAIL..... stjosephprescott@comcast.net
 Fr. Szews EMAIL..... georgeszews@comcast.net

✠ PREPARATION: I HAVE LOVED YOU (#504)

MICHAEL JONCAS

**ST. JOSEPH PARISH SCHOOL
CALENDAR RAFFLE
WINNERS**

Refrain: I have loved you with an everlasting love,
I have called you and you are mine;
I have loved you with an everlasting love,
I have called you and you are mine.

- 1) Seek the face of the Lord and long for him:
He will bring you his light and his peace.
- 2) Seek the face of the Lord and long for him:
He will bring you his joy and his hope.

Week of Feb. 27 - Mar. 2, 2017

2/27	\$25	Elizabeth Gerke
2/28	\$50	David Zeverino
3/1	\$50	Leanne Martin
3/2	\$25	Charity Lubich
3/3	\$25	Aaron Kiefer

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✠ COMMUNION: IN CHRIST WE COME TO OFFER THANKS

M. JONCAS

U - bi ca - ri - tas, u - bi ca - ri - tas, De - us i - bi est, De - us i - bi est. U - bi ca - ri -
tas, u - bi ca - ri tas De - us i - bi est, De - us i - bi est.

Where charity and love are, there is God.

✠ COMMUNION: 'TIS GOOD, LORD, TO BE HERE (#778)

JOSEPH ROBINSON

✠ CLOSING: KYRIE ELEISON

MICHAEL JONCAS

1. & 3. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e,
2. Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Chri - te e - le - i - son. Chri - ste,
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Financial News



Adult Contributions	\$ 6,857
Offertory	\$ 485
Youth & Children	\$ 17
Works of Charity	\$ 10
Mary Packard Scholarship	<u>\$ 1,000</u>

AMOUNT RECEIVED SO FAR:
\$965,873

Total for the week \$ 8,369

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