

SAINT JOSEPH  
THE WORKMAN

*Cathedral*

THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE



530 MAIN STREET  
LA CROSSE, WI 54601  
608/782-0322

## *Fourth Sunday*

In Ordinary Time

January 28, 2018

### *Liturgy*

#### **Sunday Masses**

Saturday: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 7:30 am, 10:30 am, 4:30 pm

#### **Weekday Masses**

Monday-Friday: 6:30 am, 12:10 pm

Saturday: 8:00 am

#### **Holy Day Masses**

Vigil Mass: 5:10 pm

Holy Day: 6:30 am, 12:10 pm and 5:10 pm

#### **Holiday Masses**

Weekday & Saturday 8:00 am

Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving

For Holy Week, Easter & Christmas schedules call  
The Rector, see bulletin or go to online website  
[www.cathedralsjworkman.org](http://www.cathedralsjworkman.org)

### *Sacrament of Penance*

Weekdays: 11:30-11:55 am

Saturdays: 7:15-7:50 am, 3:15-3:45 pm

Holy Days: 11:30-11:55 am

### *First Friday Devotions*

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is held each First Friday after the 12:10 pm Mass until 2:40 pm, followed immediately by a simple benediction to conclude the period of adoration.

**Bring your appetite**

to help raise money for the  
Aquinas High School Junior Prom

## **Pancake & Omelet Breakfast**



**Sunday, February 11th  
7:30 am - Noon**

Breakfast is served in the  
Cathedral undercroft (downstairs)

**\$3 Pancake breakfast**

**\$4 Omelet breakfast**

**\$12 Feed a family**

**The public is invited...  
Tell your friends!**

Visitors please note there are two  
Sunday morning Masses at  
the Cathedral - 7:30 & 10:30 a.m.

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Proceeds for the February 11th  
breakfast will raise funds  
for the Aquinas High School Junior Prom.

Aquinas Middle and High School Students  
are volunteer servers at the breakfasts.

Also see our website:  
[www.cathedralsjworkman.org](http://www.cathedralsjworkman.org)

# **RIDING THE RAILS OF LIFE**



Dear parishioners and visitors,

This Sunday begins the annual celebration of Catholic Schools Week. Throughout the United States, parishes and communities count the blessings having Catholic schools. Even businesses want to have parochial and private schools in their communities if for no other reason than to have competition; it brings out the best in all schools.

Our diocese has had a long, standing tradition having parish Catholic schools. In the early history of our diocese, several schools were supported by tax dollars because there were no public schools available in the immediate area and most children were Catholic. During the Bishop Tracy era, when a parish was founded it was to build and start a school first before a church was added. It is always the desire for a parish to have a school or support one nearby if feasible.

I hope you are thankful and support the Catholic schools in our immediate area. It takes the prayers and hard-work of those a part of the schools, parishes and local community to make these schools great as they should be.

Thank you and God bless you.

Msgr. Stoetzel

The intercession this week is to pray for the success of all Catholic schools especially in our local area.

## **DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL**

Good News! Our parish has reached and exceeded the target amount for the 2017 Diocesan Annual Appeal. As of January 12<sup>th</sup>, \$56,720 has been pledge with most of the money paid already. Thank you very much to all those who have pledged and given; to those who have not, please consider to do so. All money paid now will come back to the parish to support its operations budget. All parishioners should be able to pledge and give 2-3% of their income to support this appeal. Even the smallest amount is most helpful and shows your support.

## **VACATION**

Msgr. Stoetzel will be on vacation from January 29<sup>th</sup> -February 9<sup>th</sup> visiting family in California.

## **FIRST FRIDAY**

The First Friday of February falls on February 2, (The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord). Sue Gilbert and Betty Roskos will make communion calls to the homebound at their usual times.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament occurs from after the 12:10 pm Mass in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel and concludes with Benediction at 2:40 pm.

## **STOP ABORTION & SUPPORT FAMILY LIFE**

The Mass intention for a novena of Masses on First Saturdays, from October to June is to Stop Abortion and Support Family Life. The February 3, 8:00 am Mass here at the Cathedral will be to pray for these intentions.

## **FIRST SATURDAY**

Please join us in observing First Saturday Devotions, as Our Lady requested at Fatima, to obtain peace for the world. On Saturday, February 3, at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse, a meditation on one of the mysteries of the Holy Rosary will be given by the Friars of the Immaculate. Their talk will begin at 10:00 am, in the Shrine Church, followed by the Holy Rosary at 10:30 a.m. and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 11:00 am. Confession will be available from 10:30 am to 11:00 am, and also following the 11:00 am Mass.

## **BASIC CATECHISM CLASS**

Father Hardon's Basic Catechism Course – Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith? On Saturday, February 3, there will be an introductory meeting on Father John Hardon's Basic Catechism Course. This meeting will be held in the church crypt at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe immediately following the 11:00 am Mass. Refreshments will be provided. Based on interest, classes will be offered under the direction of Luna Chou, with specific dates and times to be determined. To register or for more information contact the Marian Catechist Office at 782-0011; or by e-mail at Prayer@MarianCatechist.com.

## **LA CROSSE G.K. CHESTERTON SOCIETY**

The La Crosse Area G.K. Chesterton Society will meet on Thursday, February 8, from 7:00-9:00 pm, at The Wine Guyz (122 King St). We will finish discussing *The Mercy of Allah* by G.K. Chesterton's close friend Hilliare Belloc. The book is available for free on the Gutenberg Project website.

## KNIGHTS OF ST. JOSEPH

Family is the fundamental cell where human life is transferred from generation to generation. Every child born to a family is a benefit not only to his or her mother, father, brothers or sisters, but also to the entire community into which he or she is born.

February is dedicated to the Holy Family and has become a time to recall the Holy Family where Jesus spent the time between His birth and embarking on His public ministry.

The Knights of St. Joseph pray that society will come to learn that family is the living fiber and wellspring which binds a society together and be motivated to safeguard and defend the sacredness of life.

On Friday, February 9, from 6:00-7:30 pm, the Knights will gather for their Evening of Prayer at St. James the Less Parish (1032 Caledonia Street). The evening begins with the Angelus followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Once Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours is prayed, there is a period of Eucharistic Adoration along with an opportunity for confession. The evening concludes with a talk, praying Night Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours and Benediction.

Come join us for pizza, refreshments and camaraderie in Murphy Hall following Benediction. Men of all parishes are welcome to join the Knights of St. Joseph.

## FIAT - YOUNG CATHOLIC ADULT GROUP

Tuesday, February 20, from 6:00-6:30 pm, FIAT will meet at Blessed Sacrament Church (130 Losey Blvd South) in the Adoration Chapel. Following Adoration, FIAT will go to the Bodega (122 4th Street South) for a meal, refreshments and camaraderie. If you would like to be added to the email list, drop FIAT an email at [lax.fiat@gmail.com](mailto:lax.fiat@gmail.com). Be sure to check out our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/FiatLaCrosse> for activities, events, community service opportunities and resources to deepen your faith.

## MORNING OF REFLECTION

Jennifer Kulzer, RCIA Coordinator, at Blessed Sacrament Parish will give a presentation entitled, *Lord, Teach Me to Pray*, on Saturday, March 10 in the Blessed Sacrament Parish Center at (130 Losey Blvd. South). Msgr. Del Malin will offer Holy Mass at 8:00 am, followed by breakfast at 8:30 am. The presentation will begin at 9:45 am and conclude at 10:30 am. Contact your PCCW President by March 1 if you plan to attend.

## Weekly Message From THE HOLY SEE POPE FRANCIS



The Lord's star, however, may not always overwhelm by its brightness, but it is always there, ever kindly: it takes you by the hand in life and accompanies you. It does not promise material reward, but ensures peace and grants, as it did to the Magi, "exceedingly great joy" (Mt 2:10). But it also tells us to set out.

Setting out, the second thing the Magi do, is essential if we are to find Jesus. His star demands a decision to take up the journey and to advance tirelessly on our way. It demands that we free ourselves from useless burdens and unnecessary extras that only prove a hindrance, and accept unforeseen obstacles along the map of life. Jesus allows himself to be found by those who seek him, but to find him we need to get up and go, not sit around but take risks, not stand still, but set out.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, January 29

6:30 am Mass (Intention of Patty Chihak Schrage)  
12:10 pm Mass (Marie Kabat)

### Tuesday, January 30

6:30 am Mass (Special Intention)  
12:10 pm Mass (Shawn Carroll)

### Wednesday, January 31

6:30 am Mass (Special Intention)  
12:10 pm Mass (John Hovel)

### Thursday, February 1

6:30 am Mass (Living & Deceased Members of the Pham & Bui Families)  
12:10 pm Mass (The Reinhard Hoch Family)

### First Friday, February 2

6:30 am Mass (Roger Reichert)  
12:10 pm Mass (Deceased Members of the Jack/Irene Dunham Families)  
**12:45-2:40 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**  
**2:40 pm Benediction**

### First Saturday, February 3

8:00 am Mass (Stop Abortion & Support Family Life)  
4:00 pm Mass (Cornelia L. Kamla)

### Sunday, February 4

#### Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am Mass (Deceased Members of the Fried & Bendel Families)  
10:30 am Mass (Harold & Terry Martini)  
4:30 pm Mass (Intention of the Cathedral Parish Families)

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday 2 Samuel 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Mark 5:1-20.  
Tuesday 2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3; Mark 5:21-43.  
Wednesday 2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17; Mark 6:1-6.  
Thursday 1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12; Mark 6:7-13.  
Friday Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40.  
Saturday 1 Kings 3:4-13; Mark 6:30-34.  
Sunday Job 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23; Mark 1:29-39.

### Bulletin Deadline:

The Cathedral Bulletin deadline is 4:00 pm each Monday.

## RELIGIOUS LEADERSHIP & STAFF

The Most Reverend William P. Callahan, OFM Conv,  
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## DIOCESAN

### The Aquinas Catholic Schools System:

We are proud of our schools and hope families will consider becoming part of the Aquinas Catholic Schools System.

Ted Knutson, President of Aquinas Catholic Schools  
Kelly Reinhart, Aquinas Catholic Schools Enrollment Coordinator  
Cathedral School 608/782-5998  
Aquinas Catholic Schools Central Offices 608/784-8585  
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Other Websites - <http://www.cathedralsjworkman.org>  
- <http://www.AquinasCatholicSchools.org>  
- <http://www.lacrossedeanery.com>  
- <http://www.dioceseoflacrosse.com>

## INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PARISHIONER?

We welcome all new parishioners into our parish family. To register, please call to make an appointment at the parish office at 782-0322.

## AED IN THE GATHERING AREA

In the event of a medical emergency, the Cathedral Church has an AED (automated external defibrillator) which is located along the wall of the north door exit of the Gathering Area.

## RUMMAGE SALE

The PCCW will **\*\*\*\*NOT\*\*\*\*** be having a rummage sale next spring. Therefore, it is kindly asked that rummage sale items not be left in the Undercroft hallway off of the elevator. Items left will be tossed into the dust bin for disposal.

## MISSION STATEMENT

"We, the parishioners of the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman, serve Jesus Christ by proclaiming the Gospel, celebrating the Holy Eucharist and extending hospitality and compassion to God's beloved children."

## LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS -

The Cathedral Education Committee will provide  
We hope to have special speakers at  
Watch upcoming Cathedral Sunday

THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE WELCOMES  
TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CATHEDRAL



SIXTH ANNUAL

# SOUP-A-RAMA

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Interested individuals or family's wishing to  
are encouraged to contact SANDY at 78

## Sacraments & Services

**Baptism:** Parents may request the baptism of their infants at least two months prior to the anticipated date of baptism. The baptism of infants at the Cathedral is ordinarily celebrated on Sundays at 12:00 noon. To request a baptism, please call 782-0322. Baptism of infants at St. James the Less on Sundays at 10:00 am. A class for parents is required.

**Marriage:** Couples who want to request the celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage should contact the rector/pastor at the time of formal engagement or at least six months prior to the anticipated date of marriage. In the case of a mixed marriage, the

- FRIDAY'S DURING LENT  
 Provide simple-but-delicious meatless soups.  
 Most if not all of the Soup Suppers.  
 See bulletin for additional details.

FOR ALL PARISHIONERS  
 AT THE CATHEDRAL'S



RAMA

(a fee requested)  
 your favorite soup

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bread or desserts are also encouraged.

to enter the competition  
 7-1775 for more details

Proceeds from the  
 Soup-A-Rama  
 as well as the  
 meatless Lenten  
 Soup Suppers  
 are used to purchase  
 resources for  
 struggling learners  
 at Aquinas Middle  
 and High Schools

non-Catholic party must arrange to receive instructions about the Catholic faith prior to the celebration of the wedding. Weddings are not ordinarily celebrated during Lent.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Those who are seriously ill or have been sick for a long period of time should receive the Sacrament of the Sick and Holy Communion. Please call YOUR parish office to make arrangements.

**Visitation of the Sick:** If you become homebound because of illness and would like to be visited, please call the Cathedral parish office.

## CALENDAR REMINDERS & BUSINESS

- Jan 31 Memorial of St. John Bosco, Priest
- Feb 2 Feast of the Presentation of the Lord
- Feb 3 Memorial of St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr & St. Ansgar, Bishop
- Feb 5 Memorial of St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr
- Feb 6 Memorial of St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs
- Feb 8 Memorial of St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin
- Feb 10 Memorial of St. Scholastica, Virgin
- Feb 17 Memorial of The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
- Feb 21 Memorial of St. Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
- Feb 22 Feast of the Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
- Feb 23 Memorial of St. Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr

## SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKMAN | Cathedral

- Jan 27 Brains and Brawn Mass - 6:00 pm
- Jan 30 PCCW Planning Committee Meeting - 10:00 am Gathering Area
- Jan 31 RCIA - 6:00 pm Library-Conference Room
- Feb 3 Soup-a-Rama 5:30-8:00 pm Earl's Grocery & Saloon
- Feb 4 Hospitality Sunday - Sponsored by the Sacred Worship Committee
- Feb 7 RCIA - 6:00 pm Library-Conference Room
- Feb 11 Men's Club Pancake Breakfast - 7:30 am -Noon Undercroft
- Feb 12 Knights of Columbus - 7:00 pm Undercroft
- Feb 14 Ash Wednesday
- Feb 14 RCIA - 6:00 pm Library-Conference Room
- Feb 16 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Following the 12:10 pm Mass
- Feb 16 Stations of the Cross & Benediction
- Feb 16 Lenten Soup Supper - 6:00 pm Undercroft
- Feb 18 Rite of Election - 2:00 pm
- Feb 19 Pastoral Council Meeting - 7:00 pm Undercroft
- Feb 21 RCIA - 6:00 pm Library-Conference Room
- Feb 23 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Following the 12:10 pm Mass
- Feb 23 Stations of the Cross & Benediction
- Feb 23 Lenten Soup Supper - 6:00 pm Undercroft
- Feb 28 RCIA - 6:00 pm Library-Conference Room
- Mar 2 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Following the 12:10 pm Mass
- Mar 2 Stations of the Cross & Benediction
- Mar 2 Lenten Soup Supper - 6:00 pm Undercroft
- Mar 3 First Confession - 10:30 am Cathedral Church
- Mar 4 Retreat for Confirmation Students
- Mar 4 Hospitality Sunday - Sponsored by the Cathedral Book Club
- Mar 6 Social Concerns Meeting - 6:00 pm Bishop's Vestry
- Mar 7 RCIA - 6:00 pm Library-Conference Room
- Mar 9 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Following the 12:10 pm Mass
- Mar 9 Stations of the Cross & Benediction
- Mar 9 Lenten Soup Supper - 6:00 pm Undercroft
- Mar 12 Knights of Columbus - 7:00 pm Undercroft
- Mar 14 RCIA - 6:00 pm Library-Conference Room
- Mar 16 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Following the 12:10 pm Mass
- Mar 16 Stations of the Cross & Benediction
- Mar 16 Lenten Soup Supper - 6:00 pm Undercroft
- Mar 18 Promotion for the Cause of Fr. Joseph Walijewski - 10:30 am
- Mar 21 RCIA - 6:00 pm Library-Conference Room
- Mar 23 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Following the 12:10 pm Mass
- Mar 23 Stations of the Cross & Benediction
- Mar 23 Lenten Soup Supper - 6:00 pm Undercroft
- Mar 25 Palm Sunday
- Mar 26 All Day Confessions - 9:00 am-6:00 pm
- Mar 27 Chrism Mass - 10:30 am
- Mar 29 Mass of the Lord's Last Supper - 5:10 pm
- Mar 30 Good Friday Liturgy - 12:10 pm
- Mar 31 Easter Vigil - 8:30 pm
- Apr 1 Easter Sunday
- Apr 2 Publicity Committee Meeting - 7:00 pm Rectory
- Apr 8 Hospitality Sunday - Sponsored by the Pastoral Council
- Apr 9 PCCW Meeting - 6:00 pm Gathering Area
- Apr 9 Knights of Columbus - 7:00 pm Undercroft
- Apr 19 Finance Council Meeting - 8:45 am Rectory
- Apr 21 First Holy Communion Practice - 10:30 am Cathedral Church
- Apr 22 First Holy Communion - 10:30 am During Mass
- May 6 Hospitality Sunday - Sponsored by the Cathedral PCCW
- May 12 Sacred Worship Committee Meeting - 8:45 am Bishop's Vestry
- May 21 Pastoral Council Meeting - 7:00 pm Undercroft
- May 27 Closing of the Cause for Fr. Walijewski - 10:30 am
- Jun 30 Priesthood Ordination - 10:00 am
- Sep 15 Sacred Worship Committee Meeting - 8:45 am Bishop's Vestry

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULES

For the weekend of February 3-4

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### SATURDAY - 4:00 PM MASS

Bissen, Andrew	Altar Server
Gleason, Karen	Extraordinary Minister
McDonnell, Jean	Extraordinary Minister
Richards, Deacon Joseph	Ordinary Minister
Bissen, Mary	Lector

### SUNDAY - 7:30 AM MASS

Gundersen, Lars	Altar Server
Gundersen, Patrick	Altar Server
Fuschsteiner, Julie	Extraordinary Minister
Peters, Charlie	Extraordinary Minister
Skemp, Deacon Thomas	Ordinary Minister
Sperle, Douglas	Extraordinary Minister
Sperle, Mary	Extraordinary Minister
Gundersen, Margy	Lector

### SUNDAY - 10:30 AM MASS

Savoldelli, Joseph	Altar Server
Weinberger, Gavin	Altar Server
Becker, Tammy	Extraordinary Minister
Dudley, Mary	Extraordinary Minister
Miletto, Phyllis	Extraordinary Minister
Savoldelli, Jacob	Extraordinary Minister
Nelson, Virginia	Extraordinary Minister
Skemp, Deacon Thomas	Ordinary Minister
Whalen, Chuck	Extraordinary Minister
Withrow, Cyndi	Extraordinary Minister
Wirkus, Lois	Lector

### SUNDAY - 4:30 PM MASS

Nduka, Chukwuma	Altar Server
Callan, Charles	Extraordinary Minister
Pham, Anh	Extraordinary Minister
Richards, Deacon Joseph	Ordinary Minister
Roskos, Betty	Extraordinary Minister
Roskos, Rollie	Extraordinary Minister
Ujda, Bert	Extraordinary Minister
Ujda, John	Lector

## CANDLEMAS - FEBRUARY 2

St. James the Less will be offering a special High Mass for the Feast of the Purification of the Mother of God on Friday, February 2, at 5:30 pm. The celebrant will be Fr. Michael Di Rocco.

Before the Mass of the Purification, candles are traditionally blessed and distributed. Following the blessing and before the Mass, the faithful, led by their priest, process around the Church singing Marian Hymns and holding lit candles. Hence, the term Candlemas.

The Feast of the Purification occurs 40 days from Christmas, on February 2. This feast commemorates two mysteries. One was Mary's Fulfillment of the Old Testament law which directed a poor mother of a male child to offer in sacrifice a pair of Turtle-Doves, or two young pigeons, 40 days from the birth of the child, as a ceremony for purification (hence the name of the feast). The second concerning Jesus, was the redeeming from God's service of the firstborn male child by five shekels. However, because of the miraculous manner of Mary's motherhood and because Christ is the Son of God, who came to be the Redeemer of others, neither were obliged to fulfill these laws. But in order to serve as an example of humility and obedience, Mary and Joseph under the inspiration of the Holy Ghost, nevertheless, undertook to fulfill these precepts.

This feast, while being the most ancient feast of the Latin Church to the Mother of God, is the last feast of the year to use the Christmas Preface and thus closes the Christmas cycle.

Before the start of the Mass of the Purification, candles are traditionally blessed and distributed. The candles are blessed from the Epistle Corner of the Altar. Each blessed candle, which is composed of three parts (the wax, the wick, and the flame), represent Christ. The wax, which is the production of the virginal bee, is the Flesh of Our Lord. The wick, which is within, is His Soul. The flame, which burns on the top, is His Divinity.

### 2018 LENTEN JOURNAL AVAILABLE

The Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist are happy to announce that the 2018 Lenten Journal is available now through [educationinvirtue.com](http://educationinvirtue.com) as well as Amazon for \$11.95.

The season of Lent is the time to renew your desire to be a disciple of Christ. The three forms of penance—fasting, praying, almsgiving—are a means for you to hear, look upon, and touch Him. Ask yourself, "Have I heard Him?", "Have I seen Him?", "Have I touched Him?" Jesus Christ is alive! He is inviting you to be an eye witness. Don't be afraid to spend the next forty days reading and meditating on the Word of God, for "indeed, the word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword." (Hebrews 4:12)

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