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Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 26, 2019

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 (Weekdays)

Vigil Mass: 5:10 pm (Evening Prior) Holy Day: 6:30 am, 12:10 pm, 5:10 pm

Holy Day Masses (Saturdays)

Friday Vigil Mass: 5:10 pm (Evening Prior) Saturday Holy Day Mass: 8:00 am (Only)

(Note: Saturday 4:00 pm Mass fulfills Sunday obligation)

Holiday Masses

Weekday & Saturday 8:00 am

Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving.

For Holy Week, Easter & Christmas schedules call the Rectory, see bulletin or go to online website

Sacrament of Denance

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. Simple benediction at 2:40 pm.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday
Tuesday
Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26-16:4a.
Acts 16:22-34 John 16:5-11.
Wednesday
Acts 18:1 8: John 16:16:20

Thursday Acts 18:1-8; John 16:16-20. Friday Zephaniah 3:14-18a or

Romans 12:9-16; Luke 1:39-56. Saturday Acts 18:23-28; John 16:23b-28. Sunday Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23;

Luke 24:46-53.

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EPHESIANS 6:10-17

- 10 "Finally, draw your strength from the Lord and his mighty power.
- ¹¹ Put on the armor of God so that you may be able to stand firm against the tactics of the devil.
- Our battle is not against human forces but against the principalities and powers, the rulers of this world of darkness, the evil spirits in regions above.
- ¹³ You must put on the armor of God if you are to resist on the evil day; do all that your duty requires, and hold your ground.
- 14 Stand fast, with the truth as the belt around your waist, justice as your breastplate,
- ¹⁵ and zeal to propagate the gospel of peace as your footgear.
- ¹⁶ In all circumstances hold faith up before you as your shield; it will help you extinguish the fiery darts of the evil one.
- ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the spirit, the Word of God.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, May 27

Memorial of St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

8:00 am Mass (Living & Deceased Members of the Robert & Marilyn McElligott Families)

No 6:30 am or 12:10 pm Masses Today

Tuesday, May 28

6:30 am Mass (Roger Reichert)

12:10 pm Mass (Living & Deceased Members of the Begeman Family) Wednesday, May 29

6:30 am Mass (Michael Sylves)

12:10 pm Mass (George Myer)

Thursday, May 30

6:30 am Mass (Living & Deceased Members of the Pham & Bui Families)

12:10 pm Mass (Elizabeth "Betty" Shimshak)

Friday, May 31

Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:30 am Mass (Mary Donahue)

12:10 pm Mass (Living & Deceased Members of the Doerre & Zoerb Families)

First Saturday, June 1

Memorial of St. Justin, Martyr

8:00 am Mass (Stop Abortion & Support Family Life)

4:00 pm Mass (Elaine Allen)

Sunday, June 2

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

7:30 am Mass (George & Lillian Huebner Families)

Mass (Living & Deceased Members of the Hoeschler Family)

4:30 pm Mass (Intention of the Cathedral Parish Family)

CALENDAR REMINDERS & BUSINESS

Memorial Day - 8:00 am Mass Only Today May 27

Parish Offices Closed Today May 27

May 30 Cathedral Book Club - 9:00 am Bishop's Vestry

Social Concerns Committee Meeting - 6:00 Gathering Area Jun

7 33 Days to Morning Glory - 9:30 am Library Conference Room lun

10 Knights of Columbus - 7:00 pm Undercroft Jun

33 Days to Morning Glory - 9:30 am Library Conference Room Jun 14

33 Days to Morning Glory - 9:30 am Library Conference Room 21 lun

Jun 28 33 Days to Morning Glory - 9:30 am Library Conference Room

Publicity Committee Meeting - 7:00 pm Rectory Iul 1

Jul 4 Independence Day - 8:00 am Mass Only Today

33 Days to Morning Glory - 9:30 am Library Conference Room 5 Iul

8 Knights of Columbus - 7:00 pm Undercroft Iul

33 Days to Morning Glory - 9:30 am Library Conference Room Jul 12

Annointing of the Sick - 10:30 am Mass Jul 14

Jul 18 Finance Council Meeting - 8:45 am Rectory

Knights of Columbus - 7:00 pm Undercroft Aug 12

24 Mission Co-Op Weekend Aug

Mission Co-Op Weekend Aug 25

Sep Labor Day - 8:00 am Mass Only Today

9 Sep PCCW Meeting - 6:00 pm Gathering Area

Family Life Committee Meeting - 6:00 pm Rectory Sep

Knights of Columbus - 7:00 pm Undercroft Sep

Sacred Worship Committee Meeting - 8:45 am Bishop's Vestry 14 Sep

Oct Knights of Columbus - 7:00 pm Undercroft

Solemnity of All Saints Nov 1

2 All Souls' Day Nov

Veteran's Day Event - Gathering Area Nov 10

Cathedral PCCW Meeting - 6:00 pm Gathering Area Nov 11

Knights of Columbus - 7:00 pm Undercroft Nov 11

Nov 28 Thanksgiving Day

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PARISHIONER?

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

DARE TO FOLLOW DAYS

Dear Friends,

Jesus continues to call young men to be His disciples as He did so many years ago during His public ministry. Today, as then, it takes courage and generosity to dare to follow Jesus.

God is calling young men in our Diocese to be priests for His people. Our Diocese needs priests to celebrate the sacraments, to teach and guide the people, and to serve the sick and the needy. Perhaps God is calling you.

Come to La Crosse this summer to know better what God is asking of you. Our Dare to Follow Days are filled with fun, prayer, friends, questions and even some answers designed to get you to think and discern about living life within and for the Church.

Do you have the courage to dare to follow Jesus? Come to La Crosse this summer to ask Jesus what He wishes of you.

Bishop William Callahan

Spend a couple of days at no cost with young men your own age to learn more about your Catholic Faith while having fun and talking about the vocation of the priesthood. Dare to Follow Days are for boys going into the 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th grades. Each participant is required to fill out the medical consent form located at diolc.org/dare-tofollow-retreat/. These forms must be turned in no later than June 7, to Diocese of La Crosse The Office for Vocations at 3710 East Ave. S. La Crosse, WI 54602-4004 or to vocations@diolc.org.

The schedule will be as follows: Friday, June 14: 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm, arrival at 3710 East Avenue South. June 16: Mass at 10:00 am, Sunday with Bishop Callahan at Christ the King Chapel. Parents and family are welcome to attend Mass. The retreat ends after Mass.

What to bring: casual clothes appropriate for Mass, clothing for recreation (basketball, baseball, etc.).

Staff will include Priests and Seminarians of the Diocese of La Crosse.

THRESHOLD RETREAT

Young men entering their Junior and Senior years of high school will have an opportunity to engage in day retreat filled with prayer, conversations and reflections on the priesthood as well as plenty of recreation at Holy Cross Diocesan Center starting on Friday, July 12 to July 14. For more information, please call 608/791-2667; or email diolc.org/priesthood/threshold-retreat.





Please note that the Solemnity of the Ascension will be celebrated next Sunday, June 2nd. In most dioceses in the United States, the solemnity has been transferred from Thursday of the 6th Sunday of Easter to the following Sunday. This has been the practice for several decades. Note too, there will be only one Mass on Memorial Day at 8:00 AM with confessions heard before it.

Dear parishioners and visitors,

It took some time but the weather now feels as if spring is here and summer should not be far behind. With that comes the first weekend of summer which is Memorial Day. In the midst of finishing the school year and so many other activities, we should not forget the purpose of this day to remember the many American soldiers who have died serving the military and armed forces especially those killed in conflicts and wars. Every family in the United States have been affected by members who have served and perhaps have died while serving our country.

You hold them dear to your hearts and minds and that is reason enough to remember them in prayer.

I hope you will have a good weekend but do not forget to pray for those who served our country in the military and especially those who died in combat. May God give them eternal rest and peace that this world cannot give but only Him.

Thank you and God bless you.

Msgr. Stoetzel

The intercession this week is to pray for those who served our country in the military and armed forces.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULES

Scheduling for the July and August Liturgical Schedules will begin on Tuesday, June 18. If you plan to be away during this time and beyond, we kindly ask that you please email office@cathedralsjworkman.org with the dates you will be gone no later than Monday, June 17. Dates received after June 17 will not be accepted. Many thanks to parents of graduates and graduates, themselves, who have indicated that they will no longer be able to assist at Holy Mass. If you are a graduate and have not contacted the Cathedral yet, this would be a good time to do so. Otherwise, you will be scheduled.

SCRIP NEWS

Spring into action with Scrip. At long last spring has finally put in an appearance. With that comes yard clean-up, planting of flowers and shrubbery, and getting that vegetable garden prepared for planting. We have Scrip from Ace Hardware, Farm and Fleet, Menards, The Home Depot, Walmart and countless other vendors who have all of the tools and plants to make any home a "House Beautiful" or "Better Homes and Gardens" magazine cover shot.

Psst! Don't forget that Father's Day is just around the corner (Sunday, June 16). Skip the tie and honor Dad by celebrating his special day with a Scrip card to his favorite restaurant or place to shop. With Scrip, one size fits all.

CATHEDRAL BOOK CLUB

The Cathedral Book Club will gather in the Bishop's Vestry on Thursday, May 30, at 9:00 am, to view the movie entitled *The Zookeeper's Wife*. Originally, we had planned to view the movie: *Solanus Casey: Priest, Porter, Prophet;* however, a copy of the film is not readily available at this time. All are welcome to join us for our events.

OFFERTORY GIFTS

Parishioners: individuals or families who desire to bring up the offertory gifts at the weekend Masses are encouraged to please contact one of the ushers; or Msgr. Stoetzel (608/782-0322; x221). This could be at any Mass or one in which the family had set an intention for a given Mass which they want to be involved.

LADIES FOR LIFE TEA

The La Crosse Life League will hold its 10th annual Ladies for Life Tea on Sunday, June 23, from 2:00-4:00 pm, in Blessed Sacrament's Parish Hall (130 South Losey Blvd.). Come for an afternoon of enjoyment for ladies of all ages including pro-life speaker, Mary Turner. There will be a separate activity for the younger girls. In addition, there will be tasty food and drink, door prizes and a silent auction. Ticket prices are \$10 for ages 12 and up, \$5 for ages 3-11, and free for under 3 years of age. To set a table, or for tickets, or information, please contact Marie at 784-5189.

KNIGHTS OF ST. JOSEPH

The month of June is dedicated to The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus with Friday, June 28 being the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. The Knights of St. Joseph pray that as St. Peter Julian Eymard instructs, "Let us learn to honor the Sacred Heart in the Eucharist. Let us never separate them."

Christ's Sacred Heart of love is expressed most profoundly in the Blessed Sacrament. The Eucharist, God's giving of Himself, is celebrated joyously the Feast of Corpus Christi, which typically falls within the month of June. How appropriate this is! Devotion to the Eucharist and to the Sacred Heart are as inseparable as devotion is to the mystery of Christ's human and divine love. In the Sacred Host dwells the God-man, Jesus; in His Person pulses His Heart through which we are loved with the perfection of His humanity, the fullness of His Godhead, one Person who not only loves but is Love.

On the following second Fridays (June 14, July 12, and August 9) the Knights of St. Joseph will meet for one hour of Eucharistic Adoration at Blessed Sacrament Parish in the Adoration Chapel at 6:00 pm, as many of our men will be on family vacations and family events throughout the summer. Our regular evenings of prayer on the second Friday of each month will resume on Friday, September 13 at 6:00 pm, at St. James the Less Parish (1032 Caledonia Street).

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 June 1, 8:00 am Mass here at the Cathedral will be to pray for these intentions.

CATHEDRAL SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCHEON

The next Cathedral Senior Citizens Luncheon will be at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in the Culina Mariana Restaurant (5250 Justin Rd) on Thursday, June 20, at 11:30 am. Everyone is welcome join in the fun; however, it is kindly asked that you R.S.V.P. to Karol at 769-1270 so she knows how many tables to reserve.

QUEEN OF THE AMERICAS GUILD ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe will host the annual Queen of the Americas Guild Annual Conference on July 26-27, examining Our Lady of Guadalupe's role as our Guide and Intercessor in Witnessing to the Gospel and what this means for Catholics today. For more information and/or to register, please visit www. queenoftheamericasguild.org; or by telephone at 630/584-1822.

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULES for weekends of June 1-2 Stellflue, John SATURDAY - 4:00 PM MASS ΕM Sallander, Craig Stellflue, Patricia AS FM Bissen, Mary FM Withrow, Cyndi ΕM Skemp, Deacon Thomas OM Perpich, Mark ITR Walsh, Colleen ΕM Nduka, Joseph USH Wirkus, Kris ΕM Nduka, Chiagoziem USH Wirkus, Terry LTR Nduka, Chiadikobi USH Tudahl, Zach **USH** SUNDAY - 7:30 AM MASS AS Cook, Kevin SUNDAY - 4:30 PM MASS Skemp, Thomas AS Kotnour, Timothy AS Fuchsteiner, Julie FM Kotnour, Mark AS Klug, Mike ΕM Callan, Charles **FM** Taggart, Michael FM Gilbert, Sue ΕM Taggart, Caleb FM Pham, Anh FM Peters, Charlie LTR Roskos, Betty EM Roskos, Rollie FM SUNDAY - 10:30 AM MASS Ujda, Bert LTR Felsheim, John AS

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WHY ARE YOU STANDING THERE? GO! • BY CHRISTOPHER CARSTENS

Each year the Church celebrates Jesus' Ascension into heaven and his exaltation at the Father's right hand. The observance traditionally takes place 40 days after his resurrection. In a handful of dioceses in the United States, this significant 40-day mark still remains. In other dioceses, bishops have chosen to move the Solemnity of the Ascension to the following Sunday. Such is the case in the dioceses in Wisconsin, when the Ascension in 2019 will fall on Sunday, June 2.

Even though we will celebrate Ascension on a Sunday, we need to stay intently focused on this rather key moment in Christ's saving work. Our Catechism's Compendium sums up Christ's life-work neatly when it writes that "The Paschal Mystery of Jesus, which comprises his passion, death, resurrection, and glorification [that is, ascension], stands at the center of the Christian faith..." (112).

So, while we are most familiar with Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection at the Triduum, we find that his Ascension can seem detached some 40 days—or 43 days—out from Easter. Yet the Ascension is the completion, perfection, and exclamation point on Jesus' saving work for us. We can't let this important feast pass over without notice!

St. Matthew records Jesus' Ascension in these words: "The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, 'All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age'" (28:16-20).

The Acts of the Apostles begins "the rest of the story,"

as the late radio personality Paul Harvey would have put it. As St. Luke recounts: "When Jesus had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven.' Then they returned to Jerusalem..." (1:9-12).

Apart from the annual observance of the Ascension and the Paschal Mystery, the weekly (and even daily) remembrance of that same mystery takes place at every celebration of the Church's greatest prayer—the Mass. Can you hear how the Ascension passages are prayed at the concluding texts of the Mass? Jesus gives the great commission to "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit," only to have angelic witnesses tell them to stop "standing there looking at the sky." At Mass, the priest blesses us in the name of "the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit" before the deacon commands to "Go and announce the gospel of the Lord."

Every Mass celebrates "the memorial of the blessed Passion, the Resurrection from the dead, and the glorious Ascension into heaven" (Eucharistic Prayer I) and then commissions us, Jesus' disciples, to go out and transform the world.

Therefore, it is fitting that we should pray the Opening Prayer for the Vigil of the Ascension before, during, and after this magnificent mystery: "O God, whose Son today ascended to the heavens as the Apostles looked on, grant, we pray, that, in accordance with his promise, we may be worthy for him to live with us always on earth, and we with him in heaven." Amen!



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