Second Sunday of Lent
March 8, 2020

**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)  
6:30 am, 12:10 pm & 5:10 pm (Solemnity)  

**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  
For Holy Week, Easter & Christmas schedules call the Rectory, see bulletin or go to online website 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.  
Simple benediction at 2:40 pm.  

**THIS WEEK’S READINGS**

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**Pancake & Omelet**

**Sunday, March 15**  
7:30 am - Noon  

$3 Pancake breakfast  
$4 Omelet breakfast  
$12 Feed a Family  

Breakfast is served in the Cathedral undercroft (downstairs)  
Visitors please note there are two Sunday Masses at the Cathedral (7:30 & 10:30 a.m.)  
The public is invited… tell your friends!  

Proceeds for the March 15 breakfast will raise funds for Aquinas High School Junior Prom  
The Cathedral Men’s Club does the cooking  
Aquinas Middle School and High School students are volunteer servers at the breakfasts  

530 Main Street, La Crosse, WI 54601  

Also see our website: www.cathedralsjworkman.org
MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 9
Memorial of St. Frances of Rome, Religious
6:30 am Mass (Intention of S.R.)
11:40 am Stations of the Cross
12:10 pm Mass (Robert J. Twite)
Tuesday, March 10
6:30 am Mass (John Kleinsmith)
11:40 am Stations of the Cross
12:10 pm Mass (Peter Groves)
Wednesday, March 11
6:30 am Mass (Intention of Sr. Rosalia Bauer, FSPA | 70 years of Religious Profession)
11:40 am Stations of the Cross
12:10 pm Mass (George & Lillian Huebner Family)
Thursday, March 12
6:30 am Mass (Intention of Dr. L.J.)
11:40 am Stations of the Cross
12:10 pm Mass (Harold & Terry Martini)
Friday, March 13
6:30 am Mass (Intention of the La Crosse Diocesan Ultrasound Project)
11:40 am Stations of the Cross
12:10 pm Mass (Fred Kabat)
5:10 pm Stations of the Cross
Saturday, March 14
8:00 am Mass (Franke & Bartel Families)
8:30 - 9:15 am Eucharistic Adoration, Blessed Sacrament Chapel
4:00 pm Mass (Intention of the Cathedral Parish Family)
Sunday, March 15
Third Sunday of Lent
7:30 am Mass (Roger Reichert)
10:30 am Mass (Fr. Joseph Walijewski)
4:30 pm Mass (Intention of the Knights of Columbus, Council 839)

CALENDAR REMINDERS & BUSINESS

Mar 8 Daylight Savings Time Begins (set your clocks ahead one hour)
Mar 9 Knights of Columbus - 7:00 pm Undercroft
Mar 10 Begin Novena Prayer to St. Joseph
Mar 13 Lectio Eucharist - 10:00 am Undercroft (7)
Mar 13 Stations of the Cross - 5:10 pm
Mar 13 Lenten Soup Supper - 6:00 pm Undercroft
Mar 15 Men’s Club Pancake & Omelet Breakfast - 7:30 am - 12:00 pm Undercroft
Mar 20 Lectio Eucharist - 10:00 am Undercroft (8)
Mar 20 Stations of the Cross - 5:10 pm
Mar 20 Lenten Soup Supper - 6:00 pm Undercroft
Mar 22 St. Joseph’s Table - 7:30 am & 10:30 am Masses Gathering Area
Mar 25 Euchar - 6:30 pm Gathering Area
Mar 26 Cathedral Book Club - 9:00 am Gathering Area
Mar 27 Lectio Eucharist - 10:00 am Undercroft (9)
Mar 27 Stations of the Cross - 5:10 pm
Mar 27 Lenten Soup Supper - 6:00 pm Undercroft
Mar 28 First Confession & First Holy Communion Practice - 8:45 am
Mar 29 Pick-up Book For Consecration to St. Joseph
Mar 29 First Holy Communion During the 10:30 am Mass
Mar 29 Hospitality Sunday Sponsored by the Cathedral PCCW
Apr 3 Lectio Eucharist - 10:00 am Undercroft (10)
Apr 9 Holy Thursday
Apr 10 Good Friday
Apr 11 Easter Vigil - 8:30 pm
Apr 12 Solemnity of Easter
Apr 13 Cathedral PCCW Meeting - 6:00 pm Rectory
Apr 13 Knights of Columbus - 7:00 pm Undercroft
Apr 15 Conferal of Confirmation - 6:30 pm (Group 1 of 3)
Apr 21 Publicity Committee Meeting - 6:00 pm Rectory
Apr 25 Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Campaign - All Masses
Apr 30 Cathedral Book Club - 9:00 am Gathering Area

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.

FORMED

Did you know that Catholic Answers offers quick “Ready Reasons” on Formed.org? The Catholic teaching on Penance is often rejected because they think it implies Jesus’ death on the cross was not enough. Learn why this is not actually case. Sign up for your free subscription by simply selecting our parish’s name at formed.org/signup.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

The season of Lent began on Ash Wednesday, February 26. Lenten regulations are as follows:

Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent, and Good Friday.

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.

LENTEN WEEKDAY SERVICES

The schedule of Masses and confessions during the weekdays of Lent is the same as in Ordinary Time. In addition there will be Stations of the Cross on weekdays at 11:40 am. On the Fridays of Lent, there will be Stations of the Cross at 5:10 pm, concluding with Benediction. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on the Saturdays of Lent following the 8:00 am Mass and concluding with Benediction.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

The Cathedral Parish will resume its Lenten Soup Suppers during the Friday’s of Lent. The evening opens with Stations of the Cross and Benediction at 5:10 pm, followed by a soup supper in the Undercroft. As in other years the people of the parish are being asked to donate yeast or sweetbreads for each of the suppers. They can be dropped off in the Undercroft near the kitchen. The following guidelines can be used:

ENROLLMENT IS OPEN FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR!

At Aquinas, students explore their passions, give back to their communities, grow in faith and prepare for a successful future. Our schools are open to families of all faiths, and we offer several tuition assistance programs. To learn more or to start your enrollment process visit us at www.aquinascatholicschools.org or contact Nancy Pederson at 784-8585.
DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL STATISTICS
FOR THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOSEPH THE WORKMAN
Cathedral Goal: $50,795.00
Amount Received: $54,063.00
Outstanding Pledges: $ 1,057.00
Total Pledged & Received: $55,120.00
Over/(Under) Goal: $ 4,325.00
% Goal Pledged: 108.51%
% Goal Paid: 106.43%

DIOCESAN MISSION OFFICE
Recently, Fr. Woodrow Pace, Mission Office Director, sent the following thank you letter to the Cathedral Parish regarding World Mission Sunday: We in the Mission Office want to thank you for being a source of hope in a world that seems more focused on despair. As a result of World Mission Sunday, the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman Parish of La Crosse has helped to support the work of missionaries who serve those most stricken with poverty and often suffer persecution. May God bless you for your financial contribution of $1,536.00 and all of your prayers. We will forward the total to our National Office. The Society for the Propagation of the Faith then has the honor of distributing the funds in support of projects that build God's kingdom in our midst.

CATHEDRAL PRAYER CHAIN
Notice to all Cathedral Parishioners. We now have a prayer chain that you may request prayers to be said and pray for the needs of others. Send your prayer requests to Mari at https://cathedralsjworkman.org/prayer-request/.

HOSPITAL VISITS
Parish priests are always glad to come to administer the sacraments at our local hospitals; however, it is vitally important that the patient, if possible, or a family member and/or friends contact the Rectory at 782-0322 to let us know a parishioner is hospitalized. Otherwise, we have no way of knowing you are hospitalized.

WILLS & ESTATES
As you prayerfully execute your will or do estate planning, please consider keeping the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman in mind. The most common and simplest way to include the parish in your last wishes is to include a bequest in your will or trust.

COLD AND FLU SEASON CAUTIONS
With the cold and flu season, plus other viruses putting in an appearance this winter, the Cathedral advises parishioners and guests alike to use their best judgement or discretion when it comes to exchanging the sign of peace and/or receiving the Precious Blood. If you have a compromised immune system, are susceptible or prone to illness, it may be in your best interest to abstain from exchanging handshakes and/or receiving the Precious Blood.

G.K. CHESTERTON
Culina Mariana Cafe (5250 Justin Rd - Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe) will have a Wisdom, Wit and American Pie night (an open-mic Chesterton night) on Friday, March 13, from 5:30-7:30 pm, featuring cafe menu items, A La Carte and Grandma Rita’s homemade pies. Be sure to bring your favorite G.K. Chesterton quote with you. For more information, please call 788-8400.

CATHEDRAL SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCHEON
The next Cathedral Senior Citizens Luncheon will be on Thursday, March 19, at 11:30 am at Hu Hot Mongolian Grill (3800 Highway 16, Valley View Mall). R.S.V.P. to Karol at 769-1270 to reserve a seat. All are welcome to join us for our monthly luncheon outings.

ST. JOSEPH’S TABLE
Sunday, March 22, marks our celebration of St. Joseph’s Table after the 7:30 am and 10:30 am Masses. The three-tier table has an image of St. Joseph at the top, and food on the other tiers. Parishioners are encouraged to bring muffins, breakfast bread, coffee cake or fruit and place it on St. Joseph’s table in the Gathering Space prior to these two Masses. The food will be blessed and shared after Mass. There is no cost, just come to feast and enjoy the fellowship! See sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area if you are able to bring a breakfast item on March 22.
KNIGHTS OF ST. JOSEPH

Gentlemen, just as a farmer's fields need to be plowed, disked, harrowed and spring toothed for a bountiful harvest, so too, do our spiritual lives require this fine attention, before planting wholesome seeds to realize an overflowing yield. Each and every day should be a day of conscientiously cultivating proper attitudes, behaviours, habits and virtues, which mirror those of God. However, Holy Mother Church in Her prudence and wisdom sets aside these 40 days of Lent, leading up to Easter, to really get serious and get down to the nitty gritty, as it were, of eradicating those uncomely attributes and all of our sins which separate us from God. Just as we are told in Sacred Scripture, (Isaiah 55:6-7). Seek ye the Lord while He may be found; call ye upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intentions are readily available in the 2020 calendar year. If you would like to have a Mass offered for a loved one, living or deceased, or for a special intention, please contact the Rectory Office to schedule your Mass intentions. With First Communion, Confirmation and Graduation around the corner, this may be a great time to have a Mass offered for these individuals as they celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation and their academic achievements.

EUCHRE NIGHT - WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

Like to play Euchre, want to learn how? Cathedral Parish is hosting a Euchre night where you will meet new people, improve your skill and have some fun. Open to all players. No need to bring a partner - we will match you up. If you haven't played before, come and learn; you'll get hooked! Cathedral Gathering Space. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Cards start as tables fill up.

UNPLANNED

You are invited to watch the powerfully prolife film “Unplanned”. This film is based off the true story of Abby Johnson, a woman who formerly was advancing her career rapidly at Planned Parenthood and is now one of the countries leading prolife activists. Come see her amazing transformation and the true power of prayer. The film will be shown on Saturday, March 28th, at 5:30pm at St. Leo’s Parish Hall, 210 West Hamilton Street, West Salem. Free will donations will be given to prolife Wisconsin. The film is rated R but is appropriate for roughly high school age and up. Any questions, please contact Brook White, 799-3424.
A Lenten Message from Father Jerzy Rebacz

“I, think we too are the people who, on the one hand, want to listen to Jesus, but on the other hand, at times, like to find a stick to beat others with, to condemn others. And Jesus has this message for us: mercy. I think - and I say it with humility - that this is the Lord’s most powerful message: mercy.”

Pope Francis - Homily on March 17, 2013

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

Corporal Works of Charity are such things that everyone can do, regardless of whether they are believers or non-believers. They belong to the very essence of our humanity. They are a concrete expression of compassionate concern for man. They are not a formula to learn by heart, but they are hints of a specific commitment to practice, wherever we live.

Since mercy towards others, as clearly indicated by Pope Francis, is the fruit of the experience of God’s Mercy, then according to what God does, we are to recognize the needs of others, caring for their temporal and eternal salvation. At the same time, it is also a concrete opportunity to meet other people and discover the meaning of theirs lives, that God gives us everyday.

Corporal works of mercy

- To feed the hungry.
- To give water to the thirsty.
- To clothe the naked.
- To shelter the homeless.
- To visit the sick.
- To visit the imprisoned, or ransom the captive.
- To bury the dead.

-To feed the hungry: is to see the real poverty, which is so much around us, often hidden out of shame. However, this is not about a one-off action to calm our conscience, as sometimes happens during various events, but about constant sensitivity to other people. If we say “give our daily bread to us today” in the prayer of “Our Father”, these words oblige us to share it with others.

-To give water to the thirsty: in our reality today have different faces. It is more about not directly satisfying man’s physical thirstiness, but about satisfying various desires that man cannot or is not able to satisfy, or in the form of addictions, he satisfies badly in his life. To give water to the thirsty today is often filling the void in the heart of another person, which pushes him to live his life badly.

-To clothe the naked: literally speaking, is to share the contents of my wardrobe with others, but not to throw them some useless and disposable rag, but to confront how many there are in my wardrobe that I have not used for a long time.

However, today to clothe the naked takes on a new meaning when we meet so many people who do not feel ashamed, behaving or speaking improperly. It is from this that profanity, rudeness and lack of basic manners are born, which today is so visible in our society. In modern reality, it is also addiction to pornography and treating the body as an object.

-To shelter the homeless: on the one hand, is to reach out to them in a very physical way, to find a place of refuge if they need it. Today, however, many people, although physically have homes, are homeless in a spiritual sense. This is clearly seen in the loneliness that affects so many people today. How often it results from the fact that a man has not “grown up” to meet with another and lives selfishly only for himself, not seeing others, and at the same time feeling very alone.

-To visit the sick: is a pressing problem today because our lives are getting faster and we still don’t have time for many things. Sometimes we even know that someone is waiting for our visit - a moment of our presence, but we are simply afraid of these situations, because what should we tell this person how to behave towards him? It is said by those who suddenly have experienced a serious illness that the people who have surrounded them so far, literally “evaporated”, “disappeared”.

Meanwhile, our presence is a concrete help for these people to see the meaning of their suffering and maybe a remedy to not fall into despair - depression which is so common in our time. Therefore, what is difficult is needed: prayers, dedication of time and specific help.

-To visit the imprisoned or console the captive: today it is maybe not so much about visiting prisoners, although maybe someone also has the opportunity to do so. However, this is primarily a help in conversion and change of life. It is a help to show those who are enslaved in various ways evil and its consequences as well as good and its happiness, and to support them spiritually in their choices. Prison for many people around us is, for example, being addicted and unwilling to change this situation.

-To bury the dead: is not only to attend the funeral of people we know, because it is in a good taste. For us believers, respecting the body of a deceased person and participating in a funeral is the simplest profession of faith in the resurrection and the reality of eternal life. It is today primarily to accompany and be close to those who are experiencing the loss of their loved ones. For us believers, it is important to take care of the graves of our loved ones, but above all, to care for the salvation of the dead through prayer and offered Masses.

““We cannot escape the Lord’s words to us, and they will serve as the criteria upon which we will be judged: whether we have fed the hungry and given drink to the thirsty, welcomed the stranger and clothed the naked, or spent time with the sick and those in prison (cf. Mt 25:31-45). Moreover, we will be asked if we have helped others to escape the doubt that causes them to fall into despair and which is often a source of loneliness; if we have helped to overcome the ignorance in which millions of people live, especially children deprived of the necessary means to free them from the bonds of poverty; if we have been close to the lonely and afflicted; if we have forgiven those who have offended us and have rejected all forms of anger and hate that lead to violence; if we have had the kind of patience God shows, who is so patient with us; and if we have commended our brothers and sisters to the Lord in prayer. In each of these “little ones,” Christ himself is present. His flesh becomes visible in the flesh of the tortured, the crushed, the scourged, the malnourished, and the exiled… to be acknowledged, touched, and cared for by us. Let us not forget the words of Saint John of the Cross: “as we prepare to leave this life, we will be judged on the basis of love”.

(Pope Francis - Bull Misericordiae Vultus, No. 15)

Cheerfully in Christ,
Fr. Jerzy