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First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2020

From Our Very Own Flock



Father Richards will celebrate the weekend Masses with us at the Cathedral this weekend, November 28 & 29.

Please stop by and welcome him back home!

Father Joseph Richards

Ordained at St. Joseph the Workman – June 27, 2020

Rectory Office Hours

Monday-Friday: 9:00 am-4:00 pm
Closed Wednesdays: 9:30-10:30 am

Liturgy

Sunday Masses

Saturday: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 7:30 am and 10:30 am

Weekday Masses

Monday-Friday: 6:30 am, 12:10 pm
Saturday: 8:00 am

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday: 9:00-9:30 am and 3:45-4:15 pm
Monday-Friday: 11:30-11:55 am

Eucharistic Devotions

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is held each Wednesday following 6:30 am Mass until noon, concluding with the Litany to St. Joseph and Benediction.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is held each Saturday morning following the 8:00 am Mass until 9:45 am, concluding with Benediction. Confession is available during Adoration from 9:00-9:30 am.

MISSION STATEMENT

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

FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

Hope



Anticipation

NATIONS WILL
COME TO YOUR LIGHT
~ Isaiah 60:3

Also see our website:
www.cathedralsjworkman.org

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 28

- 8:00 am Mass (Rita Berendes)
First Sunday of Advent
4:30 am Vigil Mass (The People of the Cathedral Parish)

Sunday, November 29

- First Sunday of Advent
7:30 am Mass (Harold & Helen Doerre, John & Nancy Doerre)
10:30 am Mass (Deceased members of the John Whalen Family)

Monday, November 30

- 6:30 am Mass (William J. Daley, Jr.)
12:10 pm Mass (Health of Jeanne Krause)

Tuesday, December 1

- 6:30 am Mass (Living & Deceased Members of the
Pham & Bui Families)
12:10 pm Mass (Michael Nduka)

Wednesday, December 2

- 6:30 am Mass (Tim Schindler)
12:10 pm Mass (Rick Riskow)

Thursday, December 3

- 6:30 am Mass (Living & Deceased Members of the
Paters and Braun Families)
12:10 pm Mass (Raymond Guralski)

Friday, December 4

- 6:30 am Mass (Roger Reichert)
12:10 pm Mass (Nate Baier)

Saturday, December 5

- 8:00 am Mass (Joseph Schretzmann, John Leski and Family)
4:30 pm Mass (Raymond & Bernadine Jungen)

Sunday, December 6

- Second Sunday of Advent
7:30 am Mass (Huebner Family, George and Lillian)
10:30 am Mass (The People of the Cathedral Parish)

CALENDAR REMINDERS & BUSINESS

Nov 28/29	Guest Priest Father Joseph Richards presides over weekend Masses
Nov 30	Advent Parish Mission - 6:30-7:30 - Undercroft
Dec 2	PCCW Meeting - 6:30
Dec 5	CANCELED - PCCW Christmas Bazaar
Dec 7	Advent Parish Mission - 6:30-7:30 - Undercroft
Dec 8	Building & Grounds Committee Meeting - 1:00 pm
Dec 8	Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary - Obligation dispensed
Dec 14	Advent Parish Mission - 6:30-7:30
Dec 14	Knights of Columbus Meeting - 7:00 pm
Dec 21	Advent Parish Mission 6:30-7:30 - Undercroft
Dec 24	Rectory Closed
Dec 24	Christmas Eve - 4:00 pm & 7:00 pm No Festival of Music/Midnight Mass
Dec 25	Christmas Day Masses - 8:30 am & 10:30 am
Dec 26	No 8:00 am Mass

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PARISHIONER?

We welcome all new parishioners into our parish family. To register, please call Msgr. Gilles at 782-0322 ext. 221 for more information on the various options available.



Thank you to our campaign leadership, volunteers, and lead supporters who have helped us begin to succeed in the *Christ Our Cornerstone Capital Campaign*, which is off to a great start.

We've laid a strong foundation for our campaign, but we need your help to ensure that St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral reaches its campaign goal. In the coming weeks, a campaign volunteer will be in touch with you to share more about the goals of the parish. Please take a moment to visit with them about the campaign and discern your response to this call.

If you would like to join our growing group of volunteers, please stop by at any of our weekly meetings hosted every Tuesday at 7 PM in the Gathering Area of the church. As a community of faith, volunteers are the key to the success of this campaign. Your personal touch will help us to engage all parishioners in this great effort!

Campaign information can be found in the Gathering Area on the campaign table. For additional campaign questions, please stop by the Rectory or reach out to **Kate Gapp**, our Campaign Director, by phone or email. **(651) 497-7986 call or text. email kgapp@lynchdevelopment.com**

WAFER FOOD DRIVE

With the pandemic many people have been hit extra hard. Would you please consider giving them assistance by giving a donation to WAFER?

ST. PATRICK PARISH ADESSE RAFFLE

St. Patrick Parish has their ADESSE raffle tickets for sale at the parish office. Each ticket is \$25.00 and is eligible for 365 drawings in 2021. There is no limit on how many times a particular ticket can win. Each month a drawing is done, and the checks are then mailed to the winners for that month. Annual prizes amount to \$16,580. ADESSE tickets are wonderful gifts for the holidays and excellent stocking stuffers for those hard to buy for people on your Christmas list! Contact the St. Patrick Parish office at 783-5535.

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

Would you or someone you know like to receive a pastoral visit from Msgr. Gilles on First Fridays or other suitable days in your/their home? If so, please contact him at 782-0322, extension 221.



A Method to His Madness

We all know about the Gospel story about the blind man Bartimaeus. Of course he naturally wanted mercy and a miracle. So, he called out to Jesus but was scolded by the people around him. For whatever reason they kept him away from Jesus perhaps thinking they were doing Jesus a favor. Rather than acting as a buffer between others and Jesus we are to be the very ones who facilitate communion with Christ the Lord. Most of us ostensibly would not want to prevent others from encountering the Lord. But sometimes it is when we do nothing that this reality plays out. Seldom is it that God directly shoots a lightning bolt from Heaven to communicate directly with somebody on Earth. The usual course of action is he depends upon us because he wants us to exercise our discipleship and charity. This is precisely why the Lord Himself did not go to Bartimaeus to heal him but went through others. There is a method to his "madness". Jesus took what would seem to us to be extra unnecessary steps and asked the very ones who prevented Bartimaeus from encountering Jesus in the first place to bring Bartimaeus to Him. He wanted to teach them a very important spiritual lesson. They had to fix their mistake and undo the damage. I recall here the Spiritual Works of Mercy

which are powerful ways we can bring others to the Lord. They are: admonishing the sinner, instructing the ignorant, counseling the doubtful, comforting the sorrowful, bearing wrongs patiently, forgiving all injuries, and praying for the living and the dead.

Looking at this last one in closer detail we understand that the work of bringing others to Jesus not only applies to those who are living around us. We can also facilitate this communion for our deceased brothers and sisters to Jesus through our prayers and sacrifices. The death of a person does not end the bonds which stitched us together in life, but rather they continue even after death. This is the reason why we offer a Funeral Mass for our beloved faithful departed. This is the reason we pray for the deceased especially in the month of November. We are faithful to the scriptures when we remember how Judas Maccabaeus made atonement for the deceased soldiers because of their superstitious practices and seemingly for which they died in battle.

On a separate but related note, when considering the Spiritual Works of Mercy we need to be ready to be on the receiving end. In other words, not only do we need to bring others to Jesus we need to let ourselves be brought to him when perhaps someone approaches us out of love to instruct us in our ignorance or to point out a fault that is causing us harm. It takes courage to exercise the Spiritual Works of Mercy but also humility to "receive" them. Never fear to do both!

Mgr. Ailler

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS AT OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE SHRINE

Please join us in observing First Saturday Devotions as Our Lady requested at Fatima. These devotions will take place on Saturday, December 5, at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse. Devotions will begin at 11:15 am in the Shrine Church with a meditation given by one of the Friars of the Immaculate on one of the mysteries of the Holy Rosary. This will be followed by the Holy Rosary at 11:45 am and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 12:15 pm. Confession will be available from 11:00 am to 12:15 pm and also following Mass. We hope that you can take part in these special devotions, as requested by Our Lady at Fatima, to obtain peace for the world.

STAY CONNECTED WITH THE CATHEDRAL FROM HOME OR ON THE GO!

There are a number of ways to stay connected with St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral parish life whether at home or on the go:

- Like us on Facebook - <http://facebook.com/cathedralsjw>
- MyParish App - text "app" to 88202 or visit the Google Play Store or visit the Apple App Store
- Parish Website - cathedralsjworkman.org
- Live Streamed Masses - Sunday's and Weekdays
- Bulletin - Online & available in the Gathering Area
- Email - office@cathedralsjworkman.org
- Telephone - 608/782-0322

SACRAMENTS & SERVICES

Baptism: Parents may request the baptism of their infants at least two months prior to the anticipated date of baptism. To request baptism, please call 782-0322.

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. Weddings are not ordinarily celebrated during Lent.

Cathedral Prayer Chain: Notice to all Cathedral Parishioners. The parish has a prayer chain that you may request prayer to be said and pray for the needs of others. Send your prayer requests to Mari at <https://cathedralsjworkman.org/prayer-request/>.

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.

Hospital Visits & Visitation of the Sick:

To secure a priest for unplanned or emergency admissions to a local hospital, it is vitally important that the patient, if possible, or a family member and/or friends contact the hospital pastoral care department to have an on call priest administer the sacraments. The on call priest is considered part of the pastoral team and does not count toward the "one visitor per day" rule (Gundersen).

If you become homebound because of illness or due to a post hospital stay and would like to be visited; or 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. Those with imminent preplanned hospital procedures should call the parish office to make arrangements for anointing. To the greatest extent possible one should be anointed apart from a hospital stay since there are such severe visiting restrictions.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY FUNDRAISER

The Habitat Faith Build Project is trying to raise funding to complete a home for the Olson Family. The total funding goal is \$87,500. Contributing can be as easy as going to <https://www.habitatlacrosse.org/faith-build.html> and using the donation box to contribute. Also, if you are a Thrivent Financial Member, the website has information about unique ways you can contribute. The website also has lots of information about the Faith Build Home and different ways you can support this important project.

MOBILE MEALS NEEDS CATHEDRAL VOLUNTEERS

Our Cathedral Parish is scheduled for Mobile Meals deliveries two weeks remaining in 2020. These are very busy weeks for many people and they can be hard to staff, so Cathedral volunteered. It's a leap of faith! Please Help! Mark your calendars: **Monday, November 30 - Sunday, December 6**, the first week of Advent. The last week of 2020, we will deliver Meals on **Monday, December 28 - Sunday, January 3, 2021**, octave Week of Christmas (in part), and the Solemnity of the Holy Family, and Mary the Mother of God. These are especially powerful times of Grace, and our acts of Charity are more sacrificial because time is at a premium. Please prayerfully consider giving a lunch hour to deliver warm meals and smiles to our homebound neighbors during the holidays.

The Mobile Meals office has taken precautions to keep everyone safe during the pandemic. We are to wear masks, and a bottle of hand sanitizer is included with the clipboard and we are asked to sanitize before and after each delivery. The meals are picked up from the Market Street entrance of Mayo Health System at 10:50 a.m. The staff wears masks and will help load the meals into your car. Address and meal information is given in a clipboard with a map. The weekday deliveries are about 1 1/2 hours and weekends are about 30 minutes. There is absolutely no long term commitment, so please help! It's easy and fun and an important way to serve our Lord in our neighbor. Our parish coordinator is **Cyndi Withrow**, and she can be reached at **608-799-2614**. She will help you get started and answer any questions. Thank You!

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE

Many have contributed very generously and kindly to the Diocesan Annual Appeal and we would like to join with the Diocese in expressing our sincere appreciation to you. If you have not responded to the Annual Appeal yet we would encourage you to do so as soon as possible. Pledges can be paid over seven months which enables you to spread out your payments and all pledges are totally tax deductible. Any funds raised above our target amount are returned to the parish to be used for our specific needs. Your donation, large or small, DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

PLANNED GIVING

Leaving a Legacy, Wills, Bequest and Endowments, Our Estate Planning Guide can help people save hundreds of dollars in legal and financial estate planning costs. We have seen a significant increase in requests for this guide; this increased interest in Planned Giving mirrors what we find on a national level since the COVID-19 outbreaks. For more information, please see the Planned Giving website at diolclegacy.org.

RELIGIOUS LEADERSHIP & STAFF

The Most Reverend William P. Callahan, OFM Conv,
Bishop of La Crosse
Reverend Monsignor Richard W. Gilles
Rector of the Cathedral
Deacon Joseph A. Richards
Deacon Thomas Skemp

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Other Websites – <http://www.cathedralsjworkman.org>

– <http://www.AquinasCatholicSchools.org>

– <http://www.lacrossedeanery.com>

– <http://www.dioceseoflacrosse.com>

Bulletin Deadlines:

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

Prior to major holidays, announcements should be received at least two weeks prior to printing so all can enjoy the holiday.

Mass Intention Offerings

There are many Mass openings available. To schedule your Mass(es), stop at the table in the Gathering Space after Sunday Masses. A friendly reminder that Masses are not only for our dearly departed, but are also for the intentions of our brothers and sisters, who may be ailing, preparing for surgery; or perhaps have experienced a loss and are suffering intense emotional and/or mental pain and anguish; or are celebrating an anniversary, birthday, retirement or special occasion.

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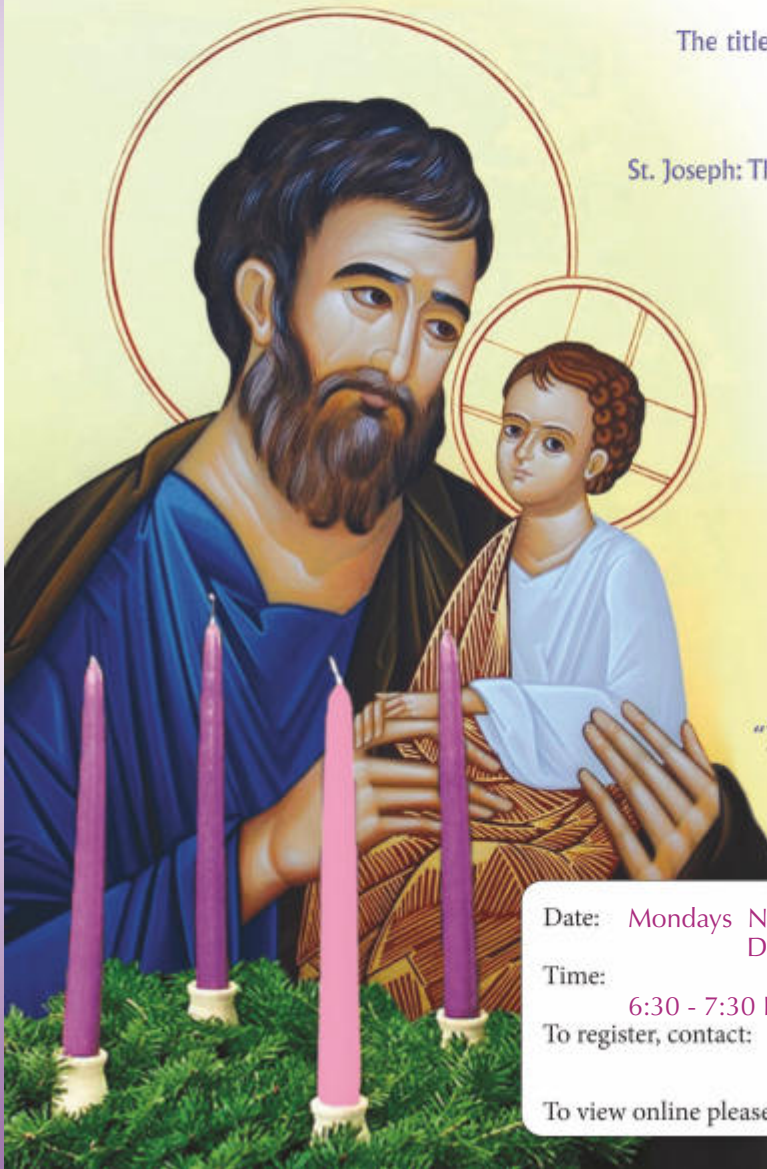
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ADVENT PARISH MISSION

Preparing for the Birth of the Christ Child through the Eyes of St. Joseph.

There will be four presentations, one for each week of Advent. The length of the talks will be roughly 30-40 minutes and discussion questions will be provided. The purpose of the Parish Mission is to bring parishioners together to prepare for Christmas and to strengthen the community.



The title and presenter for each of the four weeks of Advent.

Week 1

St. Joseph: The Man Selected by God to be Closest to Mary and to Jesus.

– Msgr. Joseph Diermeier

Week 2

Joseph and Mary: A Holy Love Story

– Msgr. Joseph Hirsch

Week 3

That Holy Night, through Joseph's Eyes

– Fr. Woodrow Pace

Week 4

“Joseph, Son of David... You are to Give Him the Name Jesus”

– Bishop William Patrick Callahan

Date: Mondays November 30,
December 7, 14, and 21

Time: 6:30 - 7:30 PM in the Undercroft

To register, contact:
Joyce (608) 782-0782

To view online please visit: diolc.org/advent

SATURDAY – 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

December 12, 2020

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