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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

Holiday and Holy Day Masses

Please see bulletin for Mass times on
Holy Days and Holidays

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday: After 8:00 am Mass until
all are heard; and 3:45-4:15 pm
Monday-Friday: 11:30-11:55 am

Eucharistic Devotions

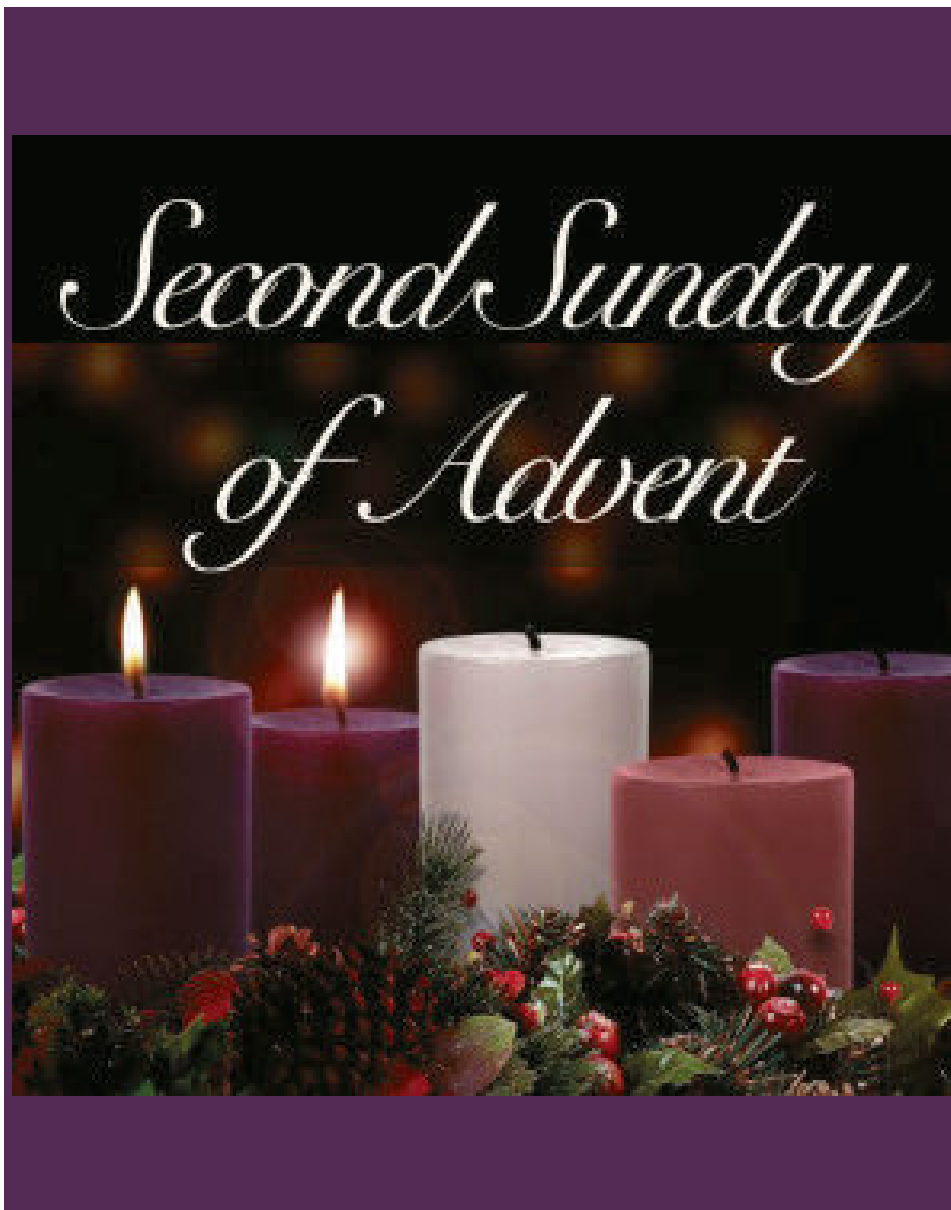
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held
each Friday following 6:30 am Mass and
concluding with Benediction at noon.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with de-
votions is held on first Saturdays, following
the 8:00 am Mass, concluding with Benedic-
tion at 9:30 am

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December 5, 2021 - *Second Sunday of Advent*



RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Closed Mondays: 9:00-10:00 am
Closed Wednesdays: 9:00-9:30 am

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

**To follow Christ is the way of
Encounter and Engagement
seeking to build
the Kingdom of God in our midst!**

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Weekend of November 21, 2021

Estimated Weekly Need	• \$9,396.43
Envelopes & Plates	• \$6,067.00
Special Tithing	• \$1,538.46
ACH Contributions	• \$0.00
Total	\$7,580.46

St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral appreciates your continued generosity!

AQUINAS CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Join us for the annual Aquinas High School Christmas Concert as we kick off the Christmas season in style! Sunday, December 5th at 2:00 pm and 5:30pm at Aquinas High School!

AQUINAS FOOTBALL TEAM WINS WIAA DIVISION 5 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Congratulations to the Aquinas Blugolds football team on winning the WIAA Division 5 State Championship with a 28-26 win over Mayville to complete a perfect 14-0 season!!

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - CLOSE OF THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

Bishop William Callahan will preside at the 12:10 pm Mass on Wednesday, December 8th, celebrating the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and the Close of the Year of St. Joseph. Join us for this celebration honoring the Blessed Mother and her spouse, St. Joseph! Refreshments will be served in the Gathering Area after Mass.

HOLY TRINITY COOKIE WALK

Holy Trinity - St. Anne's Ladies Cookie Walk and Bake Sale will be Saturday, December 11 from 8:00 am - Noon. Pre-boxed cookies (one and two pound packages), some cookies on trays, breads, pies, bars and cakes. NO CRAFTS.

MASS INTENTIONS

- ♦ **Monday, December 6** (St. Nicholas)
6:30 am – Living/Deceased Members of the Pham and Bui Families
12:10 pm – Ken and Dale Ricke
- ♦ **Tuesday, December 7** (St. Ambrose)
6:30 am – The homeless and all who care for them
12:10 pm – Will Beaudoin
- ♦ **Wednesday, December 8** (Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception)
6:30 am – Leona and Robert Welsh
12:10 pm – For the People of Cathedral Parish
5:10 pm – Tony Spencer
- ♦ **Thursday, December 9** (St. Juan Diego)
6:30 am – Ken and Dale Ricke
12:10 pm – The Reinhard Hoch Family
2:00 pm – Don Finn (Mass on Cass)
- ♦ **Friday, December 10** (Our Lady of Loreto)
6:30 am – Intentions of Dave and Christine Schreier
12:10 pm – Bill Warren
- ♦ **Saturday, December 11** (St. John Damascene)
8:00 am – Philip and Michael Knothe
4:30 pm – For the People of Cathedral Parish
- ♦ **Sunday, December 12** (Third Sunday of Advent)
7:30 am – Hovel and Reichert Families
10:30 am – George Myer

Weekend of November 28, 2021

Estimated Weekly Need	• \$9,396.43
Envelopes & Plates	• \$7,778.11
Special Tithing	• \$1,538.46
ACH Contributions	• \$1,125.00
Total	\$10,441.57

AMAZON SMILE

The Cathedral is now on Amazon Smile! Use the following link to select the Cathedral as your organization to support: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/39-0826121>. What a great way to support Cathedral!



CATHEDRAL CHRISTMAS WISH LIST

Are you interested in giving a gift that keeps on giving? Our Cathedral has a Christmas Wish List! Please consider the Cathedral when you are doing your Christmas shopping. Monetary donations can be placed in an envelope marked "Cathedral Christmas Wish List" and will be used toward the purchase of the items on the wish list:

Statue of St. Joseph
Chalice Veils and Burses
Mass Vestments - Chasubles and Dalmatics
Outdoor American Flag; Outdoor Papal Flag
Refinish Patens
Pedestals for Statues
Carpet tiles and adhesive for nursing room

Bulletin Deadline:

The Cathedral Bulletin regular deadline 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.

CALENDAR REMINDERS & BUSINESS

- Dec 8 Immaculate Conception Mass (see all Mass times)
- Dec 10 Cooking Club 6:00 pm
- Dec 13 KC Meeting 6:00 pm (Undercroft)
- Dec 14 Building and Grounds Meeting 1:00 pm
- Dec 14 Women's Rosary Group 7:00 pm (Gathering Area)
- Dec 17 KC #839 Blood Drive 12:30 pm - 5:30 pm (Undercroft)
- Dec 17 Cor Jesu Young Adult Group 7:30 pm
- Dec 20 All Day Confessions 9 am - 6 pm
- Dec 31 Morgan Wolf and Chelsea McMillan Wedding 3 pm
- Jan 6 Book Club 9:00 am (Gathering Area)
- Jan 7 Young Adult Game Night 7:00 pm (Undercroft)
- Jan 11 Women's Rosary Group 7:00 pm (Gathering Area)
- Jan 13 Finance Council Meeting 9 am
- Jan 20 KC #839 Blood Drive 12:30 pm - 5:30 pm (Undercroft)

WEDDING BANNERS I

Morgan Wolf and
Chelsea McMillan
December 31, 2021





The Birthing Process...Into Eternal Life

Let us not fall into the temptation to make Christmas sweet, sugary, saccharine and syrupy. Okay. I think you get the picture. It is easy to sentimentalize Christmas and the weeks leading up to it as this overly cozy experience which is supposed to make you feel warm and gushy all over. As you can see from the tone of the prayers at Mass and the readings, quite the opposite is intended. It is not a time of banal giving but rather very much a time of receiving. It is time to receive the Lord's stark words to stay awake and to be prepared-ready for his coming at a time we do not expect. We must avoid spiritual amnesia. That happens very quickly when we cease to worship God gathered at the altar of the Lord with the people of God at Sunday Eucharist. Yes, I suppose there is for some this notion that there is a God and I believe in Him and it's quite comfortable and I know He is there if I need him... But

my question to you is this. Is it good enough? For you? For God? For that great encounter with God when to be in God's presence demands absolute sanctity? Our earthly human relationships are very real. They look like something. You can taste, touch, see, smell and hear them. Our relationship with God has to be every bit as strong as the most intense relationship we have in this life and then a whole lot better than that! Our very real relationship with God is developed by worship of God in the way he created for us in the sacred liturgy (the Holy sacrifice of the Mass) which is a guaranteed encounter with God. Don't forget to remove the spiritual roadblocks. In the Mass you can taste, touch/feel, see, smell and hear that encounter with God. Rightly we understand that the moment of physical death in the body is the gateway to eternal life. But let us always remember that it is how we live all those moments leading up to that great birthing into eternal life that also very much count. Therefore, we understand that all of life is actually the gateway to eternal life. Memento Mori! Remember death! Tempus fugit! Time flies!

Mgr. Ailler

COOKING CLUB

The next Cooking Club will be Friday, December 10th at 6:00 pm. The theme is "Buon Natale" Celebration! All Cathedral parishioners are welcome. Cooking Club is a fun way to get better acquainted with fellow parishioners in a social environment. Please call Pat Perlock at 608.788.4518 or email pperlock@centurytel.net for more information.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Carol Ballas for organizing the Veteran's Day event and to everyone who donated the meaningful items that were displayed in honor of our dear Veterans.

MOBILE MEALS HELP NEEDED

We are thankful that the Advent week for delivering Mobile Meals is now fully covered! As your December schedules begin to take form, please note that we still need help with our final delivery dates: Monday, December 27th through Friday, December 31st (January 1st and 2nd is already covered). What a wonderful and blessed parish family we have at Cathedral! Please contact Cyndi Withrow: 608.799.2614 or email: cwith56@gmail.com. to sign up or to receive more information. Thank you!

SACRAMENTS & SERVICES

Marriage

Couples requesting the celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage should contact the rector at the time of formal engagement or at least six months prior to the anticipated date of marriage. If a couple wishes to be married as a registered member of our parish, they must actively participate in the faith (Sunday worship) and be a registered member of Cathedral parish at least three months prior to requesting the Sacrament of Marriage. Weddings are not celebrated during Lent.

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.

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 important that the patient, if possible, or a family member and/or friends, contact the hospital pastoral care department to have the on-call priest administer the sacraments. The on-call priest is considered part of the pastoral team and does not count toward the maximum number of visitors per day rule.

If you become homebound because of illness or 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 preplanned hospital procedures should call the parish office to make arrangements for anointing. If possible, one should be anointed apart from a hospital stay since there are visiting restrictions.

Cathedral Prayer Chain

Notice to all Cathedral Parishioners. The parish has 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://cathedralsj-workman.org/prayer-request/>.

MMOC COOKIE WALK - CRAFT SALE

Mary, Mother of the Church Parish will host their Cookie Walk / Craft Sale on Saturday, December 11, at the Parish Hall: 2006 Weston Street, from 7:30 am - 1:00 pm. Homemade cookies will be sold by the pound, plus homemade Candies, Breads, Pies, Handcrafted Items and Scrip Gift Cards available for sale. Serving Continental Breakfast and Lunch (homemade soup and chili). Raffles and hourly Door Prizes.

FRONT DOOR MINISTRY UPDATE

Things continue to pick up at the Front Door Ministry. As of today (Nov 29) there have been 53 people who have come to the front door of the rectory for assistance this month, for bus tokens to get to work, for gas vouchers to get to doctor appointments, for assistance keeping their utilities connected, or for help with rent or groceries. Your generosity is truly appreciated! We have been short, though, on food donations. Something that you could do to help is to purchase a gift card when you shop for your own groceries, or purchase a gift card from our Scrip Program and drop it in the collection basket on Sunday. Front Door Ministries will get the card after the money is counted on Monday morning. There are also people to whom it would not be prudent to supply a gift card to an establishment that sells liquor and cigarettes. Those same people could greatly benefit with a gift card to a restaurant such as Subway, where they can get a healthy and filling meal without being tempted to spend it inappropriately. I see Christ's eyes looking out on me with gratitude everytime I answer the door and am able to help.
- Deacon Tom Skemp

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

The annual collection for the national Retirement Fund for Religious is scheduled for next weekend. The Religious in our Diocese and across the nation benefit significantly from this national collection. Please join in thanking the thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who worked tirelessly to educate the young and serve those in need. Please give generously.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOSEPH THE WORKMAN

Cathedral Goal: \$55,080.00
Total Pledged & Received: \$28,885.00

Thank you to everyone who has so generously given to the Diocesan Appeal. We have reached 52% of our goal! Just a reminder that any amount pledged over our goal amount will come back to our Parish.

FORMED.ORG

This week Formed Now tackles the question, "Do we make too much of Mary?" Throughout our Marian feast days, you might wonder why Catholics think so highly of Mary. Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn as they discuss our Lady's esteemed place among the saints.

LAST CATHEDRAL ARC BLOOD DRIVE FOR 2021

The last Blood Drive for the year at Cathedral will be on Friday, December 17th from Noon to 5 pm. To Donate visit: www.redcrossblood.org. To Volunteer contact Charlie Peters 612.760.6192 or cjpeters2011@gmail.com. Please consider donating blood during this SEASON of GIVING!

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 – Sundays and Weekdays
- Bulletin – Online & available in the Gathering Area
- Email – office@cathedralsjworkman.org
- Telephone – 608/782-0322

RELIGIOUS LEADERSHIP & STAFF

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– <http://www.AquinasCatholicSchools.org>
– <http://www.lacrossedeanery.com>
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OUR FEATURED BULLETIN SPONSOR THIS WEEK IS:
RKB Accounting and Tax Services, LLC

AROUND THE PARISH



THE CATHEDRAL JUST FELT LIKE HOME

Welcome to the Parish David, Marie and infant son Alexander Bates. David and Marie met and married in San Diego, where Marie worked for Catholic Answers and David was a Software Engineer. Together with some of Marie's family, they moved to La Crosse a couple of weeks before the birth of their son, Alexander.



CONGRATULATIONS

Wilton McMullen, son of Brock and Hayley McMullen, received the gift of eternal life through baptism on Sunday, November 21st. The Cathedral welcomes Wilton into the Roman Catholic Faith. Wilton is welcomed by big sister Elsie.

So, what is: EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

A meditation on Jesus' love
A set time to thank God for saving us
"Face-time" with the Blessed Trinity
A foretaste of heaven
A personal encounter with Christ
An incredible aid to your spiritual life
A boost in grace and virtue
A source of blessings for family and friends.



WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT A HOLY HOUR?

Contact : Clare Ruff cruff@hosea4you.org

ADORATION TESTIMONY

My name is Clare Ruff and I have been a parishioner at Cathedral for almost 20 years. This past year I have been honored to serve as an adorer for the weekly adoration program.

When I was a teenager, a priest came to our church and asked, "If I told you every Saturday evening there would be a MILLION dollars inside this church -- free for the taking -- what would you do?" Most people would make sure not only they, themselves were there, but also would bring their relatives and friends along with them! He said this to make a point. He was the national Representative of Eucharistic Adoration in the country back in the 1970s. I don't remember his name, but his message stayed with me! I started going to hourly Eucharistic adoration, and since then, whether in TX, the desert of NM, Minneapolis, the FSPA chapel or here at Cathedral, Eucharistic adoration has been an essential part of my Christian journey. I didn't get a million dollars, but probably a million GRACES as a result! I hear people say, "If only I could talk to Jesus about this," OR, "If I lived in the Holy Land when Jesus walked the earth, I would definitely have gone to see Him!" Would you have really walked days and days to see the Messiah- Miracle Worker? For many of us, that option is only a 15-minute car ride away, for others, transportation may be more difficult. The point is...that for somethingor SOMEONE of value, we make great effort. I am invite each and every one of you to a weekly, personal face-to-face encounter with Christ, truly present: body, blood, soul and divinity! He waits to welcome you, console you, heal you, teach and bless you.

Little Corner on the Eucharist

What is Jesus "doing" in the Tabernacle?

Jesus waits for us to come visit Him where He invites us to join Him in His ceaseless prayer to the Father. Never miss an opportunity to greet Him, to adore Him, to remain with Him, even if only for a moment in the Sacrament of His love. In eternity we will see the inestimable value of every moment spent in His Eucharistic Presence!

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