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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 Wednesday following 6:30 am Mass
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 12, 2021 - *Third Sunday of Advent*

Third 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 December 5, 2021

Estimated Weekly Need	• \$9,396.43
Envelopes & Plates	• \$5,394.00
Special Tithing	• \$1,538.46
ACH Contributions	• \$1,620.00
Total	\$8,552.46

St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral appreciates your continued generosity!

THE POWER OF PRAYER

Do not underestimate the power of your prayers. The greater your trust in the Mercy of God, the more powerful will your prayers be for those who need them. The Lord knows all things and He knows who needs what. But He wants to dispense His grace in union with those who ask for it. Your prayers for others are the most powerful way that you can bring the Mercy of God into this world (See Diary #1603).

Do you pray for others? If not, resolve to do so. Your prayer may be for a specific need or a struggle that another is enduring. But we should always leave the specific result to the Mercy of God. Offering others to God and trusting that He knows the best outcome for any situation pleases our Lord and wins an abundance of grace for those in need.

Lord, I offer You, this day, all who are troubled and burdened. I offer You the sinner, the confused, the ill, the imprisoned, the weak of faith, the strong of faith, the religious, the laity and all Your priests. Lord, have Mercy on Your people, especially upon those in most need. Jesus, I trust in You.

CATHEDRAL BOOK CLUB

The Cathedral Book Club will meet on Thursday, January 6th at 9 am in the Undercroft to watch the movie: THE TWO POPES. All are welcome! If you have questions, please contact Colleen Walsh at marycolleenwalsh@yahoo.com or 608.781.3404.

MASS INTENTIONS

- ♦ **Monday, December 13** (St. Lucy)
6:30 am – Intentions of Dave and Christine Schreier
12:10 pm – The Reinhard Hoch Family
- ♦ **Tuesday, December 14** (St. John of the Cross)
6:30 am – Intentions of Reverend Alan Guanella
12:10 pm – Living/Deceased Members of Jack/Marilyn Begeman Family
- ♦ **Wednesday, December 15**
6:30 am – Levina Hauser
12:10 pm – Dave Wolfert
- ♦ **Thursday, December 16**
6:30 am – Intentions of Marilyn Begeman
12:10 pm – Ken and Dale Ricke
- ♦ **Friday, December 17**
6:30 am – Ken and Dale Ricke
12:10 pm – John Sidney Nesseth
- ♦ **Saturday, December 18**
8:00 am – Dale Reinhart
4:30 pm – For the People of Cathedral Parish
- ♦ **Sunday, December 19** (Fourth Sunday of Advent)
7:30 am – John Schumacher
10:30 am – Claude Neumann

AMAZON SMILE

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



ALL DAY CONFESSIONS

There will be all day confessions at the Cathedral on Monday, December 20th from 9 am - 6 pm. There will be four priests available to hear confessions at any given time.

EUCHRE

Euchre Club will meet on Tuesday, December 14th (7:00 pm) in the undercroft. Open to all players. If you haven't played before, come and learn! Doors open at 6:30 pm.

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

NEW PARISHIONER WELCOME

Welcome to the Parish Jonella Rademacher and Steven and Karen Miller and their children Alexander, David and Samuel. The Cathedral Parish is grateful to have you as members of our Parish Family!

CALENDAR REMINDERS & BUSINESS

- 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 14 Euchre Club 7:00 pm (Undercroft)
- 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 11 Euchre Club 7:00 pm (Undercroft)
- Jan 13 Finance Council Meeting 9 am
- Jan 20 KC #839 Blood Drive 12:30 pm - 5:30 pm (Undercroft)
- Jan 21 Cor Jesu 7:30 pm

WEDDING BANNERS II

*Morgan Wolf and
Chelsea McMillan
December 31, 2021*





For This He Was Born

What is love? We use the term a lot from childhood through adolescence through our young adult years and finally into the golden years. With the passing of time I suspect it takes on different definitions and a myriad “shades” based on our experience. At a school Mass once I asked the students to define love. They struggled with it. Naturally they came up with something about feeling good. Emotions. We know that this is not what love is. At best, emotions and feeling good are by-products of the real definition. So, what is love? The best definition is the classic one given to us by St. Thomas Aquinas: It is to will [desire, want] the good of the other as other. In other words, I don’t “love” someone with the hope of getting something back. The ultimate and the greatest act of love the world has ever witnessed is the Innocent One dying on the cross for the guilty. For this He was born. Jesus wasn’t exactly getting a lot of positive, feel good emotions at the time. Probably the greatest pain Jesus experienced on the cross was knowing that this act of love would be rejected by so many.

To will the good of the other as other. I asked the kids: What is the good of the other? No hands. Well, I said, let’s start with you. What good do you want

for yourself? How do you want to be treated? Then they got it and the hands shot up. They came up with these answers: to be cared for, prayed for, to be loved, to be helped, someone to be kind and nice to me, to be included, someone to be friendly to me, to be respected, to be heard and not to be put down. At the end of Mass I threw in my two: to be forgiven (none of us are perfect) and to forgive others. The good of the other is what I want for myself.

We are responsible to each other for loving or not loving one another and ultimately to God and His merciful judgment. Do we have an excuse not to love? Not really. We all know what we want. Then, that is exactly what others want—to be loved. In faith, we all witness Love dying on the Cross (yes, it is a current reality and cannot be spoken of in the past tense since there is no time with God). And if we are privileged to receive Holy Communion in a state of grace with all the proper dispositions then we consume Love Itself. One Communion has the power to make us a saint!

Jesus was born not as an excuse to have a holiday or to give gifts. Love was born in order to show us how to love. Let us truly learn from the Master who gave us every example and teaching we need to love as He wants us to love. The greatest gift we can give Jesus is to receive the gift of His Divine Friendship. St. Joseph the Workman, Pray for us!

Mgr. Aileen

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/>.

ADORATION TESTIMONY

My wife Jennifer and I have been members of the Cathedral Parish for nearly ten years. God is never outdone in generosity! When we need Him the most, He is there, inviting us to draw closer to Him. I found a particular need to be closer to Him about eight to nine years ago as Jennifer and I supported our three remaining parents in their final illnesses and as they all entered into Eternity over a period of 18 months. The Lord was REALLY there for me in my time with Him in Adoration! What a gift it was each day - that truly Holy Hour! Now, on Wednesdays, I can enter into that sacred time here at Cathedral after 6:30 Holy Mass. It has been and continues to be a source of countless blessings! In a world filled with noise, we all crave SILENCE! We who were created in the image and likeness of God - to love and be loved - seek that deeper relationship with our Eucharistic Lord. A truly prophetic and strong voice for our times, Robert Cardinal Sarah, understands this well and presents it clearly in his recent book "The Power of Silence: Against the Dictatorship of Noise." He writes (paraphrased): Silence, the language of God truly is our pathway to Truth, Beauty and Love! All that is great and creative is formed by silence; God is Silence! I encourage you to prayerfully consider making Adoration a part of your prayer life. Even if you cannot commit to an entire hour, the Lord welcomes you for whatever time that you can "be still and know that He is God." Ps. 46:11
Charlie Peters, ofc

HELP CATHOLIC CHARITIES LOVE OUR NEIGHBOR

Thousands of Afghan refugees are being housed temporarily at Ft. McCoy. At last they have hope, but imagine how hard it is to start over with nothing, trying to adjust to a new language and culture. Catholic Charities of the Diocese of La Crosse is right there helping them. Find out more, and how you can help at: cclse.org. Let your heart be touched this Advent.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOSEPH THE WORKMAN

Cathedral Goal: \$55,080.00
Total Pledged & Received: \$30,230.00

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 we celebrate the Feast Day of St. John of the Cross. St. John of the Cross, Doctor of the Church, had a deep desire to help others grow in prayer. In honor of this mystical saint, join Dr. Gray in the series Lectio: Prayer as he dives into the simplicity and mystery of prayer.

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>
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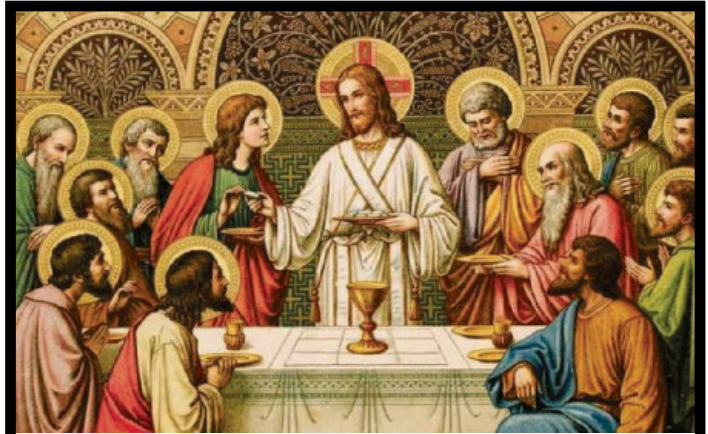
Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve:
4:30 pm

Christmas Vigil:
12:00 am
(Midnight)

*Festival Prelude
with choir and
instruments
starting at 11:30 pm

Christmas Day:
10:00 am



Little Corner on the Eucharist

The Beauty of Adoration

In the light of the Eucharistic Face of Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament great things take place in souls. You have only to present yourself before Him, and the light of His Countenance, veiled in the Sacrament of His love, begins at once to work in your soul. There, we deepen the gift of His Divine Friendship with us. Come! Let us adore Him!

AROUND THE PARISH



Thank you to Karol Smith (top left) and her crew for helping to organize the First Annual Christmas Rectory Open House! Thank you to everyone who stopped by and for everyone who donated food for the event!

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