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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

For Mass times please see

- bulletin interior
- [www.cathedralsjworkman.org](http://www.cathedralsjworkman.org) or
- call the Rectory

## Sacrament of Penance

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

## Eucharistic Devotions

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held each Wednesday from 7 am - 7 pm including Benediction at noon and resuming after the 12:10 pm Mass.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with devotions is held on first Saturdays, following the 8:00 am Mass, concluding with Benediction at 9:30 am.

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December 4, 2022 – Second Sunday of Advent

## The Second Sunday of Advent

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."

Matthew 3:2

But my Lord Jesus came -  
He smoothed down your roughness,  
He changed all that muddle into roads  
that joined up to create a way  
without obstacles within you,  
well articulated and swept clean,  
so that God our Father could walk in you  
and Christ the Lord could make His home in you  
and say:

# PEACE

"My Father and I will  
come to him  
and make our dwelling  
within him"

Origen (c 185-253)

<https://anastpaul.wordpress.com>

### RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Closed Mondays: 9:00-10:00 am (Administration)

Closed Wednesdays: 9:00-9:30 am (Staff Meeting)

### OUR MISSION STATEMENT

To follow Christ who is the way of *encounter* and *engagement*  
seeking to build the Kingdom of God in our midst!

## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Week of November 14 - November 20, 2022

Estimated Weekly Need	• \$ 9,837.39
Envelopes & Plate	• \$ 6,020.65
Special Weekly Contribution	• \$ 1,777.78
ACH Contributions	• \$ 2,527.78
Total	\$ 10,326.21

Week of November 21 - November 27, 2022

Estimated Weekly Need	• \$ 9,837.39
Envelopes & Plate	• \$ 8,937.00
Special Weekly Contribution	• \$ 1,777.78
ACH Contributions	• \$ 0.00
Total	\$ 10,714.78

St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral appreciates your continued generosity!

## AN ADVENT REFLECTION

Monday December 5th, 2022 from 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm at Blessed Sacrament (Parish Hall). How can we prepare ourselves spiritually for Christmas and the celebration of the Nativity of our Lord and Savior? The classic Advent hymn "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" gives us a way to enter into the spirituality of this important season in the life of the Church. This hymn (and the Collects of the Mass during Advent) gives us seven images of Christ to meditate on. In this Advent presentation, Holly Ordway will explain the meaning of "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" and show how we can enhance our prayer life during Advent. Dr. Holly Ordway is the Cardinal Francis George Fellow of Faith and Culture at Bishop Barron's Word on Fire Institute, and the author of Tales of Faith: A Guide to Sharing the Gospel through Literature.

## COOKING CLUB

Chill is in the air and snow is on the ground, it's time for the winter cooking club dinner! The theme is an "Eastern European Christmas." Join us for a fun and festive evening on Friday, December 16th. Call Pat Perlock at 608.788.4518 for more information and to sign up.

## MASS INTENTIONS

- ♦ **Monday, December 5**  
6:30 am – Living/Deceased Members of the Pham and Bui Families  
12:10 pm – Regina Szyzkiewicz
- ♦ **Tuesday, December 6** (St. Nicholas)  
6:30 am – Intentions of Madalyn Erickson  
12:10 pm – Intentions of Sharon Clappier
- ♦ **Wednesday, December 7** (St. Ambrose)  
6:30 am – Edna Spohn  
12:10 pm – Intentions of the O'Halloren Family
- ♦ **Thursday, December 8** (Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception)  
6:30 am – Intentions of Monica Leis  
12:10 pm – For the People of Cathedral Parish  
5:10 pm – Stephen and Marian Pavela
- ♦ **Friday, December 9** (St. Juan Diego)  
6:30 am – Franciscans of the Immaculate  
12:10 pm – Living/Deceased Members of the Reinhard Hoch Family
- ♦ **Saturday, December 10** (Our Lady of Loreto)  
8:00 am – Intentions of Karl Perpich  
4:30 pm – Stephen and Marian Pavela
- ♦ **Sunday, December 11** (Third Sunday of Advent - Gaudete Sunday)  
7:30 am – Charles Hauser  
10:30 am – For the People of Cathedral Parish

## Little Corner on the Eucharist

**"The Eucharist is the sacrament of love: it signifies love, it produces love. The Eucharist is the consummation of the whole spiritual life."**

*St Thomas Aquinas*

## CHURCH CLEANING FOR CHRISTMAS - NEW DATE

Volunteer to help us get ready for Christmas! We will be cleaning the Church on Monday, December 12th at 8:30 am. (Please note the date change). This is a great opportunity to contribute to your parish. We have all of the cleaning supplies but if you have a favorite mop or bucket, bring it with you! Contact Nancy Rand 608.518.1120 with questions. We will provide lunch for our hard working crew.

## WINTER COATS NEEDED

Our friends and neighbors are in need of warm winter coats, hats, boots, mittens, scarves and socks for the cold winter weather. If you have new or gently used coats/outerwear, etc., (children and/or adult sizes) you can drop those off at church during Cathedral's annual "Coats for Kids" coat drive! Donations can be dropped off in the bins located in the Gathering Area. All winter clothing items will be donated to Catholic Charities or the Salvation Army.

## MOBILE MEALS

During this holy season of Advent, we are especially blessed to be delivering Mobile Meals Monday, December 19th - Sunday, December 25 (Christmas Day). We have volunteers for Monday already, but all other days need coverage. We could really use your help! Delivering Mobile Meals is a work of mercy, and a special way to serve Jesus in our neighbor. Please contact Cyndi Withrow: 608.799.2614 or cwith56@gmail.com to volunteer.

**Bulletin Deadline:** The Cathedral Bulletin regular deadline is 9:00 am each Monday. Prior to major holidays, announcements should be received at least two weeks prior to printing.

## CALENDAR REMINDERS & BUSINESS

- Dec 4 Natural Family Planning Class 2:30 pm (Undercroft)
- Dec 5 Men's Bible Study 5:30 pm (Undercroft)
- Dec 6 33 Days to Morning Glory 10:30 am (Undercroft)
- Dec 7 Confessions 5 pm - 5:45 pm; Vespers 6:00 pm
- Dec 8 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
- Dec 9 Adult Advent Rectory Open House 4:00 - 8:00 pm
- Dec 10 The Life of Jesus Movie 1:00 pm - CANCELLED\*
- Dec 12 Church Cleaning 8:30 am
- Dec 12 KC #839 Meeting 6:30 pm (Undercroft)
- Dec 13 33 Days to Morning Glory 10:30 am (Undercroft)
- Dec 13 Women's Rosary Group 7 pm
- Dec 13 Euchre Club 6:30 (Gathering Area)
- Dec 14 Confessions 5 pm - 5:45 pm; Vespers 6:00 pm
- Dec 15 Mass on Cass 2:00 pm
- Dec 16 Cor Jesu 7:30 pm
- Dec 19 All Day Confessions 9 am - 6 pm
- Dec 19 Men's Bible Study 5:30 pm (Undercroft)
- Dec 20 33 Days to Morning Glory 10:30 am (Undercroft)
- Dec 21 Confessions 5 pm - 5:45 pm; Vespers 6:00 pm
- Dec 27 KC #839 Blood Drive 12:30 pm - 5:30 pm (Undercroft)
- Dec 27 33 Days to Morning Glory 10:30 am (Undercroft)
- Jan 2 Men's Bible Study 5:30 pm (Undercroft)
- Jan 5 Book Club 9 am (Gathering Area)
- Jan 6 Young Adult Game Night 7:00 pm undercroft



### **God is More Ready to Give Than We Are to Ask**

Advent has precious little to do with Baby Jesus....at this point. The main focus right now is on the coming of Christ in glory at the end of time to judge the world and to inaugurate the heavenly Kingdom - all of for which reason Jesus came into the world as an infant in the first place. So the Liturgy continues to turn our gaze to the coming of Christ. Scriptures "beg" us to be prepared—working toward becoming as holy as possible right now, in this moment—not some other one. I have discovered that people (and I'm one of them) tend to go back to the past with old remorse, regrets or what have you. Or, they ponder the good ol' days and are not happy with the present ones. On the other hand, people live in the future with their preoccupations, troubles and worries not trusting that God is control and that "He's got this". Both are bad and both can be the work of the Devil. God can only sanctify us in "the now". He cannot make us holy in the past nor in the future. God who is the Eternal Now (for all "time" is present to Him at once) is only

able to connect with us in our current "now" moment since we are finite creatures. That's where God is!—in the "now" moment. Thus, if your heart and mind go either backward or forward, strive to bring yourself back to the present moment. Bring your past and future into the present moment and give it all to Christ in the here and now and repeat with fervor "Jesus, I trust in you!"

To the point, I quote a portion of a homily written in the second century but is still very much apropos to current life: We must remain firm in our faith, therefore, and live upright and holy lives, for we shall then feel at ease and confident when we present our petitions to God, who says: "While you are still speaking I will say: 'See, I am here!' In these words the Lord makes a wonderful promise, and shows us that he is more ready to give than we are to ask....So you see...that we have been given every inducement to amend our lives. We have been called by God, and now it is up to us to return to him while we still have time and [to go to the] one who is ready to receive us. For if we renounce sinful pleasures and practice self-control by refusing to yield to our evil desires, we shall share in the mercy of Jesus.

St. Joseph the Workman, pray for us!

*Msr. Gilles*

### **MMOC COOKIE WALK AND CRAFT SALE**

Mary, Mother of the Church Parish will be holding their Cookie Walk & Craft Sale on Saturday, December 10, 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.

### **HELP CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

Help Catholic Charities love our Neighbors in Need. Catholic Charities reaches out to our neighbors in need in so many ways, from providing shelter to the homeless in our midst, to giving hope and support to moms before and after birth, to working with married couples looking to adopt, to assisting the poor and people with disabilities. Find out more, and how you can help, at [cclse.org](http://cclse.org).

## **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.

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.

### **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/>.

## BABY JESUS CHRISTMAS COLLECTION FOR UKRAINE

As we approach the Christmas season, let us remember our afflicted neighbors in Ukraine. Valentyna Pavsyukova, founder of Chalice of Mercy mission to Ukraine and a member of our diocese, has asked for a diocese-wide charitable collection for the suffering children, women, and men of her birthplace. Please look at the Christmas Collection display in the gathering area of the church and consider making a donation on the needs that are listed there (or a financial donation at [chaliceofmercy.org/donate](http://chaliceofmercy.org/donate)).

## GIVEN COUPLES RETREAT - JANUARY 28, 2023

GIVEN is a short, powerful retreat for couples. It is an opportunity to share, learn and celebrate marriage through talks, adoration, prayer and reconciliation. Speakers will be Ted and Julie Imgrund and Michael and Jacqueline VanHemert. Cost: \$45 per couple. For more information, contact Chris Rogers at [crogers@diolc.org](mailto:crogers@diolc.org)

## HOLY TRINITY COOKIE WALK

Holy Trinity will be having their annual Cookie Walk on Saturday, December 10 from 8:00 am - Noon in Leo Hall (13th and Park Street, La Crosse). There will be a large assortment of fancy cookies sold by the pound, baked goods, chances on holiday baskets and a quilt.

## RECTORY OPEN HOUSE

Monsignor will be hosting the second annual Rectory Open House (for adults) on Friday December 9th from 4 pm - 8 pm. Come see the rectory all decorated for the Christmas season while enjoying the company of fellow parishioners. Sign up after Mass in the gathering area to bring an hors d'oeuvres or treat. Libations will be served.

## NEW PARISHIONER WELCOME

Welcome to the Parish Tim Clements. Cathedral Parish is grateful to have you as a member of our Parish Family!

## DON'T FORGET TO PURCHASE SCRIP

Please go to the Cathedral website: <https://cathedralsj-workman.org/parish-life/scrip/>. Still have questions? Email Sara at: [sstaggart@gmail.com](mailto:sstaggart@gmail.com)

## FAITH FORMATION

### Families Forming Disciples

Those who attend FFD on Sundays will meet this Sunday December 4th from 10:10 am - 11:10 am at Blessed Sacrament in the Parish Hall for Week 1 of Lesson 4: Preparing for Christmas & Grace and Holiness in Family Life.

Families Forming Disciples does NOT meet Wednesday December 7th or Sunday December 11th. Families should be completing their Lesson 4 Week 2 At Home Mission: Prayerfully Preparing for Christmas & Grace and Holiness In Family Life.

### High School Faith Formation

High School Faith Formation meets this Wednesday December 7th from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm at Blessed Sacrament.

## IN SYMPATHY

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Robert Daley who, on November 18th, entered Eternal Life and for consolation to his family, friends and loved ones. May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

## EXTRA CATHEDRAL CONFESSIONS DURING ADVENT

Cathedral will be offering Confession every Wednesday during Advent from 5 pm - 5:45 pm.

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## RELIGIOUS LEADERSHIP & STAFF

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**December 8th is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Mass times are: 6:30 am, 12:10 pm and 5:10 pm**



### Casa Hogar Volunteer Opportunity

Casa Hogar is looking for long-term volunteers to start in January 2023. Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II orphanage in Lurin, Peru, a mission of the Diocese of La Crosse, is looking for volunteers 20 years of age and older interested in helping at Casa Hogar for 3 to 12 month periods. Specifically, for a volunteer that can start in January or February 2023. Volunteers take on a variety of tasks which vary according to the duration of stay and the volunteer's interests and capabilities. Needs range from education or tutoring, psychology/counseling assistance, nurse assistance, administrative tasks or manual labor (painting, gardening, cleaning, etc.). Duties may vary but all volunteers will work directly with the children and families. Additional information is available at [homeajpm.org/volunteer](http://homeajpm.org/volunteer) with the link to the online application or email Noel Furger at [nfurger@frjoesguild.org](mailto:nfurger@frjoesguild.org).

### HAVE YOU ASKED SOMEONE RECENTLY?

Do you know someone in your life that you think would make a good priest? Have you ever told them that? If not, you should! A significant, contributing factor to young men discerning the priesthood has been the invitation and encouragement they receive from others, particularly parents, teachers, mentors and role models. Don't be afraid to tell a young man that they would make a good priest, as that may be just what they have been waiting for. Once you encourage them, don't hesitate to put them in contact with me to continue that conversation. I can be reached at: Fr. Nate Kuhn, Director of Vocational Recruitment for the Diocese of La Crosse, 3710 East Ave. S. PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602; or by phone at: 608.791.2667.



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## FREE MOVIE at these Church locations!

December 5 (Monday)	9:00 am – Noon	St. James the Less – Murphy Hall
December 6 (Tuesday)	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	St. Patrick's, Onalaska – Parish Hall
December 7 (Wednesday)	Noon – 3:00 pm	Holy Trinity – Leo Hall
December 8 (Thursday)	9:00 am – Noon	St. Patrick's, Onalaska – Parish Hall
<del>December 10 (Saturday)</del>	<del>1:00 pm – 4:00 pm</del>	<del>St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral – CANCELLED</del>
December 11 (Sunday)	2:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Blessed Sacrament – Parish Hall

**Please join us!  
Bring your family and friends along!**

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### Before Christmas To-Do List:

**1 Prayer**

**2 Silence**

**3 Rest**

-Fr. Peter Kovacina

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