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Liturgy

Sunday Masses

Saturday: 4:30 pm

Sunday: 7:30 am, and 10:00 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 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 31, 2023 – Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



*Feast of the
Holy Family*

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 9:00 am to 3:00 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 December 11 - December 17, 2023

Estimated Weekly Need	\$ 9,837.39
Envelopes & Plate	\$ 10,535.43
Special Recurring Gift	\$ 1,538.46
ACH Contributions	\$ 3,042.78
Total	\$ 15,116.67

Week of December 18 - December 24, 2023

Financial information not yet available
at the time of bulletin printing.

St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral appreciates your continued generosity!

WAFER THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who supports WAFER by brining non-perishable food items to Mass. We delivered 232 pounds of food to WAFER this month. Thank you to the Taggart family for coordinating and delivering the donations to WAFER.

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MASS ON NEW YEAR'S DAY

There will be one Mass on New Year's Day: Monday, January 1st at 8 am.

RECTORY OPEN HOUSE

Monsignor will host an Epiphany Rectory Open House (for adults) on Saturday, January 6th from 5:30 pm - 9 pm. Come see the rectory decorated for the Christmas season while enjoying the company of fellow parishioners. Watch for Sign up sheets in the gathering area to bring an hors d'oeuvres or treat. Refreshments will be served.

MASS INTENTIONS

- ♦ **Monday, Jan 1** (Solemnity of Mary)
8:00 am – Living/Deceased Members of the Pham and Bui Families
12:10 pm – No Mass
- ♦ **Tuesday, Jan 2** (*Saint Basil the Great and Saint Gregory Nazianzen*)
6:30 am – Peter Linnert
12:10 pm – James and Marie Williams
- ♦ **Wednesday, Jan 3** (The Most Holy Name of Jesus)
6:30 am – Mary Margaret Jenks
12:10 pm – Helen and Lenford Callan
- ♦ **Thursday, Jan 4** (*Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton*)
6:30 am – Jerry Roesler
12:10 pm – Elizabeth and Thomas Brom
- ♦ **Friday, Jan 5** (*Saint John Neumann*)
6:30 am – Betty and James Callan
12:10 pm – Intentions of Jim Schmitt
- ♦ **Saturday, Jan 6** (*Saint Andre' Bessette*)
8:00 am – Marie Schaefer
4:30 pm – The People of Cathedral Parish
- ♦ **Sunday, Jan 7** (*Epiphany of the Lord*)
7:30 am – Irene Schumacher
10:00 am – Scott Shoger

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Family Faith Formation meets this Wednesday, January 3rd from 5:30 pm - 6:45 pm at Mary Mother of the Church where we will introduce our monthly topic The Bible: Our Family's Story. Contact Kristin with any questions: kjohnson@mmoclacrosse.org or 608.788.5483 Ext. 4.

Happy New Year from Samuel and the MS/HS faith formation team! Remember that the middle and high school Christmas party will take place this Wednesday, January 3rd during our regular formation time. Please remember to return all 'Safe Environment' paperwork by then! If you have any questions, contact Samuel Obert- sobert@mmoclacrosse.org.

BEHOLD - YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

Jesus left us Himself in the Eucharist so that our intimate love and union with Him -flesh to flesh- may continue in this life as we await the perfection of His love and union in the next. "Behold: God is With Us" is a Eucharistic retreat on January 27th for all young adults (ages 18 - 35) in La Crosse.

It's an opportunity for you to retreat from the busyness and stresses of life and find rest and consolation in Jesus and other young adults like you. Join us for a day of enriching talks, silent prayer/reflection, small group discussion, Adoration, confession, and Mass. Most importantly, learn how you can remain connected post-retreat to a vibrant community of young adults striving for Sainthood. This day-long retreat will take place at Blessed Sacrament Parish from 9 am - 5:30 pm. An optional after party will take place to follow! Breastfeeding babies are welcome. A delicious lunch will be provided. All of this and more for the low cost of \$20. Let us behold the Lord together! Scan the QR code to register. Registration ends January 20th!



CALENDAR REMINDERS & BUSINESS

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| Jan 4 | Book Club 9:00 am (Gathering Area) |
| Jan 6 | Epiphany Open House 5:30 pm - 9 pm |
| Jan 9 | Euchre Club 6:30 pm (Gathering Area) |
| Jan 10 | Security Meeting 5:00 pm (Gathering Area) |
| Jan 10 | PCCW Meeting 6:00 pm (Undercroft) |
| Jan 11 | Parish Finance Council Meeting 7:30 am (Rectory) |
| Jan 11 | Walking With Women 5:30 pm (Undercroft) |
| Jan 12 | Mom's Group 9:30 am (Kevin's Office) |
| Jan 23 | Euchre Club 6:30 pm (Gathering Area) |
| Jan 25 | Walking With Women 5:30 pm (Undercroft) |
| Jan 27 | Sacred Worship Meeting 9:30 am |
| Jan 27 | Brains and Brawn Mass w/ Bishop Callahan 6:00 pm |
| Feb 1 | Book Club 9:00 am (Gathering Area) |
| Feb 8 | Walking With Women 5:30 pm (Undercroft) |
| Feb 9 | Mom's Group 9:30 am (Kevin's Office) |
| Feb 10 | Covenant Hearts Dinner 5:30 pm Castaway's |
| Feb 13 | Parish Pastoral Council Meeting 5:30 pm (Undercroft) |
| Feb 13 | Euchre Club 6:30 pm (Gathering Area) |
| Feb 14 | Ash Wednesday (Lent Begins) |

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.

Kevin's *Corner*

Happy New Year!

Happy New Year to all of you at Cathedral Parish! I am excited to share with all of you that 2024 is going to be a big year of growth at this parish, and I am not only talking about numbers. This Cathedral will have a lot of spiritual growth. The body of Christ is really stepping up in this parish and two out of four of the standing committees are forming.

The Family Life Committee is up and running thanks to the help from the Knapiks, Hardings, Ericksons, and my wife, Elizabeth. Family Life will be hosting the first annual Chili Cook-Off on March 9th right after the 4:30 PM Mass in the Gathering Area. This year, the free will offering will go towards the Elizabeth Ministry, started by Lauren Harding. More information about the Chili Cook-Off and the Elizabeth Ministry will be provided soon.

EMAIL SCAMS

Please be advised that several parishioners have reported getting emails from people posing as Bishop Callahan and Monsignor Gilles asking for financial help and gift cards. Please know that Monsignor and the Bishop would never send out an email asking for money or gift cards. If you receive an email, and are unsure if it is legitimate, please call the parish office!

COVENANT HEARTS DINNER

Celebrating Marriage Enrichment! Save the date... Our second annual Covenant Hearts dinner will be on February 10, 2024 at Castaway's. More details to come!



SACRAMENTS & SERVICES

Marriage

Couples requesting the celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage should contact the parish office 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 for at least three months prior to requesting the Sacrament of Marriage. Weddings are not celebrated during Lent.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

The RCIA is a process of initiation into the Catholic Church for those who are experiencing a conversion in their lives and desire to be baptized; those who from other Christian traditions seek full communion in the Catholic Church through Eucharist and Confirmation; or for those Catholics who have not received religious education, Confirmation or First Eucharist. This process enables one to come more fully into a relationship with Jesus Christ. To do this we study the Gospels; learn Catholic doctrine and moral teaching; develop and deepen a life of prayer; and live the faith in action. It is not merely a course of instruction but a process of conversion designed to meet the unique and individual needs of the participants. For further guidance, contact the parish office at 608-782-0322, or Msgr. Gilles, Rector, or Deacon Joe Richards.

Please check your emails and the bulletin.

The Social Concerns Committee is forming thanks to Patrick Meredith, Eric Johnson, and Lucas De Lorenzo, when he returns. They will be mainly working with Catholic Charities to bring Christ to the homeless and people in need. We have a group of people for Cathedral that volunteer to make a meal at their homes and bring it to the Warming Center downtown to serve it. We do this every other Monday night. If this is something you would like to help with, we still need volunteers for March and April.

If you are interested in getting involved on any one of these committees, please let me know. We are also looking for individuals to be involved with the Education Committee. My email is: pma@cathedralsjworkman.org. We need people's talents, gifts, and passions. If we all work together, the burden will be light. Thank you for all you do for this parish! Please know that I am praying for you!

God Bless!

Kevin

HELP CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Catholic Charities reaches out to our neighbors in need by providing shelter to the homeless, giving hope and support to moms before/after birth, working with married couples looking to adopt, and assisting the poor and people with disabilities. Find out more how you can help at cclse.org.

CATHEDRAL BOOK CLUB

The Cathedral Book Club will meet Thursday, January 4th from 9 am - 10:30 am to watch the movie AMAZING GRACE (Aretha Franklin). All are welcome! If you have questions please contact Colleen Wash.

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.

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 Rector to administer the Sacraments. Please call the Parish Office.

If you become homebound due to illness, and would like to be visited; or those who are seriously ill, should receive the Anointing of the Sick and Holy Communion. Those with preplanned hospital procedures should call the parish office to make arrangements for anointing.

Cathedral Prayer Chain

Cathedral 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://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.

SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS FOR DECEMBER 31

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Today, we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Just as the Holy Family is holy, we are to be holy. This holiness is achievable by living as disciples of Christ. St. Paul calls us to put on "heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience... as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do." Let us "give thanks to God the Father" by being good stewards of His love and mercy to all our family members. Today's Gospel says a lot about trust and surrender to our Lord. When Simeon and Anna prophesied what would come, Jesus's parents were "amazed at what was said about him." We can imagine that these words would take two parents back! Yet, the Holy Family surrendered their lives to God and had unwavering faith and trust in His plan. God's plan will fulfill our hearts more than ever imagined. Like the Holy Family, we must trust, surrender, and be attentive to God's voice.

COME FOLLOW ME!

When Peter encountered Jesus for the first time, he was busy doing his daily work, fishing. He was minding his own business when Jesus approached him and asked him to put his nets out into the deep water for a catch. Although hesitant, he did as Jesus asked him and caught an overabundance of fish! When they arrived back on shore, Jesus said to Peter, "Come, follow me..." and Peter did. In just the same way, the Lord continues to work in our world today, approaching us in our normal, daily lives and inviting us to consider following Him. Have you ever considered following the Lord as a priest, like Peter? Do you know of a young man whom you think the Lord may be calling to be a priest? Perhaps this is the Lord's invitation to follow Him. To begin the conversation or to inquire about what it means to be a priest, please contact me: 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. God bless you!

MEET YOUR NEW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Thank you to everyone who voted during the 2023 Cathedral Parish Pastoral Council Election. The three individuals that received the most votes and were elected to the Council are as follows: Paul Jacobs, Cherie Rifenberg and Jedidiah Taubel.

Congratulations to our new members!



Paul Jacobs



Cherie Rifenberg



Jedidiah Taubel

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- Email – office@cathedralsjworkman.org
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