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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

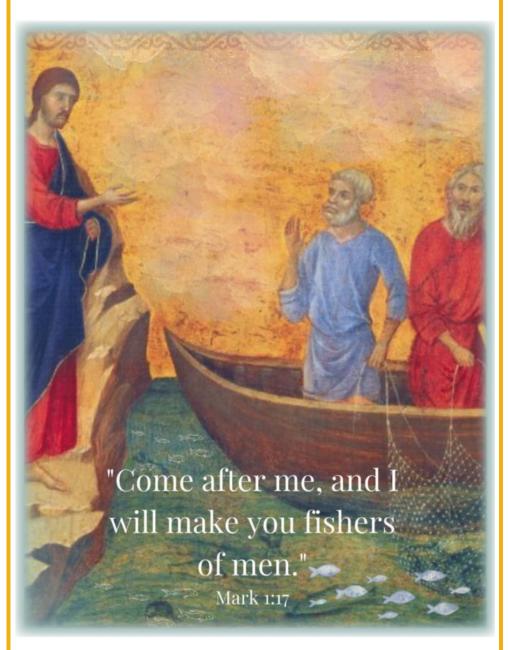
Eucharistic Devotions

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.



January 21, 2024 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



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 January 8 - January 14 2024

Estimated Weekly Need	\$ 9,837.39
Envelopes & Plate	\$ 3,862.71
Special Recurring Gift	\$ 1,538.46
ACH Contributions	\$ 0.00
Total	\$ 5,401.17

St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral appreciates your continued generosity!

BEHOLD - YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

"Behold: God is With Us" is a Eucharistic retreat on January 27th for all young adults (ages 18 - 35) in La Crosse. Join us for a day of enriching talks, silent prayer/reflection, small group discussion, Adoration, confession and



Mass. 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 with an optional after party to follow! Lunch will be provided. Cost is \$20. Let us behold the Lord together. Scan the QR code to register. Registration ends January 20th.

MONTHLY MASS COUNTS

Total Average Daily Mass Attendance

(Includes both the 6:30 am and 12:10 pm Mass combined)

Sep 2023	68
Oct 2023	70
Nov 2023	80
Dec 2023	<i>7</i> 5



Total Average Sunday Mass Attendance

(Includes Saturday pm Mass and Sunday Masses combined)

Sep 2023	455
Oct 2023	468
Nov 2023	464
Dec 2023	461

MASS INTENTIONS

• Monday, Jan 22

6:30 am - Living/Deceased Members of the McElligott/Franz Families 12:10 pm - Arthur and Kim Barbier

• Tuesday, Jan 23 (Saint Vincent and Saint Marianne Cope)

6:30 am - Gene Gonia 12:10 pm – Dr. John Ujda

• Wednesday, Jan 24 (Saint Francis de Sales)

6:30 am – John Acker 12:10 pm - Scott Shoger

• Thursday, Jan 25 (The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle)

6:30 am – Mike Tierney 12:10 pm – Gene Gonia

• Friday, Jan 26 (Saint Timothy and Saint Titus)

6:30 am – Intentions of Michael Leis

12:10 pm – Dr. John Ujda

• Saturday, Jan 27 (Saint Angela Merici)

8:00 am - Philip and Michael Knothe

4:30 pm - Dr. John Ujda

• Sunday, Jan 28 (Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

7:30 am – The People of Cathedral Parish

10:00 am - Scott Shoger

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Family Faith Formation does NOT meet Wednesday, January 24th. Families should be completing At Home Lesson 4-2: God's Living Word and 4-3: Our Ancestors in the Faith. We will see you again on January 31st. Contact Kristin with any questions: kjohnson@mmoclacrosse.org or 608.788.5483 Ext. 4.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Our next At Church Sacramental Prep session will be Wednesday, January 24th from 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm at Mary Mother of the Church. We will begin our Nourish program to help children and families getting ready to celebrate First Eucharist. Dinner will be provided beginning at 5:00 pm. Contact Kristin with any questions: kjohnson@mmoclacrosse.org or 608.788.5483 Ext. 4.

MIDDLE SCHOOL LOCK IN - FEBRUARY 9TH - 10TH

This fun, free overnight event will take place at Mary Mother of the Church on February 9th - 10th. Youth should arrive before 7 pm on Friday and will leave by 9 am on Saturday. There will be games, activities, a few faith-related talks, and teachings about the practice of prayer. Yes, they will get some sleep too (hopefully). Boys and girls will sleep in separate locations. The goal for these 6th-8th graders is to walk away with an appreciation for their Catholic faith, deeper relationships with their friends and memories of late-night shenanigans! Email Samuel Obert: sobert@mmoclacrosse.org by February 1st to register.

ANNUAL BIRTHRIGHT FUNDRAISER

The annual fundraiser for Birthright of La Crosse begins this weekend. There are envelopes available for your donations. Birthright is an international volunteer organization with a La Crosse chapter since 1976. Birthright is available to those with an unintended pregnancy to provide information, a listening space, love, along with referrals and emotional and spiritual support. Please return donations by Sunday, February 11th. Thank you! Your pro-life support will be appreciated by moms, dads, and babies to be.

CALEND	OAR REMINDERS & BUSINESS
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 (Rectory)
Feb 13	Euchre Club 6:30 pm (Gathering Area)
Feb 14	Ash Wednesday
Feb 15	Stations of the Cross w/ Soup Supper 5:30 pm
Feb 18	Rite of Election 2:00 pm
Feb 22	Stations of the Cross w/ Soup Supper 5:30 pm
Feb 22	Walking With Women 5:30 pm (Undercroft)
Feb 23	Lenten Study-Biblical Walk through the Mass 10:30 am (Undercroft)
Feb 25	American Guild of Organists Lenten Organ Recital 3:00 pm
Feb 27	Euchre Club 6:30 pm (Gathering Area)
Feb 29	Stations of the Cross w/ Soup Supper 5:30 pm

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.

MONSIGNOR'S Musings

Taking the High Road: Forgiveness

In Matthew's gospel, Jesus gives instruction on what to do with erring brothers (sisters, too, I'm sure). However, Jesus said nothing about that brother making repeated faults. It's Peter, of course, who seeks precision in this matter. But, he does so with a twist. He makes it personal. He asks Jesus if someone has sinned against me how many times must I forgive him. And wanting to beat Jesus to the punch and to show how grand he is, Peter excitedly says "Seven times?" Peter was proud of himself. Seven was a good number! It was a round number symbolizing perfection and therefore quite generous. In the end, he was still thinking in an all too human way. The high road of the spiritual life demands that we think as God thinks. This is what Jesus Christ reveals to us in all he did and said. Peter's so-called generous response wasn't generous enough for the spirit of the Kingdom of God. Our Lord multiplies and multiplies the sacred number seven to underscore the need for limitless pardon.

The reality is our neighbor's repeated offences against us can never compare with our own offences against God. Yest, God still forgives! And that leads to the next point—the hard one, the one we don't like so much. If God has forgiven us, then we must forgive others. In fact, we must

take it a step further: our forgiveness of neighbor is the condition of God's pardon of us. The confessional is not a magic box. The graces won't work and forgiveness from our Lord won't occur unless we forgive others.

To teach this point, Jesus tells the parable of the debtor who owed an incredible, fantastic sum of money to the king. It was an impossible amount to pay back and so the king wants to sell him, his family and all he has to get back at least a little of what is owed to him. The debtor begs mercy and says "I will repay!" Well, that's an absurd promise and the king knows it. And, yet, the king relents, remitting the whole debt. Then, of course, this debtor is still a jerk and does not forgive someone who owed him a mere fraction of what he had owed the king. He did not share the mercy he had received. We are the debtor. It's ridiculous what we owe God and yet He pardons us with limitless mercy. Whoever has sinned against us—no matter how bad it was or is—dwarfs in comparison to our sin against God. I'm not dismissing glibly the pain you may have felt at the hands of another, but Jesus is trying to put it into perspective. In this parable God lays down only two conditions: 1) We ask for forgiveness; 2) We exercise it ourselves. Forgiveness must be from the heart. The expression "I can forgive but I can't forget" is not a Christian saying. We must forgive as God forgives: profoundly and absolutely.

St. Joseph the Workman, pray for us!

Mag. Ailler

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CATHEDRAL BOOK CLUB

The Cathedral Book Club will meet Thursday, February 1st from 9 am - 10:30 am to discuss THE TRUEST PLEASURE, by Robert Morgan. All are welcome! If you have questions please contact Colleen Wash.

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.

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

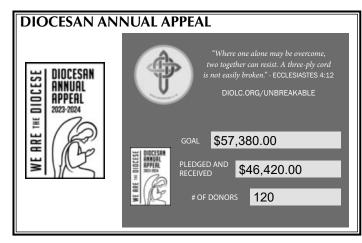
As you prayerfully execute your will or do estate planning, please consider keeping the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman in mind. The most common and simplest way to include the parish in your last wishes is to include a bequest in your will or trust.

SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS FOR JANUARY 21 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's readings call us to be decisive in our faith. Simon, Andrew, James, and John demonstrate this decision in their response to Christ's calling, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." In both instances, the men immediately abandoned what was before them and followed Christ. Imagine if Simon and Andrew looked at their Savior and said, "Thanks for the offer, but we will finish fishing and meet you later." That is no way a disciple should respond to Christ's call. Yet, that is how we often react to Jesus' offer to us, "Come after me." We can easily fall into the misconception that we have plenty of time to live active discipleship. But as faithful stewards of our time, we must change our ways and immediately follow Christ more intentionally because Christ is calling us to act now. These men became members of Jesus' 12 apostles. They surrendered their entire lives to follow Christ. We, too, are called to offer our lives to the Lord so He may work through us. We might think, "God isn't calling me." But indeed, He is. Just as He called four ordinary fishermen, He calls each of us. Renewing and reevaluating what God might ask us throughout our lives is critical to our stewardship journey. As we settle into this New Year, let us ponder how we can renew our commitment to God. Let us ask ourselves: what are we casting our nets for? And are we willing to leave it behind for something much grander? And if not now, when?

IN NEED OF CO-CATECHIST

Our Family Faith Formation and Sacramental Preparation program is in need of a co-Catechist/helping hands in our second-grade classroom due to one of our Catechists heading south for the winter months. The commitment is three Wednesday evenings a month between 4:45 pm - 7:00 pm (a meal is served at 5 pm) through the middle of May at Mary Mother of the Church. Please contact Kristin if interested: kjohnson@mmoclacrosse.org or 608.788.5483 ext. 4



THANK YOU FROM THE CATHEDRAL JOURNEYMEN

The Cathedral Journeymen would like to thank everyone who donated to their SEEK24 fundraising. "We had an amazing conference and are so grateful for your generosity. God Bless."

SENIOR LUNCHEON

The next Senior Luncheon will be on Friday, February 9th at 11:00 am. Please call or email Karol for further details and to RSVP: kschlo3004@aol.com or 608.769.1270.

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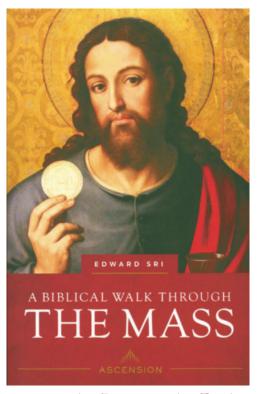
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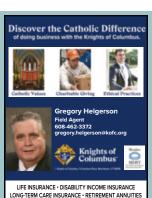
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