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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 Denance

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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March 10, 2024 - Fourth Sunday of Lent



He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes.

John 9:6

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 February 26 - March 3, 2024

Estimated Weekly Need	\$ 9,837.39
Envelopes & Plate	\$ 7,061.07
Special Recurring Gift	\$ 1,538.46
ACH Contributions	\$ 5,402.00
Total	\$ 14,001.53

St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral appreciates your continued generosity!

FAITH FORMATION

Family Faith Formation meets this Wednesday, March 13th from 5:30 pm - 6:45 pm at Mary Mother of the Church. Families will have an opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We will gather in the parish hall for a brief time of preparation and then head to the church for the penance service with individual confessions offered by priests from all of the collaborating parishes. Contact Kristin with any questions: kjohnson@mmoclacrosse.org or 608.788.5483 Ext. 4.

At Church Sacramental Preparation Session

Our next At Church Nourish session for families with a child preparing to receive First Eucharist will be this Wednesday, March 20th from 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm at Mary Mother of the Church. Families should complete Family Meetings 3, 4, and 5 prior to this session. Dinner will be served at 5:00 pm. Contact Kristin with any questions.

CHRISM MASS

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated on March 26th at 10:30 am at the Cathedral. The Chrism Mass is one of the Diocesan highlights at which the Bishop blesses the oils for the celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism and the Anointing of the Sick, and consecrates the Sacred Chrism used in the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Orders. Priests also renew their priestly promises at this Mass, and the faithful pray for them. Please consider attending.

MASS INTENTIONS

• Monday, March 11

6:30 am – Living/Deceased Members of the Pham and Bui Families 12:10 pm – Linda Taggart

• Tuesday, March 12

6:30 am – Dr. John Ujda 12:10 pm – Ruth Mary Kerska

• Wednesday, March 13

6:30 am – Margaret Mary Suhr 12:10 pm – Fred R. Kabat

• Thursday, March 14

6:30 am – Living/Deceased Members of the Stroud Family

12:10 pm – Joan Clements Ross 2:00 pm – Mass on Cass

• Friday, March 15

6:30 am – Margaret Mary Suhr 12:10 pm – Ken and Marie Doherty

Saturday, March 16

8:00 am - Dr. John Ujda

4:30 pm - The People of Cathedral Parish

• Sunday, March 17 (Fifth Sunday of Lent) 7:30 am – All the Souls in Purgatory 10:00 am – Marie Schaefer

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

From the desk of Samuel Obert

For each weekend during Lent, I'd like to share with you a short poem. These poems have been written by members of this year's group of 10th grade Confirmation candidates from Blessed Sacrament Parish, Cathedral Parish, Holy Trinity Parish, Mary Mother of the Church Parish and Roncalli Newman Center Parish. Students were asked to use the theme "Jesus on the Cross" or "The Gifts of the Holy Spirit." I hope you delight in these and that they will enrich your Lenten season!

He fell

Her eyes would swell kingdoms fell

Please pray for the 53 young men and women who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this Spring!

ELIZABETH MINISTRY

Thank you to everyone who attended the Cathedral Chili Cook Off to support our new program - Elizabeth Ministry. Elizabeth Ministry is a program aimed to support women and families through the joys, trials, and sorrows of childbearing years, following the example of Mary visiting Elizabeth during their unexpected and miraculous pregnancies so they could support one another. Like Mary and Elizabeth, women in all of history have walked with one another to celebrate the joys and lift each other up in times of sorrow. Elizabeth Ministry supports the call of women to minister to each other by offering resources and training at a parish level and addresses issues including infertility, miscarriage, infant loss and stillbirth, adoption processes, birth of multiples, infant or pregnancy health crises, having children with special needs, and also supports grandparents experiencing these things in their families. Elizabeth Ministry seeks to offer support by having women who have gone through like-experiences walk with women currently going through these experiences.

CALENDAR REMINDERS & BUSINESS

March 11 (Monday)

KC #839 Blood Drive 11 am - 4 pm (Undercroft)

March 12 (Tuesday)

Euchre Club 6:30 pm (Gathering Area)

March 14 (Thursday)

Finance Council Meeting 7:30 am (Rectory)

March 14 (Thursday)

Stations of the Cross w/ Soup Supper 5:30 pm

March 15 (Friday)

Lenten Study-Biblical Walk through the Mass 10:30 am (Undercroft)

March 21 (Thursday)

Walking With Women 5:30 pm (Undercroft)

March 21 (Thursday)

Stations of the Cross w/ Soup Supper 5:30 pm

March 22 (Friday)

Lenten Study-Biblical Walk through the Mass 10:30 am (Undercroft)

March 25 (Monday)

All Day Confessions 9 am - 6 pm

March 26 (Tuesday)

Chrism Mass 10:30 am

March 26 (Tuesday)

Euchre Club 6:30 pm (Gathering Area)



Enjoy Being Born Again Yet Again: The Second Chance After the First Second Chance

Lent signals for most people a time of renewal. It is even matched by the renewal we find in the seasons. Lent is a time of preparation for new birth. We were born a second time in the waters of baptism and embraced a new life in Christ having been grafted into God's own Divine Life as his beloved sons and daughters. The dignity which we have received in the baptismal waters of renewal is simply earth shattering—or should I say "heaven shattering"? When was the last time you contemplated how astoundingly different you and your future are because of your baptism? How God has opened up for you and entirely New Path and how joyful it is to be on that Journey to Heaven? Perhaps we sometimes contemplate these things only because we have experienced the absence of them.

If you are like me your life gets off track now and again. We experience the sting of compunction and realize that something deep within us is calling us to come back home

to Center. Listen to the Voice of the Spirit! We all know when we have missed the mark. In fact that is the Hebrew phrase for sin. Lent is a joyful and penitential season which invites us to come back home to the Father's House. At first blush this may sound weird—that Lent is a season of joy. But, there is joy because we recognize that there is always a way out of "the old self" and to be re-immersed in the Divine Life—that there is always a second chance after the first second chance!

The Father is not comfortable with making us grovel outside or maybe getting to the porch. He wants us to dwell in the deepest recesses of His House which is the deepest part of His Heart. We have all muddied the waters of our sacred baptism with our failure to live out the promises of the font. Lent is a time for us to reclaim the purity of the baptismal font. There is one thing only which enables us to do that. It is the recognition of our sins and the confession of them to our loving God who is waiting to hear from us. Please, come and encounter the Merciful Face of Jesus in the Sacrament of Reconciliation!

St. Joseph the Workman, pray for us!

Meg. Diller

16TH ANNUAL LA CROSSE LENTEN LUNCHEON

Bishop William Patrick Callahan and Catholic Charities cordially invite you to the 16th Annual La Crosse Lenten Luncheon on Wednesday, March 20, 2024. Gourmet soup, salad and bread will be served. The luncheon will honor the "In My Name Award" recipient - Sr. Catherine Kaiser, FSPA and the "Bill Medland Faithful Servant Award" recipients - Dan and Mary Mundt Reckase. Cost is \$30.00 per person or reserve a table of 4 for \$120.00. Please RSVP online at https://cclse.org/la-crosse-lenten-luncheon/ by March 15 as seating is limited.

ALL DAY CONFESSIONS

There will be all day confessions at the Cathedral on Monday, March 25th from 9 am - 6 pm. There will be four priests available to hear confessions at any given time.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

Soon to be Dr. Ruby Gravrok will present a talk on Natural Family Planning on March 16th at 11:30 am at the Diocesan Center (La Crosse). Please email Chris Rogers: crogers@diolc.org if you plan to attend.

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 MARCH 10 Fourth Sunday of Lent

It has been said many times over and in various ways that stewardship is based upon gratitude. Gratitude for what, we might ask? For the variety of blessings each of us receives, understanding full well that each of us is gifted in different ways and perhaps even in different measures. However, there is one gift that we all share equally. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only son so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life" (John 3:16). It is difficult for us to even conceive of the magnitude of that multifaceted gift, from God's unconditional love for us to the extraordinary gift of his son Jesus to the fabulous gift of everlasting life. Stewardship calls us to appreciate God's gifts, but our gratitude should know no bounds if we only focus on the abovementioned gifts. Pope Francis has said, "God never gives someone a gift they are not capable of receiving. We all have the ability to understand and receive God's gifts." We need to recognize God's gifts and find ways to show and live out our gratitude, especially during our preparations for Easter.

JOB OPENING - DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE

The Diocese of La Crosse has a job opening for an Accounting Services Professional. This position is responsible for the preparation, production and maintenance of client parish financial records through the use of the Diocese centralized financial software. Provides client parish financial information to the Shared Services Supervisor and assists client parish leadership in fulfillment of their parish, Diocesan and regulatory reporting requirements. This position will be working with the Stewardship and Development Department with data input and record maintenance. For more information: diolc.org website, Human Resources, (at the bottom of the site) Employment Opportunities.

Bulletin Deadline: The Cathedral Bulletin regular deadline is 9:00 am on Fridays (nine days prior) to bulletin printing. Prior to major holidays, announcements should be received at least 16 days prior to printing.

LENTEN PRAYER OPPORTUNITY

Vespers, (evening prayer), will be prayed Mondays at 6:30 pm in Cathedral's Blessed Sacrament Chapel. If you have been wanting to increase your prayer life, this Lenten opportunity may be for you. Please call the Parish Office for the code needed to access Church if you plan on attending: 608.782.0322 x0.

SENIOR CITIZEN LUNCHEON

The next Senior Luncheon will be on Friday, April 12th at 11:00 am. Please call or email Karol for further details and to RSVP at: kschlo3004@aol.com or 608.769.1270.

MMOC FISH FRY - MARCH 15TH

Mary, Mother of the Church Parish, 2006 Weston Street, will be holding a Fish Fry on Friday, March 15, from 4:00 - 7:00 pm, dine-in or carry-out. The price is \$12 for 2-piece and \$14 for 3-piece dinner and includes baked or batter fried fish, baked potato or fries, coleslaw and roll. \$5 kids meal includes grilled cheese, fries, fruit and milk. Beer, wine and desserts available at dine-in for additional cost.

SWING DANCE - ST. PATRICK'S

Come to the St. Patrick's swing dance (school gym) Saturday, March 16th. A dance lesson, taught by Fr. Timothy Reither and DRE Anne McMenomy-Rodman will start at 6:30 pm. Following the lesson, there will be dancing (drinks, snacks, and crafts) from 7-9 pm. Cost: free will offering to support the St. Pat's youth group. We hope to see you there!

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The Will

"It is necessary, that our resolutions should be accompanied by the grace

of God. We should pray fervently and make firm decisions. We must pray for divine grace but, it depends on our own will to ensure, that God's grace produces results in us. This is the only way in which we can become

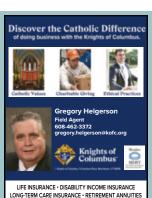
perfect. So, let us go forward.

Be determined.

Work hard.

Above all, pray humbly and fervently for the grace of God, without which, we can do nothing that is good!"

Antonio Cardinal Bacci (1881 - 1971)





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