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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

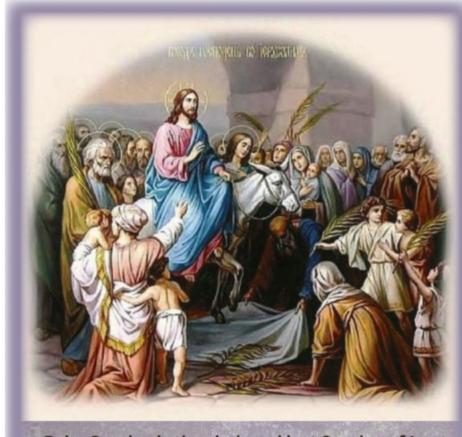
Eucharistic Devotions

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.



March 24, 2024 - Palm Sunday



Palm Sunday is the sixth and last Sunday of Lent and marks the beginning of Holy Week. This day joins the foretelling of Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem (as the crowd welcomed Him with palm branches) and the proclamation of His Passion in the Gospel reading. Hence, the day is called both "Palm Sunday" and "Passion Sunday."

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 March 11 - 17, 2024
Financial information not yet available at the time of bulletin printing.

FAITH FORMATION

Family Faith Formation does NOT meet Wednesday, March 27th. Families should be completing At Home Lesson 6-2 The Eucharist and 6-3 Going to Mass. We will see you again on April 3rd. Contact Kristin with any questions: kjohnson@mmoclacrosse.org or 608.788.5483 Ext. 4.

FIRST EUCHARIST RETREAT APRIL 6TH

The final part of our preparation for First Eucharist will be a parent/child retreat on Saturday April 6th (9:00 am - Noon) at Mary Mother of the Church. Enjoy a lovely morning with your son/daughter exploring how God is near. He is a God of relationship and His greatest miracle is done in the midst of a family meal, the Eucharist. He cannot be closer than when we receive his Body and Blood into ours.

PCCW APRIL MEETING

PCCW will meet Wednesday, April 10th in the Undercroft at 5:30 (social time) with meeting to start at 6 pm. All women of the parish are welcome!

CATHEDRAL BOOK CLUB

The Cathedral Book Club will meet Thursday, April 4 from 9 am - 10:30 am to discuss THE BEAUTY OF DUSK, by Frank Bruni. All are welcome! If you have questions please contact Colleen Walsh.

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.

COOKING CLUB

The next Cathedral Cooking Club dinner will be Sunday, June 9th. More details to follow.

MASS INTENTIONS

• Monday, March 25

6:30 am - Living/Deceased Members of the Pham and Bui Families 12:10 pm - Dr. John Ujda

• Tuesday, March 26

6:30 am – Jean Gadow

10:30 am - Chrism Mass

12:10 pm – **No Mass**

• Wednesday, March 27

6:30 am – Jean Gadow

12:10 pm – Bill Warren

• Thursday, March 28 (Holy Thursday)

6:30 am – **No Mass**

12:10 pm – **No Mass**

7:00 pm – Intentions of Derek Craig

• Friday, March 29 (Good Friday)

6:30 am - *No Mass*

12:10 pm - Good Friday Service

• Saturday, March 30 (Holy Saturday)

8:00 am – **No Mass**

4:30 pm – *No Mass*

8:00 pm – Patricia Prochaska (Easter Vigil Mass)

• Sunday, March 31 (Easter Sunday)

8:00 am – The People of Cathedral Parish

10:00 am – Intentions of Cynthia Keyser

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!

The gift of the Holy Spirit How it has affected The gift of the Holy Spirit How it has impacted The gift of the Holy Spirit How it has inspired The gift of the Holy Spirit How it has saved.

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

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.

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.

CALENDAR REMINDERS & BUSINESS

March 25 (Monday)

All Day Confessions 9 am - 6 pm

March 26 (Tuesday)

Chrism Mass 10:30 am

April 3 (Wednesday)

Confirmation 6:30 pm

April 4 (Thursday)

Book Club 9:00 am (Gathering Area)

April 7 (Sunday)

First Holy Communion 10:00 am Mass

April 9 (Tuesday)

Euchre Club 6:30 pm (Gathering Area)

April 9 (Tuesday)

Pastoral Council Meeting 5:30 pm (Parish Library)

April 10 (Wednesday)

PCCW Meeting 6:00 pm (Undercroft)

April 11 (Thursday)

Walking With Women 5:30 pm (Undercroft)

April 12 (Friday)

Mom's Group 9:30 am (Kevin's Office)

April 12 (Friday)

Senior Luncheon 11:00 am

MONSIGNOR'S Musings

Reflection on Palm Sunday

Guest Columnist: Deacon Thomas Skemp

Around one year ago or less, the presider's chair was moved to where you see it in church now; off to the right as you look at the altar, directly across from the bishop's chair. From that position next to the presider, when I assist, the window that I can see clearly is the top window showing Jesus Christ enthroned as King and Judge of the Universe. In his right hand he holds a pen, with a scroll across his lap, checking off names in the Book of Life. Above his right shoulder is an angel, crowning a man standing below him with the crown of salvation; over Jesus' left shoulder is an angel holding a chain leading down and encircling a man bound hand and foot and standing in flames, representing hell.

At the bottom of the window are the words "I make all

things new."

That is what today's gospel leads us to. The Passion of the Lord is both the end of the Old World and the beginning of the New World. Jesus has indeed made all things new. By his sacrifice Jesus has made it possible for all of us to enter heaven after our death - which was not possible before his sacrifice, in the whole of the history of man. What a gift! And what have we done to deserve this gift? Absolutely nothing. The gratuitous love of God for his creation is demonstrated in Jesus' passion, death and resurrection. God wants us to be with him when we are done on this earth. Jesus makes that possible. The only thing we need to do is to allow his love to direct what we do and where we go while we are living the life so graciously given to us. We can say "No" to God. What a frightening power we are given! If we go the way of the man on the left of Jesus it is completely our fault. If we go the way of the man on the right of Jesus it's because we said "Yes" to God's love for us. That is the most important decision we will ever make in this life.

RONCALLI NEWMAN CAMPUS MINISTRY FUNDRAISER DINNER

There is great hope for the future of the Church - we want to share our good news with you! Please join us Saturday April 27th at Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall for dinner, fellowship, and inspiration as we hear from and support the Catholic college students of La Crosse, in their growth in virtue and fervor for the faith. The evening will include testimonies from alumni and current students, a raffle, and swing dance (with lessons from Fr. Dodge)! \$35/ticket or bring a friend 2/\$60. Registration and more information can be found at roncallinewmancenter.regfox.com/making-saints

GOOD FRIDAY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Pope Francis has asked all parishes to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, to help Christians in the Holy Land. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity in Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, to name a few. The pandemic hit Christians in the Holy Land hard and the war made things even more dramatic. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land and to maintain a Christian presence where the Church was born.

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.

Holy Week Schedule Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 pm **Good Friday** The Passion of our Lord 12:10 pm **Holy Saturday Easter Vigil** 8:00 pm **Easter Sunday** 8:00 am and 10:00 am

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.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - APRIL 7

The Deanery of the La Crosse Diocese has chosen the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe for the celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday. You are invited to make a pilgrimage for Divine Mercy Sunday on April 7. The schedule for the day is as follows: 9:00 am Latin Mass, 11:00 am Spanish Mass, 1:00 pm English Mass, 2:30 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 2:45 pm Divine Mercy Reflection and Family Consecration to the Divine Mercy led by Cardinal Burke, 3:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet led by Cardinal Burke, 3:15 pm Benediction, 3:30 pm Blessing with the relic of St. Faustina. Confessions will be heard in English and Spanish 8:30 am - 4:00 pm. Cart shuttles will be available for pilgrims from 8:00 am - 5:00 pm. For more information, please call the Shrine: 877.799.4059.

"On that day (Divine Mercy Sunday), the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My Mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment." – Diary of St. Faustina #699

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OUR FEATURED BULLETIN SPONSOR THIS WEEK IS:

Theodore J. Skemp - Attorney at Law

Chapel veils, or mantillas, frequently seen in Mass at the Cathedral, have lately been making a comeback. These veils are a purely optional devotion; a woman is not more proper or pious for wearing one, and many women do not find that veils contribute anything to their prayer life. So why might some women find a veil helpful?

At first glance, Church teaching sheds little light. The most direct commentary, from 1 Corinthians 11, may raise more questions than it answers. This passage's comments about men and women, adding to the veil's history as a sign of submission, have sometimes led to confusion, or to veils being thought to show inferiority... raising questions about why a woman today would choose to wear one.

In the genuine Christian tradition, however, a veil's significance is profoundly positive and anything but shameful.

For one, "submission," in this context, implies not some kind of slavery, but entrusting oneself in a relationship of love. One homilist recently explained this in terms of a bride's veil: "It signifies her trust, her confidence in [her husband's] Christ-like leadership. It signifies that she has chosen to follow him as a loving partner and companion. It also signifies that he has been specifically consecrated to handle that sacred vessel ... and that's something mysterious and beautiful."

As Father goes on to explain, this bridal imagery is manifested in any Catholic woman: "Every Catholic woman, as a woman, is a living icon of the church. So when she veils herself here, in the presence of Our Lord, it's a visible reminder for all of the spousal relationship—the bridal relationship—between the Church and Christ." Notably, this truth applies whether the woman chooses to veil herself or not, as well as helping to show why she might choose to do so. A comment in an online discussion summarized the issue in words that apply both to a bride and groom and to a devout woman's relationship with God: "It's a sign of trust in him, not a sign that her free will is being taken away!"

This imagery may help shed light on why veils are associated solely with women. Though men and women are called to the same virtues, their differences reveal different aspects of the soul's relationship with God. "Though men and women are equal in dignity and value, they are different in other ways," says another author in the above-referenced discussion. "The more I look at what the Church says about the differences, I view it as a celebration because the differences are emphasized as a necessity."

The veil has an even more profoundly positive meaning as a sign of sacredness. The Shrine of our Lady of Guadalupe's Executive Director Fr. Paul Check emphasizes this aspect, beginning again with the bridal veil: "That veil has a sense of promoting a kind of reverence and mystery, of modesty, of something that is sacred." Clearly modesty, when correctly understood, has nothing to do with concealing something because it is evil, but rather of cherishing and revering something precious and holy. Again, the optional devotion of veiling is not necessary to practice this modesty; rather, it is one way to symbolize the sacredness of a woman's person.

Father Check goes on to note the importance of veils in the liturgy and in our Faith as a whole:

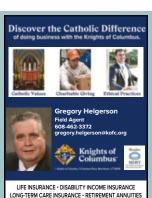
"The chalice is veiled before and after its use in the Consecration. Also veiled are the ciborium, which contains the consecrated hosts; frequently in front of a tabernacle there is a veil ... And the Eucharist itself, we can say very carefully, also carries with it this idea of the veil, because the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Christ is hidden, veiled if you like, under the appearance of bread and wine. And all of these things, this positive sense of the purpose of the veil, goes back to the Incarnation, where Christ's divinity is veiled under His humanity."

Why should the holy things be hidden under veils? Is it to place an obstacle between them and us? Fr. Check concludes otherwise, saying that Our Lord uses veils "so that we will approach the throne of grace with reverence and a sense of mystery."

In this context, a veil is an ennobling symbol, indicating that a woman ought to be regarded with reverence and a sense of mystery. This meaning of veils is perhaps seen most clearly in Our Lady, the most exalted of creatures, who is almost always depicted wearing a veil.

The chapel veil, then, is among the many expressions of devotion that Mother Church's wisdom and generosity offers her children. For those who have adopted it, it is a way to express and rejoice in an authentic Catholic understanding of women: as daughters of the Most High, infinitely beloved and endowed with unique gifts and dignity.

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