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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](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*

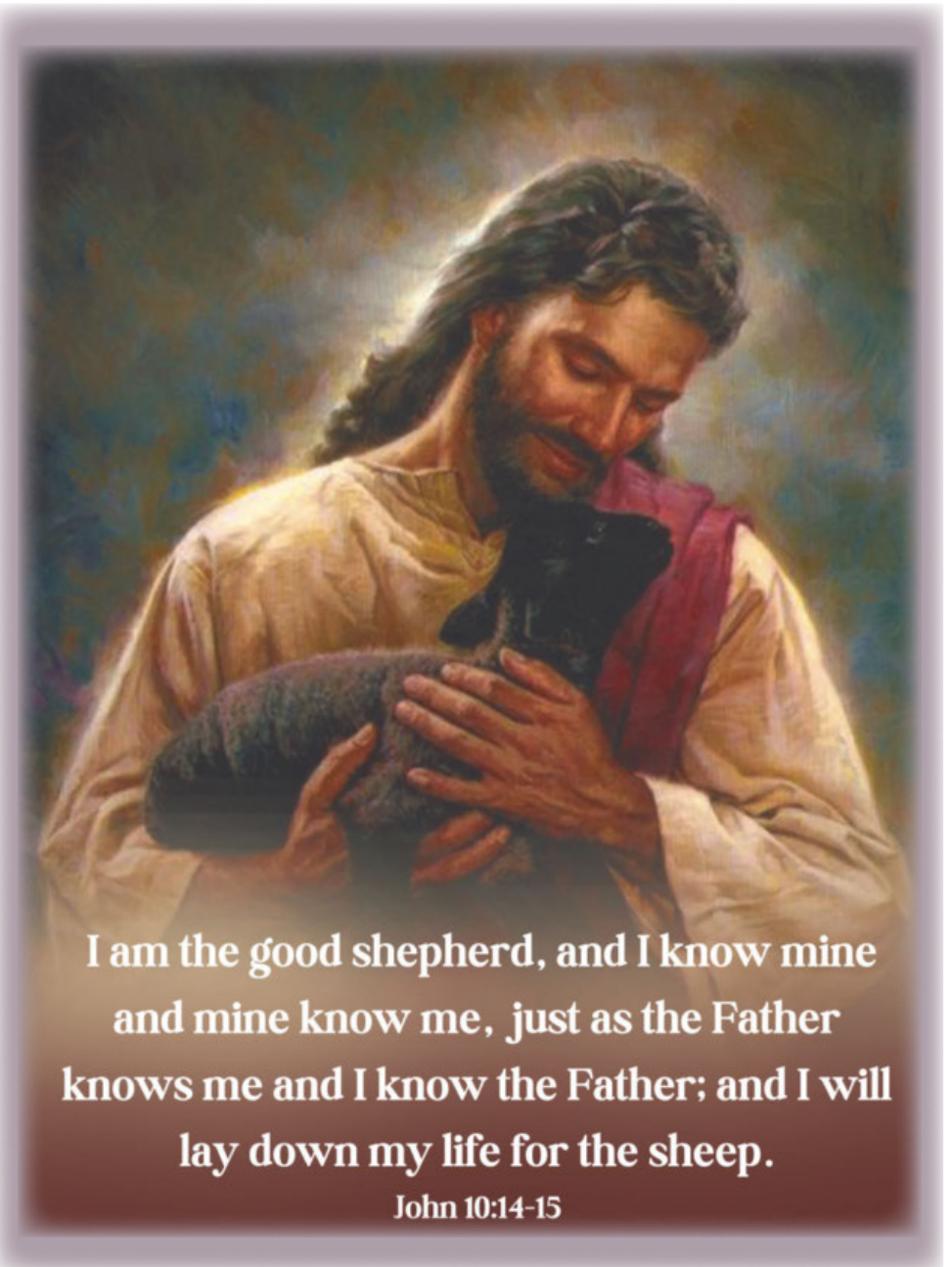
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held  
each Wednesday from 7 am - 7 pm including  
Benediction at noon and resuming after the  
12:10 pm Mass.

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.

# SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKMAN | *Cathedral*

THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE

April 21, 2024 – Fourth Sunday of Easter



**I am the good shepherd, and I know mine  
and mine know me, just as the Father  
knows me and I know the Father; and I will  
lay down my life for the sheep.**

John 10:14-15

#### 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 April 8 - April 14, 2024

Estimated Weekly Need	\$	9,837.39
Envelopes & Plate	\$	4,561.22
Special Recurring Gift	\$	1,538.46
ACH Contributions	\$	00.00
Total	\$	6,099.68

St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral appreciates your continued generosity!

### "SIX TIPS FOR TALKING TO PRO-CHOICE PEOPLE"

Come to a pro-life breakfast and talk on Saturday, April 27 at St. James Parish (La Crosse) featuring Emily Geiger, Director of Education & Outreach for the Equal Rights Institute (ERI).



To learn more and to register, visit [diolc.org/respect-life](http://diolc.org/respect-life) or scan the QR code above.

### MONTHLY MASS COUNTS

Total Average Daily Mass Attendance

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

Dec 2023	75
Jan 2024	78
Feb 2024	78
Mar 2024	87



Total Average Sunday Mass Attendance

(Includes Saturday pm Mass and Sunday Masses combined)

Dec 2023	461
Jan 2024	470
Feb 2024	492
Mar 2024	507

### CALLING ALL BAKERS!!!

The PCCW will be having a Bake Sale the weekend of May 4th - 5th. Bring in your favorite cookies, bars, cakes (8 inch x 8 inch), pies and candies. All items should be wrapped and ready to sell. Stop and shop for a sweet treat for Mom for Mother's Day! Mother's Day cards, made by Anita, will also be available for purchase.

## MASS INTENTIONS

- ♦ **Monday, April 22**  
6:30 am – Living/Deceased Members of the Pham and Bui Families  
12:10 pm – Arthur and Kim Barbier
- ♦ **Tuesday, April 23** (*Saint George, Saint Adalbert*)  
6:30 am – Bud Engelhardt  
12:10 pm – Helen Doerre
- ♦ **Wednesday, April 24** (*Saint Sigmaringen*)  
6:30 am – Paul Poehling  
12:10 pm – Ken and Marie Doherty
- ♦ **Thursday, April 25** (*Saint Mark, Evangelist*)  
6:30 am – Randy Schmidt, Brian Gilles and Mike Hafner  
12:10 pm – Ruth Mary Kerska
- ♦ **Friday, April 26**  
6:30 am – Bob Lanzel, Sr.  
12:10 pm – Living/Deceased Members of the Richard Sperle Family
- ♦ **Saturday, April 27**  
8:00 am – Robert Monk  
4:30 pm – The People of Cathedral Parish
- ♦ **Sunday, April 28** (*Fifth Sunday of Easter*)  
7:30 am – Bishop Alexander McGavick  
10:00 pm – Patricia Prochaska

## FAITH FORMATION

Family Faith Formation does NOT meet Wednesday April 24th. Families should be completing At Home Lessons 7-2 Saint Joseph and Patron Saints and 7-3 The Goal of Life. We will see you again on May 1st. Contact Kristin with any questions: [kjohnson@mmoclacrosse.org](mailto:kjohnson@mmoclacrosse.org) or 608.788.5483 Ext. 4.

## STUBENVILLE HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH CONFERENCE

So many young men and women lack a sense of identity and purpose. Steubenville (St. Paul, MN) is a weekend Catholic conference that evangelizes, equips, and empowers high school youth to become radical, joyful disciples of Jesus through keynote speakers, praise and worship, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, and much more. Please consider registering your current 8th - 12th grade teens for Steubenville July 26th - 28th. Contact Samuel Obert for more information or to sign up your highschooler today. [sobert@mmoclacrosse.org](mailto:sobert@mmoclacrosse.org)

## SENIOR CITIZEN LUNCHEON

The next Senior Luncheon will be on Friday, May 10th at 11:00 am. Please call or email Karol for further details and to RSVP at: [kschlo3004@aol.com](mailto:kschlo3004@aol.com) or 608.769.1270.

## DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Cathedral Goal:	\$57,380.00
Total Pledged & Received:	\$73,506.56

Thank you to everyone who has so generously given to the Diocesan Appeal. We have surpassed our goal! All amounts pledged over our goal comes back to our Parish.

## PATRONAL FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

Please join us in celebrating our patron saint, Saint Joseph the Workman on Sunday, May 5th after the 10 am Mass in the new Rectory Garage. The party will be a fiesta theme with Mexican tacos. Sign up to bring a side or dessert. There will be games, a piñata, music, and salsa dancing lessons. Contact Elizabeth Decker with questions: [elizabeth.shewmon@gmail.com](mailto:elizabeth.shewmon@gmail.com).

## CALENDAR REMINDERS & BUSINESS

- April 21** (Sunday)  
Pancake Breakfast 8 am - 12 noon (Undercroft)
- April 23** (Tuesday)  
Euchre Club 6:30 pm (Gathering Area)
- April 25** (Thursday)  
Walking With Women 5:30 pm (Undercroft)
- April 27 and 28** (Saturday and Sunday)  
KC #839 Tootsie Roll Drive (After Masses)
- May 2** (Tuesday)  
Book Club 9:00 am (Gathering Area)
- May 5** (Sunday)  
St. Joseph/Cinco de Mayo Pot Luck (New Garage) 11:00 am
- May 7** (Tuesday)  
Pastoral Council Meeting 5:30 pm (Undercroft)
- May 9** (Thursday)  
Finance Council Budget Meeting 7:30 am (Rectory)
- May 9** (Thursday)  
Walking With Women 5:30 pm (Undercroft)
- May 10** (Friday)  
Mom's Group 9:30 am (Kevin's Office)
- May 10** (Friday)  
Senior Luncheon 11:00 am



## **Divine Mercy Sunday: Taking a Deeper Look**

*(Part one of two)*

Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated on the Octave day of Easter, that is, the Second Sunday of Easter. It is one of those things we somewhat know about, but perhaps there's more to it than meets the eye. Let's take a look.

The Feast day was established at the specific request of Our Lord. In a private revelation to St. Faustina, Jesus promised to pour out "extra-ordinary" graces of mercy upon sinners each year on this one special day. What are these extraordinary graces? Listen to Our Lord himself as he speaks to St. Faustina: "I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day 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." This is the special promise of Jesus: they shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. [Remember, all sin incurs two effects: 1) guilt – which requires forgiveness; and 2) punishment, either temporal (which requires expiation) or eternal, i.e., hell – (which requires first forgiveness and then expiation).]

Now, back to the Promise: they shall obtain complete forgiveness

of sins and punishment. Well, that sounds a lot like a plenary indulgence, right? But, it's more and little different. A plenary indulgence requires no attachment to sin whereas the special promise requires complete attachment to God's Goodness with total trust in His Mercy. The grace received is that you are restored to the original holiness you had at Baptism whether as an infant or as an adult, which is a net result of no sin and no punishment due to sin.

This wondrous, special grace of obtaining complete forgiveness of sins and punishment is theologically possible because it is attached to receiving Holy Communion worthily and going to confession with full trust in God's Goodness. What is the point of all this, of this extraordinary grace? Isn't Jesus kind and merciful all the time? Well, yes, of course, but...the hang up is not with God; it's with God's people. As a fellow sinner and a priest of 30 years, I get this. People have trust issues resulting from a lot of hurts and wounds, inflicted from without or within. And, they close themselves off to receiving love either on a human level or a Divine level, which is the total unmitigated merciful love of God poured out upon a soul without restriction. Often enough, people have a hard time forgiving themselves and letting themselves be forgiven by God. For example, I think of some of the self-imposed "unforgivable" sins of abortion or of the grave indiscretions of youth (or "not so youth"). In actuality, what's happening is that people make their sins to be bigger than God's mercy, which is putting oneself above God in a manner of odd idolatry.

*M. Gilles*

## **RONCALLI NEWMAN CAMPUS MINISTRY FUNDRAISER**

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 in their growth in virtue and fervor for the faith. The evening will include testimonies from alumni and current students, a silent auction, and swing dance. The Lord is doing great things in our young adults! Tickets are \$35/person or \$60/couple. More registration information: [roncallinewmancenter.regfox.com/making-saints](http://roncallinewmancenter.regfox.com/making-saints)

## **TRIVIA NIGHT AT ST. CHARLES SCHOOL**

St. Charles School (Genoa) Trivia Night will be Friday, April 26. There will be no buzzers. Teams will come up with answers together. Teams can be as small as two players or as big as ten. The cost is \$10/player (cash/check only). A simple supper, snacks and drinks can be purchased throughout the night starting at 5:30 pm. Trivia begins at 6:30 pm. New this year: life-lines can be purchased for \$5 or \$10. Call Mariette Donovan: 608.381.0220 with your team's name to register.

## **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 APRIL 21

### Fourth Sunday of Easter

On this fourth Sunday of Easter, we hear that Jesus is the Good Shepherd, and we are His sheep. Today's readings call us to reflect inward — do we allow Jesus to shepherd our lives? In our Gospel, Jesus reveals His radical love for us. He says, "I will lay down my life for the sheep." Jesus tells us that we are His. We can compare this relationship to that of a loving parent to their child. The parent gives without much in return, and if any evil came near the child, the parent would do anything, even lay down their life for their baby. We are Christ's — even more so than a child is to a parent. He created us and sustains our lives each day. Evil persists in our world, so Jesus willingly laid down His life for us at Calvary for our salvation. He is our Good Shepherd, whether we remain in His flock or go astray. But just as a baby is happiest in the arms of a parent, so too are we happiest in the flock of our Shepherd. And just as sheep go astray, we stray from God, test our limits, and even follow false shepherds. Thankfully, our Shepherd is a Good Shepherd, and He laid down His life for us, knowing every sin we will ever commit. Therefore, let us examine our hearts and return to our flock. We don't even need to find the way. He is right there, always waiting to guide us home. Let us look inward this week and ask ourselves, 'Who is my Shepherd?' and 'Have I gone astray?' Name the areas in your life that you have neglected. Ask Jesus to bring you home. Pray for His mercy, seek His forgiveness in the sacraments, and begin again.

### CATHEDRAL BOOK CLUB

The Cathedral Book Club will meet Thursday, May 2 from 9 am - 10:30 am in the Gathering Area. The discussion will be: THE TRUEST PLEASURE by Robert Morgan. All are welcome! If you have questions please contact Colleen Walsh.

### MMOC RUMMAGE SALE

Mary, Mother of the Church, 2006 Weston Street, will be holding a Spring Rummage Sale on Friday, April 26th, 11 am - 3 pm, (\$6 a bag) and on Saturday, April 27th, 8 am - 11 am (\$3 a bag). Some items priced individually.

## 33 DAYS TO EUCHARISTIC GLORY

33-Days to Eucharistic Glory is Matthew Kelly's unprecedented spiritual resource that will draw you closer to Jesus in the Eucharist, the single greatest source of grace in the world. As a group we will begin reading the book May 1st, the Feast of St. Joseph the Workman, our Diocesan patron saint, and end on June 7th, the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, with the Consecration to the Eucharist at the Eucharistic Rally held at the La Crosse Center. There are two weekly meeting sites.

Sundays - St. Patrick's (Onalaska), 4:30-6:00 pm (church basement)

Mondays - Blessed Sacrament, 9:00 – 10:30 am (Parish Hall)

Class can also be done as a home study. Books are \$10 (retail value \$24.95) and can be purchased at most parish offices, after weekend Masses at most parishes, or by contacting Amy Capelli: amy\_capelli@charter.net or 608.783.0847.

### K OF C TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus Council 839 will be distributing Tootsie Rolls for their Intellectual Disabilities Campaign and accepting free will donations after Masses on the weekend of April 27 - 28. Proceeds from this fundraiser go to assist people with special needs in our community. Please consider giving a gift of support to this worthy cause.

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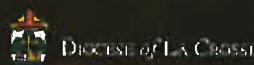
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# BISHOP GERARD BATTERSBY

11th Bishop of La Crosse



## The Diocese of La Crosse Welcomes Bishop Gerard Battersby as the 11th Bishop for the Diocese of La Crosse

*“It is with joy that I received the news that the Holy Father had named me the 11th Bishop of the Diocese of La Crosse, Wisconsin,” Bishop Battersby said. “When I was baptized, ordained a priest and consecrated a bishop, I received a call within a call, an invitation to follow. The Risen One has bid me to follow him to western Wisconsin, to the banks of the mighty Mississippi. I leave with hope and anticipatory joy.”*  
— Bishop Battersby

Bishop Battersby was born on May 15th, 1960. In 1993, he entered Sacred Heart Major Seminary and received a Master of Divinity degree in 1998. After ordination to the priesthood, he served in parish ministry for ten years. Bishop Battersby then served as director of graduate seminarians and graduate pastoral formation at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Detroit. In 2011, he was appointed Vice-Rector and Dean of Seminary Formation and was ordained to the Episcopacy as an Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit and Moderator of the South Region in January 2017.

*“I have had the privilege of serving as a bishop in west-central Wisconsin for fourteen years,” said Bishop Callahan. “During this time, I have been blessed with numerous wonderful memories. I am grateful for the meaningful prayers and reflections that have connected my heart and soul with joy and gratitude and I am especially thankful for the three years I spent serving in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, where I received fraternity and support from Cardinal Tim Dolan, Archbishop Jerry ListECKI and the Milwaukee presbyterate. In 2010, I was called by His Holiness, Pope Benedict, to become the Tenth Bishop of La Crosse and I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to work with some of the best priests and deacons in the Church in this capacity.”*

*“Throughout my ministry, I have been fortunate to have the steadfast support of my Franciscan community since I was ordained as a priest in 1977. Looking back, it is a great blessing and I simply say, ‘thank you’ to all the wonderful people who have been part of my journey, especially the priests, deacons, religious, and holy women who have been so kind to me over these 14 years. Their friendship and mentorship have taught me to be mindful of what it means to be brothers and sisters of Christ and sons and daughters of God.”*

*“As I move forward, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has made my time in the Diocese of La Crosse so meaningful. I look forward to continuing my service to Bishop Battersby and spiritual service to brother priests and deacons in La Crosse. I am grateful for the opportunity to remain in this wonderful community for as long as God allows, and I will cherish the memories and experiences I have had here. Thank you for allowing me to fulfill God’s call among you. Be assured of my daily prayer and happy memories.”*

Bishop Battersby will be installed as the Bishop of the Diocese of La Crosse on May 20th at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman.



Watch the Press Conference  
and learn more about  
Bishop Battersby at:  
[dioclc.org/bishop-battersby](http://dioclc.org/bishop-battersby)



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