

Sunday Bulletin

Blessed Sacrament & Roncalli Newman

Roman Catholic Churches of La Crosse, WI

Easter Sunday | March 31, 2024

MASS TIMES

SATURDAY

4:30PM Blessed Sacrament (BSP)

SUNDAY

9AM Blessed Sacrament (BSP)

11AM Roncalli Newman (RNC)

8:30PM (RNC)

DAILY MASS TIMES

Monday - Friday - 8:00AM (BSP)

Tues - 5:15PM (RNC)

Thurs - 7pm (RNC)

Wed/Fri - Noon (RNC)

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3:30 - 4:15PM Saturdays or by appt.

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FROM THE DESK OF FR. BILLY DODGE

Christ is Risen! A Blessed and Happy Easter to all of our parishioners, college students, and visitors who have joined us for the Easter and Holy Week liturgies. These past days of celebrating the passion, death, and resurrection of our Lord are the holiest of the year. These events in the life of Jesus are so profound that they require continual exploration. The Church, influenced by the custom of seasonal celebrations practiced in the Jewish faith, has an annual season for us to stop and ponder anew what this great mystery means in our lives. How is my life different because Jesus lived, died, and rose again?

I want to thank the many volunteers who assisted with the Triduum - the worship space decorators and those who thoroughly clean the churches, all liturgical volunteers, the servers and sacristans who had to put up with my directions, those who helped with the Thursday evening potluck and Easter Vigil post-party and other celebrations, and many others who worked behind the scenes. I am grateful for our musicians under the direction of Mary Blaha-DeBoer who put in a tremendous amount of extra preparation. Thank you to all who have contributed.

This Wednesday, April 3, at 6:00pm our high school students will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Cathedral with students from the other city parishes. Please pray that the gifts of the Holy Spirit given to them at Confirmation will manifest in their lives.



AROUND THE PARISHES

Communion Services April 1 & 2

Both Father Billy Dodge and Father Sam McCarty will be heading to their respective homes after Easter Sunday Masses to celebrate with their families. Therefore, there will not be an 8:00am Mass April 1st or 2nd, but there will be a Communion Service.

Divine Mercy Sunday | April 7

The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe has been chosen by the La Crosse Diocese for the celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday on Sunday April 7th. The schedule for the day is as follows: 9AM Latin Mass, 11AM Spanish Mass, 1PM English Mass, 2:30PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 2:45PM Divine Mercy Reflection and Family Consecration to the Divine Mercy led by Cardinal Burke, 3:00PM Divine Mercy Chaplet led by Cardinal Burke, 3:15PM Benediction, 3:30PM Blessing with the relic of St. Faustina. Confessions will be heard all day.

AROUND OUR PARISHES & COMMUNITY

Sacraments for Homebound Parishioners

Are you or a loved one homebound and need to be visited for Communion or an Anointing? Please call one of our parish offices!

Pilgrimage to India with Fr. Francis Thadathil in 2025

Fr. Francis Thadathil is leading a group on pilgrimage to India in January 14th-27th 2025. Limited spots are available. \$2054/person in double/twin room. \$795 single room supplement. If interested, please contact Theresa Kivi at 715-835-9935 or parishoffice@icpeau.diocparish.org.

Family Faith Formation

Family Faith Formation meets this Wednesday April 3rd from 5:30pm-6:45pm at Mary Mother of the Church. We will begin our next monthly topic Mary and the Saints and new At Home Lesson packets will be handed out. Contact Kristin with any questions kjohnson@mmoclacrosse.org 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 from 9:00am-Noon at Mary Mother of the Church. Enjoy a lovely morning with your son or 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 our lives. At least one parent must attend with their child. Families need only bring themselves and an open heart!

Youth Faith Formation

I hope you delight in this poem from one of this year's 10th grade Confirmation candidates. It was one of the three winners. May it enrich your Lenten season!

*Jesus died, suffering on the cross
Pierced through His palms and His feet,
He saved us from eternal suffering,
through His suffering
Jesus endured gruesome pain
so we could one day be with Him
He fulfills us through His death,
and now by His resurrection we are saved*

Please continue to pray for the 53 young men and women in our program who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday! Thank you!

An Update from the Women's Club

Hosea's Heart update:

Clara, our student from Swaziland that we are sponsoring will be celebrating her 19th birthday April 13. She is currently in her freshman year in high school. Her school picture is in the narthex of both churches. We have been asked to send birthday greetings and best wishes to her via email at michelle@hoseasheart.org. Just a short message is all that is needed. Thank you for your caring.

Reminder to mark your calendars and start pruning and planting for our upcoming plant sale, the Saturday before Memorial Day weekend.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 6 & 7

Sat, Apr 6, 4:30 PM (BSP)

Mary E Saphner
Paulette Drozdowicz
Chris Dresen & Mary BD
NOT FILLED
Pat Abraham & Sean O'Flaherty
Mike Vanderploeg
Luci Johnson & Mary Jo Werner

Reader (1)
Reader (2)
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Servers
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Sacristan/MC
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Rosary Leaders at Blessed Sacrament
04/06 4:30pm - Natalie Schwinn-Weaver
04/07 9am - Steve and Annette Flottmeyer

Sun, Apr 7, 9:00 AM (BSP)

Dave Reinders
Mary Jo Reinders
Kristin Johnson & Mary BD
Robbie Del Rosario & Tad Strittmater
Roger Korger & Bernice Lansing
John Wissing & William Arnold
NOT FILLED
Fran & Greg Sauer

Reader (1)
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Sun, Apr 7, 11:00 AM (RNC)

Carol Mader
Maureen Neuville
Andy Manson (sub req.) & ME Hauptert
Alex Boland
Karen Lange & Sandy Sieck
Paul & Cindy Patros
Erica & Brad Neumeister
Cindy Sjolander

Reader (1)
Reader (2)
Cantor & Accompanist
Server
Hospitality Ministers
Hospitality Ministers
Gift Bearers
Sacristan/MC

AROUND OUR PARISHES & COMMUNITY

Special Collection next weekend April 6-7

The annual collections for the La Crosse Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will be held on the Sunday after Easter: April 6-7. These funds go to camp grants, scholarship grants, and supporting diocesan functions- like the Eucharistic Adoration on June 7th this year. We sincerely appreciate everyone's support in this collection. Thank you for your consideration.

Aquinas Booster Club Auction | April 6

Please plan to attend the annual Aquinas booster Club Auction on Saturday, April 6 at 5 p.m. at Aquinas High School. The event features a silent and live auction, Golden Ticket raffle (your choice of any live auction item), a raffle for \$500 off tuition, food and beverages. If you cannot attend in person, you can participate in the silent auction and make donations after 5pm, on March 29 via <https://aquinasboosterclub2024.ggo.bid>.

Abby Johnson April 13 Luncheon and Talk in La Crosse:

You are invited to come hear pro-life leader Abby Johnson at the Radisson Hotel in La Crosse on Saturday, April 13, sponsored by the La Crosse Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. Abby was a Planned Parenthood director before undergoing a profound conversion in 2009, when she witnessed an ultrasound-guided abortion. Her story was portrayed in the major 2019 film Unplanned. To learn more and to register (deadline March 31), visit ldccw.org, or scan the QR code to the right.



“Six Tips for Talking to ‘Pro-Choice People’ (What We’ve Learned from Talking to More than 5000)” – Saturday Morning, April 27 – St. James Parish, La Crosse

Come to a pro-life breakfast and talk featuring Emily Geiger, Director of Education & Outreach for the Equal Rights Institute (ERI). Emily is the former Co-President of Oles for Life at St. Olaf College, where she worked to transform campus culture using ERI's apologetics to foster respectful and productive dialogues about abortion. A sought-after speaker, Emily frequently gives talks on college and high school campuses and for churches and conferences. She has also been interviewed on MSNBC, BBC Newsday, EWTN, Focus on the Family, Relevant Radio, and Christianity Today. To learn more and to register, visit diolc.org/respect-life or scan the QR code to the right.



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 30 - Easter Vigil Mass

8:15pm RNC +Frank Dorman

SUNDAY, MARCH 31 - Easter Sunday Mass

9am BSP +Elizabeth & Karlton Keppel

11am RNC +Tom Strange

*NO 8:30pm Mass Easter Sunday

MONDAY, APRIL 1

8am Communion Service

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

8am Communion Service

5:15pm RNC +Sharon Kelly

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

8am BSP +Marjorie and D.B. Reinhart SCHOOL MASS

Noon RNC +Jerry Kabat

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

8am BSP +Dolores Hutzler

7pm RNC +Patricia Dummer

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

8am BSP +Betty Sapp

Noon RNC Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

4:30pm RNC +Diane Yeske

SUNDAY, APRIL 7 - Divine Mercy Sunday

9am BSP +Terri Levi

11am RNC +Rose Dahl

Campus Ministry Corner

Proverbs 27:17 - "Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another."

That is what comes to mind when I think about Roncalli Newman and how it has changed my life. Pretty much everyone at Newman will tell you that the community is what drew them in and makes them feel like they have found a home, and that is so true. My favorite part is that everyone is striving for the ultimate goal of life: to become saints. It is here that I was received into the Catholic Church; that I learned what it means to be a Catholic man; and what it means and looks like to be a disciple of Our Lord Jesus Christ. It is also a blessing to have God's grace abundantly available to us through frequent access to the sacraments (daily Holy Mass and confession) as well as daily access to Eucharistic adoration. Roncalli Newman is where I have met the best friends that I have ever had, and that is what happens when, at the center of all these friendships and other wonderful things, is Our Lord Jesus Christ.

-Connor MacKinnis

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Thank you for your support!

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

A Minute with Jesus

Jesus rose from the dead on Easter Sunday.

Jesus is alive! We receive the living resurrected Christ in Holy Communion. Jesus holds nothing back in the Holy Eucharist. He gives Himself completely to us when we receive Him at Mass every Sunday. Receiving His Resurrected Body and Blood will raise us to Him to live forever.

- Let's pray this right now and every day this week: *Jesus, help me to realize that You are alive, and every time I receive You, that You are alive in me.*
- This week, as we celebrate Easter, make a practice that was common after the Resurrection with the early Christians to say to family members and friends, "Jesus Christ is risen; He is alive!"

Rummage Sale at MROC | April 26 & 27

Mary, Mother of the Church, 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, will be holding a Spring Rummage Sale on Friday, April 26, 11AM - 3PM, \$6 a bag; and on Saturday, April 27, 8 - 11AM, \$3 a bag. Some items priced individually.

Aquinas Booster Club | April 24

Chicken Q. The annual Chicken Q will be held in the Cass Street parking lot at Aquinas High School on Wednesday, April 24, serving from 11 a.m. until gone. Delicious chicken and fixings for \$12 per plate. Yum!



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AROUND THE COMMUNITY

Social Justice Offering of Letters

Social Justice will hold its annual Offering of Letters on April 13 & 14. For over 25 years, Newman has been a Covenant Church Member with Bread for the World. Each year, we join with Member Churches around the nation in writing to congress to advocate for the passage of bills that will help end hunger.

This year we are asking our congress members to renew farm bill programs such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and international food aid programs. Among the measures that should be included are strengthening nutrition security in domestic and international programs, creating a more equitable SNAP program, and increasing food systems sustainability. The impact of the farm bill is significant. It not only affects the agriculture and food sectors - it can play a huge role in reducing food insecurity and hunger in the U.S. and abroad.

Look for post cards and sample letters at the doors April 13 & 14 and join us in the Offering of Letters. You can also go to www.bread.org for more information and updates as the year goes on. By raising our voices together, we can make our nation's laws more compassionate and work to make hunger and poverty a thing of the past.

2024-2025 ACS Enrollment

Enrollment for Cathedral Elementary School, St. Patrick Elementary School, Blessed Sacrament Elementary School, Aquinas Middle School, and Aquinas High School is currently open for returning and new families for 2024-2025! ACS is committed to providing a safe and structured learning environment for its students. Call (608) 784-8585 to schedule a tour! Aquinas Catholic Schools is a Christ-centered family devoted to nurturing students of all faiths through educational excellence in its vibrant Catholic tradition. Contact info@aquinasschools.org with any questions or visit www.aquinascatholicschools.org/enrollment to get started.

Wisconsin Parental Choice Program

Open enrollment starts February 1, 2024. Enrollment ends on April 18, 2024. Visit schoolchoicewi.org to find out if you qualify, learn how to apply, read FAQs and step-by-step instructions.

“the ANSWER” La Crosse Eucharistic Rally | June 7th

Have you heard of the Eucharistic Rally coming to La Crosse? Say “Yes!” to this life-changing event being held **June 7, 2024** at the **La Crosse Center**. The rally will include a Eucharistic Procession, Adoration and Confession, Catholic speakers such as Chris Stefanick, Immaculee Illabagiza, and Father Jusin Kizewski. Discounted tickets are now available for purchase. Please check out the official website for all the detailed information, including the link to purchase online tickets diolc.org/the-answer/ or use your smartphone's camera to scan the QR code on the right.



Roncalli Newman Campus Ministry Fundraiser Dinner | April 27th

There is great hope for the future of the Church - we want to share our good news with you! We invite you to join us **Saturday April 27th** at Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall for dinner, fellowship, and inspiration as we hear from and support the Catholic 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 silent auction, and dance. Our hope is to invite parishioners, student parents, community members - anyone with an interest in our young Church - to come hear about the great things the Lord is doing at the Newman Center.

Registration and more information can be found at roncallinewmancenter.regfox.com/making-saints

La Crosse Wide Blessed is She Women's Brunch | April 13th

Are you a woman who desires prayer and community? Blessed is She is a sisterhood of women who want to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ through their Catholic faith.

Come join us on April 13th from 11 am - 1 pm in the Parish Hall at Mary, Mother of the Church for our first Blessed Brunch. It's a potluck brunch for women of all ages and stages (so that's you!) We'll enjoy food, conversation and prayer.

Scan the QR code to sign up to bring an item to the brunch and/or RSVP to attend! Contact Jamie Thompson at jlwthomps@gmail.com for any questions.





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March 15, 2024

TO
Rev Fr Billy Dodge
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Dear Fr Dodge,

Greetings to you. The Parishioners here have been talking about a *Tour India* Program. In response to their interest, I am taking a group to India in January 2025. The details of the Tour have already been planned. Enclosed please find a few copies of the Flyer that provides basic information. I will be with the group throughout this tour. I am looking for a group of 20-25 people only. A number of parishioners have already signed up. Limited seats are still available. If any of your parishioners are interested, please call or email at the earliest.

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Fr. Francis Thadathil MSFS

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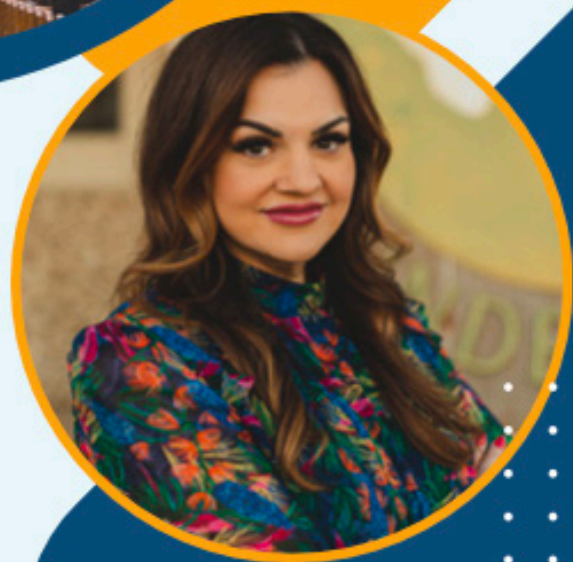


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