

Sunday Bulletin

Blessed Sacrament & Roncalli Newman Parishes
34th Sunday in Ordinary Time | November 20th, 2022

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RNP Office Hours:

Mon - Thurs 9am - 12pm, 1pm - 4pm
Fri 9am - 12pm

BSP Office Hours:

Mon - Thurs 9am - 12pm, 1pm - 4pm
Fri 9am - 12pm

Sunday Mass Times

Sat. 4:30pm @ BSP
Sun. 9am (BSP), 11:15am (RNP), & 8:30pm (RNP)

Daily Mass Times

BSP Mon - Fri 8:00am
RNP Tues 5:15pm
RNP Wed & Fri Noon
RNP Thurs 7pm

Confession Times

Saturday evening @ 3:30pm or by appt.

November 20th, 2022 - Solemnity of Christ the King



Thanksgiving Potluck

Thank you very much to all who helped organize, prep, clean, and serve at the very successful Thanksgiving Potluck! We had a fantastic turn out of parishioners, students and delicious food.

Seeking Coat Donations

With the colder weather approaching, The La Crosse Jail Ministry Program is seeking donations of new and gently used men and women's boots and shoes. Bins will be placed at both entrances at Roncalli Newman for collection. Thank you so much! For questions contact: Dee Paqué dpaque2020@outlook.com or 608-498-0168.

Blessed Sacrament School looking for new custodian

Blessed Sacrament school is in need of a new custodian. Please principal Kate Moll if interested. Her email is kate.moll@aquinasschools.com. Thank you!

Advent Christmas Fair

God's choicest blessings upon all of you, the many hearts and hands that worked together to bring the return of our Advent Christmas Fair a be true celebration of faith, family and fun! A prayer of Thanksgiving to St Joseph's care for all the little things that worked together to help us serve the Lord with gladness and His holy people with joy.

In case you missed it...Plan ahead...mark your calendar! Save the date November 18th 2023! (And ☺ save your Advent Christmas Donation jars)
Gratefully,
Barb and all the Advent Christmas Chairs

BSP Giving Tree

Beginning this weekend: Parishioners are invited to select ornaments from the Giving Tree to benefit individuals in need through Catholic Charities. We are sponsoring 175 individuals/families this year. The tree will be located in the Narthex entrance of Blessed Sacrament church. A label on each ornament indicates a desired need. Inside each 'ornament' will be a corresponding completed SCRIP card order form for the requested gift card & amount. Of course you may purchase gift cards directly from the location indicated - - HOWEVER, for your convenience gift cards may be purchased from our **SCRIP** seller after the 4:30pm or 9:00am Masses, or at our SCRIP or parish offices at BSP during regular business hours. Cash or checks accepted. ****PLEASE** place the gift card back into the designated 'ornament' holder/bag and leave with the SCRIP seller after Mass, or at the BSP offices. **CARDS NEED TO BE PURCHASED & RETURNED NO LATER THAN DEC. 11.** Our prayer is for every request to be filled through your generosity in assisting our brothers and sisters at Christmas time. Thank you for sharing your abundant blessings! Questions may be directed to Caryl Doberstein at 608.782.1833 or to caryl.doberstein@gmail.com

Scrip Opportunity

Scrip (also newly known as "RaiseRight") is a fundraising program using everyday gift cards. Retailers who participate in the program allow us to use a percentage of the funds to **help support our parish and offset Catholic education costs** (can be used for your individual family, or a family in need). This not only aids in our parish budget, but your own families budget toward tuition as well. The RaiseRight website provides a wealth of information on discounts and stores involved, but we encourage parishioners to still purchase cards through our parish scrip office. The greater the involvement, the greater the benefit. Many of these stores we shop at everyday, so it's quite simple to reap the benefits (Kwik Trip, Target, etc.). Now that our communities have grown together, **we have an even greater opportunity to support one another and our families.** Sales are during all office hours, as well as following the 9am and 4:30pm Masses in the Narthex. Orders for "RaiseRight"/Scrip cards are made Thursdays by noon, and cards arrive early the following week. Thank you for supporting our parish and schools! For more information on Scrip/RaiseRight, see our online bulletin, or contact Pat Hammes, sph5938@hotmail.com

Families Forming Disciples

Families Forming Disciples does **NOT meet this Sunday November 20th AND next Sunday November 27th or Wednesday November 23rd.** To take time off for the Thanksgiving Holiday. We will meet again on Wednesday Nov. 30th and Sunday December 4th respectively.

High School Faith Formation

High School Faith Formation does **NOT meet this Wed, Nov 23rd.** Enjoy your Thanksgiving Holiday!

Christmas Collection for Ukraine

As we approach the Advent and Christmas season, Valentyna Pavsyukova is organizing a diocese-wide charitable collection for the suffering children, women, and men of Ukraine. Please consider donating at our parish collection site. More information on this Christmas collection for Ukraine can be found at diolc.org/Chalice-of-Mercy. All new items must be donated by December 5th 2022. To make a much-needed financial donation, visit chaliceofmercy.org/donate.



Social Justice Bread Sale Update

Thanks to everyone for helping to make the Social Justice annual Bread Sale a success. With your generous support, we were able to raise \$867. The proceeds from the sale will go to help Social Justice assist those in need as well as to support Roncalli Newman's covenant church membership in Bread for the World. Bread for the World is a national organization which does critical advocacy for hungry people by promoting government policies that help those in need.

AN ADVENT REFLECTION – O Come, O Come Emmanuel: Not just a hymn - A soul's cry to God

Monday Dec. 5th, 6:30- 7:30pm BSP Parish Hall

How can we prepare ourselves spiritually for Christmas and the celebration of the Nativity of our Lord and Savior? The classic Advent hymn "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" gives us a way to enter into the spirituality of this important season in the life of the Church. This hymn (and the Collects of the Mass during Advent) gives us seven images of Christ to meditate on: the Dayspring, the Key of David, and so on, which come from an ancient Catholic devotion called the O Antiphons. In this Advent presentation, Holly Ordway will explain the meaning of "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" and show how we can enhance our prayer life during Advent by reflecting on these rich and beautiful images. This presentation also provides a gentle and inviting way of evangelization, so we encourage you to invite a friend or family member who is not a Catholic or who has fallen away from the Church to join you as we explore the riches of Advent prayer.

- Dr. Holly Ordway is the Cardinal Francis George Fellow of Faith and Culture at Bishop Barron's Word on Fire Institute, and the author of *Tales of Faith: A Guide to Sharing the Gospel through Literature*.

High School Confirmation Reminder

This is just a friendly reminder that all high school youth preparing for Confirmation will meet on **Sunday, November 20th from 5:00pm-8:00pm at Blessed Sacrament** in the Parish Hall for our second session with Fr. Dodge. Only candidates need to attend and a meal will be provided.

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Pastoral Notes From the desk of Fr. Billy Dodge

Praised be Jesus Christ,

This weekend is the end of the Liturgical Year where we celebrate Jesus Christ the King. It reminds me of a bumper sticker that read, "I am a Monarchist, and I vote." Those two things - monarchy and voting - are often opposed. Monarchs often don't let their subjects vote. What the sticker is referencing is that you can have Jesus as your "Monarch / King" and participate in a democratic form of government. The best gift we could give to our community and our country is to truly reflect Jesus our King.

Regarding my 8-day silent retreat at our Lady of Divine Providence retreat center in Clearwater, Florida, it was another blessed experience. In my 8 days I experienced the full gamut of Clearwater weather - a heat wave, a tropical storm, and a cold spell. The cold spell was 60 degrees. When I flew back to Minneapolis it was 28 degrees! On a more serious note, I like the quote by author Fr. Jean Corbon, "The most fruitful activity of the human person is to be able to receive God" (The Wellspring of Divine Worship). I make room in my life for so many trivial things, but it is a real blessing to take the time to make intentional room for God. I was reminded again how easy it is to survive without all the noise and distractions and social media. Time with God is never wasted time.

You, my parish family back in La Crosse, were on my mind and prayers while on retreat. Thank you for supporting me with your prayers while I was on retreat. Please keep those prayers coming!

God bless,
Father Billy Dodge

Anointing of the Sick and Visiting the Homebound

Pre-Hospital Anointing

Life is as precious to us as our health. It is necessary for our wholeness and well-being, as we all continue to answer the call of God in our lives. For this reason, we need and long for Christian support, comfort, and assurances if we are undergoing a major surgical procedure and/or hospitalization. Throughout the history of the Church, the ministry to the sick has been a major part of the works of mercy in parish life. If you or a family member is scheduled to enter the hospital and you wish to be anointed prior to being hospitalized, please contact the parish office to arrange a date and time.

Hospital Visits

If you or a family member is hospitalized and wishes to have a member, bring Communion, please contact the parish office with the name of the person hospitalized, the name of the hospital, the date of hospitalization, and a contact name and phone number.

Today, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick includes all who need healing, especially the sick and the chronically ill as well as the dying. The priest prays over the one to be anointed and then anoints the forehead and palms with blessed oil. The sacrament, as the continuing healing power of Christ, may at times affect a physical cure or improvement, but more often it provides spiritual strength to bear sickness and trust in God. If the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is needed, please let the parish office know when you call.

Homebound Parishioners

St Camillus Ministers of Holy Communion make pastoral visits to homebound parishioners on a regular basis. Please contact the parish office to arrange these visits.

Nursing Home Visits

The Holy Mass is offered on a regular basis at some of the nursing homes in the area. If a nursing home resident is unable to attend Mass, please notify the parish office to arrange individual pastoral visits.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

November 26/27

Saturday, Nov 26, 4:30 PM (Mass at Blessed Sacrament)

Caryl Doberstein	Reader (1)
Judy Kabat	Reader (2)
Hunter J.	Server
Mary Schuttenhelm	Minister of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Mark Schuttenhelm	Minister of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Kathy Running	Minister of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Leigh Running	Minister of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Mike Vanderploeg	Sacristan/MC
Dave Schreier	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communi.
Ellen Kallies	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communi.

Sunday, Nov 27, 9:00 AM (Mass at Blessed Sacrament)

Jim Bagniewski	Reader (1)
Natalie Bennett	Reader (2)
Matthew B.	Server
Mark Hyde	Minister of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Steve Flottmeyer	Minister of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
LuAnne Kratt	Minister of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Bob Roth	Minister of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
William Arnold	Sacristan/MC
Bernice Lansing	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communi.
Sandra Borreson	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communi.

Sunday, Nov 27, 11:15 AM (Mass at Roncalli Newman)

Mark Thorn	Reader (1)
Ellen Thorn	Reader (2)
Peggy Jirsa	Minister of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Freddi Servais	Minister of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Sam Servais	Minister of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Aaron Zivney	Minister of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Sue Grant	Gift Bearer
Paul Grant	Gift Bearer
Sandra Johnston	Sacristan/MC
Mary Lou Balts	Sacristan/MC

December 3/4

Saturday, Dec 3, 4:30 PM (Mass at Blessed Sacrament)

Judy Kabat	Reader (1)
Margaret Anderson	Reader (2)
Kyle C.	Server
Hunter J.	Server
Michael J Porter	Minister of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Rose Porter	Minister of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Pat Abraham	Minister of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Scott Weaver	Minister of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Mike Vanderploeg	Sacristan/MC
Kathi Hancock	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communi..
NOT FILLED	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communi.

Sunday, Dec 4, 9:00 AM (Mass at Blessed Sacrament)

John Gallagher	Reader (1)
Barb Swieciak	Reader (2)
Greg S.	Server
Dave S.	Server
Roger Korger	Minister of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Karen Gamoke	Minister of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Bruce Simones	Minister of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Sunny Onyeabor	Minister of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
William Arnold	Sacristan/MC
Chris SansCrainte	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communi..
Marie Allen	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communi..

Sunday, Dec 4, 11:15 AM (Mass at Roncalli Newman)

Erma Hafner	Reader (1)
Grace Nicholson-Maly	Reader (2)
Gabe Berendes	Minister of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Annie Berendes	Minister of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Trish Harkness	Minister of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Don Harkness	Minister of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
NOT FILLED	Gift Bearer
John Wissing	Gift Bearer
Sandra Johnston	Sacristan/MC

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 19

4:30pm BSP + Keith Straight

Sunday, November 20- 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am BSP + Harold Mashak

11:15am RNP + Jack Niedfeldt

Mon Nov 21 - Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8am BSP +Taylor Vanderploeg

Tuesday, November 22

8am BSP +Dan Crowley

5:15pm RNP +Willy J Cancel

Wednesday, November 23

8am BSP +Sue Quillin

12pm RNP +Roger Kreibich

Thursday, November 24

9am BSP Thanksgiving Mass - Reparation for Offense against the name of Jesus

Friday, November 25

NO PUBLIC MASSES

(Private Mass offered for Bob and Eleanor Gebhart)

Saturday, November 26

4:30pm BSP +Virginia Nerison

Sunday, November 27- 1st Sunday in Advent

9:00am BSP +Leonard and Margaret Degenhardt

11:15am RNP + Vince Hatt



This Week

Saturday, November 19

- Advent Christmas Fair, 8am - 2pm BSP
- Confessions, 3:30pm @ BSP
- Rosary, 4:05pm (led by Gene and Mary Ann Roesler)

Sunday, November 20

- Rosary, 8:35am (led by Melissa Vach)
- High School Confirmation, 5pm - 8pm BSP

Monday, November 21

- Lectio: The Case for Jesus, 6-7:30pm BSP Hall
- Upcoming Sunday Scripture Study, 6pm RNP

Tuesday, November 22

- RCIA Class, 6:30pm BSP

Wednesday, November 23

- Dogma and Donuts Men's Group, 8:45am BSP

Thursday, November 24

- Thanksgiving Day

Friday, November 25

- Parish Offices Closed

Saturday, November 26

- Confessions, 3:30pm @ BSP
- Rosary, 4:05pm (led by Scott and Caryl Doberstein)

Sunday, November 27 - 1st Sunday of Advent

- Rosary, 8:35am (led by Galen Pittman)
- High School Confirmation, 5pm - 8pm BSP

Weekend Collection 11/13

BSP \$7,106.00 // RNP \$2,365.00

Music & Liturgy

From the desk of Mary Ellen Hauptert

LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING to PLAN CHRISTMAS

The next meeting of the RNP/BSP Liturgy Committee will be Tuesday, November 29th @ 5:45 PM at Roncalli Newman Parish. Our business will be planning Christmas liturgies at both parishes. Let Mary Ellen know if you're interested in attending!

CONSIDER SINGING with one of our CHRISTMAS CHOIRS!

Each Christmas season, I put out an invitation for singers and instrumentalists to join our Family Christmas Choir (which will be at the 6:00 PM Mass this year) and Christmas Choir (which will sing at 8:00 PM) – both at Roncalli Newman Parish. Our first Christmas Choir rehearsal will be Wednesday, November 30th at Roncalli Newman Parish from 5:30 – 7:00 PM; the rehearsal for the Family Mass is TBA. Please email Mary Ellen at mehauptert@viterbo.edu (or sign up at the piano) if you'd be willing to sing! It's a great way to meet new people and give back to the parish!!

There will also be special music at Blessed Sacrament @ 4:00 PM on Christmas Eve. Sam Scheidt will be the cantor for that Mass and Pauline Connell will play the organ. Other singers and instrumentalists are welcome to participate in that liturgy. Please let Mary Ellen know your preference so that she and Mary Blaha-DeBoer can organize accordingly.

NEED FOR LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR CHRISTMAS

There are openings for volunteers at all the Masses for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Please contact Mary Ellen if you are unable to sign up via the MSP APP. Thank you!

Specific needs for Christmas:

- 4:00 PM on Christmas Eve (BSP) – 2 Ministers of Hospitality; 1 Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion
- 6:00 PM on Christmas Eve (RNP) – 2 Readers; 4 Ministers of Hospitality; 2 Gift Bearers; 1 Sacristan
- 8:00 PM on Christmas Eve (RNP) – 1 Minister of Hospitality; 2 Gift Bearers; 1 Sacristan
- 9:00 AM on Christmas Day (BSP) – 2 Servers; 1 Minister of Hospitality; 2 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- 11:15 AM on Christmas Day (RNP) – 2 Readers; 3 Ministers of Hospitality; 2 Gift Bearers

UPCOMING HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULES

For the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on December 8th, there will be a Vigil Mass at Blessed Sacrament at 5:30 on December 7th and three Masses on December 8th: 8:00 AM @ BSP, Noon @ RNP, and 7:00 PM @ RNP.

For the Solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord (Christmas), there will be three Masses on Christmas Eve and two on Christmas Day:

Christmas Eve: 4:00 PM @ Blessed Sacrament; 6:00 PM Family Mass @ Roncalli Newman; and 8:00 PM Candlelight Mass @ Roncalli Newman

Christmas Day: 9:00 AM @ Blessed Sacrament and 11:15 AM @ Roncalli Newman

NEED FOR MORE EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS @ BLESSED SACRAMENT

If you are interested in serving as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion at Blessed Sacrament Parish, please let Mary Ellen know at your earliest convenience. Dave Schreier is willing to do another training session before Christmas. After completing training, all new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be commissioned according to the Rite of Commissioning (which will follow the homily on a date of Father Billy's choosing). It would be great if we could build a bigger list of volunteers for this important ministry!

NEED FOR MORE GIFT BEARERS @ RONCALLI NEWMAN

Several gift bearers at Roncalli Newman Parish requested to be made inactive. Now that we have returned to scheduling gift bearers at the 11:15 AM Mass, it would be nice to have a larger group to share the work. If you are interested in serving in the ministry, please let Mary Ellen know via email.



The Feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The story of Mary's presentation goes back to when she was still in her mother's womb. Anna, Mary's mother, had a dream in which she was told that her daughter would be the mother of the Messiah. When Anna gave birth to her daughter, she and her husband Joachim, dedicated their child to God.

When Mary was three years old, her parents took her to the temple in Jerusalem to present her to the Lord. They offered sacrifices and prayed for their daughter. Mary remained in the temple since when she was 3 till when she was 12 years old. Her father, St. Joachim, died when she was six, and her mother, St. Anne, died when she was eight. But even though she lost her parents at a young age, Mary continued to serve God with all her heart. She was later married by Joseph just before she turned fifteen. The feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary celebrates all that God has done for this special woman.

The presentation of our blessed Virgin Mary was first celebrated in Jerusalem, in a church that was built to honor the feast. At that time, the feast was popular in the East, and it wasn't long before it caught on in other parts of the world.

It was introduced into the Papal Chapel in Avignon in 1372 by decree of Pope Gregory XI. The feast was later included in the Roman Missal in 1472 by him in 15 century and was later suppressed by Pope Pius V in mid-16 century as a result that, it did not appear in the Tridentine Calendar. But it was reestablished by Pope Sixtus V in 1585 and has been celebrated ever since.

SCRIP: THE ESSENTIALS AND HOW YOU CAN BENEFIT

Scrip is a fundraising program for organizations using gift cards. The same as gift cards used in everyday purchases. The retailer's that participate in the program offer a rebate or percentage from sale of the cards to be used for the benefit the organization it sets up with. In our case it is for the parish, and for the tuition of catholic education. So it supports the family budget and the parishes' budget. Less cost to the parish means less cost to the Aquinas Catholic Schools also. Recently the "ShopWithScrip" title was changed to "RaiseRight". It seems to be at a time when more and more fundraising is done electronically. Our program started with only the selling of physical cards. Now with the iPhone and/or the internet more sales are made instantly at the point of need, in the stores or at home. Time is saved. More discounts, bonuses, and sales can be accessed. The "RaiseRight" website is a wealth of information on the retailers, special sales opportunities, and how to navigate the program. They have an 800 number and terrific people who can assist with questions and directives. I know I use them all the time. At BSP we still ask you not to purchase your own physical cards through the "RaiseRight" app, but use our office inventory. The use of electronic cards requires registration into the program, "RaiseRight", connecting you with a code for BSP through your phone. "Raise Right" will connect with your banking facility to make the sales transactions. This is where the rebates are catalogued also; thru "RaiseRight". Every quarter BSP will send a check to the Aquinas Catholic Schools office to distribute to your tuition accounts, or/and the parish as you design.

Through our office we have you register your family and how to direct the rebates you earn. Any parish member can earn 100% of the rebate for their child's/children's or another family's children's tuition. Non-parish members, and anyone, we request a partial donation to the BSP community to aid the program and the parish. This is a common sense and Holy Spirit supported cause. We also have paper certificates you can use to purchase gift cards for others with, but they can choose the cards for themselves. Just give them the certificate and order form for the amount you are sponsoring their purchase for. Grandparents, family friends, or those who have used Scrip in the past but their children are grown can sponsor children. The greater the involvement, the greater the benefit. Why would people not use scrip when the rebates are there to aid in the benefit. Now with the merging of Roncalli and Blessed Sacrament our community is larger. The success comes from everyone. There is a spiritual love to grow here to create a community of even greater support for the individuals and groups we form. Use our "Guardian Angel fund" to aid families that have difficulty fulfilling needs for a catholic education. These categories are listed on the order forms we use.

Our order forms list retailer's most used locally; for grocery, gas, restaurant, "big box' retailers, and specialties. Anything not on our list and is on the "RaiseRight" 'retailers list' can be Special ordered through the office. Out of town retailers for when you travel including motel, airlines, food and gas, specialty. Etc. Orders are usually made Thursdays by noon. They arrive the following Monday or Tuesday. If sales are slow inventory is keep low. But if sales trend high like gas and food our physical stock is kept larger. So a heads -up for special needs helps with filling your need quicker. Send an email or phone in any orders if known ahead of time to secure inventory needed.

Sales are during all office hours, If traffic is brisk we will ask for volunteers to help cover these sales. Right now there are no afternoon volunteers. The secretary is helping us. But Scrip fundraising is all volunteer hours. The secretary has other commitments. After mass sales have finally started. For as long as the volunteer can physically access the inventory and set-up the sales it will continue.

In the end it is the Catholic Education of our children that drives our program. Individual, multi-family, multi-generational, and community. The needs are there, but so is the ability to offset the costs. It takes getting used to thinking about scrip and how to put it into the everyday activity of purchasing for our needs. We tend to shop every day these days. GET the rebates, they are there. They can add up.

Thank you, Pat Hammes

Around the Community // November 13th, 2022

#GIVINGTUESDAY is Tuesday, November 29th

Giving Tuesday is a world wide endeavor asking each of us to send an extra donation to provide for the hungry, lonely, imprisoned, and ill. "Whatever you did for the for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for Me" (Matthew 25:31-46). Many of our local agencies that reach out to the needy are desperate for donations. Please consider donating to one of the following or another favorite charity of yours. (Either send a check to the address provided or go on-line to their website to donate):

- The Hunger Task Force Food bank needs canned vegetables, baking items, pasta sauce, peanut butter, and personal hygiene items, Items can be dropped off at 1240 Clinton St., La Crosse, M-F 8-3, or call 608-793-1002.

- WAFER Food Pantry needs Mac-n-Cheese, Peanut Butter, Soup (canned, dry mix, Ramen), Canned Meat (Tuna, Salmon, Chicken,) Personal Hygiene Items (toothpaste, shampoo, razors), Baby Items (diapers – all sizes, wipes, formula). Items can be dropped off at 403 Causeway Blvd, Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 4-7 pm. Wonderful

hands on experience for young children to help buy items at the grocery store and then help deliver them to WAFER.

- St. Clare Health Mission provides free medical care for those in need. Mail checks to 916 Ferry Street. La Crosse Wi 54601

- The La Crosse Jail Ministry provides an opportunity and create an environment for inmates that awakens, renews and stimulates their spiritual life, thereby promoting behavioral change, social reintegration and personal well-being. Mail checks to La Crosse Jail Ministry PO Box 2675 La Crosse Wi 54602-2675

- Catholic Charities operates the Warming Center which provides help and hope for the homeless in our area. Mail checks to Catholic Charities of La Crosse, Attn: Warming Center, 3710 East Avenue So. La Crosse WI 54601

- The Franciscan Spirituality Center is dedicated to supporting anyone in their search for God, meaning and wholeness. All Giving Tuesday donations will be matched. Mail a check to Franciscan Spirituality Center, 920 Market St, La Crosse, WI 54601. Please put #GivingTuesday in the memo line.

The Life of Jesus Movie Showings

Join us in preparing for the coming of Christ at Christmas by watching the Gospel of John acted out. This amazing movie allows you to encounter Christ in a new way. Witness His miracles and the struggle of the Jewish people to embrace Him as the long-awaited Messiah. It is the Bible come to life and one of the best ways to make this Advent preparation time Christ centered. This movie will be showing at the following locations. Please join us and bring your family and friends along. Free popcorn and soda are provided. Feel free to bring a bag of candy to share

- Monday, Dec. 5 9:00 am – 12:00 noon in Murphy Hall of St. James the Less
- Tuesday, Dec. 6 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm in the Parish Hall of St. Patrick's
- Wednesday, Dec. 7 1:00 – 4:00 pm in Leo Hall of Holy Trinity
- Thursday, Dec. 8 9:00 – 12:00 noon in the Parish Hall of St. Patrick's
- Friday, Dec. 9 9:00 – 12:00 noon in the Undercroft of St. Joseph the Workman, Cathedral

Mary Mother of the Church Cookie Walk and Craft Sale

Mary, Mother of the Church Parish will be holding their Cookie Walk & Craft Sale on Saturday, December 10, at the Parish Hall located at 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, from 7:30 AM - 1:00 PM. Homemade cookies will be sold by the pound, plus homemade Candies, Breads, Pies, Handcrafted Items and Scrip Gift Cards available for sale. Serving Continental Breakfast and Lunch (homemade soup and chili). Raffles and hourly Door Prizes.

Causeway Caregivers

Causeway Caregivers exists to help! Causeway serves elderly and disabled adults in La Crosse County by providing volunteer services without charge for those in need of a volunteer connection. Raking leaves, grocery shopping, doing errands and helping after a winter weather event are the types of needs Causeway is receiving now. Would you like to volunteer? Do you need a volunteer? Call (608) 775-9999 to get started!

OASIS Respite Program is a weekly program for individuals in the beginning to mid-stages of a dementia, Alzheimer's or other brain related diagnosis. This respite time provides socialization, brain enrichment, and activities while a caregiver gets a four hour much needed break. Suggested donation of \$20 per attendance provides the activities and a nutritious, flavor-forward lunch. OASIS is an outreach program of Causeway Caregivers and be reached at (608) 780-0471

Crafter Registration Open

St. Mary's Parish is now registering Crafters for their Annual Craft Show held on December 3, 2022 at the Coon Valley Village Hall. Visit our website for registration information at: www.stmarycv.org/craft-show or call the coordinator Nancy Peters at 608-790-6034 or the parish office at 608-452-3841.

Saint Joseph the Workman Cathedral

Christmas Bazaar

Saturday, December 3, 2022

8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Beautiful and unique gifts, handmade greeting cards, artwork,

Christmas decor, religious items, raffles and bake sale.