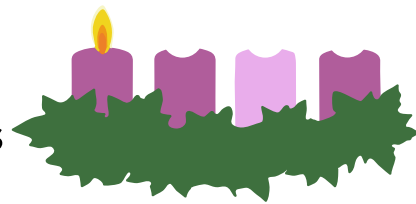


Sunday Bulletin

Blessed Sacrament & Roncalli Newman Parishes
November 27th, 2022 | 1st Sunday of Advent



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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.

Around the Parish

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.

Blessed Sacrament Giving Tree

Our Blessed Sacrament Giving Tree is now located in the Narthex entry to the church. There is another tree located in the hallway outside of the BS parish office as well. An excess of over 100 individual gift card recipient requests remain on the trees. Our parish is collaborating with Catholic Charities to fulfill these humble needs on or before Sunday, Dec. 11. As we enter the Advent season, prayerfully consider helping to provide a bright Christmas for someone less fortunate, and please select a tag (or two). Gift cards may be purchased in the Narthex after our weekend BSP Masses through our SCRIP gift card program, or by coming to the SCRIP office during regular business hours. Cash or checks accepted. Questions: Caryl Doberstein at 608-782-1833 or caryl.doberstein@gmail.com

Roncalli Newman Giving Tree

Look for Roncalli Newman's Giving Tree in the gathering space outside of Mary Ellen's office. The Giving Tree has tags that benefit 3 local organizations, The Exchange, New Horizons Women's Shelter and The Boys & Girls Club. Each tag has a list of highly needed items for each organization.

Choose an item or items to purchase and return items in a bag back under the Giving Tree. Attach the tag to identify the organization. No need to wrap the items. We need your items back to Newman **by Monday, December 19**. Thank you for your generosity in this season. Questions call Pat (608) 406-0635

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.

High School Faith Formation

High School Faith Formation meets this **Wednesday November 30th** from 7:00pm-8:30pm at Blessed Sacrament in the Parish Hall.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

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 Communion
NOT FILLED	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

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 Communion
Marie Allen	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

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

December 10/11

Saturday, Dec 10, 4:30 PM (Mass at Blessed Sacrament)

Mark Steingraeber	Reader (1)
Michael J Porter	Reader (2)
Hunter J.	Server
Michael J.	Server
Pat Abraham	Minister of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Mark Schuttenhelm	Minister of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Mary Schuttenhelm	Minister of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Michele Cook	Minister of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Mike Vanderploeg	Sacristan/MC
Caryl Doberstein	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion
Luci Johnson	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sunday, Dec 11, 9:00 AM (Mass at Blessed Sacrament)

Dave Weinberger	Reader (1)
Kris Gerke	Reader (2)
Jonny W.	Server
Jackson W.	Server
Mark Hyde	Minister of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Bob Roth	Minister of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Steve Flottmeyer	Minister of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
LuAnne Kratt	Minister of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
William Arnold	Sacristan/MC
Donna Lee	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion
Larry Lee	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

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

Margaret Bluske	Reader (1)
Maureen Neuville	Reader (2)
Bobbie Wilson	Minister of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Pat Wilson	Minister of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Ellen Thorn	Minister of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Mark Thorn	Minister of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Mike Kreiling	Gift Bearer
Becky Kreiling	Gift Bearer
Mary Lou Balts	Sacristan/MC

Mass Intentions

No Masses Friday, Nov. 25th

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

Monday, November 28

8am BSP +Deceased Members of the Richard & Sheila

Steele Family

Tuesday, November 29

8am BSP + Ed Trussoni

5:15pm RNP +Stephen Zabielski

Wednesday, November 30

8am BSP +Joan Margeurite Marco - SCHOOL MASS

12pm RNP +James Warmka

Thursday, December 1

8am BSP + Peggy Arentz

7pm RNP +Reparation for offense to the name of Jesus

Friday, December 2

8am BSP + Larry & Ann Lennarson

12pm RNP +Tom Strange

Saturday, December 3

4:30pm BSP + Cole Berra

Sunday, December 4 - 2nd Sunday in Advent

9:00am BSP Intention of John and Donna Hansen

11:15am RNP +Tom Strange

This Week

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)

Monday, November 28

- Salvation Army Service, 4:15pm
- Lectio: The Case for Jesus, 6-7:30pm BSP Hall
- Upcoming Sunday Scripture Study, 6pm RNP

Tuesday, November 29

- RCIA Class, 6:30pm BSP

Wednesday, November 30

- Dogma and Donuts Men's Group, 8:45am BSP
- Christmas Choir Rehearsal, 5:30pm RNP
- RCIA Class, 7pm RNP

Thursday, December 1

- Salvation Army Service, 4:15pm

Friday, December 2

Saturday, December 3

- Confessions, 3:30pm @ BSP
- Rosary, 4:05pm (led by Natalie Schwinn-Weaver)

Sunday, December 4 - 2nd Sunday in Advent

- Rosary, 8:35am (led by Steve and Annette Flottmeyer)

Weekend Collection 11/20

BSP \$7,748.00 // RNP \$3,146.00

Around the Parish | 1st Sunday of Advent

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 will meet again on **Wednesday Nov. 30th** at Mary Mother of the Church from 5:45pm-6:45pm and **Sunday December 4th** at Blessed Sacrament from 10:10am-11:10am. We will begin Week 1 of lesson 4: Prayerfully preparing for Christmas & Grace and Holiness in Family Life.

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. See the online bulletin for a list of needed items. Thank you very much!

Campus Ministry Tuesday Dinners

Our Tuesday night dinners are back this week, and our theme is **Chili Night**. Check out the Roncalli Newman Website if you'd like to join this mission. **Anyone who brings an item or dish is welcome and encouraged to stay and eat with our college students.** Thank you very much for serving our college students!

Giving Tuesday Nov. 29th

Don't forget that Tuesday, Nov. 29th is Giving Tuesday, is an international day of giving, when people around the world give an extra donation for those in need. See last week's bulletin for ideas.

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!

Families with Children Preparing for First Reconciliation

This is just a friendly reminder to all parents with children from Blessed Sacrament and Roncalli Newman preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. There will be a meeting for both parents and children on Sunday December 11th from 10:10am-11:10am at Blessed Sacrament in the parish hall.

Giving Tuesday Nov. 29th

For many years now, the Roncalli Newman Social Justice Group has encouraged members of RNP to make an effort to start a new tradition for their Christmas gift giving. Instead of buying a gift for someone on your Christmas list, make a donation in honor of that person. Include the whole family in a discussion about what donation would be the most meaningful for that person. Then gift wrap a Christmas note/picture telling them that their Christmas gift this year was a donation to... in honor of them. They will be touched by your thoughtfulness, generosity, and concern for others.

Our son has done that for the past 8 years and it is a very special gift, because he thinks about who we are and what charity would be significant for us.

One idea for an Alternative Gift, would be a donation to The Christmas Collection for Ukraine that was mentioned in last week's bulletin. Valentyna Pavsyukova's Chalice of Mercy is organizing a diocese-wide charitable collection for the suffering children, women, and men of Ukraine. Please consider donating at the BSP collection site. More information on this Christmas collection for Ukraine can be found at diolc.org/Chalice-of-Mercy. All NEW items —Please ONLY those on the website list— must be donated by December 5th 2022. OR to make a much-needed financial donation, visit chaliceofmercy.org/donate.

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Advent Christmas Jars

If you still have your Advent Christmas Jar donation you may put the monies in a plastic bag and bring it to the office. For pick up contact Ellen in the Office (608-782-2953 ext 2) or Barb at home (608-784-6974)

Loaves and Fishes Gathering

In the midst of your holiday preparations, take an evening off and join Gathering Loaves & Fishes at the Waterfront Restaurant on Wednesday evening, December 21st at 6:30 p.m. Please call Colleen at 608-787-1120 to make your reservation. Hope to see you there.

Advent Christmas Fair Raffle Basket Winners

Dining Out: Jackie
Craft Night: Mary K. Saphner
Pamper Yourself: Anna S.
Fun and Games: Maya
Holiday Kitchen: Pam Fellenz
Christmas Cheer: Mary K. Saphner (double winner!)
Creative Activities for Kids: Martin Dayton
'Twas the Night Before: Michelle Jensen-Beyer
Winter's a Good Time for Pizza and Tacos: Mary Ann Roesler
Let's Cook: Joan Knothe Stein
Movie and Wine Night: Jessica Cuerny

Thanks to all who supported our Raffle Baskets, either through donations, help, or buying tickets.

Needed items for Ukraine (please only NEW items, thank you!)

INFANTS & CHILDREN – Only NEW items please

- Toys for boys and girls of any age, plastic or soft
- Soccer balls, basketballs, volleyballs, outdoor games
- Disposable diapers, sizes 3,4,5,6
- Wet wipes for babies, (hypoallergenic)
- Baby liquid soap (travel sizes)
- Baby bottles for formula
- Pacifiers, Bibs, Baby spoons
- Electrolyte powder (Pedialyte), individual
- Diaper rash creams, travel-size lotions
- Baby blankets
- Warm or regular socks, thermal clothing
- Children's clothing of any season — newborn to youth size 16
- Toddler and children's underwear
- Gloves, scarves, hats
- Coats – all sizes

WOMEN – Only NEW items please

- Underwear
 - Warm or regular socks
 - Gloves, scarves, hats
 - Thermal underclothing
- ### MEN – Only NEW items please
- Underwear briefs for men
 - Outdoorsman Hunting/Camping Type:
 - o Wool socks
 - o Warm gloves
 - o Hats
 - o Ponchos
 - o Fleece Balaclavas
 - o Fleece-lined jackets
 - o Thermal under-clothing

MISCELLANEOUS – Only NEW items please

- AA and AAA batteries
 - Powerbanks 20000 mA.
 - Solar backpacks, batteries
 - Flashlights (handheld or head)
 - Plastic water containers
 - Emergency blankets
 - Insulated water bottles, cups
 - Fleece or lightweight wool blankets ANY SIZE, darker colors for warmth
 - Cold-weather sleeping bags (Note: Sleeping bags may be used, but clean, with working zippers)
 - Yoga mats – darker colors for warmth
 - Travel size pillows
 - Camping cook sets
 - Sheet sets, twin size
 - Camping shower bags
 - Multitools
 - Carabiner clips, heavy-duty
 - Paracord, any type
- ### FOOD ITEMS – Only the items listed, and NOT OPENED or CLOSE TO EXPIRATION Please

- Infant
- Allergy relief
- Topical antibiotics
- Topical steroid cream
- Eye drops
- Hemorrhoid creams
- Topical muscle pain relief creams or patches
- Vitamins/multivitamins for men, women and children (Centrum, B12, A, Zinc, C, D, etc.)
- Ice Packs
- Burn aid – Water-jel burn dressings 4"x16," 4"x4."
- Burn creams, ointments or sprays
- Cold sore treatment
- Athletes foot, jock itch creams or ointments
- Psoriasis, eczema relief creams
- Body powder
- Vaseline
- Hydrogen peroxide 3%
- Povidone-iodine,
- Oral analgesic gel (Orajel)
- Toothpaste small tubes/toothbrushes, floss picks
- Travel size soap, shampoo, conditioner, Small body sponges

Pastoral Notes

Praised be Jesus Christ,

From the desk of Fr. Billy Dodge

Advent has begun. Why do we use the word advent? We get the word advent from the latin word adventus which is translated in common parlance as “coming” or “arrival.” Who is coming? Jesus! And his arrivals are multicatected. 2000 years ago Jesus arrived in the womb of a young Nazarene woman named Mary and was born in a manger in Bethlehem. Today Jesus still arrives amongst us - most especially in our Eucharistic worship. Jesus will come at the end of time in all his fullness. We are an advent people - we are in the state of awaiting the arrival. This is an important lesson for our culture of instant gratification.

When we have to wait we can become impatient, frustrated, and for solace turn to superficial consolation. The superficial consolations become idols - i.e. things we turn to in place of God. Our religion has a toolbox of traditions, teachings, prayers, worship, etc., that instructs how to wait well for the advent of Jesus. During this season of Advent, which is often lamented for overwhelming people with Christmas preparation, I hope all of you make the time to truly reflect upon this question: Am I ready for Jesus' arrival?

Wishing you Advent blessings,
Father Billy Dodge

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 29 th @ 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.

A VITERBO CHRISTMAS

Ring in the Christmas season with the Viterbo University choirs as they present A Viterbo Christmas: Earth Shall Ring! This annual concert will combine music and storytelling for a unique celebration of Christmas. Concert dates are December 3 rd @ 7:30 PM and December 4 th @ 2:00 PM. Check online for ticket availability:

<https://www.viterbo.edu/events/viterbo-christmas-earth-shall-ring>

AM AHL AND THE NIGHT VISITORS

Viterbo University will present Gian-Carlo Menotti's beautiful Christmas story, Amahl and the Night Visitors, at Cappella Performing Arts Center on Friday and Saturday, December 9 th and 10 th @ 7:00 PM. The one-hour musical tells of a crippled shepherd boy who entertained the Wise Men on their way to Bethlehem. The boy Amahl gives a simple gift to the Christ Child and receives a miraculous gift in return.

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

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

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.

Advent Reflection: Adoration

Each week we will be reflecting on a word: Adoration, Thanksgiving, Reparation and Petition. Each one of these words is located on the sides of the altar at BSP.



The Saints Encourage Us to Go to Adoration

“Whenever I go to the chapel, I put myself in the presence of our good Lord, and I say to him, ‘Lord, I am here. Tell me what you would have me to do’ . . . And then, I tell God everything that is in my heart. I tell him about my pains and my joys, and then I listen. If you listen, God will also speak to you, for with the good Lord, you have to both speak and listen. God always speaks to you when you approach him plainly and simply.” – St. Catherine Labouré

The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time that you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in heaven, and will help bring about an everlasting peace on earth.” – St. Teresa of Calcutta

“Know also that you will probably gain more by praying fifteen minutes before the Blessed Sacrament than by all the other spiritual exercises of the day. True, Our Lord hears our prayers anywhere, for He has made the promise, ‘Ask, and you shall receive,’ but He has revealed to His servants that those who visit Him in the Blessed Sacrament will obtain a more abundant measure of grace.” – St. Alphonsus Liguori

O Christ, let my greatest delight be to see You loved and Your praise and glory proclaimed, especially the honor of Your mercy. O Christ, let me glorify Your goodness and mercy to the last moment of my life, with every drop of my blood and every beat of my heart. Would that I be transformed into a hymn of adoration of You. When I find myself on my deathbed, may the last beat of my heart be a loving hymn glorifying Your unfathomable mercy. Amen. – St. Faustina

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.