

Sunday Bulletin

Blessed Sacrament & Roncalli Newman

Roman Catholic Churches of La Crosse, WI

First Sunday of Lent | February 18, 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)

CONFESSIONS

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

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FROM THE DESK OF FR. BILLY DODGE

Lent started this past Wednesday. Perhaps it slipped your mind. It is NOT too late to start! This is a time to return to basics and focus on the three pillars of Lent - prayer, fasting, and almsgiving (service to those in need). I tell people to look at what you are doing, and go to the next level. If you have not been going to Mass every Sunday, start there. If you go every Sunday, then consider going to a daily Mass once or twice a week. Or if you normally pray 10 minutes everyday, try increasing it to 20 or at least 15 minutes. Whatever you normally do in these three areas, step it up to another level.



AROUND THE PARISHES

Stations of the Cross & Soup and Sustenance Fridays during Lent

Please join us Friday evenings during Lent for Stations of the Cross beginning at 5:30pm, followed by Soup at 6pm. Soup and Stations will rotate Fridays, and the Newman evenings will include a talk from Fr. Sam at 6:30pm. Our next Soup and Stations evening will be this upcoming **Friday, February 23rd at Roncalli Newman**, beginning in the church. Find the full schedule down below. Hope to see you there!

Dates for Soup and Stations of the Cross:

February 23rd @ Roncalli Newman

March 15th @ BSP

March 1st @ BSP

March 22nd @ RNC

March 8th @ RNC

Birthright Fundraiser Concluding

Please bring back the Birthright baby bottles and envelopes as the campaign is coming to a close. Your generosity is very appreciated and will go to help many young moms and babies in need.

Thank you from the Women's Club!

The Blessed Sacrament Women's Club wishes to thank all the Marthas, Marys, and a special Joseph, along with St Scholastica for the successful premiere of our Heritage Bake Sale. It was a fun January activity that mixed laughter, learning, and specialty foods - a perfect recipe for not only building up our coffers (\$865) but most importantly, building up God's family and friendships. Thanks again.

In Search of Foosball or ShuffleBoard Table or Dart Board

The Foosball table in Bartl lounge at Newman has been so well loved that it needs to be replaced. Do you have a foosball table or shuffleboard or dartboard that needs a new home? Contact our FOCUS Team Director John Collins john.collins@focus.org if you'd like to donate one to the Newman Center. We can pick up! Thank you!

AROUND OUR PARISHES & COMMUNITY

A Message from the Women's Club

Clara, our Hosea's Heart student is celebrating her 19th birthday on April 13. Clara is in her freshman year in high school in Swaziland, Africa. She would appreciate messages of congratulations, support, hope and best wishes from any and all of us. Email your messages to Michelle Acosta at www.hoseaheart.org and she will forward them to Clara. A beautiful school photo of Clara is in the entryway of both Blessed Sacrament and Roncalli Newman churches.

Family Faith Formation

Family Faith Formation does NOT meet Wednesday February 21st. Families should be completing At Home Lesson 5-2 The Holy Spirit at Work in Your Life and 5-3 Learning to rely on the Holy Spirit. We will see you again on February 28th when we will begin our next monthly topic The Church and the Journey to Heaven. Contact Kristin with any questions kjohnson@mmoclacrosse.org 608-788-5483 Ext. 4

Women's Lenten Retreat

Are you struggling to carve time for spiritual enrichment? Join the Women's annual Morning of Reflection on Saturday, March 2nd at the Cathedral of St. Joseph, La Crosse. The FREE event starts with 8 am Mass followed by Rosary & Adoration. Hospitality in the Undercroft (lower level) and presentations will follow. In this time of Eucharistic Revival, the theme is FAITH & THE REAL PRESENCE: Recognizing Jesus in the Breaking of the Bread. This event is sponsored by the La Crosse Diocesan Council of Women and Catholic Daughters of America. All are welcome!

SPEAK LORD, YOUR SERVANTS ARE LISTENING!

So many things we can 'do' during Lent! Keeping our heart open to welcome, hear and receive the Lord is our hope. Please join us on the Wednesdays of Lent as we pray with music, the upcoming Sunday readings and listen to a short lesson by Bishop Barron. All are welcomed. Come each week or when your schedule allows: Newman Basement, Bartl Lounge, , Wednesdays beginning Feb 21, 3-4:15 pm. (Park on street, lot is permits only). Questions? Please call Marcia Kolaczowski 608 790-5342.

At Church Sacramental Preparation Session

Our next At Church Nourish session for families with a child preparing to receive First Eucharist will be this Wednesday February 21st from 5:30pm-6:30pm at Mary Mother of the Church. Families should complete Family Meetings 1 and 2 prior to this session. Dinner will be served at 5:00pm. Contact Kristin with any questions kjohnson@mmoclacrosse.org 608-788-5483 Ext. 4

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

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 24/25

Sat, Feb 24, 4:30 PM (BSP)

Mark Steingraeber
Judy Kabat
Jennifer Kulzer & Maggie Schreiber
Elizabeth H. (sub req.) & Mike H. (sub)
Pat Abraham & Sean O'Flaherty
Mike Vanderploeg
Dave Schreier & Mary Jo Werner

Reader (1)
Reader (2)
Cantor & Accompanist
Servers
Hospitality Ministers
Sacristan/MC
EMHCs

Sun, Feb 25, 11:00 AM (RNC)

Justin Piggush
Beth Piggush
Michelle Skemp & Joseph Louis
Alex Boland
Mike & Becky Kreiling
Mark & Maureen Neuville
Lois Martin & Aaron Zivney
Cindy Sjolander

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

Sun, Feb 25, 9:00 AM (BSP)

LuAnne Kratt
Kristin Sullivan
Kristin Johnson & Jennifer Kulzer
Isaac S. & Dominic S.
John Gallagher & Karen Gamoke
Sunny Onyeabor & Scott Smerud
William Arnold
Sandra Borreson & Bernice Lansing

Reader (1)
Reader (2)
Cantor & Accompanist
Servers
Hospitality Ministers
Hospitality Ministers
Sacristan/MC
EMHCs

Rosary Leaders at Blessed Sacrament

02/24 4:30pm - Scott & Caryl Doberstein
02/25 9am - Joe & Barb Clements

Stewardship of Treasure 02/11
BSP \$6,258 | RNC \$7,135
Thank you for your support!

AROUND OUR PARISHES & COMMUNITY

From the Director of Youth Faith Formation

For each weekend throughout Lent, I'd like to share with you a short poem. These poems have been written by various members of this year's group of 10th grade Confirmation candidates. They were tasked to write using the theme of either "Jesus on the Cross" or "The Gifts of the Holy Spirit". I hope you delight in these and that they will enrich your Lenten season! - Samuel Obert

*Sky black and gloomy
temple's curtain rips in half
Jesus is dead now*

*But not all is lost!
Jesus saved us from our sins
God's plan all along!*

Please pray for the 53 young men and women in our program who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this Spring! Thank you!

MUSIC & LITURGY: FROM THE DESK OF MARY BLAHA-DeBOER

Friday, March 23 - Stations, Soup & Sustenance at Roncalli Newman, 5:30pm.

We will begin with Stations of the Cross, followed by soup and fellowship downstairs. Our guest speaker will be Lucas Herro. One June 30th, 2013, at the age of 23, a diving accident resulted in a life altering injury where Lucas broke his neck and drowned, leaving 85% of his body paralyzed. Prior to the accident, he was a fire-fighter/EMT. Despite many physical and emotional challenges as a quadriplegic, he has worked hard to focus on the present, stay active, and embrace life. Please join us as he talks about his amazing journey from tragedy to triumph!

Triduum Choir - Triduum Choir will be rehearsing on Wednesdays from 5:30-7:00pm. Please contact Mary Blaha-DeBoer if you would like to be part of the choir. (marybdmusic@gmail). You can sing for some or all of the Masses from Palm Sunday through the Easter Vigil.

MASS INTENTIONS

Campus Ministry Corner

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

4:30pm BSP For the Intention of Eileen Knothe

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

9am BSP For the People of the Parish

11am RNC +Julie & Dennis Montabon

8:30pm RNC

MONDAY FEBRUARY 19

8am BSP The Borreson Family

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

8am BSP +Alfred Henke

5:15pm RNC +Fr Camillus Gott

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

8am BSP +Cayden Cecilia Bauer (SCHOOL MASS)

Noon RNC +John Boland

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

8am BSP +Patricia Gagnon

7pm RNC + Ann Scaperlanda

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

8am BSP For the Intention of Jayce Sims

Noon RNC The Parish Family of BSP and RNC

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

4:30pm BSP +Pat Crowley

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

9am BSP The Intention of the Women's Club
for the Sanctity of Life

11am RNC For couples who have difficulty conceiving

8:30pm RNC

Coming into college, I was lukewarm in my faith, struggling with the transition into college, and not knowing the beauty of the Lord's plans for my life. After attending mass on Sunday nights and slowly building up the courage to go to Tuesday dinners, I was drawn in by the joyous community that is Newman. One pivotal point that I remember was the Spring semester of my Sophomore year. I remember experiencing adoration and being struck with the understanding that we were all in the presence of our Lord. This has been such a gift in my faith life- Getting to grow in my love for the Lord through Eucharistic adoration, as well as daily mass and confession. The friendships I have built here have opened my eyes to the beauty of Catholicism. Through small groups, bible studies, and discipleship, I have learned so many new things about our faith and have been drawn in even closer by the Lord. It is truly a blessing to have other faithful people around me to continue to call me higher, encourage me to better my spiritual life, and remind me of my true identity as a daughter of Christ. I feel so blessed that this has been the path that the Lord has used to lead me through college, and I am beyond grateful for the lifelong friendships that the Lord has given me through the Roncalli Newman Center community.
-Abby Lent, Senior

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

A Minute with Jesus

Jesus will help us believe what we cannot understand.

The Lord always comes in to strengthen and confirm our faith in response to our desire to believe. He actually even uses our hesitation in accepting His true Presence in the Eucharist to bring us to a deeper, more lively faith in the truth of this mystery.

- Let's pray this right now and every day this week: *Jesus, please strengthen my faith to believe that You are truly present in the Holy Eucharist.*

- This week, read how Jesus responds to those who are questioning the mystery of the Eucharist in John 6: 52-59

St. Patrick Catholic Church Lenten Friday Fish Fry, Onalaska, WI

\$15 3-piece Fish Dinner | \$12 2-piece Fish Dinner | \$9 1-piece fish or grilled cheese dinner

FREE Grilled Cheese dinner to children age 5 and under

Dine-in meals include:

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AROUND THE COMMUNITY

Your feedback requested by Bishop Callahan!

Your input is requested! With the ongoing Synod on Synodality, the Church values your feedback regarding how Church structures and organization further or hinder the Church's mission and how such structures can help all the baptized to respond to the call to proclaim the Gospel. Please take some time to offer consultation using an online questionnaire at <https://forms.office.com/r/SVPGxJChAv> Consultation must be received by March 20, 2024. Thank you for your participation.



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.aquinascatholicsschools.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.

A Biblical Walk Through the Mass

Join us for this Lenten 5-week religious education series choice! Classes begin the week of February 18th. Registration is required.

The cost for class materials is \$24 which includes a book, workbook, and access to online videos. Everyone is eligible to join! In order to make this program more accessible, this class will be offered in multiple parishes. Each week you can go to the class that best fits your schedule.

HOW TO SIGN UP:

- At any of the participating parish offices
- After weekend Masses at many of the participating parishes
- Online registration is available at: www.stpatsonalaska.com
- By contacting Amy Capelli at (608) 783-0847 or amy_capelli@charter.net

“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.



Cabin Feverfest:

St. Peter's Parish in Middle Ridge will be hosting their annual Euchre tournament & Luncheon on Sunday March 3rd. The doors open for lunch at noon and the card games start at 1:00 PM. The cost is \$15 per person which includes entry in the tournament, a variety of soups, snacks & beverages. Prizes will be awarded. Please call 608-452-4680 with any questions.

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Lenten Morning of Reflection: Retreat for Women

*Faith and the
Real Presence:*

*Recognizing Jesus in
the Breaking of the Bread*

Saturday, March 2

8 am - 12:30pm

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(Main church)

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(Underscroft)

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Cabin Fever Fest

Euchre Tournament & Luncheon

Sunday March 3rd, 2024

\$15 per person

Time: Basement Doors open at 12:00 p.m.

Cards start at 1:00 p.m.

1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th place prizes awarded (possibly more placings)

Soups, Snacks and Beverages

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