## Sunday Bulletin Blessed Sacrament & Roncalli Newman

Roman Catholic Churches of La Crosse, WI Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time | October 29, 2023

### MASS TIMES SATURDAY

4:30PM Blessed Sacrament (BSP) **SUNDAY** 

9AM Blessed Sacrament (BSP) 11AM Roncalli Newman (RNC) 8:30PM Roncalli Newman (RNC)

### **DAILY MASS TIMES**

Monday - Friday - 8:00AM (BSP) Tues - 5:15PM (RNC) Thurs - 7pm (RNC) Wed/Fri - Noon (RNC)

### **CONFESSIONS**

3:30PM - 4:15PM Saturdays or by appointment

### OUR PARISH IS SERVED BY:

### **PASTOR**

Fr. Billy Dodge 608-860-6001 ext.8

### **ASSOCIATE PASTOR**

Fr. Sam McCarty 608-860-6001 ext. 9

### **DEACONS**

Dcn David Allen
Dcn Dave Belland

### CONTACT US BSP OFFICE HOURS

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### FROM THE DESK OF FR. BILLY DODGE

A reminder that All Saints Day on November 1 is a Holy Day of Opportunity (aka Obligation), so please join us for an All Saints Mass at Newman either Tuesday, October 31, at 5:15pm Newman, or Wednesday, Nov 1 at 8:00am BSP, 12:00pm Newman, and 6:00pm BSP. If you need another Mass option I encourage you to check one of the other parishes in La Crosse or the surrounding area. It is great to come together as a community to celebrate true heroes - our brothers and sisters in faith who are in heaven - who can assist us by their prayers and inspire us by the way they lived their lives for Jesus and others!

### AROUND THE PARISHES

### ALL SAINTS DAY MASS TIMES

Tuesday Oct 31 Mass (RNC) 5:15pm
Wed Nov 1 Mass (BSP) 8:00am (School Mass)
Wed Nov 1 Mass (RNC) at Noon
Wed Nov 1 Mass (BSP) at 6:00 PM

All Souls Day Mass in Catholic Cemetery Chapel on Losey
A Mass for the Dead will be celebrated on All Souls' Day, Thursday,
November 2, in the Saint Francis of Assisi Mausoleum Chapel of the
Catholic Cemetery, 519 Losey Boulevard South, at 5:15 pm. A plenary indulgence, under the usual circumstances, can be gained for the
souls in purgatory by the Christian faithful who, within Nov 1-8, devoutly visits a cemetery and prays for the dead. The celebrant is Father
Pace. All are invited to attend.

Please join us for the **Stations of the Cross for the Holy Souls** in purgatory on Nov. 2nd just before this All Souls Day Mass. We will gather at the 1st Station, located on the first right as you enter the Losey cemetery. Parking available by Our Lady of Sorrows Chapel (close to the 1st Station) We will begin at 4:30 pm.

Curious why we pray for the dead? Check out our online bulletin on either parish website for more!

### **DAILY MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE**

While Father Dodge is out of town for his annual silent retreat, the daily Mass schedule will be as follows for the week of **Nov 6th - 10th:** 8:00 a.m. Mass at BSP on Monday, Wednesday and Friday (NO 8:00 a.m. Mass on Tuesday Nov 7th or Thursday the 9th)

5:15 p.m. Mass at RNC on Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Mass at RNC on Thursday (No Noon Mass on Wednesday the 8th or Friday the 10th )

Thank you for understanding. This schedule change is for only for the week of November 6 -10th, with no changes to the weekend Masses on either side. This adjustment will help Father Sam who is also very involved with the students.

### AROUND OUR PARISHES

### **Blessed Sacrament Advent Christmas Fair**

Saturday November 18, 2023, 8am - 2pm in the Parish Center. Please use the main parking lot at school and reserve the drop off area for those with special needs. There will be Raffle Baskets, Giving Tree, Children's Secret Store, Grandma's Pantry (miscellaneous baked and homemade goodies), Cache of Jewelry, Catholic Family Room, Attic Treasures, and Book Nook(with kids corner while you shop). You may even take a photo with St Nicholas or our 'Living Advent Candles.' Enjoy complimentary St Lucy's Cinnamon Rolls 8-10. Lunch will be served from 11-1:30. Parishioners may begin to bring their donations Thursday and Friday, November 16th and 17th, from 7:15am until 9pm, using both the parish center entrance off the alley or the handicap drop off area on Losey Blvd. Please contact Barb 608-784-6974 before the 16th if you need someone to pick up your donation. We look forward to see-

Bread Bakers Unite! Two bread baking opportunities approaching

The Social Justice Committee Annual Bread Sale benefitting those in need and supporting Newman's membership in Bread for the World is Sunday, Nov.12. Bread will be available for a \$10 donation after the 9am and 11am Masses. We invite you to join us baking bread starting at 9am on Sat, Nov 11 in the Newman kitchen. If you are unable to join us to bake together, please consider baking breads at home and bringing them to Mass for sale on Sun, Nov 12. Please label your contribution with type of bread and nut content, and place on tables at church entrance before 9am BSP Mass or 11 am RNP Mass.

The following weekend Saturday, Nov 18 is our **Advent Christmas Fair** where we will also welcome donations of breads of all types.

Thank you for your baking support of our parish ministries!

### **Family Faith Formation**

Family Faith Formation meets this Wednesday November 1st 5:30pm-6:45pm at Mary Mother of the Church. Children should plan on dressing up or carrying a symbol of their favorite Saint and arrive by 5:20pm to get ready for Mass. We will have a short procession before celebrating Mass followed by snacks in the Parish Hall. Contact Kristin with any questions kjohnson@mmoclacrosse.org 608-788-5483 Ext. 4

### Women's Club Mtg Nov 4th

The Women's Club(PCCW) will meet Nov. 4 at 10am, in the Parish Center, for a short meeting. We will then make Hungarian Advent Wreaths that we will be selling at the Christmas Fair. Bring your hot glue gun if you have one.

### Join us for a special guest speaker at Roncalli Newman Nov 2nd

Parishioners are invited! Come hang out with EagleCatholic in the first Speaker Series of the year -- Thursday, November 2 at 8pm in the Newman basement. Molly Link will be joining us from Consolatio, an international mission based out of Brooklyn, New York. Consolatio has three pillars: prayer, international community, and an apostolate of compassion & con-solation. Molly served for a year and a half in India and will be sharing about her time there, as well as speaking to the Church and her mission/love for dignifying the human condition and being like Mary at the foot of the cross to our friends in poverty.

Need a hand with yardwork? College Students hosting eagleCatholic Neighborhood Cleanup Day! EagleCatholic is doing our annual Neighborhood Cleanup Day on November 4th starting at 9am. We would love to help you rake leaves, trim bushes, clean up flower beds, etc! Please call or text Jenna Droessler at (608) 330 3786 (corrected phone #) if you would like us to visit your home or if you have any questions!

### In need of Volunteers for Advent Christmas Fair

New this year at the Advent Christmas Fair! "Living Advent Candles" greeters. Gather a group of 4 to dress up and volunteer for an hour or more! Costumes provided. Contact Christina Thompson for more info / to sign up -563-650-2606 or christina thompsons inbox@gmail.com. Thank you for your service!

Interested in sharing your musical talent during the Advent Christmas Fair Saturday, November 18th? Contact Barb to reserve a spot on the schedule.

### LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER 4/5

### Sat, Nov 4, 4:30 PM - Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (BSP)

Tom Kieffer Reader (1) Debbie Clarkin Reader (2) Chris Dresen & Mary BD Cantor & Accompanist Maria J. & Michael J. Server

**Hospitality Ministers** Mark & Mary Schuttenhelm Mike Vanderploeg Sacristan/MC

Sun, Nov 5, 9:00 AM - Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (BSP)

Caryl Doberstein & Paulette Drozdowicz EMHCs

Kristin Sullivan Natalie Bennett Kent Stein & Mary BD Dominic & Isaac S. Bonnie & Bruce Hrabak Jack Kallies & Tad Strittmater William Arnold Ellen Kallies & Katie Woolover Reader (1) Reader (2)

Cantor & Accompanist Server

**Hospitality Ministers** Hospitality Ministers Sacristan/MC **EMHCs** 

### Rosary Leaders at Blessed Sacrament

11/4 4:30pm - Natalie Schwinn Weaver 11/5 9am - Helen Arnold

### Sun, Nov 5, 11:00 AM - Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (RNC)

Carol Mader Michele Thorman Peg Manson & Joseph Luis Carol Knox & Mike Mader Sandy Sieck & Cindy Sjolander

Mary O'Mara & Aaron Zivney

Mary Lou Balts

**Hospitality Ministers Hospitality Ministers** Gift Bearers Sacristan/MC

Cantor & Accompanist

Reader (1)

Reader (2)

### AROUND OUR PARISHES CONTINUED

### **Welcome New Parishioners!**

Roncalli Newman welcomes new members Mitchel & Jacalyn Ahiers.

Blessed Sacrament welcomes new members Keshia and Alex Mashak and their children Kynli and Kaebri.

### Baptisms this weekend

Congratulations to Derek and Samara Hupp whose son Dominic is to be baptized at Blessed Sacrament this weekend.

Congratulations to John and Caitlin Collins whose daughter Chiara Guadalupe is to be baptized at Roncalli Newman this weekend.

### Thank you, thank you!

Thank you for your generous contributions to the Society of the Propagation of Faith, supporting missions world-wide.

Thank you to all who brought in food and paper products for our joint food drive this past weekend. Our community is a little brighter because of you!

### Condolences

Our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of longtime Roncalli Newman Parishioners: John Boland and Dolores Graham.

### Coats for Kids, College Kids, and Jail Ministry.

Clean warm winter wear needed, new or gently used, including boots. This year there will be one combined BSP and RNP Drop-Off site at Newman with bins near the coat racks to the far right when entering from parking lot. Someone in need will keep warm this winter because of your generosity.

### St. Patrick Parish ADESSE Raffle

St. Patrick Parish has their ADESSE raffle tickets for sale at the parish office. Each ticket is \$25 and is eligible for 366 drawings in 2024. There is no limit on how many times a particular ticket can win. Each month a drawing is done, and the checks are then mailed to the winners for that month. Annual prize amounts to \$16,740. ADESSE tickets are wonderful gifts for the Holidays and excellent stocking stuffers for those hard to buy for people on your Christmas list!

### MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

4:30pm BSP +Michael Opitz

### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29**

9am BSP For the People of the Parish

11am RNC + Jack Niedfeldt 8:30pm RNC For the Parish Family

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 30** 

8am BSP +Shirley Murphy

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31** 

8am BSP +Paul Swieciak 5:15pm RNC + Margaret Pedretti

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1 - ALL SAINTS DAY

8am BSP +Daniel Chamberlain-SCHOOL

MASS

Noon RNC +Bill Pedretti

6pm BSP +Stephen and Marian Pavela

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2

8am BSP Living and Deceased Members of

the Nic and Lillian Hengel Family

7pm RNC +Marian Poellenger

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3

8am BSP +Barb Durst

Noon RNC +Henry Poellenger

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

4:30pm BSP +Mary Crowley

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5** 

9am BSP +Theodore & Helen Briggeman

11am RNC +Don Bahr

Campus Ministry Corner

Inspiring testimonies & stories of how Roncalli Newman is changing the lives of college students in La Crosse.

On the Easter Vigil, Dakota entered the Church and God's family as a son by being Baptized, Confirmed, and receiving Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time! Dakota became interested in the the Catholic Church through his girlfriend, Laura (who is in discipleship with Caitlin), who also went through RICA and got confirmed her freshman year. Dakota has grown in his faith greatly all year by attending RCIA, joining discipleship with John, and going to SEEK. We asked Dakota what was transformational in the process of him entering the Church and he said, "I believe Jesus is really present in the Eucharist now." It has been a gift for us to grow in friendship with Dakota and Laura and watch them grow in faith. Please join us in praying for them!

### LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER 11/12

### Sat, Nov 11, 4:30 PM - Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (BSP) Reader (1)

Reader (2)

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Servers

**EMHCs** 

Hospitality Minister

Cantor & Accompanist

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Sacristan/MC

Servers

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Michelle Johnson & Mary Blaha-DeBoer Cantor & Accompanist

Maria J. & Michael J.

Donna Cramer Natalie Schwinn Weaver & Scott WeaverHospitality Ministers

Mike Vanderploeg

Sacristan/MC Jo Anne Burgmaier & Peter Drozdowicz EMHCs

Sun, Nov 12, 9:00 AM - Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (BSP)

Mary Jo Reinders Dave Reinders

Jennifer Kulzer & Mary Blaha-DeBoer Greg Sauer & Dave Schreier

John Gallagher & Bernice Lansing Sunny Onyeabor & Scott Smerud

William Arnold

Larry & Donna Lee

Sun, Nov 12, 11:00 AM - Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (RNC)

Greg Wegner

Grace Nicholson-Maly

Andrea Fritts & ME Haupert

AC Van Rooyen

Kathryn Barth & Erma Hafner Thomas Miller & Sean O'Flaherty

Freddi & Sam Servais

Kathy Running

Reader (1)

Reader (2)

Cantor & Accompanist

Server

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### AROUND THE COMMUNITY

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### St. James & Providence Academy's 57th ANNUAL HOLLY BERRY FAIR.

WHEN: Saturday, November 11, 2023, 8am-2pm. WHERE: In the Providence Academy Gymnasium, 716 Windsor Street across the street from St. James Church. WHAT: Booths include Bakery, Fill-a-Bag Rummage & Antiques, Crafts, Raffle Baskets, Silent Auction, Jewelry, Mystery Gifts, Religious Items. Win a 55" LED Smart TV! Visit Santas Winter Wonderland for games & pictures with Santa! Lunch & refreshments are available for dine in or take out.

### GOLD GALA 2023 / GREEN & GOLD GETAWAY RAFFLE

Join us in supporting Aquinas Catholic Schools' mission of supporting mental health for our students and staff at the Denim & Diamonds Gold Gala event on Saturday, November 11 at Aquinas High School! Participate in our silent auction and live auctions (https://aquinasgoldgala2023.ggo.bid/bidding/package-browse) To RSVP visit www.aquinasschools.org/gold-gala and click on the RSVP ONLINE! button.

Enter the Green & Gold Giveaway Raffle for your chance to win private jet transportation and 8 tickets to the Green Bay vs. Tampa Bay game on Sunday, December 17 at noon. The private jet transportation is courtesy of Ron and Elisa Houser and the tickets are courtesy of Mark and Debbie Hansen. Interested in purchasing tickets? Contact Brad Reinhart (brad.reinhart@aquinasschools.org / 608-784-0707). Get your tickets now, there are only 250 available!

### **Substitute Teachers Needed**

Aquinas Catholic Schools are seeking candidates for Substitute Teaching positions at all schools. If you are interested in applying, please submit a resume and cover letter to J.T. Gilbert (Dean of Students) at jt.gilbert@aquinasschools.org.

### **AHS Musical - ANNIE**

November 10 • 7:30 pm

November 11 • 2:00 pm

November 12 • 2:00 pm

Performances will be held in the Aquinas High School Campbell Theatre.

Tickets are \$10 • General Seating • Get your tickets in the AHS office

### Poinsettia Sale

The St. Patrick's PTO is hosting a Poinsettia Sale. Orders are due Monday, November 13.

\$14 per plant, or 2 for \$25

Colors available: Burgundy, Jingle Bell, Red, White, and Marble Make checks payable to: St. Patrick PTO

If you have any questions, please call St. Patrick Elementary School.

### **Eternal Rest - The Art of Dying Well**

Three sessions led by Fr. Tim Reither. Each evening will show a video followed by a question and answer period with Father Reither.

Tuesday evenings from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm at St. Patrick's Parish (1031 Main Street, Onalaska)

November 7: The Story of Death and The Afterlife

November 14: The Hour of Death November 28: The Faithful Departed

Free! All are welcome!

### Come pray with us at Roncalli Newman! | Lectio Divina Nov 8 & 15

Join us for songs of praise, a contemplative, prayerful reading of the Sunday readings followed by shared prayer. Lectio Divina, dating back to to the 6th century, is a beautiful and ever fruitful way to seek and receive the Lord's presence together, and especially to honor the words He would have our hearts heed, savor and act upon. Come pray with us Nov 8 & 15, 3:30-5, Newman basement. Please park on Main Street. For questions, call Marcia Kolaczkowski. 608 790 5342 All are welcomed!

Any Cub or Boy Scout interested in earning their religious emblem and not able to do so in your scout unit please contact Cindy Sjolabder at catholicreligiousemblems@gmail.com

## Dear Father Joe: Can You Please Tell Me Why Catholics Pray for the Deceased?

from the November 2022 Edition of the Catholic Life Magazine

Why pray for the dead? Well, to answer that, we have to step back a bit and look at how it all works in this great love story between God and us. God, who is perfect, desires perfection for us. He hungers for us to "be perfect, as [Our] Father in heaven is perfect." This perfection that He desires for us is a difficult thing. But once we give God permission to do so, He will literally stop at nothing to get us there. The thing is, we've got three enemies working against us in this quest: the world, the flesh and the devil. Let's take a guick look at each.

When we talk about "the world," we're talking about a mind-set, a way of thinking that permeates our culture. It's any message passed along to us that is contrary to the Gospel. Pope St. John Paul II talked about "the culture of death" and that is a perfect example of what we mean by "the world." When we talk about "the flesh," we're not talking about our skin. Our bodies are sacred. Instead, we're talking about that spoiled inner child who lives inside of each of us who wants what he wants when he wants it. It's that part of us that lies and manipulates and is selfish. Finally, when we talk about the devil, we're talking about that fallen angel who works hard to destroy, create chaos and lead us into sin. All three are our enemies.

We pray for our living teammates, our brothers and sisters. We also pray for those who have gone before us and who may now be in the process of perfection.

Now, confronting these enemies are the grace, power and love of Jesus as He works in and through all of His creation. We fight these enemies all our days and this fight, coupled with our sin and the sin around us, leave us with scars and battle damage. Sometimes, the work of holiness is so hard, we even work against God. However, since we gave God permission to make us perfect, He never gives up.

So, what does this have to do with praying for the dead? Well, those of us struggling for perfection through God are all on the same team, wherever we are.

Some are here on earth: we fight, we struggle, we pray, we remain faithful, we never give up! We know this process begins on earth, but our eternal reward is perfection in heaven.

In the same way we pray for our living teammates, our brothers and sisters, we also pray for those who have gone before us and who may now be in the process of perfection. This process is called purgatory, where God's perfect love and grace confront and heal the damage we've done to our souls on earth. Here, God takes His hunger for our perfection up a notch.

There also are the saints in heaven. These are the folks who have finished the process of purgatory and have entered fully into God's glory. The joy that waits there cannot be described.

So, why pray for the dead? Because all three groups—the saints on earth, the saints in purgatory and the saints in heaven—are all on the same team, united by the same God who loves us all. Look at what Paul wrote in Romans:

What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Rom 8: 35, 37-39)

C.S. Lewis, in "Mere Christianity," uses the image of a child with a toothache who goes to his mom for something to stop the pain. Mom gets him the immediate relief, but also takes him to the dentist, who finds all the problems with all his teeth and gets right to work. Does it hurt? Yes, but it's a healing hurt.

The saints in heaven pray for us on earth and those in purgatory—what a wonderful love that connects us even in and after death!

I leave you with a few words from "Mere Christianity." Go check this book out and enjoy another day in God's presence!

"If we let Him—for we can prevent Him, if we choose—He will make the feeblest and filthiest of us into a god or goddess, a dazzling, radiant, immortal creature, pulsating all through with such energy and joy and wisdom and love as we cannot now imagine, a bright stainless mirror which reflects back to God perfectly (though, of course, on a smaller scale) His own boundless power and delight and goodness. The process will be long and, in parts, very painful; but that is what we are in for. Nothing less. He meant what He said." – C.S. Lewis

By Father Joe Krupp is a former comedy writer who is now a Catholic priest. Published in the November 2022 issue of Catholic Life Magazine

# Sunday. Rest

Come and pray with us! Fr. Sam will lead a teaching and practice of different forms of prayer.

## EVERY OTHER SUNDAY AT NEWMAN 7:30PM STARTING SEPTEMBER 17

Sept 17 - Lectio Divina Nov 12 - Breviary and Psalms

Oct 1 - Examen Prayer Nov 26 - Praise and Worship

Oct 15 - Ignatian Meditation Dec 10 - "ARRR"

Oct 29 - Rosary

"Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while"



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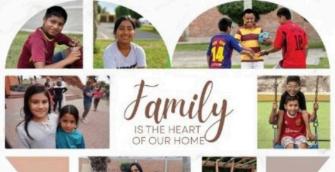


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6:30 DINNER

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or call Noel Furger at 715-297-5139 to register.

www.homeajpm.org/events

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