

Sunday Bulletin

Blessed Sacrament & Roncalli Newman

Roman Catholic Churches of La Crosse, WI

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time | November 19, 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

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

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FROM THE DESK OF FR. BILLY DODGE

Coming out of my 8 day silent directed retreat in Clearwater, Florida, a lot of people ask, "How was your retreat?" It is hard to give a single answer to this question. First come the immediate superficial answers - the weather was glorious, the grounds were beautiful, the food was home cooked by wonderful volunteers, and the lodgings were comfortable. Then I am asked, "Was it hard to remain silent for eight days?" To put away my phone, to have no access to internet and television, to not communicate with anyone other than my retreat director for eight days. It is hard. Then God shows up. When a space of silence is created there is space for God to enter. And when God is there I realized how much all the noise and distractions pale in comparison to the divine presence. I love this quote from the composer of the fourth part of the Catechism of the Catholic Church on prayer:

"The most fruitful activity of the human person is to be able to receive God" (Jean Corbon. The Wellspring of Divine Worship).

I knew I needed more silence in my life. I was listening to a lot of podcasts and Youtube videos. This media has positive and holy messages. But now I find myself wanting more quiet. I do not want to listen to podcasts talking about God. I want to spend time with the living God.

Fr. Billy Dodge

AROUND THE PARISHES

Blessed Sacrament Office Hours for Thanksgiving Week

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, November 20th-22nd:

8:45am to 1:00pm

Please note:

Thursday and Friday November November 23rd and 24th:

BSP AND RNC OFFICE CLOSED

Roncalli Newman Thanksgiving Potluck Thank You

Many many thanks to all who helped make possible our Annual Thanksgiving Potluck at Roncalli Newman this past Tuesday. Special thanks to Andy Wettstein for cooking the turkeys, and Jim Bagniewski and Mike and MC Hoffman for their hard work organizing and coordinating. Thank you to all our parishioners who were able to make it this year and help feed our college students. We look forward to next year!

A Night with St. Nicholas | December 5

Join us for an evening with St Nicholas. This family event will be held on the eve of the feast of St Nicholas, Tuesday December 5th from 6 - 7pm at Mary Mother of the Church in the parish hall. The evening will include singing, crafts, games and treats along with a visit from St Nicholas himself! All children ages 3 to 7 are welcome to attend with their families. Older siblings are welcome too! There is no cost to this event but to help us better plan, please let us know how many children are coming by registering using the QR code below. Contact Kristin with any question kjohnson@mmoclacrosse.org

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AROUND OUR PARISHES

Bread for the World Success!

Thanks to everyone for helping make our Bread for the World annual Bread Sale a success! With your generous support, we were able to raise \$888. 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 assist those in need.

Family Faith Formation

Family Faith Formation does NOT meet Wednesday November 22nd or Wednesday November 29th. Families should be completing At Home Lesson 2-1: How can we know, 2-2: Jesus His Life on Earth, and 2-3: Jesus: The Good Shepherd. We will see you again on December 6th for our at Church Session- Family Life: Building Youth Domestic church. Contact Kristin with any questions kjohnson@mmoclacrosse.org 608-788-5483 Ext. 4

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.

Welcome New BSP Parishioners!

Welcome new BSP members Bryan and Carissa Trainor and their daughters Elliot and Isla.

Baptism Congratulations!

Congratulations and blessings to Alex and Keshia Mashak whose daughter Kaebri Lane was baptized this past Saturday and also to Luke Tietyen and Erin Davis whose daughter Lucille Patricia was baptized on Sunday.

Homebound or in the Hospital?

If you or a loved one is homebound or in the hospital and in need of the sacraments, please contact one of our parish offices. Thank you!

Large Suitcases needed for Casa Hogar

Casa Hogar Optical Mission is looking for donations of large suitcases which will be used for the transportation of used eyewear to Peru for the upcoming mission in January. These could be left with a note "Casa Hogar" in the Newman Main St entrance under the coat racks by the choir and we will retrieve them. Thank you!

Blessed Sacrament Giving Tree

Our Blessed Sacrament sponsored Catholic Charities GIVING TREE is back this year! Inside gift bag 'ornaments' is a pre-filled SCRIP gift card form. Each bag indicates the gender and age of the recipient. Please do not remove the gift tag! Select a bag, and purchase the gift card indicated on the form from our SCRIP office. SCRIP may be purchased after BSP weekend Masses, from the BSP office, or gift cards may be purchased directly from the retailer. (We encourage you to use the SCRIP program, as a percentage of sale may be passed on in several beneficial ways!) The gift card(s) are then placed inside the gift bag and collected by the BSP office before delivery to Catholic Charities in early December. This gives recipients independence and ownership in determining what is most essential for their families. Cash/check payments only accepted for SCRIP purchases. **We kindly remind you that if a bag is taken from the tree with the intent to return it later, PLEASE remember to do so. If bags/tags are not returned, it negatively impacts those intended recipients. We are committed to serving 145 individual requests this season. Prayerfully consider your generosity and thank you for participating! Questions may be directed to: Caryl Doberstein at 608-782-1833 or caryl.doberstein@gmail.com

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER 25/26

Sat, Nov 25, 4:30PM - Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the L

Mary E Saphner	Reader (1)
Mark Steingraeber	Reader (2)
Michelle Johnson	Cantor
Mary Blaha-DeBoer	Accompanist
Maria J. And Michael J.	Servers
Pat Abraham & Alice Mcquire Backlund	Hospitality Ministers
Mike Vanderploeg	Sacristan/MC
Luci Johnson & Mary Jo Werner	EMHCs

Sun, Nov 26, 9AM - Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Uni

Tony Weisse	Reader (1)
John Gallagher	Reader (2)
Kristin Johnson & Mary BD	Cantor & Accompanist
Hunter J and Noelle W	Servers
Karen Gamoke & Greg Sauer	Hospitality Ministers
Bruce Simones & Scott Smerud	Hospitality Ministers
William Arnold	Sacristan/MC
Sandra Borreson & Bernice Lansing	EMHCs

Rosary Leaders at Blessed Sacrament

11/25 4:30pm - Scott and Caryl Doberstein
11/26 9am - Galen Pittman

Sun, Nov 26, 11AM - Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe RNC)

Bob Masewicz	Reader (1)
Paul Thompson	Reader (2)
Peg Manson & Joseph Luis	Cantor & Accompanist
Alex Boland	Server
Mike & Becky Kreiling	Hospitality Ministers
Leigh & Kathy Running	Hospitality Ministers
Judy Kabat & Jen Masewicz	Gift Bearers
Mary Lou Balts	Sacristan/MC

AROUND OUR PARISHES AND COMMUNITY

Sacramental Preparation Session November 29th

This is just a friendly reminder that our next At Church Sacramental Preparation Session takes place Wednesday November 29th from 5:30pm-6:30pm at Mary Mother of the Church. Pizza will be served starting at 5:00pm until we begin our session. At least one parent/guardian must attend along with their son or daughter preparing for the Sacraments. This will be our last Mend At Church Session before the children make their First Confessions. We will be going over the logistics of how to go to confession at this session. Contact Kristin with any questions kjohnson@mocclacrosse.org 608-788-5483 Ext. 4

Roncalli Newman Social Justice: Giving Tuesday

Giving Tuesday, is a national day of giving as we enter the giving season. In 2023 it will be celebrated on Tuesday, Nov. 28th. At your Thanksgiving dinner, have each person share what they are thankful for this year. Then talk about the reason behind Giving Tuesday, and as a family, discuss and decide to which organization you would like to make a donation. Have each person in your family make a donation from their savings--coins to bills-- and put it all together as one gift/donation from your family. Many organizations have matched dollar for dollar commitments for any Giving Tuesday donations.

Some local possibilities are:

Habitat for Humanity | The Franciscan Spirituality Center | Catholic Charities | St. Clare Health Mission | The Hunger Task Force | The La Crosse Jail Ministry | The For Goodness Sake Program | The Warming Center | Salvation Army | New Horizons | Causeway Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers

Go online to their website to donate or learn how you can make a donation.

Start the Giving season with your family by making a difference! Your contribution, big or small, can create lasting change!

Come Follow Me!

When Peter encountered Jesus for the first time, he was busy doing his daily work, fishing. He was minding his own business when Jesus approached him and asked him to put his nets out into the deep water for a catch. Although hesitant, he did as Jesus asked him and caught an overabundance of fish! When they returned to shore, Jesus said to Peter, "Come, follow me..." and Peter did. Similarly, the Lord continues to work in our world today, approaching us in our everyday lives and inviting us to consider following Him. Have you ever considered following the Lord as a priest, like Peter? Do you know of a young man whom you think the Lord may be calling to be a priest? Perhaps this is the Lord's invitation to follow Him.

To begin the conversation or to inquire about what it means to be a priest, please contact me: Fr. Nate Kuhn, Director of Vocational Recruitment for the Diocese of La Crosse, 3710 East Ave. S. PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602; or by phone at: 608.791.2667. God bless you!

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

4:30pm BSP +Susan Kallies

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

9am BSP +Denny Hartogh

11am RNC +Fr Camillus Gott

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20

8am BSP +Therese Skemp

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

8am BSP +Leo Mashak

5:15pm RNC +Joe & Phyllis duFour

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

8am BSP +Bill Chamberlain

Noon RNC Holy Land

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23 - Thanksgiving Day

9am BSP +Carol Arnold

No 7pm RNC Mass

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24

8am BSP +Charlie Brendel

Noon RNC Mental Health Healing

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

4:30pm BSP +Dave & Betty Hammes

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

9am BSP +George & Winnie Ferring

11am RNC +Jack Niedfeldt

Campus Ministry Corner

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

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

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

-Connor MacKinnis

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

Eucharistic Prayer

The Eucharist is Jesus! Let us grow in our understanding and love for this incredible Gift. Jesus is our greatest Friend.

Jesus loves each one of us and desires to be with us always. Jesus gives Himself to us in the Holy Eucharist, so that He can live in our heart. The Holy Eucharist is Christ's Body and Blood. We know that Jesus is our greatest Friend because He gives Himself to us completely in the Holy Eucharist. The word Eucharist means thanksgiving. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: *Jesus, Thank You for giving Yourself to me and being my closest Friend.*



Encounter Jesus
in the Eucharist.
He waits for you!

Please Support Project Milk in this Season of Thanksgiving & Advent Help the Diocesan Rural Life Committee spread hope and joy by contributing to Project Milk. Founded in 1984 to help feed the poor children of Casa Hogar in Peru, Project Milk provides whole milk powder to the orphanage and the surrounding community. Each year the Rural Life Committee seeks to raise enough money to ship 40,000 lbs. of milk powder at an approximate cost of \$80,000. One hundred percent of your monetary gift is used to feed these children and the poor. To give, visit frjoesguild.org/donate, and select "Project Milk" as your designation.

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AROUND THE COMMUNITY

Benefit Concert for Place of Grace | Nov 19

A benefit concert for A Place of Grace will be held Sunday, November 19th, 2 PM at San Damiano Chapel (formally St. Wenceslaus Parish), 900 Viterbo Dr., La Crosse. Music will be provided by Prairie Smoke and Fr. Conrad Targonski and Polly Pappadopolos with an introduction by Tom Thibedeau. There is no admission but monetary and non-perishable food donations will be joyfully accepted. The concert is open to everyone and the

DEATH IS AN END, BUT IT'S NOT the END.

We all have very real questions about death. What Happens when we die? What does scripture teach about death? How do we prepare for the life to come? The art of dying well is also the art of living well. By understanding who we are and what we are made for, we can order our lives and values according to God's design for our true fulfillment.

Join us for three sessions of "Eternal Rest". Each session we will show a video followed by a question and answer period with a priest.

NOVEMBER 7 – The Story of Death and The Afterlife

NOVEMBER 14 – The Hour of Death

NOVEMBER 28 – The Faithful Departed

AFTERNOONS 1:00 – 2:30 PM with Msgr. Richard Gilles St. Joseph the Workman, Cathedral – 530 Main Street, La Crosse

EVENINGS 6:30 - 8:00 PM with Fr. Tim Reither St. Patrick's Parish – 1031 Main Street, Onalaska

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.

Rorate Caeli, Mass by Candlelight at Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine

The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, La Crosse, invites all to celebrate the candlelit, Rorate Caeli Mass this December 9, 2023. The Mass will be begin at 6:30am.

Learn more at GuadalupeShrine.org/events !

Cub and Boy Scout Religious Emblems

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

ST. MARY'S ANNUAL CRAFT SHOW ~ SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2023 ~ Come join the fun and find that one of a kind gift for the Holiday Season from several local vendors and crafters. Open from 8:00 AM-2:00 PM at the Coon Valley Village Hall, 108 Roosevelt St. Concessions available throughout the show. Free admission! Visit our website: www.stmarycv.org/craft-show or contact Nancy Peters at 608-790-6034 Peters@mwt.net

In need of yarn, fabric, and needlework supplies

Coulee Region Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) is seeking donations of yarn, fabric, and needlework supplies for its Handcraft Program. RSVP volunteers make thousands of items for donation to local hospitals and other social service organizations. We make hats, mittens, scarves, quilts, afghans, wheelchair/walker bags, and countless other items.

RSVP donates about 5,000 handcrafted items yearly, so we always need more yarn and fabric. All needlework supplies are accepted, and what we can't use for making items for donation will be saved for a needlecraft sale in the spring to support the Handcraft Program.

If you have any questions or want to drop off a donation, call us at 608-785-0500. Coulee Region RSVP is located at 2920 East Ave. South, La Crosse, and we are on the web at www.rsvplax.org.

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

Oct 1 - Examen Prayer

Oct 15 - Ignatian Meditation

Oct 29 - Rosary

Nov 12 - Breviary and Psalms

Nov 26 - Praise and Worship

Dec 10 - "ARRR"

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