

Sunday Bulletin

Blessed Sacrament & Roncalli Newman

Roman Catholic Churches of La Crosse, WI

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe | November 26, 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

I welcome everyone who has traveled to La Crosse to celebrate Thanksgiving with their families. I hope your time in La Crosse was restful and uplifting, and I wish you safe travels home!

This weekend we celebrate Christ the King Sunday which is the end of the Liturgical Year. That means the Season of Advent begins next week. The Solemnity of Christ the King 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 do not let their subjects vote. What the sticker is referencing is that you can have Jesus as your "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.



AROUND THE PARISHES

ADVENT FAIR 2023: From Our Heart and Home to Yours!

God's choicest blessings upon all who supported our celebration with your prayers, donations, and presence. Helpers of all ages brought joy to many hearts and enriched the day in many ways. May God bless you abundantly! Donation jars are still being accepted. Please drop them off in the office. Tags from the Giving Tree are also available.

*Special thanks to a Barb Swieciak for her leadership and months of work on the Advent Christmas Fair.

SAVE THE DATE: November 16, 2024

Next year's Advent Fair will be on the third weekend in November (one week before the opening of deer hunting season).

The Women's Club is already planning for next year's celebration! Keep an eye out for clearance Christmas gift bags (Children's Secret Store), puzzles and children's books (Book Nook), and jewelry (Cache of Jewelry). Donations accepted at any time. Thank you!

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 608-784-5483 Ext. 4



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!

AROUND OUR PARISHES

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@mmoclacrosse.org 608-788-5483 Ext. 4

Family Faith Formation

Family Faith Formation does NOT meet 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

Advent Christmas Fair Raffle Basket Winners

Dining Out #1: Laura Holley	Wine for Two: Michelle Jensen-Beyer
Dining Out # 2: Jackie Lietke	Chilling at Home: Kari Coaty
Invite the Neighbors: Terry Cherry	Family Night: Linda Kugler
Relax and Radiate: Michelle Jensen-Beyer	Holiday Kitchen: Robyn Story
Celebrate Christmas: Anne Dayton	Spa Time: Kari Coaty
Puzzles, Crafts, & Pizza: Mariah Callan	Wine Tasting: Mary Drexler

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.

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!

Celebrating Name's Day!

On December 4th we remember 2 Saints, Saint John Damascene and Saint Barbara (the old Liturgical Calendar). The many Barbaras in our Parishes and City are invited to the 8am Mass here at Blessed Sacrament for our intentions December 4th. Any questions call Barbara 608-784-6974.

Have you ever wanted to tour St. Joseph the Workman, Cathedral and Blessed Sacrament Parish?

St. Joseph the Workman, Cathedral is filled with symbolism everywhere you look. Jean McDonnell will walk you through the history of our Cathedral and point out the details that were carefully placed throughout the Church to help deepen and strengthen our worship of God.

Tour of St. Joseph the Workman, Cathedral - Sunday, December 3 at 3:00 pm.

Blessed Sacrament Parish's stained-glass windows tell the story of the Mass. Barb Swieciak will guide us through Church and the story of each window. **Tour of Blessed Sacrament Parish - Saturday, Dec 2 at 1pm.**

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 2/3

Sat, Dec 2, 4:30 PM - First Sunday of Advent (BSP)

Mary E Saphner	Reader (1)
Paulette Drozdowicz	Reader (2)
Jennifer Kulzer & Mary BD	Cantor & Accompanist
Charlee G. & Ruby G.	Servers
Scott Weaver & Natalie SchwinnWeaver	Hospitality Ministers
Mike Vanderploeg	Sacristan/MC
Debbie Clarkin & Thomas Miller	EMHCs

Sun, Dec 3, 9:00 AM - First Sunday of Advent (BSP)

Ann Lankford	Reader (1)
Gene Kolaczkowski	Reader (2)
Kent Stein & Mary BD	Cantor & Accompanist
Jackson W. & Jonny W.	Servers
Bonnie & Bruce Hrabak	Hospitality Ministers
Jack Kallies & Tad Strittmater	Hospitality Ministers
William Arnold	Sacristan/MC
Marie Allen & Katie Woolover	EMHCs

Rosary Leaders at Blessed Sacrament

12/02 4:30pm - Natalie Schwinn-Weaver
12/03 9am - Steve and Annette Flottmeyer

Sun, Dec 3, 11:00 AM - First Sunday of Advent (RNC)

Grace Nicholson-Maly	Reader (1)
Michael J Porter	Reader (2)
Andrea Fritts & Maggie Schreiber	Cantor & Accompanist
AC Van Rooyen	Server
Paul & Sue Grant	Hospitality Ministers
Bobbie & Pat Wilson	Hospitality Ministers
Erma Hafner & Sean O'Flaherty	Gift Bearers
Cindy Sjolander	Sacristan/MC

AROUND OUR PARISHES AND COMMUNITY

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 !

Cookie Walks December 9th

Mary, Mother of the Church Parish will be holding their Cookie Walk & Craft Sale on Saturday, December 9, in 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, Scrip gift cards and raffles are available for sale. Serving continental breakfast and lunch (homemade soup and chili). Hourly Door Prizes.

Cookie Walk and Craft Sale at **Holy Trinity Parish** will be holding a Cookie Walk and Craft Sale in Leo Hall on Saturday, December 9 Cookie Walk (Fancy Cookies can be purchased by the pound) from 8:00 a.m. until gone - Craft Sale featuring 10 tables of crafts from local parishioners and vendors from 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Domestic Church Retreat - Save the Date

The next Domestic Church Retreat will be held April 13-14, 2024 at Sts. Peter and Paul Parish in Wisconsin Rapids. During the retreat, couples are invited to delve more deeply into the graces of their shared spiritual journey. The retreat's goal is to strengthen the couple's spousal union and lead them to experience complete harmony and joy in their marriage through simple formation and meaningful dialogue that intentionally places Christ in the center. To register and find out more information, visit: <https://diolc.org/marriage/marriage-enrichment/>

"the Answer" Eucharistic Rally:

We are very excited to announce "the Answer" Eucharistic Rally that will be held on June 7, 2024 at the La Crosse Center in La Crosse, WI. This event kicks off the six days that the Marian Route of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will be in the Diocese of La Crosse. "the Answer" Eucharistic Rally will begin with a Eucharistic Procession across the Cameron Street Bridge in La Crosse and will end at the La Crosse Center where the rest of the rally will take place. The day will include Mass, Adoration, Confession, powerful speakers such as Chris Stefanick, Immaculee Ilibagize, and Josh Rosa, music from Luke Spehar, and plenty of vendors. The cost for this event is only \$15 per person. This rally is for youth, young adults, adults, families, etc. Tickets will go on sale Dec. 15, 2023. You can find more information about the event and the other days the Marian Route will be in our diocese by visiting: <https://diolc.org/the-answer/>

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

4:30pm BSP +Dave & Betty Hammes

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

9am BSP +George & Winnie Ferring

11am RNC +Jack Niedfeldt

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27

8am BSP +Leonard & Margaret Degenhardt

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

8am BSP +Dan Crowley

5:15pm RNC Holy Land

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

8am BSP +Ed Trussoni (SCHOOL MASS)

Noon RNC +Tom Adams

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

8am BSP The Intention of the Women's Club for the Sanctity of Life

7pm RNC +Joseph Buckley

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

8am BSP +Sylvester Schaub

Noon RNC In Thanksgiving

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

4:30pm BSP +Jonie Paye

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

9am BSP For the People of the Parish

11am RNC +Jack Niedfeldt

Campus Ministry Corner

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

I entered the college scene with one single dream: Success in my chosen career. Not God's plan. Mine. To me, God's will wasn't something I needed to be worrying about or trying to discern. Simultaneously, I attended the Newman Center, becoming involved in Bible studies and discipleship, and I suddenly began to question what it was God really wanted for my life. After a span of years of moving back and forth between God and myself, I went on a Trip with some of the Newman men. Something happened inside me during that trip, and my life began to drastically change, me finding myself giving up my own will and pacivity, embracing Responsibility to myself and those around the Newman Center, and trying my best to surrender myself to God and His ultimate plan for me.

-Ryan Hustedt, junior at UWL

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

Eucharistic Prayer

The Eucharist is Jesus! Let us grow in our understanding and love for this incredible Gift. How do we get to know Jesus better? Jesus knows each one of us better than we know ourselves and He loves us. Friendship always involves two persons. We want to get to know this Person who loves us so much, through reading the Scriptures (the Bible). As we prepare to enter Advent, it is a perfect time to read the Scriptures and remember how Jesus came to us, born as an infant. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: *Jesus, please give me the desire to read the Bible a few minutes each day.* This week, read the words of the Annunciation of Gabriel to Mary that she will be the Mother of the Son of God in Luke 1: 26-38.



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

Substitute Teachers Needed

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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

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"*