

# Sunday Bulletin

## Blessed Sacrament & Roncalli Newman

### Roman Catholic Churches of La Crosse, WI

#### First Sunday of Advent | December 3, 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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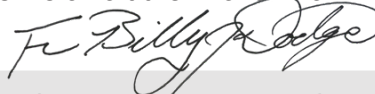
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#### FROM THE DESK OF FR. BILLY DODGE

Advent has begun. What does the word Advent mean? The word Advent from the latin word adventus which is translated as "coming" or "arrival." Who is arriving? Jesus! And Jesus arrives in many ways. 2000 years ago Jesus came to this world in the womb of a young Nazarene woman named Mary and was born in a manger in Bethlehem. Jesus arrives today in so many ways - especially in the most Blessed Sacrament. Jesus will arrive at the end of time in all his fullness. We are an Advent people - we are always awaiting Jesus' arrival. This is an important lesson for us in a culture of instant gratification.

When we wait we can become impatient, frustrated, and then turn to other sources for superficial consolation. These things of superficial consolation become idols - i.e. things we turn to in place of God. Our religion has a toolbox of traditions, teachings, prayers, and worship that instruct how to wait well for The Arrival. During this season of Advent I hope all of us will make the time to reflect upon how God has arrived in our lives as we await the final arrival.



#### AROUND THE PARISHES

##### Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

##### Friday, December 8th Mass Times

8am Blessed Sacrament - School Mass

Noon Roncalli Newman

6pm Blessed Sacrament

##### Pointsettia Orders Available Now

Help adorn our church sanctuaries with a poinsettia in honor or in memory of a loved one. Call your respective church office, 608-782-2953 for Blessed Sacrament, and 608-860-6001 for Roncalli Newman, to place your order for a 6 inch pot for \$18, an 8 inch for \$35 or a 10 inch for \$53.

##### Nativity Scene Gratitude

Have you seen our beautiful new Nativity scene on Losey? We'd like to extend our deep gratitude and appreciation for parishioners Carl and Eenie Francksen who lovingly created this set for Blessed Sacrament to treasure for years to come. Thank you Francksens!

##### Volunteers Needed for Christmas Decoration Setup!

As we joyfully anticipate the birth of Jesus, the Environment Committee leads at Blessed Sacrament and Roncalli Newman Center are excited to transform our beloved spaces into warm and welcoming environments for all. To achieve this, MANY HANDS will be needed for tasks from setting-up trees to tying & attaching bows. We are SEEKING VOLUNTEERS to team-up with us at the following times:

**Blessed Sacrament:** Friday, December 22 at 9AM. Please meet in the sanctuary.

**Roncalli Newman Center:** Sunday, December 17 after the 11 AM service. Please meet in the basement hall after Mass.

## AROUND OUR PARISHES

### 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](mailto:kjohnson@mmoclacrosse.org) 608-784-5483 Ext. 4



### Family Faith Formation

Family Faith Formation meets this Wednesday December 6th 5:30pm-6:45pm at Mary Mother of the Church. We will be exploring our next monthly topic: The Domestic Church. Families will also receive NEW packets with At Home lessons. Contact Kristin with any questions [kjohnson@mmoclacrosse.org](mailto:kjohnson@mmoclacrosse.org) 608-788-5483 Ext. 4

### Gathering Loaves & Fishes Event | December 10th

Join Gathering Loaves & Fishes for some holiday cheer at Luigi's Italian Culisine Restaurant in Onalaska on Sunday, December 10th at 12:30p.m. Please call Colleen at 608-787-1120 to make your reservation.

### Newman Giving Tree

Our annual giving tree is up and ready for takers. The 3 local agencies that Social Justice has chosen to help this season are The Exchange, New Horizons, and Jail Ministry. They each have a website if you would like to check out the good work that they do in our community. Each tag on the Giving Tree has a list of items needed at one of the agencies. They request only NEW items. Please shop for the item(s) and return back under the tree at RNC by Monday, December 18th. We plan to deliver items before Christmas to each agency. Thank you. This is a nice way to remember those in need during the holidays.

### Blessed Sacrament Giving Tree

We are still collecting gift cards / SCRIP cards for our BSP Giving Tree. Simply select a tag from the tree, and purchase the inscribed card from our **SCRIP** office (or retailer). Place the card back inside the bag with the tag and return to the office no later than **Dec. 10th**. Thank you very much!

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

Coats and Warm clothing drive is on pause until AFTER Christmas. More info in January. Thank you!

### 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.

## LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 9/10

### Sat, Dec 9, 4:30 PM - Second Sunday of Advent (BSP)

Mary E Saphner	Reader (1)
Paulette Drozdowicz	Reader (2)
Maggie Schreiber & Mary BD	Cantor & Accompanist
Charlee G. & Ruby G.	Servers
Donna Cramer & Mary O'Mara	Hospitality Ministers
Mike Vanderploeg	Sacristan/MC
Donna Cramer & Caryl Doberstein	EMHCs

### Sun, Dec 10, 9:00 AM - Second Sunday of Advent (BSP)

Dave Weinberger	Reader (1)
Kris Gerke	Reader (2)
Kent Stein & Mary BD	Cantor & Accompanist
Eleanor G. & Greg Sauer	Servers
Michele Cook & Roger Korger	Hospitality Ministers
Sunny Onyeabor & Dave Schreier	Hospitality Ministers
William Arnold	Sacristan/MC
Larry & Donna Lee	EMHCs

### **Rosary Leaders at Blessed Sacrament**

12/09 4:30pm - Mary Schuttenhelm  
12/10 9am - Les and Terry Lachine

### Sun, Dec 10, 11:00 AM - Second Sunday of Advent (RNC)

Carol Mader	Reader (1)
Maureen Neuville	Reader (2)
Peg Manson (sub req.) * ME Hauptert	Cantor & Accompanist
Alex B	Server
John Horman & Richard Kotovich	Hospitality Ministers
Ken & Ginger Horth	Hospitality Minister
Dennis & Carlene Ulrich	Gift Bearers
Debbie Clarkin	Sacristan/MC

## AROUND OUR COMMUNITY

### Pilgrimage for Life | Jan. 17-21 | Washington D.C. | Your Response Needed ASAP

Join us in witnessing to LIFE! Come with us by coach bus to Washington, DC, to participate in the annual March for Life. This opportunity is for anyone ages 13 and up. The estimated cost is \$400 per person. Parishes or schools forming a group should have each participant complete the registration online, fill out the required forms and pay a non-refundable deposit of \$100. The remainder of the fee will be paid to the parish or school. For more information and to register, visit [diolc.org/yya/youth-opportunities/pilgrimage-for-life](http://diolc.org/yya/youth-opportunities/pilgrimage-for-life).

### Moms with Mary

Moms with Mary is a mom group offered through the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman. This group provides support and encouragement in motherhood and for continued spiritual growth. The group meets on the 2nd Friday of each month at 9:30am in the basement of the Cathedral for fellowship and scripture meditation, and most 4th Fridays of each month for a fun outing. Moms can also join a "Moms with Mary" group chat on the GroupMe app to ask questions and stay updated on the meeting dates and times. To get connected with the group chat, please text Sierra Obert at 319-850-3646. Our next meeting is Friday, December 8th and we hope to see you and your kiddos there!

## MUSIC & LITURGY

Christmas is coming and we are busy preparing the music for the three Christmas Eve Masses and our Christmas morning Mass. The Mass schedule is as follows:

**-Dec. 24 - 4:00 PM at BSP** (organ, piano, and choir) Choir will practice on Saturday, Dec. 23rd, 10:00 AM at BSP

**-Dec. 24 - 6:30 PM at RNP** (music and liturgy led mostly by children and parents) - Practice date yet to be determined

**-Dec. 24 - 8:30 PM at RNP** (choir with congregational and choral pieces) Choir practices Wednesdays, 5:30-7:00 PM at RNP

**-Dec. 25 - 9:00 AM at BSP** (choir with organ, piano, and brass) Choir will practice on Wednesdays, 5:30-7:00 PM at RNP

If you are interested in singing or playing an instrument for one of these Masses, please contact Mary Blaha-DeBoer, [marybdmusic@gmail.com](mailto:marybdmusic@gmail.com) or text/call 608-780-5780,

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

4:30pm BSP +Jonie Paye

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

9am BSP For the People of the Parish

11am RNC +Jack Niedfeldt

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

8am BSP For the Intentions of the Barbara's of the Parish

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

8am BSP +Father Raj's Mother

5:15pm RNC +Fr Bob Pedretti

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

8am BSP +Mary Brennan

Noon RNC +John Boland

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

8am BSP +Mary Sue Finn

7pm RNC +Eleanore & Bob Gebhart

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

8am BSP +Joe Sweeney SCHOOL MASS

Noon RNC +Helen Ducie

6pm BSP +Barb Durst

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

4:30pm BSP +Marianne Pittman

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

9am BSP +Charlie Brendel

11am RNC +June Norgaard

## Campus Ministry Corner

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

*I was fortunate enough to get involved in the Newman Center very early during my freshman year of college, and since then it has been a home away from home. I have met so many faith filled, Christ-centered students, many of which became some of my closest friends. I have been able to experience so many different opportunities, like Bible Study, Discipleship, student retreats and SEEK, that have impacted my life tremendously. Being apart of this community has taught me so much about what it means to have authentic friends, how to serve the community, and continues to guide and support me through my relationship with the Lord.*

-Isabel Wollangk, Sophomore at UWL



# AROUND THE COMMUNITY

## Eucharistic Prayer

During this National Eucharistic Revival, let us grow in our understanding and love for the incredible Gift of Jesus's real Presence in the Eucharist.

How do we get to know Jesus better? We get to know Jesus better by being with Him "in person." We do that at Sunday Mass. At the Mass, Jesus is present personally and truly in the Holy Eucharist. He meets us there, and He wants to listen to and speak to us through the Scripture readings and prayers of the Mass.

Let's pray this right now and every day this week: *Jesus, give me the desire to read the Bible a few minutes each day. This week, read how the prophet Isaiah announces the coming of the Messiah in Isaiah 11:1-3.*



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](http://frjoesguild.org/donate), and select "Project Milk" as your designation.

**Stewardship of Treasure 11/26**

BSP \$8,946 | RNC \$8,530

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**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](http://www.stmarycv.org/craft-show) or contact Nancy Peters at 608-790-6034 [Pe-ters@mwt.net](mailto:Pe-ters@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](http://www.rsvplax.org).