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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME November 15, 2020

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening 4:30 pm
Sunday Morning 8:00 & 10:00 am
Monday - Friday 7:30 am

CONFESSION

Saturday 3:30-4:15 pm
Other times by appointment

BENEDICTION

First Friday 8:00 am

Call the Parish Office to make arrangements:

- *To join the parish
- *For a wedding (6 months in advance)
- *For Baptism class information
- *For Anointing of the Sick: Those who are seriously sick or have been ill for a long period of time should receive the Sacrament of the Sick and Holy Communion.
- * If you are home-bound because of illness and would like to be visited, please call.

MINISTRY LEADERS

MCs: *Gabe Trussoni*
Mike Vanderploeg
William Arnold

Weekend Servers
(Middle and High Schoolers):
Holly Gorman

Readers: *Mary Jo Reinders*

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharistic: *Carolyn Steingraeber*

Petition Readers: *Barb Clements*

Ushers: *Tom Kratt*

Offering Families: *Call the office to volunteer*

Rosary Leader Schedule:

Weekday Servers (Grade Schoolers):
Stephanie Gauger

Weekday Readers: *Caryl Doberstein*

Weekday Eucharistic Ministers:
Carolyn Steingraeber

PARISH CONTACTS

Office Ass't Dir: *Elizabeth Skemp*

Finances: *Steve McGovern,*
Luci Johnson

Building Maintenance:
Carl Francksen

Scrip Coordinators: 782.2953 ext. 1
Paul Poehling, Pat Hammes

Website: *Jennifer Kulzer*

Music Director: 782.2953 ext. 4
Pauline Connell

Religious Education: *Pauline Connell*

RCIA & Confirmation Preparation:
Jennifer Kulzer

First Communion & Reconciliation Preparation: *Pauline Connell*

Funeral Lunch Coordinator:
Bernice Lansing

Bulletin Editor: *Pauline Connell*

Sacristan: *Jean Kachel*

Women's Club: *Helen Roop*

Men's Club: *Ken Hanson*

Widow & Widowers Group:
Barb Schmitz, Loretta Clarkin

November 15, 2020

November 16 - 22, 2020

From the Office of Sacred Worship,
Diocese of La Crosse:

According to an October 23 decree from the Holy See, "This year, in the current circumstances due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Plenary Indulgences for the faithful will be extended throughout the entire month of November, with adaptation of works and conditions to guarantee the safety of the faithful." In brief, the changes include:

"a.-the Plenary Indulgence for those who visit a cemetery and pray for the deceased, even if only mentally (i.e. mental prayer), normally established only on the individual days from 1 to November 8, may be transferred to other days of the same month, until it ends. These days, freely chosen by the individual believers, may also be separate from each other;

"b.-the Plenary Indulgence of November 2, established on the occasion of the Commemoration of all the deceased faithful for those who piously visit a church or oratory and recite the 'Our Father' and the 'Creed' there, may be transferred not only to the Sunday before and after or on the Solemnity of All Saints, but also to another day of the month of November, freely chosen by the individual faithful."

**DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL
Update: November 9, 2020**

Goal	\$55,635
Total Pledged & received	\$61,117
Amount received	\$56,582 (101.7%)
Number of donors:	142
Number of donors (2019)	196

Seminarians to pray for this week

Sunday	Deacon Arturo Viguera
Monday	Deacon Eric Mashak
Tuesday	Deacon Timothy Reither
Wednesday	Matthew Bowe
Thursday	Steven Weller
Friday	Jared Clements
Saturday	Alex Kren

MASS INTENTIONS

FACE MASKS ARE REQUIRED IN CHURCH

- MON 11/16 7:30** Weekday; Margaret of Scotland; Gertrude
+Deceased members of the Levi family
- TUES 11/17 7:30** Elizabeth of Hungary
+Bryan Antony
- WED 11/18 7:30** Weekday; Dedication of the Basilicas of
Sts. Peter and Paul; Rose Phillipine Duchesne
+Marianne Pittman
2:20 pm +Maxine Kroner

**Grade school students will be attending the Masses
on Wednesday afternoons.
These Masses ARE NOT OPEN to others.**

- THU 11/19 7:30** Weekday
**Living and deceased members of the Dan
& Tucky Skemp family**
- FRI 11/20 7:30** Weekday
+Harold Mashak
- SAT 11/21** Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
NO 7:30 Mass

CHRIST THE KING

Celebrant: Father Raj
Assisting: Deacon Allen and MC
No altar servers; No Eucharistic Ministers

- SAT 11/21 4:30** *Intention of Al & Jeanette Graf*
- SUN 11/22 8:00** *For the People of the Parish*
10:00 *Living & deceased members of the
Richard Maher family*

**The Rosary is prayed before our weekend Masses
beginning about 20 minutes before Mass starts.**

The leaders Nov 21 & 22:

- 4:30** **The Dobersteins**
- 8:00** **Joe & Barb Clements**
- 10:00**

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays, 3:30-4:15

Or call Father Raj for an appointment

PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present
in the Blessed Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire You with all my heart.
Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally,
I ask You to come spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already in my heart
and unite myself to You completely.
Please do not let me ever be separated from You.
Amen.

AROUND THE PARISH

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday
9am – noon and 1-4 pm
Friday
9am-noon

ADVENT CHRISTMAS JAR UPDATE

Thank you to those who have returned their donations to our project. What a wonderful response!

If you are not able to bring your jar in on November 21, give us a call, and we will come pick it up.

Contact Barb before November 21.
784-6974

MARTHA'S MEALS

A wonderful dedicated group of meal-providers lend a hand to households where, due to illness, new baby, or other events, meal preparation is a problem. Natalie Bennett is the contact person for folks who can provide a nice meal when needed. Her phone number is 608-385-5078.

WARMING CENTER UPDATE

Our parish has joined forces with Roncalli Newman to man the Warming Center. Our date is the 2nd Saturday of the month.

Names of those who have volunteered or expressed interest in helping were forwarded to Newman; they will handle the scheduling. Part of the ministry is providing a meal, and we will be doing that 3 of the 4 Saturdays each month. To jump on board, contact Tony Weisse at anthonyweisse@gmail.com.

MEMORY STONES

A lovely way to remember a loved one, or honor someone or event is with a memory stone on our church's East plaza. There are 2 sizes:
12' X 12" \$350
6" X 12" \$175

Call the parish office to order your stone. Etching occurs during the warm month

Hotline for Over-eaters Anonymous:
888-888-8888

SCRIP NEWS

There are volunteer Scrip sellers in the office daily 9:00-noon.

Masks are required face-wear.

Stop in to place your order or call the Scrip office at 782-2953, ext. 1, or email orders: SCRIP@bsplacrosse.org so your order is ready when you stop by. Thanks to our volunteer Scrip sellers. Aquinas families, remember that the full 100% of the rebate can be applied to your tuition bill.

INTENTIONS FOR MASSES IN 2021

We are now scheduling intentions for Masses for 2021.

Call the parish office at 782-2953, ext. 2, or stop in to schedule Masses.

DO NOT leave your requests on voice mail; you must contact Elizabeth Skemp. One person may request 3 Masses for someone during the next year, one on the weekend, a holyday or a holiday, and 2 during the week. The dates must be a minimum of 6 weeks apart.

The stipend is \$10 per Mass.

PARISH SUPPORT

BUDGET

July 1, 2020- June 30, 2021

Needed Weekly	\$13,000
Received Nov 8	14,179

COMING UP

Nov 16-22 Our week for Mobile Meals

Nov 21 Drop off of Advent/Christmas Jar donations

Nov 21 Giving Tree available

Nov 25 NO Religious Education class

Nov 26 Thanksgiving Day Mass, 9 am

Nov 28/29 Anniversary Blessing for Oct & Nov wedding anniversaries

THE GIVING TREE starting Nov 21

Our parish committee and Catholic Charities, who distributes the gifts, decided the safest way to reach out to families in need this year is with gift cards. A Scrip seller will be on duty on Nov 21 when you return your Advent Christmas Jar.

COMING UP

USHERS NEEDED

We welcome men and women high school age and older to help out at Mass by serving as ushers.

Sign up on our parish website: bsplacrosse.org.

WELCOME (BACK) TO BSP

Kathy Keppel

FORMED.ORG

This week on Formed.org check out the program *Symbolon: Knowing the Faith, Session 5: Peter and the Keys*. As we celebrate the Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul, learn more about Peter's role in the Church and the imagery behind Jesus' famous words to Peter.

Use our parish code: K2768J

ADVENT VIRTUAL PARISH MISSION

"Preparing for the Birth of the Christ Child through the Eyes of St. Joseph" There will be 4 presentations, 30-40 minutes each.

You may participate in person or virtually.

Sign up details to follow

Week 1: St Joseph: The Man

Selected by God to be Closest to Mary & Jesus

Msgr. Joseph Diermeier, presenter

Week 2: Joseph and Mary: A Holy Love Story

Msgr. Joseph Hirsch, presenter

Week 3: That Holy Night, through Joseph's Eyes

Father Woodrow Pace, presenter

Week 4: Joseph, Son of David...You are to Give Him the Name Jesus

Bishop William Callahan, presenter

AROUND TOWN

WAFER VOLUNTEERS

Be part of life-changing community work by helping out at Wafer. A few hours a month can make a difference for someone in need, and for you.
Go to: info@waferlacrosse.org.

ADVENT: AN INVITATION TO STILLNESS

Fri-Sun, Dec 11-13, Franciscan Spirituality Center
Silent directed weekend via Zoom
Daily spiritual direction sessions through videoconferencing.
Deb Hanson, facilitator
Register by Dec 7 – limited to 5 participants
Call 608-791-5295 or go to: FSCenter.org.

THE CHRISTMAS STORY IN THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

Tuesday, December 15, 7-8 pm
Franciscan Spirituality Center or via Zoom
John McHugh, Presenter
Limited seating; register by Dec 10; \$10

ADVENT DAY OF PRAYER

Sunday, December 6, 9am-4pm
St. Anthony Retreat Center, Marathon
\$65; register at sarcenter.com or call 715-443-2236

DEPRESSED ANONYMOUS

Free meetings Mondays, 5:30-6:30,
by conference call
A 12-step program for those dealing with depression and needing to generate positive energy, form friendships and find support.
Call Gayle, 608-406-7990.
Sponsored by Franciscan Spirituality Center

At Aquinas, students explore their passions, give back to their communities, grow in faith, and prepare for a successful future. Our schools are open to families of all faiths, and we offer several tuition assistance programs. We offer in person face to face learning or virtual learning. Visit us at www.aquinasatholicschools.org, or call us at (608)784-8585. Follow us on social media pages Facebook and Instagram.

The Knights of Columbus Council 839, in the spirit of Fraternity, Unity, Charity, and Patriotism, through its service to the Church, families, and communities of the La Crosse region, wish to invite Catholic men 18 years of age and older to prayerfully consider joining them. You will be warmly welcomed and afforded a variety of ways to live out the call to perform corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Contact Grand Knight Chris Schlegel at 608-792-4705 or email: cj_1996@hotmail.com.

ST. PATRICK PARISH

Adesse Raffle

St. Patrick's is again offering their calendar raffle for \$25 each. There is no limit on how many times an individual can win. Checks are mailed monthly to winners with the prize amount at \$16,580. These calendars make great Christmas gifts.
Contact the St. Patrick office at 783-5535.

JOB OPENING

The Cathedral is in need of an Office Assistant/Secretary. 32 hrs/wk; days and times negotiable. Qualifications: proficient in computer, telephone, reception, and clerical skills and experience; excellent organizational and interpersonal skills, and work independently. Full job description can be found on Cathedral's homepage. Requirements: resume, 2 letters of recommendation, 2 past job references. Submit to Monsignor Richard Gilles, Rector, msgg.gilles@gmail.com or 530 Main St, La Crosse 54601 by November 27

Blessed Sacrament Advent Christmas Jar Project

Donation Drop-off day is Sat, Nov 21, 9 am-2pm
Parish Center

Use either of the doors on Losey Blvd
You may designate the organization or program you wish to support with your donation. Your donation may also be dropped off in the parish office if in check form. Checks payable to: Blessed Sacrament Women's Club.

BIRTHRIGHT

is a non-profit, non-political, interdenominational emergency pregnancy service offering alternatives to abortion. The trained volunteers are able to offer emotional, financial, and supportive aid to anyone affected by an unplanned or troubling pregnancy. The La Crosse office has been offering a helping hand since 1976. If you need help or would like to learn more about becoming a volunteer contact Birthright at 608-782-0373.

BEATIFICATION OF FATHER MICHAEL McGIVNEY

October 31, 2020

Father McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus in 1882 to provide financial support to widows and orphans, and he worked tirelessly to improve the living conditions of his 19th century immigrant community in Connecticut. In addition, he toiled to keep Catholic men and women close to their faith during a time of wide-spread Catholic bigotry. Today there are more than 16,000 K of C councils and 2 million members located in all 50 states, Canada, Mexico, the Philippines, Poland, Ukraine, Lithuania, France, and South Korea.