

Sunday Bulletin

Blessed Sacrament & Roncalli Newman

Roman Catholic Churches of La Crosse, WI

The Epiphany of the Lord | January 7, 2024

MASS TIMES

SATURDAY

4:30PM Blessed Sacrament (BSP)

SUNDAY

9AM Blessed Sacrament (BSP)

11AM Roncalli Newman (RNC)

8:30PM (RNC) **will resume 1/21**

DAILY MASS TIMES

Monday - Friday - 8:00AM (BSP)

Tues - 5:15PM (RNC)

Thurs - 7pm (RNC)

Wed/Fri - Noon (RNC)

(RNC daily Mass resumes week of 1/16)

CONFESSIONS

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

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FROM THE DESK OF FR. BILLY DODGE

This Sunday we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. We associate the word "epiphany" with having a breakthrough idea, some kind of new revelation. The epiphany we celebrate this Sunday is the discovery of the newborn Jesus by the gentile (aka non-Jewish) people in the persons of the Magi. I write this article from St. Louis, MO, at the SEEK conference. There are 20,000 people here seeking a greater epiphany of Jesus. I was blown away walking into the the old St. Louis Rams Football Stadium for the opening Mass. All these people gathered to worship God had a deep impact. Life is a series of epiphanies of God because God is infinite. May we have open hearts, and willingness to be like the Magi to take concrete steps to encounter Jesus.

I want to give an update regarding the Diocesan Annual Appeal (DAA). Blessed Sacrament (BSP) recently surpassed its goal of \$57k. That means every additional dollar given to the DAA on behalf of BSP will come back to the parish, so please consider donating if you have not already.

Roncalli Newman (RNC) is doing well at almost 70% of its goal of \$61k. RNC has a larger target because it pays less to Aquinas Schools because of the college ministry. Please consider making a donation to Newman through the DAA.

The more we go past the goals the more our parishes benefit. As I spoke about before, whatever total amount you plan to donate to your parish over the course of the year, take a percentage of that donation and donate it to your parish through the DAA.

As a side note, the Inspired by the Spirit Campaign is for capital projects for both the Diocese and our local parishes that are not covered in the DAA of the parish budgets. Thank you for your support of these endeavors!



AROUND THE PARISH

Christmas Decoration Take Down - Your Assistance Is Needed

As we transition from the joyous Advent & Christmas season into the beginning of the new liturgical year, thank you to all who contributed time, materials and financial support for the beautiful decorations that adorned Blessed Sacrament and Roncalli Newman. With the season soon concluding, the Environment Leads kindly ask for your assistance in dismantling and storing the holiday decorations. Your HELP IS ESSENTIAL - please consider joining:

Roncalli Newman: Sunday, Jan. 7th after the 11AM Mass. Please meet in the basement hall.

Blessed Sacrament: Tuesday, Jan, 9th after the 8AM Mass.

Happy Birthday Fr. Sam!

A very happy birthday to Father Sam whose birthday is this Monday, January 8th! We are grateful to have you at our parishes, and appreciate all the ways you give of yourself.

AROUND OUR PARISHES

Men's Prayer and Fellowship Gathering | January 8th

The Men's prayer and fellowship gathering will be Monday January 8th from 6-7:30 in the conference room. Long time Master of Ceremonies for BSP William Arnold will lead the discussion. Bring your Rosary and a friend.

BSP Giving Tree Thank You

On behalf of Catholic Charities and Blessed Sacrament Parish, we thank all of those who participated in our Christmas Giving Tree opportunity this year. Our coordinated efforts served to assist 144 individuals with your generosity! We only had TWO gift bags that were taken and not returned. Let us dedicate our efforts toward a 100% return next year! Together our sharing makes a difference in the lives of those less fortunate. Thank you.

RNC Giving Tree Thank You

Thank you to all who took a tag from the Roncalli Newman Giving Tree and shopped for a gift for someone in need in our community and Casa Hogar. The response again this year was overwhelming. Carloads were delivered to New Horizons, The Exchange, Jail Ministry and Casa Hogar. Your generosity was greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Sacramental Preparation

Our next At Church Sacramental Prep session will be Wednesday January 24th from 5:30pm-6:30pm at Mary Mother of the Church. We will begin our Nourish program to help children and families getting ready to celebrate First Eucharist. Dinner will be provided beginning at 5:00pm.

Family Faith Formation

Family Faith Formation does NOT meet Wednesday January 10th. Families should be completing At Home Lesson 4-1: Bible Basics for Beginners and 4-2: God's Living Word. We will see you again on January 17th. Contact Kristin with any questions kjohnson@mmoclacrosse.org 608-788-5483 Ext. 4

Volunteers' Important NEWS.....

There will be training on usage of the parishes Automatic Defibrillators for volunteers of both BSP and RNC on January 14th after the 11 AM Mass at Roncalli Newman. Please attend.

Safety Item to Note...

Should it ever need to be used, the **AED Defibrillator machines** are located in the following places at our parishes:

BSP: Near the entrance on Losey Boulevard

RNC: Next to the parish office

Wedding Congratulations

Congratulations to Eddie Miller and Maggie Ehlers who were married last weekend at Roncalli Newman!

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 13/14

Sat, Jan 13, 4:30 PM - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (BSP)

Mary E Saphner	Reader (1)
Paulette Drozdowicz	Reader (2)
Chris Dresen & Mary BD	Cantor & Accompanist
Jackson W. & Jonny W. (sub req.)	Servers
Mary O'Mara	Hospitality Minister
Mary & Mark Schuttenhelm	Hospitality Ministers
Mike Vanderploeg	Sacristan/MC
Jo Anne Burgmaier & Peter Drozdowicz	EMHCs

Sun, Jan 14, 9:00 AM - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (BSP)

Natalie Bennett	Reader (1)
Steve McGovern	Reader (2)
Kristin Johnson & Mary BD	Cantor & Accompanist
Matthew B. & Hunter J.	Servers
Kathi Hancock & Roger Korger	Hospitality Ministers
Sunny Onyeabor & John Wissing	Hospitality Ministers
William Arnold	Sacristan/MC
Larry & Donna Lee	EMHCs

Rosary Leaders at Blessed Sacrament

01/13 4:30pm - Mary Schuttenhelm

01/14 9am - Deacon Dave and Marie Allen

Sun, Jan 14, 11:00 AM - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (RNC)

Bob Masewicz	Reader (1)
Greg Wegner	Reader (2)
Andrea Fritts & Joseph Louis	Cantor & Accompanist
Alex Boland	Server
Jim & Carolyn Bagniewski	Hospitality Ministers
Kathryn Barth & Michael J Porter	Hospitality Ministers
Jan Masewicz & Janelle Vanderzee	Gift Bearers
Cindy Sjolander	Sacristan/MC

AROUND OUR PARISHES & COMMUNITY

“the ANSWER” Eucharistic Rally Tickets are now on sale!

The time has come to say “Yes!” to this life-changing event that will be held June 7, 2024 at the La Crosse Center. Discounted tickets are now available for purchase. However, you may also want to check with your parish office as there are some parishes that have already begun purchasing group tickets and reserving buses for this event. Please check out the official website for all the detailed information, including the link to purchase online tickets <https://diolc.org/the-answer/> or use your smartphone’s camera to scan the QR code on the right.



Behold Young Adult Retreat | January 27

Jesus left us Himself in the Eucharist so that our intimate love and union with Him -flesh to flesh- may continue in this life as we await the perfection of His love and union in the next. "Behold: God is With Us" is a Eucharistic retreat on January 27th for all young adults (18-35) in La Crosse. It's an opportunity for you to retreat from the busyness and stresses of life and find rest and consolation in Jesus and other young adults like you. Join us for a day of enriching talks, silent prayer/reflection, small group discussion, adoration, confession, and Mass. Most importantly, learn how you can remain connected post-retreat to a vibrant community of young adults striving for Sainthood. This day-long retreat will take place at Blessed Sacrament Parish from 9am-5:30pm. An optional after party will take place to follow! Breastfeeding babies are welcome. A delicious lunch will be provided. All of this and more for the low cost of \$20. Let us behold the Lord together! Scan the QR code to register. **Registration ends January 20th!**



MASS INTENTIONS

Note: There will be NO Daily Mass at RNC until **January 16th** when the college students return from Winter Break. Mass intentions will be offered privately. 8:30pm Sunday Masses will resume on **January 21st**.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

4:30pm BSP +Kenneth Sonsalla

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

9am BSP +Carol & Harold Arnold

11am RNC +Tom Adams

MONDAY JANUARY 8

8am BSP Deceased Members of the Richard & Sheila Steele Family (SCHOOL MASS)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

8am BSP +Mary Dunn

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

8am BSP +Brian John Smith

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

8am BSP +Fred & Georgie Burchell

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

8am BSP +Victoria Lansing

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

4:30pm BSP +Marianne Pittman

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

9am BSP +Robert “Ding” Miller

11am RNC +Marian Poellinger

Campus Ministry Corner

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

I knew that I wanted to get involved at the Newman Center when I came to UW La Crosse, but I wasn't expecting my involvement to change my life. As I walked through the doors for the very first time, I was embraced by such genuine love from everyone I encountered. Through retreats, conversations, Bible studies, conferences, and discipleship, I found Jesus. I found virtuous, lifelong friends who push me towards Heaven every day. I found a community that teaches me how to know, to love, and to serve God as we carry out our earthly mission. I found my home.

- Megan Vandermause - Sophomore

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

Eucharistic Prayer

A Minute with Jesus

Wise men from far away saw an incredibly bright star moving across the sky. They followed the star to see where it would take them. It led them to the Infant Jesus. The wise men gave precious gifts to the Savior, gifts for a king: gold, frankincense and myrrh. They knew that Jesus was a great king, even though He looked like a small Child. Jesus gives us the greatest Gift – the Gift of Himself in the Eucharist again and again in a life-giving encounter.

- Let's pray this right now and every day this week: *Jesus, the wise man brought You precious gifts. But, thank You for giving us the most precious Gift of Yourself in the Eucharist.*
 - This week, read how the wise men came to worship Jesus and bring Him gifts in Matthew 2:1-12

Resources for the New Year

- Reading the Bible in a Year with Fr. Mike Schmitz – Ascension Press media. ascensionpress.com/category/ascension-podcasts/bibleinayear/

- Reading the Catechism in a Year with Fr. Mike Schmitz- Ascension Press media. ascensionpress.com/category/ascension-podcasts/catechisminayear/

- Receive Bishop Barron's daily Gospel reflections from Word on Fire https://www.wordonfire.org/reflections/

- Read or listen to the Scripture Readings from Mass each day of the week – US Bishop's Website bible.usccb.org

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AROUND THE COMMUNITY

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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.

2024-2025 ACS Enrollment

Enrollment for Cathedral Elementary School, St. Patrick Elementary School, Blessed Sacrament Elementary School, Aquinas Middle School, and Aquinas High School opens soon:

January 8: Current ACS Families

January 22: New Families

Eucharistic Rally - Save the Date

June 7, 2024 • Registration opens December 15 • La Crosse Center

Eucharistic Procession with Bishop Callahan & Bishop Barron.

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Music by the Luke Spehar Band

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9 AM - 5 PM

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Join us for a restful day of enlightening talks, warm food, faithful community, Eucharistic adoration, and Mass! Learn how you can get connected to the vibrant young adult community in La Crosse. Let us behold the Lord together!

MEET OUR SPEAKERS:



Fr. Samuel Hakeem, OP
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Fr. Derek Sakowski
Director of the Rebuild My
Church Initiative for the
Diocese of La Crosse



Fr. Paul N. Check
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Guadalupe in La Crosse



Scan QR code above. Registration ends on Jan. 20th!