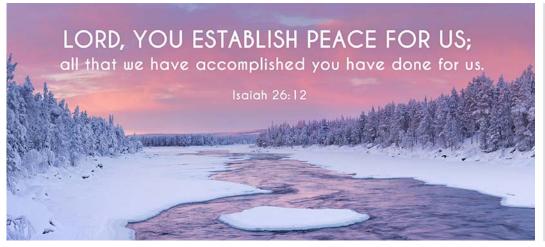


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January 16, 2022 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening 4:30 pm Sunday Morning 8:00 & 10:00 am Monday - Friday 7:15 am

CONFESSION

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

BENEDICTION

First Friday 7:45 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):

Gabe Trussoni

Readers: Mary Jo Reinders

Extraordinary Ministers of the

Eucharistic: Carolyn Steingraeber

Petition Readers: Barb Clements

Ushers: Tom Kratt

tomkratt@charter.net

Offering Families: Call the office to

volunteer

Rosary Leader Schedule: Mary

Schuttenhelm & Barb Clements

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 Coordinator: 782.2953 ext. 1

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

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

More than 37 million people in the United States live in poverty. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development supports those living in poverty by funding programs that empower local communities to address the challenges they face. It identifies and addresses the unique obstacles people face as they work to lift themselves and their communities out of poverty. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain in our Diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. By supporting this collection, you are giving those on the margins a hand up, not a handout.

People with disabilities are among the most vulnerable members of society. Due to the challenges they face in all aspects of life – from jobs to housing, from transportation to health care access – people with disabilities have a poverty rate of about 20%.

Here is an example of how these funds helped the disabled. In 2020, when the COVID-19 pandemic struck, people with disabilities were particularly vulnerable to sickness due to conditions in care facilities and a lacking of protective gear. With funding from the CCHD, material assistance in the form of protective gear and cash assistance, plus outreach by conducting meetings online rather than in person, the disabled in many locations were greatly helped.

Date for this collection: January 29/30

MASS INTENTIONS

It is a blessing when a Mass can be offered for someone dear. When you contact the parish office to arrange for Masses, be aware that our parish reserves Masses on this basis: 3 Masses may be offered for the same person on specific dates, 1 being on a weekend or holiday, and 2 during the week. These are scheduled at least 6 weeks apart. Additional Masses for that person will be scheduled when there are openings for Mass intentions. It is especially helpful when Masses are requested without a specific date attached. All Mass stipends are \$10.

MASS INTENTIONS

This week's reader: Kristine Gerke

MON 1/17 Anthony

7:15 +Ralph Schwanbeck

TUES 1/18 Weekday

7:15 +Alvin Gerke

WED 1/19 Weekday

7:15 For the needs & intentions of Alan & Celine Lauerman

8:15 +Eileen Knothe

THUR 1/20 Weekday; Fabian; Sebastian

7:15 +Karen Matushek

FRI 1/21 Agnes

7:15 +Wenzel & +Margaret Schubert

SAT 1/22 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of

Unborn Children
NO 7:15 Mass

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Celebrant: Father Aaron Becker

SAT 1/22 4:30 pm +Joanie Skemp

Server: Matthew B.

Readers: Gene Kolaczkowski, Christine Nelson

Rosary Leaders: Scott & Caryl Doberstein

SUN 1/23

8:00 For the People of the Parish

Servers: Mike & Elizabeth H. Readers: Ed Noelke, Bob Kelemen Rosary Leaders: Joe & Barb Clements

10:00 Intention of Andrew & Haley Fiegen

Server: Rylan S.

Readers: Ann Lankford, Theresa Kivi Rosary Leader: Galen Pittman

> CONFESSIONS Saturdays, 3:30-4:15 or by appointment.

THURSDAY ROSARY, 6:30 PM

Do you have a special intention and need Our Lady's intercession? Join us as we pray the Rosary Thursday evenings at 6:30 in the main church. Please use the alley handicap door.

AROUND THE PARISH

THANK YOU

to the folks who helped take down our Christmas trees, wreaths, and decorations on January 10: Donna & Wayne Levi, Ed Noelke, Ken Hanson, Joe Clements, and, of course, Carl Francksen. It was a beautiful season!

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

Father Raj and all our priests are an amazing help in our spiritual growth. Without them we would not have the sacraments to help us on our journey to Heaven. Every Wednesday at 1:30 you are invited to join us as we pray for priests. Call Barb Clements at 608-782-5777 to get the details. We would love to have you!

Empty ice cream buckets and lids may be dropped off in the parish office, the Narthex, or the Parish Center kitchen. The funeral lunch crews says: thanks.

By the way, egg cartons and brown paper grocery bags are so appreciated at Wafer. We'll take them off your hands, too.

CONGRATULATION AND WELL DESERVED *Kay Berra, recipient of the Iverson-Freking Ecumenical

Award
*Brent Smith, La Crosse TRIBUNE

Man of the Year

WARMING CENTER 3rd Street Catholic Charities site

Our parish is joining with Roncalli Newman to provide food & volunteers on Saturdays nights. *10-12 volunteers; 2 for food *guests will be quarantined if they exhibit COVID symptoms; other health safety precautions will be in place *limited to 30 guests/night

To sign up contact: anthonyweisse@gmail.com or check the parish website

BLOOD DRIVE HERE AT OUR PARISH

Friday, February 11, 11:00-4 pm Check the flyer for all the info. Give blood; give life!

\$CRIP NEWS

Could you help with our flourishing \$crip program by being a seller after a weekend Mass once a month? Call the office to let us know when you are available. 782-2953, ext. 1

Formed.org

The Sacrament of Confession is the place where we get to encounter the Lord's mercy in a tangible way. In this talk, 7 Secrets of Confession, best selling author and Catholic speaker Vinny Flynn explores the incredible gift of mercy we encounter in Confession. Check it out on Formed.org.

BABY BOTTLES FOR BIRTHRIGHT

Birthright gives people facing a troubling or unexpected pregnancy hope and support. Help the volunteers with your donations. Take a baby bottle home, and through the next few weeks put your spare change in the bottle. Return the bottle to church by the end of Feb. Pray for the moms, dads, and those little precious gifts they are given.

PARISH SUPPORT

BUDGET

July 1, 2021- June 30, 2022

Needed Weekly Received Jan 9 \$13,000 \$10,799

Teacher?
I prefer the term
EDUCATIONAL ROCKSTAR

COMING UP

Jan 19 Religious Ed classes Jan 19-23 Pilgrimage for Life-CANCELLED

Jan 23 Pro-life ad in TRIBUNE
Jan 30 Collection for Catholic
Campaign for Human Development
Jan 30 – Feb 4 Catholic Schools Week
Feb 5-6 World Day for Consecrated

Feb 11 Blood Drive at BSP Feb 14-20 Our week for Mobile Meals Mar 26 First Confession, 9:00

Life

Apr 20 Confirmation, 6:30 pm May 1 First Communion, 10:00 FOR RIGHT TO LIFE

The ad will appear in the Tribune on January 23. If you would like your name to appear, please sign on the sheet in the Narthex. To help defray the cost, a donation in any amount is appreciated.

Please PRINT your name so the spelling is correct.

SIGNATURE AD

ANGELS OF MERCY PRAYER GOUP

If you or someone you know is seriously ill, facing surgery, or needs prayers, please contact the Parish Office so our ANGELS OF MERCY Prayer Group can be notified. If you would like to join this army of prayers, let the office know, as well.

COMING UP

RETURN

This New Year resolve to help your loved ones RETURN to their Catholic Faith. 6.5 people leave the Catholic Church for every one who joins, and 50% of the young people who were raised Catholic are no longer Catholic today. This course is designed as a game plan so you can make a difference in these statistics and help your loved ones return to the Faith. Sessions meet weekly at St. James, St. Patricks, the Cathedral, here at BSP, and as a home study. The cost is just \$8.00, including the study guide. Information on times and locations on the bulletin boards in church, on the Parish Website, or call the office, 782-2953, ext. 2.

AROUND TOWN

SEPARATING THE WHEAT FROM THE CHAFF IN OUR LIVES:

Upheaval, Deep Listening, New Paths Jan 28-30, Silent Retreat

St. Anthony Retreat Center, Marathon \$200

www.sarcenter.com; 715-443-2236

LEARNING TO LIVE AND LOVE BEYOND BIAS

Workshops presented by Rev. Christa Fischer Tuesdays: Jan 25, Feb1, 2, & 15, 6-8 pm St. Anthny Retreat Center Learn how bias is real and has a powerful and devastating impact on our lives.

Free will offering www.sarcenter.com.

RETROVAILLE PROGRAM

Help for struggling marriages
This is a 3-phase program that begins with a
weekend stay in Wausau. Post sessions provide
ongoing healing and support. Participants reflect
and interact in privacy with their spouse; this is not
group therapy. Costs are very affordable. Questions?
Go to: www.HelpOurMarriage, or call 877-922-4673.
The next session begins on Feb 18-20.

SEMINARIANS TO PRAY FOR THIS WEEK

Sat Deacon Matthew Bowes
Sun Deacon Steven Weller
Mon Jared Clements

Tues Alex Kren
Wed Isaac Pecha
Thurs John Zweber
Fri David Nowicki

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Heavenly Father, bless Your Church with an abundance of holy and zealous priests, deacons, brothers, and sisters. Give those You have called to the married state and those You have chosen to live as single persons in the world the special graces that their lives require. Form us all in the likeness of Your Son, so that in Him, with Him, and through Him, we may love You more deeply and serve You more faithfully, always and everywhere. With Mary we ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Consider offering an Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be for the seminarians on their special day, along with the Prayer for Vocations

If you or someone you know is interested in discovering more about a call to the priesthood, please contact me: Father Nate Kuhn, Director of Vocational Recruitment for the Diocese of La Crosse, 3710 East Ave. S, PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004; or phone 608-791-2667.

MEDITATION FOR EMOTIONAL HEALTH Thursday, February 3

6:30-7:30 pm via Zoom only

Guided meditation is proven to reduce stress and promote relaxation.

Sister Sarah Hennessey, FSPA, facilitator Register online at <u>www.FSCenter.org</u>. or 608-791-5295. No charge for this program

January is National Slavery and Human Trafficking
Prevention Month

Human trafficking can be described as a form of modern slavery, where victims, either male or female, are forced into commercial sex and/or labor. Victims come from any socioeconomic group, race, culture, religion, ethnic background or age. There are 25 different types of trafficking, forced labor, forced marriage, exploitive begging or pornography, to name a few. Many are online-driven.

ANNUAL APPEAL REPORT

Our parish is among those receiving a rebate from the Annual Appeal, as we exceeded our target goal. In our Diocese there was a 16% increase in the number of parishes receiving a rebate with a total of an 8.81% increase in the total amount raised. Thank you for your generosity!

ADORATION CHAPEL The entrance is located in the alley between King and Main Streets Come, visit the Lord.

- 1. The outside glass doors are unlocked, 6 am-8 pm. If you wish to come between 8pm and 6 am, you will need a code to unlock the door. It may be obtained by calling the Parish Office. Be certain the door "clicks" upon closing to be certain it is secure.
- 2. A safety light is on at all times; more inside lights turn on automatically.
- 3. A fire extinguisher is to your left in the entry way; a rest room is to the right.
- 4. The prayer materials in the bookcase are for your use.
- 5. Your intentions may be written in the book on the stand.
- 6. If you plan to come on a regular basis, you may sign the large schedule indicating when you intend to be here.

If you notice any maintenance problems call the parish office at 608-782-2953, ext. 2, or Barb Swieciak, 608-784-6974.