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January 24, 2016

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SAINT JOSEPH Cathedral

Liturgy

Sunday Masses

Sunday: 7:00, 10:30 am, 4:30 pm

Weekday Masses

Monday-Friday: 6:30 am, 12:10 pm

Saturday: 8:00 am

Holy Day Masses

Day: 6:30 am, 12:10 pm and 5:10 pm See special bulletin insert, website or call Rectory for Christmas, Holy Week, Easter Schedules

Sacrament of Penance

Weekdays: 11:30-11:55 am

Saturdays: 7:15-7:50 am, 4:00-5:00 pm

Holy Days: 11:30-11:55 am

First Friday Devotions

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is held each First Friday after the 12:10 pm Mass until devotions and benediction after the 5:10 pm Latin Mass

SAINT JAMES THE LESS

Liturgy

Sunday Masses

Saturday: 4:30 pm

Saturday: 6:00 pm Spanish Language

Sunday: 8:45 am

Weekday Masses

8:00 am

Holy Day Masses

Vigil: 5:20 pm; Day: 8:00 am

Sacrament of Penance

Saturdays: 3:30-4:15 pm

Adoration & Benediction

Friday Adoration: 8:30 am Friday Benediction: 2:40 pm

Sunday: 10:00 am



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Dear parishioners and visitors,

I will be going on vacation from January 25th – February 4th. I am heading to New Orleans and Tucson to visit friends. I am not excited to go to New Orleans during the Mardi Gras but I want to ride a segment of rail which I have not done. I am hoping that before I take up permanent residence in my underground condominium that I will have traveled over every rail that Amtrak runs trains. On this trip, it will be between New Orleans and San Antonio. After this trip, there will be one last long segment to cover. After that it will be short-hauls of less than 300 miles each.

While I am on vacation, please contact Fr. Hennes for emergencies. I should be back to cover the First Friday communion calls on February 5th.

Thank you and God bless you.

Msgr. Stoetzel

The intercession this week is to pray for the needs of our parishes and diocese.

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Please note there will be no confessions on Saturday, January 30th in the afternoon at the Cathedral. Msgr. Stoetzel will be on vacation, and Fr. Hennes will have confessions and the 4:30 PM Mass at St. James. Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday will begin the Lenten Season on February 10th. This will be the Mass schedule:

6:30 AM	Cathedral
8:00 AM	St. James
12:10 PM	Cathedral
5:10 PM	Cathedral
5:20 PM	St. James

To the serves, lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion from the Cathedral: your assistance is needed at the 5:10 PM Mass. The sign-up sheet is the sacristy; please sign as soon as possible.



COURAGE AND ENCOURAGE

Are you or a loved one experiencing same-sex attraction and looking for answers?

Courage is a ministry dedicated to the spiritual needs of persons with same-sex attraction. A Courage Chapter meets bi-weekly. Confidentiality is deeply respected.

EnCourage is a ministry dedicated to the spiritual needs of parents, siblings, children, and other relatives and friends of persons who deal with same-sex attractions. An EnCourage Chapter meets monthly. Confidentiality is deeply respected.

If you are interested in a Courage Chapter or an EnCourage Chapter, please contact Ann Lankford at 608/791-2568 or email alankford@diolc.org. For excellent resources on the Church's teaching on human sexuality, go to: diolc.org/samesexattration.

Courage, an apostolate of the Catholic Church, ministers to persons with same-sex attractions and their loved ones. We have been endorsed by the Pontifical Council for the Family and our beloved John Paul II said of this ministry, "COURAGE is doing the work of God!" We also have an outreach called EnCourage which ministers to relatives, spouses, and friends of persons with same-sex attractions. The Five Goals of Courage:

- To live chaste lives in accordance with the Roman Catholic Church's teaching on homosexuality. (Chastity)
- To dedicate our entire lives to Christ through service to others, spiritual reading, prayer, meditation, individual spiritual direction, frequent attendance at Mass, and the frequent reception of the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist. (Prayer and Dedication)

Sacraments & Services

Baptism: Parents may request the baptism of their infants at least two months prior to the anticipated date of baptism. The baptism of infants at the Cathedral is ordinarily celebrated on Sundays at 12:00 noon. To request a baptism, please call 782-0322. Baptism of infants at St. James the Less on Sundays at 10:00 am. A class for parents is required.

Marriage: Couples who want to request the celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage should contact the rector/pastor at the time of formal engagement or at least six months prior to the anticipated date of marriage. In the case of a mixed marriage, the



- To foster a spirit of fellowship in which we may share with one another our thoughts and experiences, and so ensure that no one will have to face the problems of homosexuality alone. (Fellowship)
- To be mindful of the truth that chaste friendships are not only possible but necessary in a chaste Christian life; and to encourage one another in forming and sustaining these friendships. (Support)
- To live lives that may serve as good examples to others. (Good Example/ Role Model)

The Goals of EnCourage:

- Help members themselves to grow spiritually through developing a vital relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ as authentically taught in our Roman Catholic Tradition.
- Enable members to gain a deeper understanding of the needs, problems, and issues experienced by men and women with same-sex attractions.
- Help members establish and maintain a healthy and wholesome relationship with the loved one who experiences same-sex attractions.
- Assist other parents and families not to reject but to reach out with compassion and truth to their loved one with same-sex feelings and behaviors.
- Witness to our loved one by our own lives that a happy, wholesome life is to be found in union with Jesus Christ and with His body, the Church.

Please visit the Courage web site at www.couragerc.org if you'd like to learn more about the Courage/EnCourage Apostolate.

non-Catholic party must arrange to receive instructions about the Catholic faith prior to the celebration of the wedding. Weddings are not ordinarily celebrated during Lent.

Anointing of the Sick: Those who are seriously ill or have been sick for a long period of time should receive the Sacrament of the Sick and Holy Communion. Please call YOUR parish office to make arrangements.

Visitation of the Sick: If you become homebound because of illness and would like to be visited, please call the Cathedral parish office.

MASS INTENTIONS

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Monday, January 25

6:30 am Mass (Mary Ellen Goetting)

12:10 pm Mass (Eustaquio & Besnardo Dominguez)

Tuesday, January 26

6:30 am Mass (Mary Ellen Goetting)

12:10 pm Mass (For the Health of Bob & Marcie Kolacke)

Wednesday, January 27

6:30 am Mass (LeRoy Lyman)

12:10 pm Mass (For the Health of John Kolacke)

Thursday, January 28

6:30 am Mass (Vernon Doll)

12:10 pm Mass (Harold & Terry Martini)

Friday, January 29

6:30 am Mass (Living & Deceased Members of the Mike Bissen Family 12:10 pm Mass (Living & Deceased Members of the Steven & Kathy

Nelson Families)

Saturday, January 30

8:00 am Mass (George & Lillian Huebner Family)

Sunday, January 31

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am Mass (Deceased Members of the Fried & Bendel Families)
10:30 am Mass (Intention of the Cathedral & St. James Parish Families)

4:30 pm Mass (Corrine Kohnert)

SAINT JAMES THE LESS

Monday, January 25

8:00 am Mass (Intention of Matthew Brennan)

Tuesday, January 26

8:00 am Mass (Thomas Herbert)

Wednesday, January 27

8:00 am Mass (George Schwabenbauer)

Thursday, January 28

8:00 am Mass (Al Matthews)

Friday, January 29

8:00 am Mass (Walter Marx)

8:30 am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

2:40 pm Benediction

Saturday, January 30

4:30 pm Vigil Mass (Elizabeth Walz) 6:00 pm Spanish Language Mass

Sunday, January 31

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:45 am Mass (Rosemary Shuda)

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Mark 16:15-18. Tuesday 2 Timothy 1:1-8 or Titus 1:1-5; Mark 3:31-35.

Wednesday 2 Samuel 7:4-17; Mark 4:1-20.

Thursday 2 Samuel 7:18-19, 24-29; Mark 4:21-25. Friday 2 Samuel 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Mark 4:26-34. Saturday 2 Samuel 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mark 4:35-41.

Sunday Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 12:31—13:4-13;

Luke 4:21-30.

Bulletin Deadline: The Cathedral/St. James the Less Bulletin deadline is 4:00 each Monday.

RELIGIOUS LEADERSHIP & STAFF

The Most Reverend William P. Callahan, OFM Conv, Bishop of La Crosse

Monsignor Charles D. Stoetzel,

Rector of the Cathedral & Pastor of St. James the Less

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INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PARISHIONER?

We welcome all new parishioners into our parish family. To register, please call to make an appointment at the parish office.



SIGNATURE AD

St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral Parish contributed 124 signatures and \$377.60 for Wisconsin Right to Life's full-page ad declaring the sanctity of human life. Thank you to all who took a moment to sign the ad and make a donation. Special thanks to Kathryn Kesler and Paul and Julie Jacobs for helping to man the tables. God bless you for your efforts on behalf of LIFE!

MOBILE MEALS

Our 2016 Mobile Meals deliveries begin in a few weeks, (February 7 to February 13. Our Cathedral parish has helped with this important community service for many Mobile Meals is a nonprofit years. organization providing over 33,000 nutritious meals annually to individuals living within the city limits of La Crosse. All meals are made from scratch at two locations. Many recipients are unable to prepare meals for themselves and many are homebound because of health and frailty. A volunteer may be the only person the recipient sees that day. As we begin our Lenten sacrifices that week of February, prayerfully consider offering a lunch hour to our neighbors in need. Please call our parish coordinator, Cyndi Withrow, at 608/799-2614 soon.

CATHEDRAL BOOK CLUB

The Cathedral Book Club will meet in the Gathering Area on Thursday, January 28, at 9:00 am, to discuss *The Shadow of His Wings*, authored by Gereon Karl Goldman, OFM.

CATHEDRAL PCCW

The Cathedral PCCW is planning a meeting for February. Please watch the bulletin for a date to be announced.

SOUP-A-RAMA 2016

It's that time of the year again... The Cathedral Parish Education Committee is hosting the 'SOUP-A-RAMA' on Friday, February 5th, in the Cathedral Undercroft at 5:30 pm. Make plans to participate! All you need is an empty stomach and \$5.00 to cast your vote for the winning soup.

Calling all Cathedral/St James Parish Committees – we are challenging YOU to submit a soup for judging. Please contact Sara Taggart, sstaggart@gmail.com if you are willing and able to make a great soup! All proceeds go to the Aquinas Catholic Schools to aid students with learning challenges. Can't wait to see you all there!

SAINT JAMES THE LESS

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

During the Prayers of the Faithful at Mass we present to God all our needs and the needs of the world. In a special way we pray for the needs of those from our parish who are sick.

ROSARY

The Rosary is prayed prior to Mass, Monday through Friday at 7:35 am.

CHURCH CLEANING

January 30 - Sharon Kiesling and Mary Horton February 6 - Monica Leis and Girls Diane Sullivan and Deb Colgan

SAINT JAMES PANCAKE BREAKFAST

St. James Men's group will hold a pancake breakfast in Murphy Hall after Mass next Sunday, January 31st. Please bring the family downstairs to enjoy a hearty breakfast and good company. We look forward to seeing you there.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

In accord with a long Knights of Columbus tradition (dating back to the 1980s), Council 839 members and their families will gather for a corporate Communion on the 5th Sunday of January (1/31/2016) at the 8:45 AM Mass at Saint James. The Knights of Columbus have been operating on the principles of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism; we try to uphold our Church and nation's values of freedom and respect for life in all its stages. We trust this prayerful event will further enhance these good works and help to enrich your parish and community.

SAINT JAMES LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND SOUP SUPPERS

During the Lenten Season, Saint James the Less Parish will hold Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 5:30 pm, beginning February 12. Stations of the Cross will be followed by a soup supper in Murphy Hall.

KNIGHTS OF ST. JOSEPH

On Friday, February 12, the Knights of St. Joseph will join parishioners of Saint James the Less for Stations of the Cross at 5:30 pm. Following Stations, we will go to Murphy Hall for a soup supper. At 6:45 pm, the Knights will return to the Church to pray Evening Prayer, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and conclude with Night Prayer. Men of all parishes are welcome to join us for our evenings of prayer each second Friday of the month. Fathers, invite your sons to pray alongside vou.

CALENDAR REMINDERS & BUSINESS

- Jan 25 Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
- Memorials of Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops
- lan 27 Memorial of St. Angela Merici, Virgin
- Jan 28 Memorial of St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- Feb 2 Feast of the Presentation of the Lord
- Feb 3 Memorials of St. Blaise, Bishop and Marty; St. Ansgar, Bishop
- 5 Memorial of St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
- Feb Memorial of St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs
- Feb 8 Memorials of Saint Jerome Emiliani; Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin
- Feb 10 Ash Wednesday
- Feb 11 Our Lady of Lourdes
- Feb 11 World Day of the Sick
- Feb 17 Memorial of the Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
- Feb 22 Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle

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- Jan 28 Cathedral Book Club 9:00 am Gathering Area
- Jan 30 Brains and Brawn Mass 6:45 pm (Celebrant: Bishop Callahan)
- Feb 5 Soup-a-Rama 5:30 pm Undercroft
- 7 End of the Year for Consecrated Life Mass 10:30 am Feb
- Feb 7 Hospitality Sunday
- Feb 8 Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:00 pm Undercroft
- Feb 14 Rite of Election 2:00 pm (Celebrant: Bishop Callahan)
- Feb 15 Pastoral Council Meeting 7:00 pm Undercroft
- Feb 22 Ministry of Care Meeting 5:00 pm Bishop's Vestry
- Mar 1 Social Concerns Meeting 6:00 pm Bishop's Vestry
- Mar 5 First Confession 10:30 am Church
- Mar 6 Confirmation Retreat 11:30 am 3:30 pm Undercroft
- Mar 6 Hospitality Sunday
- Mar 14 Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:00 pm Undercroft
- Mar 19 Catholic Daughters Morning of Reflection 7:00 am 1:00 pm
- Mar 21 All Day Confessions 9:00 am 6:00 pm
- Mar 22 Chrism Mass 10:30 am (Celebrant: Bishop Callahan)
- Apr 3 Hospitality Sunday
- Apr 4 Publicity Meeting 7:00 pm Cathedral Rectory
- 9 PCCW Rummage Sale (Times to Be Announced)
- Apr 10 Confirmation 1:30 pm
- Apr 11 Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:00 pm Undercroft
- Apr 12 Catholic Daughters 11:00 am 2:00 pm
- Apr 23 First Holy Communion Practice 10:30 am
- Apr 24 First Holy Communion 10:30 am

SAINT JAMES THE LESS

- Jan 24 CCD 10:00 am St. James School Building
- Jan 27 Matt Talbot Meeting 7:00 pm Murphy Hall
- Jan 31 CCD 10:00 am St. James School Building
- Jan 31 Men's Club Pancake Breakfast Murphy Hall after 8:45 am Mass
- Feb 3 Matt Talbot Meeting 7:00 pm Murphy Hall
- Feb 7 Hospitality Sunday after Mass Murphy Hall
- Feb 7 CCD 10:00 am St. James School Building
- Feb 9 PCCW Meeting 6:30 pm Murphy Hall
- Feb 10 Matt Talbot Meeting 7:00 pm Murphy Hall Feb 12 Stations of the Cross 5:30 pm; Soup Supper in Murphy Hall
- Feb 12 Knights of St. Joseph 5:30 pm; Soup Supper; Evening of Prayer
- Feb 14 CCD 10:00 am St. James School Building
- Feb 17 Matt Talbot Meeting 7:00 pm Murphy Hall
- Feb 19 Stations of the Cross 5:30 pm; Soup Supper in Murphy Hall
- Feb 21 Sunday Potluck after the 8:45 am Mass, Murphy Hall
- Feb 21 CCD 10:00 am St. James School Building
- Feb 21 St. James Men's Club 6:30 pm Murphy Hall
- Feb 24 Matt Talbot Meeting 7:00 pm Murphy Hall
- Feb 24 Mandatory Confirmation Class With Msgr. Stoetzel
- Feb 26 Stations of the Cross 5:30 pm; Soup Supper in Murphy Hall
- Feb 28 CCD 10:00 am St. James School Building
- Mar 2 Matt Talbot Meeting 7:00 pm Murphy Hall
- Mar 4 Stations of the Cross 5:30 pm; Soup Supper in Murphy Hall
- Mar 6 Hospitality Sunday after Mass Murphy Hall
- Mar 8 PCCW Meeting 6:30 pm Murphy Hall
- Mar 9 Matt Talbot Meeting 7:00 pm Murphy Hall
- Mar 11 Stations of the Cross 5:30 pm; Soup Supper in Murphy Hall
- Mar 11 Knights of St. Joseph 5:30 pm; Soup Supper; Evening of Prayer
- Mar 20 Sunday Potluck after the 8:45 am Mass, Murphy Hall
- Mar 20 Men's Club 6:30 pm Murphy Hall

LITURGICAL SCHEDULES

For weekend of January 30-31

SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKMAN Cathedral

SUNDAY - 7:00 AM MASS

Taggart, Amber	Altar Server
Taggart, Michala	Altar Server
Cook, Kevin	Extraordinary Minister
Klug, Michael	Extraordinary Minister
Peters, Charlie	Extraordinary Minister
Richards, Deacon Joseph	Extraordinary Minister
Taggart, Michael	Extraordinary Minister

Wirkus, Terry Lector

SUNDAY - 10:30 AM MASS

Savoldelli, John	Altar Server
Savoldelli, Jacob	Altar Server
Becker, Tammy	Extraordinary Minister
Dubois, Kevin	Extraordinary Minister
Dubois, Peggy	Ordinary Minister
Richards, Deacon Joseph	Extraordinary Minister
St. John, Ellie	Extraordinary Minister
Suchla, Michael	Extraordinary Minister
Suchla, Debra	Extraordinary Minister

Wirkus, Thomas Lector

SUNDAY - 4:30 PM MASS

Nduka, Ezechuwu	Altar Server
Nduka, Chukwuma	Altar Server
Briggs, Dianne	Extraordinary Minister
Callan, Charles	Extraordinary Minister
Gilbert, Sue	Extraordinary Minister
Krause, Jeannie	Extraordinary Minister
Pham, Anh	Extraordinary Minister
Volunteer Needed	Extraordinary Minister
Volunteer Needed	Lector

Volunteer Needed Lector

SAINT JAMES THE LESS

SATURDAY - 4:30 PM MASS

Puent, D.J. Altar Server Skiles, Marcus Altar Server Hutzler, Deacon Jason Ordinary Minister Arlt, Anne Extraordinary Minister Michutta, Jeanne Lector Schwabenbauer, Joe Usher McArdle, Mike Usher Sagen, John Usher

SUNDAY - 8:45 AM MASS

Sjolander, Harley Altar Server Marshall, Sean Altar Server Leis, Michael Altar Server Reischl, Stephen Altar Server Hutzler, Deacon Jason **Ordinary Minister** Path, Terry **Extraordinary Minister** Craig, Mona Lector LaVoy, Michael Lector Koelbl, John Usher Rudy, Bill Usher Dawidowski, John Usher Seufzer, Don Usher

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Income	DEC 15	JUL-DEC 15
Envelopes & Plate Collections	\$95,404.18	\$252,759.49
Estates, Memorials & Bequests	60,669.59	144,844.11
Diocesan Rebates - Income	0.00	26,690.00
Endowment Trust Fund Income	22,081.29	43,855.29
Parking Lot Income	4,329.25	58,039.24
Votive, Bulletin, Calendar, Etc.	464.78	8,902.75
Interest Income	278.24	577.68
Miscellaneous Income	<u>1,244.80</u>	1,489.80
TOTAL INCOME	\$184,472.13	537,158.36

Expenses

Expenses		
School Support	\$68,333.34	\$205,000.02
Employment Expenses	23,571.34	137,868.17
Utilities	5,266.61	24,288.03
Repairs & Maintenance	833.17	25,024.76
Liturgical & Music	2,180.35	14,719.13
Office & Rectory Expenses	1,299.75	7,513.28
ACS & Tuition Subsidies	0.00	9,800.00
Parking Lot Expenses	35.00	121,576.30
Real Estate Property Taxes	28,578.66	28,578.66
Diocesan Quota	0.00	6,077.50
Miscellaneous Expenses	0.00	100.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$130,098.22	\$580,545.85

Operating Income \$54,373.91 -\$43,387.49

BIRTHRIGHT FUND RAISER

The annual fund raiser for Birthright of La Crosse is coming up. On January 24 and 31, 2016, envelopes will be placed in the pews at Cathedral and at the entrances at St. James for your donations to Birthright. This will replace the baby bottles which you took home in previous years. Birthright is an international volunteer organization, with a La Crosse chapter since 1976, available to those with unintended pregnancy to provide love, information, a gentle listening space and referrals as well as emotional and material support as needed. Further information may be found inside the envelopes about Birthright. Your pro-life support will be appreciated by mom's and dad's to be and their unborn children. Your donations can be returned at any time through February via the collection basket. (Checks should be made out to: Birthright of La Crosse.) Thank you for your help.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"The gravest danger to American democracy is not from the outside; it is from the inside - the hearts of citizens in whom the light of faith has gone out. Keep God as the origin of authority and you keep the ethical character of authority; reject Him and the authority becomes power subject to no law except its own." Archbishop Fulton Sheen (Whence Come Wars)



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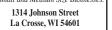
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