

TRI-PARISH BULLETIN



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REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

Sun. 8:30 am St Joseph/St John

10:15 am IC

Mon. 5:30 pm IC

Tue. 5:30 pm IC

Wed 9:00 am IC

Thu. 9:00 am IC

Fri. 9:00 am IC

Sat. 4:30 pm IC

ADORATION WITH

CONFESSION

First Saturday 3:30-4:30 pm at IC

CONFESSION

Saturday 4:00-4:30 pm at IC

Sunday 8:00-8:30 am at SSJJ

ROSARY

Before every Mass

CCD Class

Wednesday 6:30-7:30 pm at IC

Holy Mass

Dear brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ, The Holy Eucharist, Vatican II tells us, is "the source and summit of the Christian life" (Lumen gentium, no. 11; cf. Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 1324). Bishop Fulton J. Sheen said, "If you don't get anything out of Mass, it's because you don't bring the right expectations to it." The Mass is not entertainment rather it is worship of the God who made us and saves us. It is an opportunity to praise God and thank Him for all that He has done for us. Let us all know the importance of the Holy Mass.

What are the benefits of Holy Communion? It strengthens our union with Jesus; He lives within us in a special way. It cleanses us from venial sins. (Mortal sins require forgiveness in Confession.) It gives us grace to avoid sin in the future. It increases our love of God and neighbor.

Why do we have to worship with other people? God made us social beings. He wants us to come together in community to worship Him. Jesus said, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I" (Matthew 18:20).

What are the consequences for others if we stop going to Mass? Our ancestors risked persecution, even death, to be able to take part in Mass. When you have children someday, they will need the graces and strength that come from the Mass. If you fail to pass it on because of your own indifference, you will do the gravest injustice to them and to God. You have the power to snuff out, in one generation, the faith that has sustained your family for generations. This is an enormous responsibility. You will have to answer to God for it.

Mother Teresa said, "The Most Holy Eucharist is the lifeblood of the Church. In it the whole spiritual wealth of the Church is contained. Mother Teresa went to Mass every day and she could be able to do God's mission tremendously. I expect all the registered members of the three parishes participate in the Holy Mass on every Sunday and try to participate on every day without fail. May God bless you.

-Rev. Fr. Arockia A. Stanislaus

Sun. Jan. 7, 10:15 am, IC

R: Kathy Esser
S: Justin Rowekamp, Jaden Rowekamp
U: J Esser, L Anibas, B Leis, M Kujak
E: Mike Esser, Joan Esser, Pat Gower
G: Mike & Joan Esser
MC: John Esser, Peg Hayden, John Hayden

Sun. Jan. 14, 10:15 am, IC

R: Matt Dale
S: Dylan Anderson
U: M Schroeder, D Laufenberg, J Rowekamp, C Cray
E: John Esser, Kathy Esser, JoAnn Kujak
G: the McFarlanes
MC: Lawrence Anibas, Holly Dale

Sun. Jan. 21, 10:15 am, IC

R: Joan Esser
S: Justin Rowekamp, Jaden Rowekamp
U: B Leis, M Kujak, M Schroeder, D Laufenberg
E: Mike Esser, Joan Esser, Pat Gower
G: Pam & Duane Laufenberg
MC: Gary Seichter, Mary Seichter, Pat Gower

MASS INTENTIONS:

Jan. 7 Sun. IC 10:15 am
For Parishioners of Immaculate Conception

Jan. 8 Mon IC 5:30 pm
NO MASS TODAY

Jan. 9 Tue. IC 5:30 pm
Hispanic intentions

Jan. 10 Wed. IC 9:00 am
†Roland Gilles

Jan. 11 Thu. IC 9:00 am
†Claire & Laura Esser Family (John Esser)

Jan. 12 Fri. IC 9:00 am
†Esther Kaul

Jan. 13 Sat. IC 4:30 pm
For All Members of Our Three Parishes

Jan. 14 Sun. IC 10:15am
†Bernard Laufenberg Family

myParish Have you been using the **myParish** app? If you have not yet downloaded the app, go to your phone's app store and download it today! Some new features have been added, including a link to **watch Sunday Mass when you are not able to attend!** Check it out!

Sun. Jan. 7, 8:30 am, St. Joseph

R: Jan Elfering
S: Victor Firkus, Sierra Mayer
U: Rick Dimmitt, Pam Dimmitt
E: Bonnie Firkus, Joan Scheffer, Peg Connelly
G: Bob & Sandy Mayer
MC: Sandy Mayer, Pam Dimmitt, Jan Elfering

Jan. 14, 8:30 am, St. Joseph

R: Ceanna Eisberner
S: Luke Kutchera, Elise Theiler
U: Chuck Zimbauer, Bob Mayer
E: Dawn Kaufman, R Traczek, Louise Bourke
G: Rick & Pam Dimmitt
MC: Ceanna, Eisberner, R Traczek, L Bourke

Jan. 21, 8:30 am, St. Joseph

R: Bonnie Firkus
S: Victor Firkus, Sierra Mayer
U: Dave Kaufman, Dennis Elfering
E: Bonnie Firkus, Joan Scheffer, Peg Connelly
G: Jeff & Jeanie Smith
MC: Bonnie, Jeanie, Peg

MASS INTENTIONS:

Jan. 7 Sun. St. Joseph 8:30 am
†Deceased Members of the Kutchera Family

Jan. 14 Sun. St. Joseph 8:30 am
†Aurelia & Leopold Traczek (*Hilda Pieger*)

Jan. 21 Sun. St. Joseph 8:30 am
†Lydia Tischer

Jan. 28 Sun. St. Joseph 8:30 am
†Deceased Members of the Kutchera Family



WEEKLY TITHING

12/31	IC	ST. JOS.	ST. JOHN
ADULT	485.00	821.00	305.00
PLATE	212.00	65.00	
TOTAL	697.00	886.00	305.00
BUDGET	880.00	702.00	344.00
DIFFERENCE	-183.00	+184.00	-39.00
BUDG DIFF YTD	-874.82	+1229.80	-928.85

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

ST JOSEPH/ST JOHN—Tuesday, Jan. 9 at 6:30 at St. Joseph.
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION—Wednesday, Jan. 10 at 6:30 at IC

HELP IS NEEDED! PLEASE VOLUNTEER TODAY!

We are in great need of Altar Servers, Readers and Eucharistic Ministers! Please encourage your children to become servers. Our adult parishioners can be servers as well! Prayerfully consider becoming a server. It's not hard to do, and you are coming to Mass anyway. We don't want to have another Mass without servers to help out.

We need more readers! We encourage more participation by all our parishioners. This is a great start. And if you are too shy to be a reader, being a Eucharistic Minister might be a better fit for you. It's a great spiritual experience, a wonderful way to feel closer to Jesus.

Let Father know if you are interested in helping at Mass, we will help you get started.

ST JOHN COUNCIL MEMBERS NEEDED!

We need some members from St John's to volunteer to be on the Parish Council. We have only one confirmed member! Please contact Sandy Mayer, Fr Amir or Dawn Kaufman, or come to the Council meeting on Tuesday night.

THANK YOU—We would like to add Betty Fischer and Kathy Esser to the list of those who donated Christmas flowers. Thank you!

MARDI GRAS BREAKFAST AT ST JOSEPH- We are looking for some prizes for the raffle that will be held at the breakfast on Feb. 11. Please contact Marci, Rozanne or Dawn if you have something to donate.

FEED MY LAMBS DIOCESAN 150TH ANNIVERSARY BOOK The *Feed My Lambs* book that parishioners ordered commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the Diocese of La Crosse has arrived. If you gave us a slip indicating you were interested in a book, we have them now and need payment. The books cost \$33. Please make a check payable to your church. If you did not give us a slip, but still want one, we have a few extra, just let Dawn Kaufman or Kathy Leis know. Once you see the book, you will want one!!

WANTED FOR FR AMIR Fr Amir is looking for some items. If anyone has these and are willing to give them to Father, please let him know. He is looking for some kitchen utensils and a treadmill.

ROSARY BEFORE MASS— We will be praying the rosary before Mass. **We would like some volunteers to lead, please.** Let us know if you can lead the rosary! There are rosaries at the back of church if you need one. Please come a few minutes early before Mass to participate in this uniquely Catholic tradition.

Birthday Wishes

Dave Kaufman	1/11	Doug Scheffer	1/12
Manuel Jaime	1/11	Easton Esser	1/12

Let us know when YOUR birthday or anniversary will be so we can add you to our list!



THE FIRST MASS OF 2018

Thank you to the readers, servers and all who attended the first Mass of the year! We encourage more people to participate in every Holy Mass.

It's not too late to pledge!

Although we prefer all Annual Appeal pledges be returned in September and October, if you have not yet pledged, you can still do so. Return your pledge card to the Diocese, or contact IC -Joan Esser or SSJJ-Dawn Kaufman.



HOME VISITS: If you or someone you know is homebound or in the hospital or nursing home, or not feeling well and unable to attend Mass, and would like to receive a visit or Communion, Father or Bonnie would love to visit with you. Contact Father at (715)964-5201 or (715)574-4265, or Bonnie Firkus (715)334-4501.

Prayer Chain Requests contact Jolene Janke 715-964-6334 or stevenmj@centurytel.net
The power of prayer is Amazing!
Please pray for all on the Prayer Chain, as well as our Active Military: Geralyn Janke, Joseph Janke, Katie Kotschi, Frank Ueker, Peter Dubey, Benjamin Kauer, Derek Laufenberg

DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING INSTANCES OF CHILD ABUSE

The Diocese of La Crosse, through its policies and procedures, seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by a priest or deacon. Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Bishop William P. Callahan at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. The form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse, Office for Clergy; or on the diocesan website at: www.dioceseoflacrosse.com. **Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities.** Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local parish and on the diocesan website.

If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, please contact Monsignor David Kunz, Vicar for Clergy, Diocese of La Crosse, at (608) 791-2679; or dkunz@dioceseoflacrosse.com