

January 17, 2021

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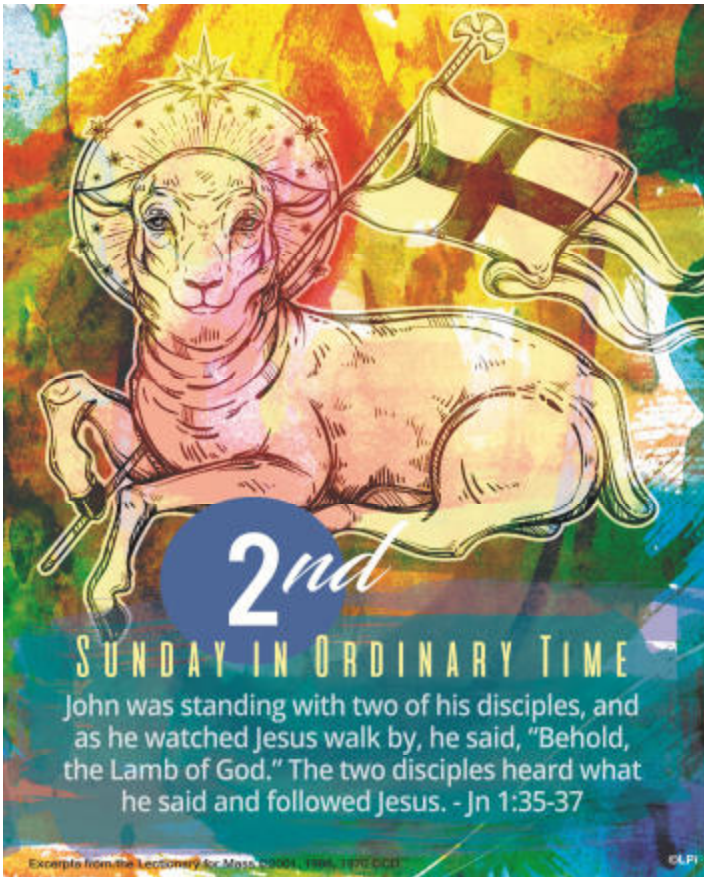
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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil.....4:00 pm
Sunday.....7:30 & 10:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation—OLQH

Saturday.....9:00 am & 3:00 pm
or by appointment

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New Parishioners...All new families are most welcome to the Parish and are kindly asked to register at the Parish Office as soon as possible. Please inform the office of any address or phone number changes.



Readings for the Week of January 17, 2021

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10
[8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/ Jn 1:35-42
Monday: Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c [5]/
Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/
Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17
[8a and 9a]/Mk 3:7-12
Friday: Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [11a]/
Mk 3:13-19
Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/
Mk 3:20-21
Next Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/
1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL Prayer petitions may be written in our Book of Petitions which is located in the gathering area by the offices. The petition book is carried to the altar and the petitions are offered at each Sunday Mass.

PRAYER CHAIN Please call **Mary Kobza** at 715-421-0447 with your intentions.

All emergency calls for Sunday, January 17, 2021 may be directed to Fr. Nathan at 608-863-6762.

Sacrificial Giving December 10, 2020



General	\$8,877.00
Plate	\$638.37
Building Maintenance	\$186.00
Total	\$9,701.37

Parish Office Hours (open over noon hour)
Mon-Thurs. 8:00 am to 3:30
Fridays 8:00 am to Noon.
Scrip is available during office hours

Baptisms...Parents should be registered in the parish. Practice of the faith by parents is expected. A preparation class is required. **The next class is Tuesday, March 2nd at 5:30 pm.** The class fee is \$20. Please call the parish office at 715-423-1251 if you have any questions.

Wedding Preparation...Please contact the parish office at least six months prior to the anticipated date of the wedding. Anyone wishing to marry at Our Lady Queen of Heaven must be active participating members.

Palms

We are now collecting last year's blessed palms to be burned for Ash Wednesday. You may bring them to church and place in basket provided. It will be near the holy water font. Please don't use twisty ties.



Please remember in your prayers

James Schmutzer
Sarah Strigel
Florence Schmick

May God grant them eternal rest.

Communion at the drive up doors

Since the obligation to attend Mass has not been reimposed, we will continue to have Communion after the 10:00 am Mass on Sunday.

Prayer for 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

A **Pro-Life Rosary** will be said on Monday, February 8th at 4:00 pm along Eighth Street. All are welcome to join us. We will gather in Grace's parking lot at 3:45.

Pregnant and in need? Help is available at OptionLine.org, 1-800-712-HELP\

Homeless and pregnant?

Call Good Counsel Homes 1-800-723-8331,
www.goodcounselhomes.org

Hurting from an abortion?

Visit www.AbortionForgiveness.com

Homebound cards are sent to people in our parish to give them words of encouragement. If you know of someone who is elderly, homebound and could use a little card sending them happiness, please give us a call and we can put them on the list to send them a monthly card.

Sponsor the Sanctuary Candles...in memoriam, for a birthday, anniversary, for a special prayer intention or as a special gift. Five Sanctuary Candles will burn for six days and the 2 altar candles will burn at all Masses during that week. They are \$25 for the week.



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***January 20** – Grades 1-9 (6:00-7:15)

***January 27** – Grades 1-9

Confirmation:

***January 20** –RE only (7:20-8:30)

***January 27** –RE only (7:20-8:30)

We have **Children's Liturgy of the Word** during the 10:00 am Sunday Mass. Children age preschool through 3rd grade can take part. Children are called forth for a blessing and then sent on their way to hear the Gospel message, discuss it, recite the creed and share prayer intentions. Next dates Feb 7th and 21st.

We are in our 2nd week in the study of 1 Corinthians...

All are welcome to join us in this 10-week study. Reading ahead is helpful. We will cover chapter 1:10-3:4 this week. The Corinthians are accustomed to taking pride in earthly wisdom, philosophy and rhetoric as they listened to many speakers in their day. But such earthly wisdom is unable to bring salvation. Paul reminds them that with the Cross, God has turned the wisdom of the world on its head. The Cross which was once simply a sign of a brutal form of execution, has now become the sign and means of salvation and thus something beautiful, more beautiful and desirable than earthly wisdom. The Corinthians possess the mind of Christ because they have received the Spirit of God in Baptism. However, the quarreling and divisions among them make it clear that they are not living according to the mind of Christ, much like the people in our world and our country today. We meet on Thursdays at 9:00 am and 5:30 pm. Materials are provided. You can bring your own RSV version of the bible, if you like. We provide bibles for the study.

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 any diocesan agent (bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor or volunteer). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Mrs. Karen Becker, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Becker at 608.791.0179 or intakeagent@diolc.org. The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or the diocesan website at: diolc.org/safeenvironment/reporting. 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 Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at 608.791.2679 or tbrown@diolc.org.

Greetings from the Social Justice Committee. Happy New Year! Thank you for your generosity during the holidays. In October was the coat collection for neighbors in our area. In November you provided many necessities to the people in Zambia through the Baker Street Wesleyan Church. For both of these activities your response was awesome! In December the Giving Tree made it possible that more than 100 children and adults in our community received a gift for Christmas. Thank you to members of the Knitting and crocheting group who dropped off items to take to the local nursing homes, the baby blankets, and to the Shepherds Loft. Thank you for all of the infant donations that were taken to First Choice Pregnancy Center. Thank you for the food donations that we took each week to the food pantry, which is only a couple of blocks from church. Those food donations helped many in the Rapids area with food insecurity. They also helped to provide Christmas Food baskets for those who qualified. Also the middle of December was the Toys for Tots event. It was estimated nearly 700 cars participated. If you donated or volunteered, thank you. Cindy and Gerry Holberg were instrumental in that activity. Thank you and God's Blessings to you all. **The next activity is the Sister Parish Collection January 16 and 17 for our sister parish in India.**

Save the Date! January 30 – Pro-Life Virtual Afternoon of Reflection: "Walking with Mom's in Need" Some people accuse pro-lifers of caring only about the child in the womb and not women in need. Not true at all, as you will see from this virtual afternoon of reflection on January 30, 2021, with keynote speaker Bob Perron, Executive Director of JMJ Pregnancy Center in Orlando, FL. You will also hear about the fourteen Pregnancy Care Centers in the Diocese of La Crosse and what you can do to help one near you. This afternoon of reflection will have broad appeal for families, adults and teens. More details com-

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Thank You!

On Line Giving...With churches being closed, here is a link that you can use to make donations to the parish. This is a link for Our Lady Queen of Heaven. It's very easy to use. You can make a one time donation or make recurring donations.

<https://diolc.org/our-lady-queen-of-heaven-wi-rapids/>



**Restoring St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral,
the Mother Church of our Diocese**

*As Christ is the cornerstone of our faith,
our Cathedral is the cornerstone of our Diocese.*

We are excited to continue the launch of our Christ Our Cornerstone campaign to restore the steeple and facilitate other restorations to our beloved St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral. The impact of the Cathedral is diocesan wide and beyond and stands as the iconic cornerstone of our faith which radiates as a place of prayer and worship to all our people. This structure, our faith in stone, was gifted to us by the hard work and sacrifices of generations past. It is now our time, our turn to honor our faithful patron St. Joseph the Workman and preserve this historic and magnificent Cathedral. In an unprecedented act of generosity, St. Ambrose Financial Services has offered to match \$2 for every \$1 generously pledged to this initiative up to \$3 million. That doesn't just double your gift to the Cathedral, it triples it! Now is the time to act! All families within our Diocese are invited to participate. Please know that while one-time gifts are appreciated, we are encouraging everyone to consider making a pledge. There are several pledge plans available in the brochures available at the church or by visiting cathedralsjworkman.org/cornerstone. Pledges can be made online or by using the pledge cards found within the brochures provided at church. We thank you for your kind assistance in this historic endeavor. It is only together as one that we can truly do great things!

COVID-19 VACCINES

U.S. Bishops' Statement on Ethics of COVID-19 Vaccines
There are currently three vaccines that are likely to be made available in the coming months, those from Pfizer, Moderna, and AstraZeneca. Neither Pfizer nor Moderna used morally compromised cell lines in producing the vaccine. A confirmatory test, however, employing the commonly used, but morally compromised HEK293 cell line (from kidney cells taken from an aborted child in the Netherlands in 1972) was performed on both vaccines. Thus, while neither vaccine is completely free from any connection to morally compromised cell lines, in this case the connection is very remote from the initial evil of the abortion. The AstraZeneca vaccine is more morally compromised. The HEK293 cell line was used in the design, development, and production stages of that vaccine, as well as for confirmatory testing. Where possible, then, the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are to be used instead. Where that is not possible or would mean significant delay, the AstraZeneca vaccine may be used, in the same way that the Rubella vaccine is used because there is no alternative. To read the full statement on the vaccines, visit usccb.org/moral-considerations-covid-vaccine

MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 2021

8:00 am Morning Prayer & Communion Service

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2021

9:00 am Children's Mass † Ben & Susan Mancl by: Family

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2021 *STS FABIAN & SEBASTIAN*

8:00 am Mass † Ed Willfahrt by: Al & Janeen Sievers

6:00 pm Religious Education Classes Grades 1-9

7:20 pm Confirmation Class (RE only)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2021 *ST AGNES*

9:00 am & 5:30 pm Bible Study

5:00 pm Mass † Anita Hager by: Don Williamson

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 2021

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

8:00 am Mass † Scott Lobner by: Mom

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 2021 *Vigil Mass*

8:00 am Mass † Dick Dean by: Carol Dean

9:00 am Confessions

3:00 pm Confessions

3:30 pm Rosary

4:00 pm Mass † Inosente Reyes Doug & Karen Pagel

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2021 *3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:30 am Mass † Fr. Mark Doyle by: Mike & Patti Ritchay

10:00 am Mass † Dan Birkhauser by: Doug & Karen Pagel

Lectors

Saturday—January 23

4:00 pm Brenda Walczak

Sunday—January 24

7:30 am Diane Moss

10:00 am Karen Abbott

Greeters

Saturday—January 23

4:00 pm Volunteers Needed

Sunday—January 24

7:30 am Statz Family & Sue Basler

10:00 am Mark & Jeri Reichl

January 22nd is the Day of Prayer for the Legal

Protection of the Unborn. Please remember to pray the rosary on this day for this intention. We will have a rosary said here before the 8:00 am Mass on this day. All are welcome to join us at approximately 7:35 am for the rosary.

Heroic Men Website

If you haven't done so, check out the Heroic Men website here, and let the Catholic men in your parish know about this great site. It is a 100% FREE Catholic streaming platform designed especially for men who want to discover (or re-discover) the truth, beauty and goodness of the Catholic faith. Offering more than 100 feature-length films, TV shows, documentaries and short films, Heroic Men seeks to source the best Catholic media available and bring it all to you, all in one place.

Mass on Public Access Channel—Time & date have changed. It will now be on Wed. morning at 9:00 am and Sunday evenings at 9:00 pm.



SANCTUARY CANDLES
 Week of January 16—January 22
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Dick Dean
 By: Carol Dean

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

By: Fr. Levi Schmitt

*Let nothing disturb you,
 Let nothing frighten you,
 All things are passing away:
 God never changes.
 Patience obtains all things.
 Whoever has God lacks nothing;
 God alone suffices.*

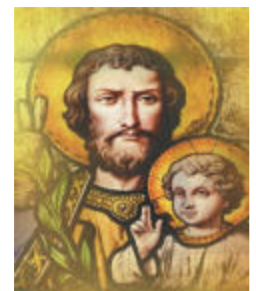
— **St Teresa of Jesus**

God alone suffices. He is the source of everything that is good, true and beautiful. In His reckless generosity, He provides us with everything that we need. We come to realize this, not so much by watching God work in the external details of our lives but by allowing Him to form our hearts. Essential to this process of conversion is the openness that the prophet Samuel shows in our first reading this Sunday: “Speak Lord, for your servant is listening” (1 Sam 3:10). That inner sensitivity, growing into a radical trust in God’s faithfulness, melts fear and gives strength, renewal and freedom.

*Lord Jesus, I surrender myself entirely to you,
 take care of everything!*

— **Fr. Dolindo Ruotolo**

The Diocesan “Year of St. Joseph” has been extended to December 8, 2021 With the Apostolic Letter *Patris corde* (“With a Father’s Heart”), Pope Francis has proclaimed a “Year of Saint Joseph” from 8 December 2020, to 8 December 2021. This year recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. The Holy Father wrote *Patris corde* against the backdrop of the Covid-19 pandemic, which, he says, has helped us see more clearly the importance of “ordinary” people who, though far from the limelight, exercise patience and offer hope every day. In this, they resemble Saint Joseph, “the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence,” who nonetheless played “an incomparable role in the history of salvation.”





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