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Mass Schedule (See page 2 for details)

Mon-Fri: See Schedule on 2nd page
Sat: 4:30 pm - St. Francis of Assisi
Sun: 7:30 am - Our Lady of the Lake
8:45 am - St. Francis of Assisi
11:00 am - St. Francis of Assisi
(Extraordinary Form)
12:30 pm - St. Francis of Assisi
(Polish Mass)

Confessions (St. Francis)

Sat: 3:00 to 4:15 pm
Daily Confession 30 Minutes before
each Mass

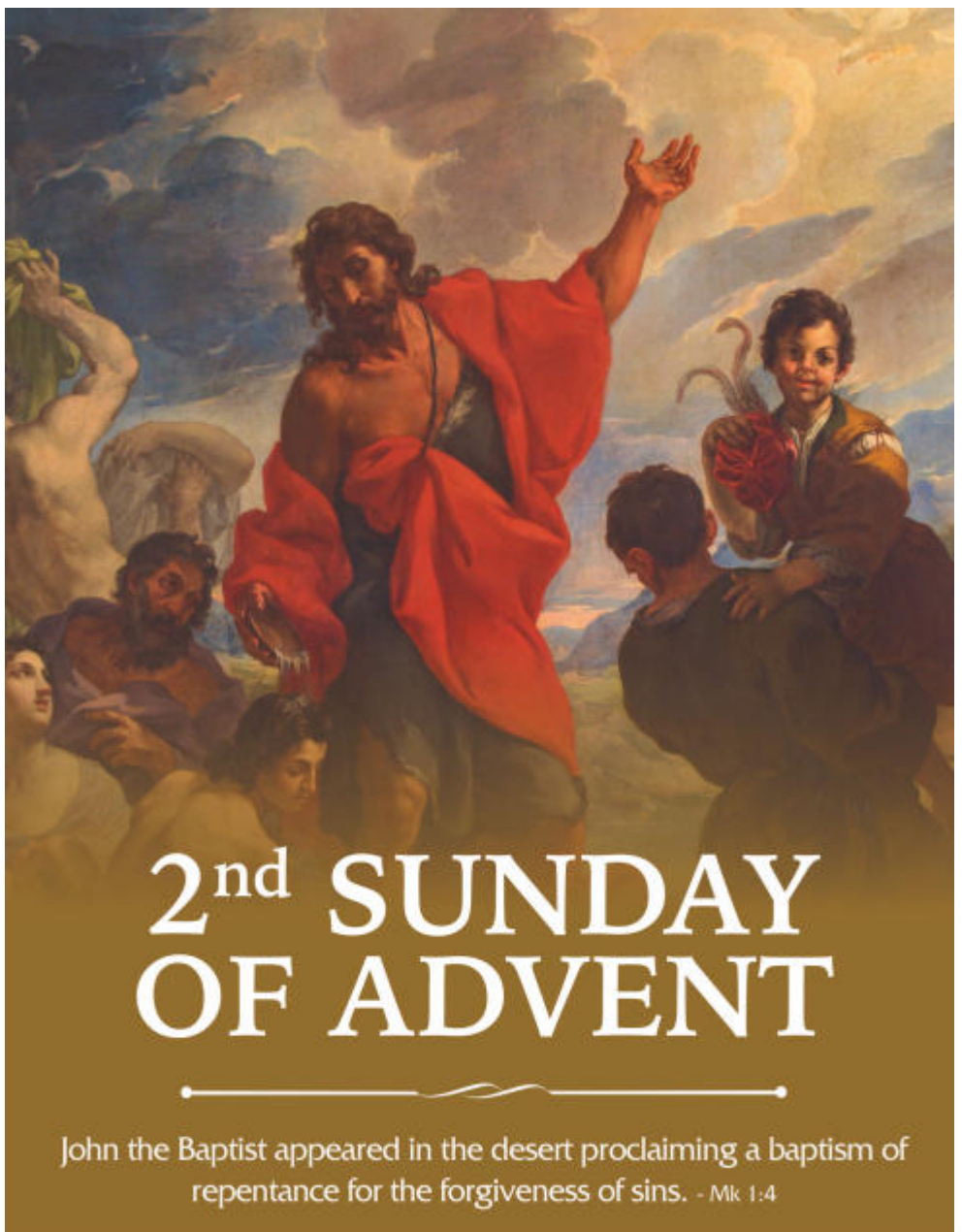
Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)

All days: 6 am to 8 pm

Holy Rosary

Every Mass: One half hour early

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Readings for the week of December 6

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 [1]/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19

[15:9d]/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Next Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 51-54 [Is 61:10b]/1 Thes

5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

**2nd SUNDAY
OF ADVENT**

John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. - Mk 1:4

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Our Lady of the Lake

Mass Intentions

Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 6

7:30 am For Tom Brantmeyer

Mass for the Immaculate Conception

Tuesday, December 8

1:00 pm Priests intention

Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 13

7:30 am † Karen Caple

Ministry Schedule (December 13)

Lector - Irene Boudreau

EMHC* - Bill Bruce

*Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Please remember

the following members of our parish in prayer:
The Sick: Alicia Maurer, Leroy Zulawski, Bill Pecoraro, Jackie Hamm, Tom Brantmeyer

Recently Deceased: Karen Caple, Dorothy Zilinski, Delores Zulawski

Military Personnel: Major Jared Glasenap

Live & Pre-recorded Sunday Mass

- Please note that live and prerecorded Sunday Mass is available via diolc.org, the diocesan YouTube channel, Facebook, and televised on the following channels:

Eau Claire, Channel 18, at 9:30 a.m. Sunday.

La Crosse, Channel 19, at 9:30 a.m. Sunday.

Marshfield (Public Access), Channel 989, at 10:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m. Sunday.

Stevens Point (Public Access), Channel 984 at Noon and 5:30 p.m. Saturday. Wausau, (Cable and Satellite), Channel 12 at 6:30 a.m. Sunday.

Wausau (Public Access), Channel 980, at 6:00 p.m. Saturday and 9:00 a.m. Sunday.

Wisconsin Rapids (Public Access), Channel 985 and Channel 3 at 6:00 a.m. and 1:00 pm. Sunday.

<https://diolc.org/tvmass>

Have you asked someone recently?

Do you know someone in your life that you think would make a good priest? Have you ever told them that? If not, you should! Once you encourage them, don't hesitate to put them in contact with me to continue that conversation. I can be reached at: Fr. Nate Kuhn, Director of Vocational Recruitment for the Diocese of La Crosse, 3710 East Ave. S. PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602; or by phone at: 608.791.2667. God bless you!

Church is Open

The Bishop has approved the opening of St. Francis of Assisi and Our Lady of the Lake Parishes for public Masses. Below are a list of public Masses at St. Francis of Assisi and Our Lady of the Lake:

Saturday - 4:30 pm SF
Sunday - 7:30 am OLL
8:45 am SF
11:00 am (Latin) SF
12:30 pm (Polish) SF

We are allowed to open to a capacity of 25% while maintaining social distancing rules. There will be ushers available at each Mass that will be handing our worship aids and directing you to seating arrangements. See statement below from the Bishop of our Diocese: *"As we continue to safeguard human life and the common good in the Diocese of La Crosse I believe that a slow controlled return to the public celebration of the sacraments is necessary and in our best interest. The COVID-19 pandemic has required a great sacrifice for the Catholic faithful restricting worship and active participation in the sacramental life of the Diocese of La Crosse and beyond. After much prayer, extensive consultation with the Bishops of our State, clergy and community leaders, I am happy to announce that we will begin a gradual reopening of our churches beginning May 31, 2020. I ask the Catholic Community to use extra caution and good judgement in determining if you should attend Mass. The Sunday Mass dispensation continues for those concerned about the Coronavirus threat because of age, health condition or other reasons,"* said Bishop Callahan.
Daily Confessions - 6:30 am to 7:00 am
Saturday: 3:00 pm to 4:15 pm.

Eucharistic Adoration Chapel is open all days from 6:00 am to 8:00 pm.

Spiritual Services for parishioners who are homebound, or are in the hospital, nursing home, or assisted living home. Arrangements can be made for a spiritual visit, distribution of Communion, a ride to church, or other needs from our parish. Parishioners or family/friends are encouraged to Call Father Wesley Janowski. Office: 608-565-2488. Emergency: 608-495-3182 We would like all of our church friends to be with us in spirit.

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St. Francis of Assisi

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 7

7:00 am † Richard Van Hoof

Masses for the Immaculate Conception

Monday, December 7 (Vigil)

6:00 pm Priests intention

Tuesday, December 8

7:00 am † Peter Mazula

10:00 am (Latin) Priests intention

5:00 pm (Polish) Priests intention

Wednesday, December 9

7:00 am † Blanche Hemauer

Thursday, December 10

7:00 am In honor of the Holy Spirit

Friday, December 11

7:00 am † Deceased of the Sauter & Zaleski families

Saturday, December 12

7:00 am Priest's intention

Sunday Masses for December 12 - 13

Third Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 12

4:30 pm † Corey Adamczak

Sunday, December 13

8:45 am For Therese McNally & children

11:00 am (Latin) For parishioners of St. Francis & Our Lady of the Lake

Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete)

12:30 pm (Polish) Priest's intention

Server Schedule

December 7 & 8

Please Volunteer

Saturday, December 12

4:30 pm C. Heintz & P. Heintz

Sunday, December 13

8:45 am E. Horak, E. Horak & M. Teumer

11:00 am Volunteer

Please remember

the following members of our parish in prayer:

The Sick: Stacey Mia, Patricia Mayer, Sue Kaminski, Christine Van Hoof, Leo LaVoy, Bob Norton, Roy Borden, Dominic Teumer, Frank Joseph Bryja, Deb Rubel, Diane (Pech) Bannerman, Fr. James Lesczynski, Eileen O'Loughlin, Francis King, Patricia Jahnke, Benjamin Van Hoof, Betty Glavin, Raymond Van Hoof, Rose Ann Kinnett, Linda Steiner, Pipgrass, Wally Schumer, Marion Merkel
Recently Deceased: Laura Moran, Edward Detmer, Judy Lefferts, Gene Naber, Patricia Judge, Virginia Worachek, Gerald Scharff, Mary Kathleen Blohm, Ed Schumer, Ben Goetz, Kieran Grogan, Eleanor Dziki, Chris Jahnke, Kazimer Rudnicki, Alan Brnsko, Trevor Zeller, Marge Hirt, Christine Kaminski, Richard Van Hoof
Military Personnel: Michael Schumer, Christian DeGuire, Eric Ryan, Joshua Arbanas, Isaiah Dutscheck, Leo Arbanas, Raymond Van Hoof, Anthony Ledvina, Lawrence Ledvina

Advent - Preparing for the Coming of Christ

A familiar hymn that is usually sung during the beautiful season of Advent is O Come, O Come, Emmanuel. The lyrics help us to understand the essence of Jesus coming to us as our Savior.

Each verse of this hymn begins with a prayer that starts with the phrase, "O Come," and includes an Old Testament reference to Jesus—the Messiah. The first Old Testament mention of the Messiah is Emmanuel, which means "God is with us."

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear. (Refrain): Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel, shall come to thee, O Israel.

Israel needed rescue from having been exiled in a foreign land. We also need to be rescued – from sin and selfishness. When we sing this song, we can remember the depth of God's love for us by sending His Son, Jesus—God taking on human flesh—to rescue us from our sins, which harm us and others.

This next reference is to the Messiah's infinite wisdom and knowledge. In His wisdom, God revealed to us His plan of loving goodness. We would receive access to the Father through Jesus, who came to reunite us with the Father after the Original Sin of our first parents. We are reunited with the Father through sanctifying grace – God's own divine life – that we receive through the channel of His Sacraments.

O come, thou wisdom, from on high, and order all things far and nigh; To us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go. (Refrain)

In this song, another reference is to the Messiah's power and might. This verse captures the scene in Exodus 19:16; the Lord appeared on Mount Sinai through the signs of a cloud and a trumpet blast to the Israelites whom He had saved from the captivity of Egypt. God gave Moses His Laws of Love so that we

would know how to live to say close to Him.

O come, O come, thou Lord of might, Who to Thy tribes, on Sinai's height. In ancient times didst give the law, in cloud and majesty and awe. (Refrain)

In this stanza, we pray that the Messiah will rescue us from the devil, the "father of lies," who hates God and seeks to lead us away from Him. Jesus won this victory of freedom from sin for us but we have to cooperate with His grace to resist temptation and sin and receive His salvation.

O come, thou rod of Jesse's stem, from Satan's power deliver them; From depths of hell Thy people save, and give them victory o'er the grave. (Refrain)

The Messiah is from the line of David. We pray that He will open the gates of Heaven which were closed through the disobedience of Adam and Eve. The "key" to open the gates of our home in Heaven was Jesus' Death and Resurrection.

O come, Thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heav'nly home; Make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.

In this last verse, we understand that Jesus is the desire and delight of every human heart. It is He who brings the peace and joy that we all long for and He alone is the source of these greatest gifts.

O come, Desire of nations, bind, in one the hearts of all mankind, bid every strife and quarrel cease, and fill the world with Heaven's peace.

During these challenging times, we must never forget that Jesus is always present. He is God, King of the Universe, and everything is still ultimately under His Providence. As He promised, He will bring together all things for good as we place our trust in Him. May we come to know, in a deeper way, the peace and joy of Jesus this Christmas.

By Ann Lankford, Director for Catechesis & Evangelization

Christmas Food Baskets

If you or someone you know are in need of a Christmas food basket this year, please submit the information form in the collection basket during Masses or give to Father by December 13th. Forms and envelopes are available in the church entrance. Baskets need to be picked up Tuesday, December 22nd after Mass until 9:00 A.M. We will be collecting food for those in need. Please generously donate non-perishable food items and place them in the box by the bell tower marked "Christmas Food Baskets". Cash donations are also needed to purchase hams and fresh fruit for the baskets. Please place cash /checks made out to (St. Francis PCCW) in an envelope which is available in the entrance marked "Christmas Food Baskets Donation" and place it in the collection basket during Masses by Sunday, December 13th. May God bless you for your generous donation. The food pantry is still in dire need of donations; however, this is a separate effort.

Relevant Radio

Remember to listen to Relevant Radio on 93.9. Go to the website at www.dioceseoflacrosse.com.

Advent Schedule

Confessions

One half hour before daily Mass
Saturdays - 3:00 pm to 4:15 pm

Confessions for Students

December 6 - Grades 3 & 4 - After Mass
December 9 - Grades 7 & 8 - 7:00 pm
December 13 - Grades 5 & 6 - After Mass
December 16 - Grades 9 & 10 - 7:00 pm

Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary

December 7 - 6:00 pm (Vigil) - St. Francis
December 8 - 7:00 am - St. Francis
December 8 - 10:00 am (Latin) - St. Francis
December 8 - 1:00 pm - OLL
December 8 - 5:00 pm (Polish) - St. Francis

Anointing of the Sick

St. Francis - December 12 after 4:30 Mass
OLL - December 13 at 7:00 am

Mass Schedule for Christmas

Christmas Eve - 6:00 pm at St. Francis
Midnight Mass - 12:00 am (Polish) at St. Francis
Christmas Day - 7:30 am at OLL
Christmas Day - 8:45 am at St. Francis
Christmas Day - 11:00 am (Latin) at St. Francis

New Year's Eve - Day

December 31 - 6:00 pm - St. Francis
January 1 - 7:00 am - St. Francis
January 1 - 10:00 am (Latin) - St. Francis
January 1 - 1:00 pm - OLL
January 1 - 5:00 pm (Polish) - St. Francis

Please remember St. Francis of Assisi Parish in your will or trust. Thank you!

The Upper Room Prayer Group

is an intercessory prayer ministry in the presence of our Eucharistic Lord, who call upon the Holy Spirit in humility and repentance while offering praise and worship in song and prayer, meditating on the Word of God and praying for the specific intentions of our brothers and sisters in Christ who are in need of healing, reconciliation, guidance and peace. We invite you to join us in this very special prayer time. **Our next meetings will be Wednesday, December 2nd and Wednesday December 16th. Eucharistic Adoration begins at 6:00 pm, praise and worship at 6:20 ending with benediction at 6:45.**

Angel Tree

- Angels are ready to be picked off the Angel tree in the narthex. Please help out and make a child very happy at Christmas. Take an angel, but please put the number that is on the angel and your name on the sign out form. Suggestions for gifts are on the angel and if possible request a gift receipt in case a different size is needed. **Please return unwrapped presents to the Narthex by December 13 with the Angel attached.** If you have any questions, please call Therese McNally at 565-6542. Thank you and Happy Advent!

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