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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

Readings for the week of December 13

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

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-
5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-
7, 17-18, 19 and 23 [7a]/Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps
85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 45:8]/
Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-
4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17

Friday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-
19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25

Saturday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-
4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25

Next Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a,
16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/Rom
16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

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3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. - Jn 1:6-7

Our Lady of the Lake

Mass Intentions

Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 13

7:30 am † Karen Caple

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 20

7:30 am For Tom Brantmeyer

Ministry Schedule (December 20)

Lector - Jane Schultz

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? If not, you should! Once you encourage them, don't hesitate to put them in contact with me to continue that conversation. Contact me: 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 phone at: 608.791.2667. God bless you!

Prayer for Vocations - Please pray for vocations to the Priesthood, the Diaconate, and the Consecrated Life.

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 14

7:00 am † William H. Hatch

Tuesday, December 15

7:00 am † Dr. Peter O'Loughlin

Wednesday, December 16

7:00 am † Rosemary Kubicek

Thursday, December 17

7:00 am For the intentions of Dr. McNally's patients

Friday, December 18

7:00 am For our living & deceased veterans & active duty soldiers

Saturday, December 19

7:00 am Priest's intention

Sunday Masses for December 19 - 20

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 19

4:30 pm † Richard Van Hoof

Sunday, December 20

8:45 am For parishioners of St. Francis & Our Lady of the Lake

11:00 am (Latin) Priest's intention

Fourth Sunday of Advent (Rorate)

12:30 pm (Polish) Priest's intention

Server Schedule

Saturday, December 19

4:30 pm A. McNally & B. Texley

Sunday, December 20

8:45 am W. Van Hoof, B. Van Hoof & T. Manning

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 Brinsko, Trevor Zeller, Marge Hirt, Christine Kaminski, Richard Van Hoof
Military Personnel: Michael Schumer, Christian DeGuire, Eric Ryan, Joshua Arbanas, Isaiah Dutschek, Leo Arbanas, Raymond Van Hoof, Anthony Ledvina, Lawrence Ledvina

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

GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE
December 13, 2020 - 3rd Sunday of Advent

Did you ever stop and realize that there is no earthly gain that can ever really satisfy us? Think of winning the Lotto. On this side of the winning ticket, it's all about the money, the new car, house, vacations, bank accounts, and infinite pleasures. The possibility of acquiring all of these earthly securities brings us back again and again to the purchase of a ticket. Then, one day we win! Our dreams are fulfilled, and happiness is on the horizon. Then one day, we wake up and realize that nothing has really changed, and I am not as satisfied as I thought I was or would be. I find myself living in my incompleteness and with my profound sorrow and grief. I did not find joy.

Glimpses of joy are possible but not by material means. They are brought to us through incredible experiences of connection that bring us face to face with real and authentic faith, hope, and love. And, they are glimpses and do not last. The moment we find ourselves looking back at them, they are gone, and we find ourselves remembering the moment in

memory. To carry joy within us is to realize that it is not something I create, manufacture or even acquire. It is not able to be purchased. It is a gift. My need for joy mirrors my need for eternity, for a Creator who has a claim on the very essence of who I am and desires a home within me. As C. S. Lewis discovered, joy is a surprise that speaks to my very soul and is given as gift by the God who loves me.

The beauty of Advent is found in discovering the beauty of the gift of joy. God has visited his people for no other reason than to show them where and how to find joy! All of our human and earthly joy experiences are always only glimpses. They never satisfy us, sustain us or fulfill us. It is only God who is the joy of my soul. Real, Divine experiences of joy catch us off guard, make us stop and become aware, bring a feeling of awe and rightness and have an eternal Otherness about them. Nothing created by humans can ever come close to this. We probably will not fully realize the truth of all of this until we actually meet God face to face in heaven one day. Then, in that sacred moment when our hearts leap for joy we will understand what we have been tirelessly searching for all along. Intense gratitude will most surely follow.



ADVENT



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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.

Christmas Flowers - Place any donations for Christmas flowers in the collection box in an envelope marked "Christmas Flowers". Please be generous. Thank you and God bless you and your families.

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

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

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.

In Search of Young Adults! -

SPIRITUS is seeking Catholic young adults, 21-29 years of age, to join the SPIRITUS missionary team this August. SPIRITUS ignites the faith in thousands of young Catholics through retreats and parish youth ministry each year! Missionaries live in community and travel to parishes and schools throughout Wisconsin; they receive training, formation, spiritual direction, lodging, food, a monthly allowance, health insurance and a \$2,000 stipend upon completion of the 9-month program. It is a unique opportunity to serve our Lord and help young Catholics grow in faith. Visit www.spiritusministries.org/beamissionary, contact Rachel at recruiter@spiritusministries.org, or (920) 722-8918 x113 for more information.

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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