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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 20

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

Monday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps
33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-
45

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6
-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56

Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-
5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk
1:57-66

Thursday: *Morning*: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12,
14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/
Lk 1:67-79

Friday: *Vigil*: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17,
27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt
1:1-25 or 1:18-25. *Night*: Is 9:1-6/Ps
96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11
-14/Lk 2:1-14. *Dawn*: Is 62:11-12/Ps
97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20.

Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6
[3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-
14

Saturday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps
31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/
Mt 10:17-22

Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn
15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]
or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [7a, 8a]/Col
3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12,
17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

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4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son,
and you shall name him Jesus.” - Lk 1:31

Our Lady of the Lake

Mass Intentions

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 20

7:30 am For Tom Brantmeyer

Christmas Mass Time

Friday, December 25

7:30 am † Karen Caple

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Sunday, December 17

7:30 am For parishioners of St. Francis & Our Lady of the Lake

Ministry Schedule (December 27)

Lector - Shirley Larson

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!

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 21

7:00 am † Chris Limes - Kaminski

Tuesday, December 22

7:00 am † Peter Mazula

Wednesday, December 23

7:00 am Happy Birthday Marjorie

Thursday, December 24

7:00 am † Yvonne Westhoff

Christmas Mass Times

Thursday, December 24 (Vigil)

6:00 pm For Mary Ann Zaleski
Midnight (Polish) Priest's intention

Friday, December 25

8:45 am For Marjorie Zaleski & her
girls & their families
11:00 am (Latin) For parishioners of
St. Francis & Our Lady of the Lake

Saturday, December 26

7:00 am Priest's intention

Sunday Masses for December 26 - 27
Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Saturday, December 26

4:30 pm For Fr. Dan Zaleski

Sunday, December 27

8:45 am † Chester & Laura Zaleski
11:00 am (Latin) Priest's intention
Sunday in the Octave of Christmas
12:30 pm (Polish) Priest's intention

Server Schedule

Thursday, December 24 (Vigil)

6:00 pm A. McNally, C. Heintz,
M. Teumer, P. Heintz, B. Van Hoof &
W. Van Hoof

Friday, December 25 (Christmas)

8:45 am A. McNally, E. Horak, E. Horak,
B. Texley & T. Manning

Saturday, December 26

4:30 pm B. Texley & M. Teumer

Sunday, December 27

8:45 am A. McNally, C. Heintz &
P. Heintz
11:00 am Volunteer

Please remember

the following members of our parish in prayer:
The Sick: Stacey Mia, Patricia Mayer, Sue Kaminski, Leo LaVoy, 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, Patricia Judge, Virginia Worachek, Gerald Scharff, Ed Schumer, Ben Goetz, Eleanor Dziki, Chris Jahnke, Kazimer Rudnicki, Alan Brinsko, Marge Hirt, Christine Kaminski, Richard Van Hoof
Military Personnel: Christian DeGuire, Joshua Arbanas, Isaiah Dutschek, Raymond Van Hoof, Anthony Ledvina, Lawrence Ledvina

GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE
December 20, 2020 - 4th Sunday of Advent

In Blaise Pascal's work, *Pensees*, he says: "What else does this craving, and this helplessness, proclaim but that there was once in man a true happiness, of which all that now remains is the empty print and trace? This he tries in vain to fill with everything around him, seeking in things that are not there the help he cannot find in those that are, though none can help, since this infinite abyss can be filled only with an infinite and immutable object; in other words by God himself."

We have a difficult time accepting that fulfillment and happiness are not achieved by our own merits but through a relationship with God. We are hardwired for this relationship and it is in our DNA. The simple fact is that we come from God and are designed to return to God. If our beginning and our end define who we are, why would we not want to seek the One who can truly satisfy? The world does not realize that it is waiting. It is waiting for the birth of God in time, within one's soul and in eternity. We get so confused by seeking other momentary

satisfactions that we misinterpret the hunger within. We crave God.

The union of God and humanity, revealed in Jesus Christ, is precisely what sets us on a straight path, orders our relationships, establishes proper focus and goals and tells us whose kingdom we really are meant to serve. We are so lost. God is with us. The prophet Nathan told this to King David, the angel said this to Mary and the birth of Christ brings this Good News to us. We do not need to be busily looking for more things but must learn to find contentment and blessing in the One Presence. This is the beautiful simple message of Advent!

If you are feeling unsettled, anxious, angry, disgruntled, disconnected, unhappy, worried, fearful, off center, becoming overly self-indulgent, unable to spend time alone and without distraction, then there's a good chance you are lost. Now is the time to allow God to find you! Ponder the holy simplicity of Mary's call to be the Mother of God. "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." When we are helpless and at home with our emptiness, God will fill us. Our Savior has come.



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.

Christmas Food Baskets - Baskets need to be picked up Tuesday, December 22nd after Mass until 9:00 A.M. May God bless you for your generous donation. The food pantry is still in dire need of donations; however, this is a separate effort.

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

Advent Schedule

Confessions

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

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

Christmas Flowers

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

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

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.

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