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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 January 3

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-

11 or Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3]/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

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## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

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## Our Lady of the Lake

### Mass Intentions

#### The Epiphany of the Lord

##### Sunday, January 3

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

#### The Baptism of the Lord

##### Sunday, January 10

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

### Ministry Schedule (January 10)

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!

## 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, January 4

7:00 am Special intention

#### Tuesday, January 5

7:00 am † Evelyn Kayser

#### Wednesday, January 6

7:00 am Special intention

#### Thursday, January 7

7:00 am † Rosemary Kubicek

#### Friday, January 8

7:00 am † Yvonne Westhoff

#### Saturday, January 9

7:00 am Priest's intention

#### Sunday Masses for January 9 - 10

#### The Baptism of the Lord

#### Saturday, January 9

4:30 pm For Larry & Ginny Hodal & children

#### Sunday, January 10

8:45 am For Therese McNally & children

11:00 am (Latin) Priest's intention

#### *The Holy Family*

12:30 pm (Polish) Priest's intention

### Server Schedule

#### Saturday, January 9

4:30 pm A. McNally & B. Texley

#### Sunday, January 10

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, Bob Norton

**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:** Christian DeGuire, Eric Ryan, Joshua Arbanas, Isaiah Dutscheck, Leo Arbanas, Raymond Van Hoof, Anthony Ledvina, Lawrence Ledvina

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

## The Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

Epiphany means “manifestation.” The first Epiphany was the visit of the Magi to adore the Christ Child. The Magi, who were actually scholars and scientists, came to be associated with kings. Their gifts reveal this holy Child’s identity; gold for Christ’s Kingship, incense for His divinity, and myrrh for His sacrifice on the Cross.

The Feast of Epiphany is traditionally celebrated as the twelfth night of Christmas, on January 6th. In the United States, this feast has been moved to the Sunday, January 3, 2021. In many families, the king figurines are moved a bit closer to the nativity scene every day from Christmas Day until Epiphany. Moreover, it is traditional for parish priests to bless water, chalk, and incense on the eve of Epiphany, and use them for the blessing of homes the next day.

The blessing of homes (schools, places of employment, etc.) on Epiphany revives the beautiful custom of making our homes sacramentals. Sacramentals make us more mindful, receptive and cooperative with God’s grace. This blessing also reminds us that Christ is the One Who enlightens our hearts and homes with His love. He is the source of our hope, our comfort and our joy. Marking doorways with blessed chalk is also a witness of faith. Use the chalk to mark above the main door and, if possible, over all exterior doors in the following fashion:

- Numerals to consecrate the New Year.
- Initials to remind us of the legendary names of the Magi—Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar—and also to represent the Latin motto: *Christus mansionem benedicat* (May Christ bless this house)
- Four crosses to represent the four seasons.
- Example for the year 2021: 20 + C + M + B + 21

If a priest is present, he leads; otherwise, the head of the family is the leader.

All present go from room to room, blessing each room with

holy water and praying the following prayer:

*Blessed be all the rooms of this home. May each of them be holy and filled with the spirit of happiness and peace, love and affection. May the spirit of pardon and affection reside with us and be always ready to heal our divisions. May the spirits of joy and laughter, hope and faith, playfulness and prayer, compassion and love be perpetual guests in our home. May God’s holy blessing rest upon us all, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

As the leader inscribes the initials of the three Magi above the exterior doorways using the blessed chalk, the following prayer is prayed:

Inscription for the year 2021: 20 + C + M + B + 21

*Blessed be this doorway. May all who come to our home this year rejoice to find Christ living among us as we welcome them with respect and kindness. May all our comings and goings be under the seal of God’s loving care. May we seek and serve, in everyone we meet, Jesus, Who is Lord forever and ever. Amen.*

Blessing of Epiphany Chalk by a priest

*V. Our help is in the Name of the Lord*

*R. Who made Heaven and earth.*

*V. The Lord be with you.*

*R. And with your spirit.*

*Bless, + O Lord God, this creature chalk to render it helpful to men. Grant that they who use it in faith and with it inscribe upon the entrance of their homes the names of the saints, Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar, may through their merits and intercession enjoy health of body and protection of soul. Through Christ our Lord.*

*R. Amen*

*Chalk is sprinkled with holy water.*

(Rev. Philip T. Weller, Roman Ritual: The Blessings, Milwaukee: Bruce Publishing Co., 1946, p. 39).



**Thank You** - A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the Angel Giving Tree. 21 children received presents this year. May God bless you for your generosity and thoughtfulness. Merry Christmas!!!

**Relevant Radio** - Remember to listen to Relevant Radio on 93.9. Go to the website at [www.dioceseoflacrosse.com](http://www.dioceseoflacrosse.com).

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

## Diaconate Discernment Retreat -

Saturday, February 27 - Are you a man at least 35 years of age who feels a yearning to give yourself more radically to the service of God and the Church – preaching the Gospel, serving those in need, assisting at the altar? If you think God may be calling you to be a deacon, talk to your pastor about attending the Diaconate Discernment Retreat at St. Mary’s Church in Altoona on February 27, 2021. Then contact Deacon Bryan Hilts, Director of the Office for the Diaconate at [bhilts@diolc.org](mailto:bhilts@diolc.org). A new deacon formation class will begin in the fall of 2021 and attendance at the Discernment Retreat is a prerequisite.

## 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 receive training, formation, spiritual direction, lodging, food, a monthly allowance, health insurance and a \$2,000 stipend upon completion of the 9-month program. Visit [www.spiritusministries.org/](http://www.spiritusministries.org/) [beamissionary](mailto:beamissionary), contact Rachel at [recruiter@spiritusministries.org](mailto:recruiter@spiritusministries.org), or (920) 722-8918 x113 for more information.

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