

February 7, 2021



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OF THE CHURCH



5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil 4pm
Sunday 8am & 10am
Tuesday–Friday 7:30am

CONFESSIONS

Wednesday 4pm-5pm or
by appointment.

Contact the parish office to register,
schedule a baptism, schedule a wedding
(six months notice required), and to
request the Sacrament of the Sick.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday–Friday 8am-3pm

FINANCE OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday–Thursday 8am-Noon

SCRIP

Scrip is sold before and after all week-
end Masses and in the parish office on
Fridays from 8am-3pm.

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OUR MISSION

Mary, Mother of the Church
parishioners are called to be the
People of God, formed by the
Holy Word and nourished by
the Holy Eucharist. We joyfully
share our faith and gifts of time,
talent, and treasure. We are
committed to serve all God's
people in the building of the
Kingdom.

Ash Wednesday Mass with Distribution of Ashes will be at Noon and 5:30 PM on Feb. 17. There will be no 7:30am Mass. The noon Mass will be livestreamed. KQEG will broadcast Mass at 4:00pm. Holy Trinity Parish will offer Mass at 8am and 7pm.

Distribution of Ashes The Congregation for Divine Worship in Rome recently released the following instructions for the distribution of Ashes during the present pandemic conditions: "The Priest says the prayer for blessing the ashes. He sprinkles the ashes with holy water, without saying anything. Then he addresses all those present and only once says the formula as it appears in the Roman Missal, applying it to all in general: 'Repent, and believe in the Gospel', or 'Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return'. The Priest then cleanses his hands, puts on a face mask, and distributes the ashes to those who come to him or, if appropriate, he goes to those who are standing in their places. The Priest takes the ashes and sprinkles them on the head of each one without saying anything."

The US Bishops' Committee on Divine Worship continues: "These changes minimize the necessity of physical contact between minister and recipient and remove the need for the minister to speak while in close proximity to the recipient. The distribution of ashes via sprinkling is a common practice in some countries but is not well known here. Therefore, the Committee encourages ministers to provide some explanation to the faithful, to avoid unnecessary confusion."

As the Bishops' Committee on Divine Worship notes, while sprinkling ashes upon the top of the head is not customary in the United States, this legitimate manner of giving ashes is practiced in other countries around the world. The Ash Wednesday texts from the Missal themselves speak variously of ashes "put on our heads" "receive[d] upon our heads," and "place[d] on the head." The practice also recalls Old Testament accounts of "the Israelites gathered together while fasting and wearing sackcloth, their heads covered with dust" (Nehemiah 9:1)

Lent Collection St. Clare Health Mission has been chosen for our 2021 Lent Collection. The mission started 28 years ago to serve the new population of Hmong that arrived in La Crosse. Today it continues its mission by serving the uninsured, underinsured, at-risk, and vulnerable in our community and in the surrounding area. Over the years St. Clare Health Mission has registered and helped over 18,000 clients obtain the health care they need. New initiatives are underway! In conjunction with the Scenic Bluff Clinic of Cashton, mental health and dental services are being set up. In collaboration with La Crosse health care providers, a street medicine team has been providing help to the homeless on a weekly basis. The Health Mission's next goal is partnering with Rotary International and local Rotary

clubs to purchase a Mobile Medical Clinic. This unit will reach persons who are unable to travel to La Crosse. Let's lend our financial support to maintain their good work and to fulfill their new dreams as they reach those among us who are on the margins.

Lenten Regulations The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17. Lenten regulations are as follows:

1. Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent, and Good Friday.

2. In addition to abstaining from meat, Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, until they celebrate their 59th birthday, are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those who are bound to this regulation may eat only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

2021 MMOC Spiritual Renewal Days: "Going Deeper into our Identity: Making Progress in the Spiritual Life." This three-part series on March 1-3 (Mon-Wed) at 6:30 PM will be led by Terry Bell who is a member of the parish in the midst of his fourth year of formation to become a Permanent Deacon for the Diocese of La Crosse. He and his wife, Johanna, have been married for 14 years. They have four daughters: Felicity (13), Lydia (10), Faustina (7), and Sophia (1). Terry was not raised in any particular faith but had his conversion when he encountered God as a young adult. Soon after, he entered the military and was a member of several evangelical Christian communities before our Lord led him into the Catholic Church at age 23. Terry began to hear the call to a different mission after completing his second active-duty enlistment. Upon leaving the military, he studied theology and catechetics at Franciscan University of Steubenville, earned his degree, and became a FOCUS missionary. Currently, he is helping young adults at the University of Wisconsin - La Crosse to have their own encounter with God.

"Going Deeper into our Identity: Making Progress in the Spiritual Life" will show how the supernatural progression in the spiritual life is analogous to the natural progression of family life. In this way, the goal is to enrich both one's relationship with God as well as one's relationship with family members (and others). On Monday, we will be discussing what it means to be a son or daughter of our Heavenly Father and how to live this reality as our deepest identity. On Tuesday, we will be looking at how this identity is meant to blossom through intimacy in a spousal relationship with God. There will be an emphasis on the nature of human intimacy and how to achieve it. On Wednesday, the series will culminate in a discussion on spiritual parenthood and bearing fruit through missionary service to others. And, in honor

Mary Mother of the Church

of the Year of St. Joseph, we will be highlighting how St. Joseph modeled each of these stages.

Our Spiritual Renewal Days will be live streamed.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development Today our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. More than forty-six million people in the United States live in poverty today. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address obstacles as they work to make permanent and positive changes for their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at uscbb.org/committees/catholic-campaign-human-development. Envelopes are available at the main entrance of church and may be placed in the offertory collection at your convenience.

Virtual Men's Lenten Retreat on February 20 Look to St. Joseph as a model for being a great husband and father. This retreat will feature speakers Fr. Sam Martin and Mr. Pat Brueggen. Facebook: fb.me/e/cPMROcgmE.

TV/Online Masses

TV Mass: Saturday 4pm Mass is broadcast live on KQEG and rebroadcast on Sunday at 10am.

Online Mass Saturday 4pm Mass is live streamed on our website and our 7:30am weekday Masses are live streamed on Tuesdays through Fridays.

Guidelines for Mass

Weekend Masses

- Masks are required; extras are in gathering space
- Doors are unlocked 30 minutes prior
- Arrive at least 5 minutes early
- Entrances: main doors across from Trane parking lot and Parish Hall doors
- Accessibility entrance: side door from Weston St. (near tabernacle)
- Seating: follow directions of Greeters
- Holy Communion: receive by hand
- Dismissal: exit immediately as directed by Greeters

Family Life

Requiescant in Pace Please pray for the repose of the soul of Bob O'Connor. Our prayers and sincere sympathy are extended to his family and friends who mourn his loss. *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon him*

Religious Education

Mite Box Collection This year, Lent takes place from Wednesday, February 17, to Thursday, April 1, 2021, while Easter takes place on Sunday, April 4. The Mite Box program and collection for the Missionary Childhood Association is always an important part of the Lenten season. During this pandemic year, Mite Boxes will be made available for the chil-

dren at the main entrance of Church during weekday and weekend Mass times, as well as in the Parish Office during Office Hours (Tues.-Fri. 8am-3pm). Please be generous! The Missionary Childhood Association helps finance about 3,000 projects per year worldwide. Children in homes for the disabled, orphanages, refugees, and those living on the streets are assisted by the generosity of children who wish to make the love of Jesus known everywhere.

Please return your Mite Boxes during the Easter Season to the Parish Office or in the collection basket when attending Mass.

PCCW and Men's Club

Hoops Mania Tickets & Game Card Info The Men's Club will once again be sponsoring the HoopsMania March Madness Basketball raffle! Game cards are \$10 each. Funds raised will support the Building Our Future Together Fund and Aquinas Scholarships. HoopsMania is an exciting sweepstakes based on college basketball's national championship tournament. Game cards are on sale until March 14.

The Men's Club will provide several options to obtain game cards:

- 1) The Men's Club will be selling game cards in a drive thru fashion at the west (parish hall) entrance after all Masses on the weekends of 2/20-2/21, 2/27-2/28, 3/6-3/7, and 3/13-3/14.
- 2) Online via the HoopsMania website (details to be released in a future bulletin).
- 3) At the Scrip Drive-up Days.
- 4) Contact a Men's Club member for game cards, or
- 5) Email your requested number of game cards to the Men's Club at mensclub@mmoclacrosse.org and we will make arrangements to get you the game cards. Thank you and good luck!

Saint Joseph

33-Day Consecration to St. Joseph March 19 is the Solemnity of Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Consider participating in a 33-day retreat, which is contained in one book: *Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father* by Fr. Donald Calloway MIC. This retreat is done at home. Weekly discussions will be held in the Parish Hall with Fr. Konopa on Mondays at 6:30-8pm from Feb. 15 to March 15 for those who wish to attend. Consecration Day is Friday, March 19. There's likely to be two options that day: after the 7:30 AM Mass and an evening ceremony. See the flyer for more info.

Finance

10%

Extra Rebate Kwik Trip has a short-term special rebate. Therefore every purchase of Kwik Trip through Friday, February 26 will receive a 10% rebate instead of 5%!!

Lay Employees Retirement Fund This local, diocesan appeal supports the original retirement fund for former teachers, maintenance, hot lunch cooks, office and clerical workers who for many years worked in the schools, parishes, and offices within the Diocese of La Crosse. The funds collected will stay in the diocese to support retirement benefits for many people that you may know. About 50 years ago the Diocese established a lay employees' retirement fund to recognize the many years of service provided to the local church from its lay employees. The retirement program was funded by parish contributions, but from the beginning struggled to obtain sufficient assets to meet the projected actuarial need. In 2006 the "old" plan was "frozen" (meaning no new members could be enrolled) and a new 403b thrift plan was established. The "new" plan is performing well. However, the "old" plan is rapidly being depleted and is not sufficiently viable to support the promised retirement benefit to the approximately 1,500 former employees within the diocese. For the next several years, the parishes and institutions of the Diocese are being asked to make much larger contributions than previously assessed in order to sustain the former retirement fund for lay employees. This annual appeal will assist in meeting the needs of this fund. Please be generous! Thank you!



Weekly Mass Intentions

Tuesday, February 9, 2021

7:30 AM † **Melvin Darling**
by Jack and Pat Darling

Wednesday, February 10, 2021

7:30 AM † **Bernadette Schumacher**
by Ruth and Paul Fairbanks

Thursday, February 11, 2021

7:30 AM † **Henry Kreibich**
by Jennifer Kreibich

Friday, February 12, 2021

7:30 AM † **Virgil Meinking**
by His Family

Saturday, February 13, 2021

4:00 PM † **Gary Werner**
by Al and Mary Servais

Sunday, February 14, 2021

8:00 AM † **Matthew Wesley**
by Thomas and Amy Strom
10:00 AM **Pro Populo**

Hillview Masses will be rescheduled for another time.

The Rosary is prayed before each weekday Mass
Tuesday through Friday beginning at 7:05 am.

You were
made for
greatness.

Pope Benedict XVI

Liturgical Roles

February 13-14

Minister of Holy Communion

4:00 p.m. Sarah Kopski (**Deacon**)
NOT FILLED (Parish Hall)
8:00 a.m. Janice Berry (**Deacon**)
10:00 a.m. Barbara Hauke (**Deacon**)
Mary Olson (**Parish Hall**)

Lector

4:00 p.m. Barbara Stetzer
8:00 a.m. Bob Mahr
10:00 a.m. Polly Berendes

Cantor

4:00 p.m. Rick Wilson
8:00 a.m. Nancy Misch
10:00 a.m. Mary Kulas

Musician

4:00 p.m. Mary Jo Lium
8:00 a.m. Christopher Carskadon
10:00 a.m. Christopher Carskadon

Welcome

4:00 p.m. Lisa Doering, Jon Mason, Kevin Moyle (sub req.),
Mary Schaub, Peter Schmitz, Mike Weissenberger
8:00 a.m. Peggy Baumler, Allan Baumler, Donna Burns, Pat
Burns, Mark Misch, Sandy Pitsch
10:00 a.m. Chuck Berendes, Carol Forer, Paul Lansing (sub
req.), Jon Mason, Andrew Schwartz, Brenda
Wintheiser, **NOT FILLED**

Seating

4:00 p.m. Virginia Horstman, Joe Riemer, Sr. Kathy
Stuttgen,
Kellie Schmitz Lead/Seating
8:00 a.m. Brian Logue, Dan Skiles, Kathy Skiles,
Joseph van Oss Lead/Seating
10:00 a.m. Kimberly Krejchik, Terri Pedace, Mike
Wintheiser, **NOT FILLED**
Linda Schwartz Lead/Seating

Worship Aid

4:00 p.m. Chris Schlegel, Joan Weissenberger
8:00 a.m. Cindy Klar, Bob Klar
10:00 a.m. Charlotte Berendes, Nathan Wintheiser **NOT
FILLED**

What do you know about Saint Joseph?

Of all the people who have walked on the face of this Earth, only one had the Son of God call him "father". That person was St. Joseph. What would it have taken to be the "father-figure" to Jesus? What qualities must Joseph have had to be the person God entrusted to raise His Son along with Mary?

Join us as we discover who Joseph was and why God chose him among all the men who ever lived to be called His earthly father. You will discover that Joseph also wants to be a "father-figure" to YOU leading you in a closer relationship with his Son, Jesus.

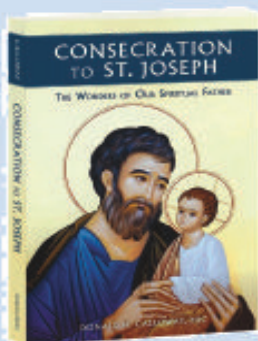
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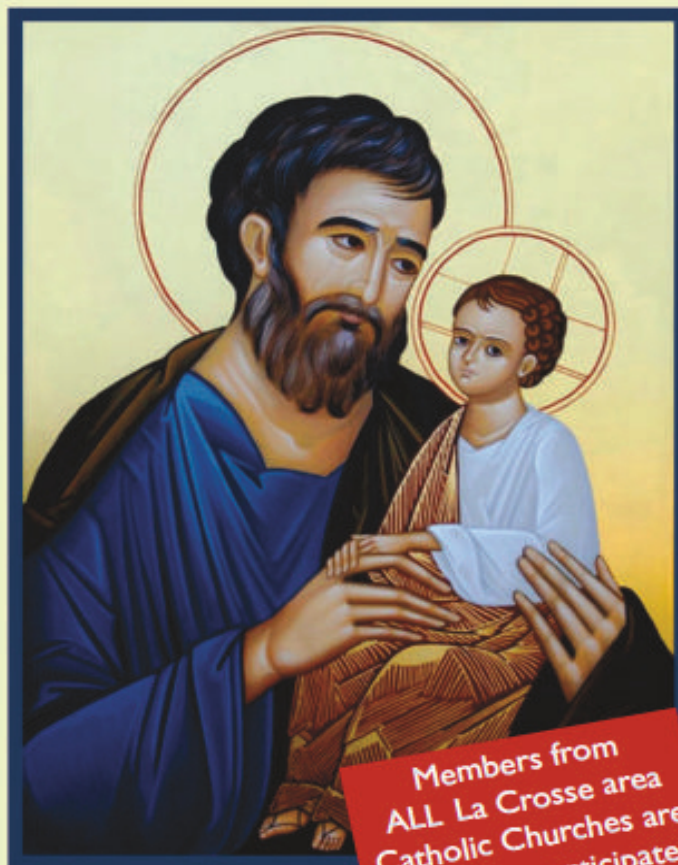
- Sundays (first day 2/14/21)
 - 8:45-10:15 AM – St Joseph the Workman Cathedral
NOTE: Sunday Cathedral class is open to ALL
- Mondays (first day 2/15/21)
 - 6:30 - 8:00 PM – Mary, Mother of the Church
- Wednesdays (first day 2/17/21 – Ash Wednesday)
 - 1:00 - 2:30 PM – Holy Trinity Parish
 - 6:30 - 8:00 PM – St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral

NOTE: The Wednesday Cathedral class is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 839 and is for MEN ONLY. The book and devotional materials at this class will be provided FREE by the KofC's. Donations will be gratefully accepted to support the Council's Pro-Life outreach!

The cost per participant will be
\$9.00 for the book.
Already own a book? Join us for free!



NEW CLASSES starting the week of February 14



Registration is required.

Everyone must register to help us prepare for the class.

Registration deadline is Tuesday, February 9, 2021.

Registration forms will be available on participating church websites and information regarding the classes will be in the bulletins of churches still producing bulletins. Please help us spread the word by sharing this information with people you think would be interested in partaking in the classes.

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

Make checks payable to: Holy Trinity Parish

Submit to: Holy Trinity Parish, 1333 South 13th St., La Crosse, WI 54601
or contact Amy Capelli @ 608.783.0847 or email dcapelli@charter.net

Knights of Columbus sponsored class should contact:

SK Charlie Peters, cell (612) 760-6192 or cjpeters2011@gmail.com

CLASS CHOICES (Check one):

- ☐ Sundays AM – St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral FOR ALL
- ☐ Mondays PM – Mary, Mother of the Church
- ☐ Wednesdays PM – Holy Trinity
- ☐ Wednesdays PM – St. Joseph the Workman MEN ONLY
- ☐ Home study (self study)

BOOK ORDER (Check as needed):

- ☐ I need a book – Cash _____ Check # _____
- ☐ I need a book – KofC sponsored class
- ☐ I already own a book (no charge)

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