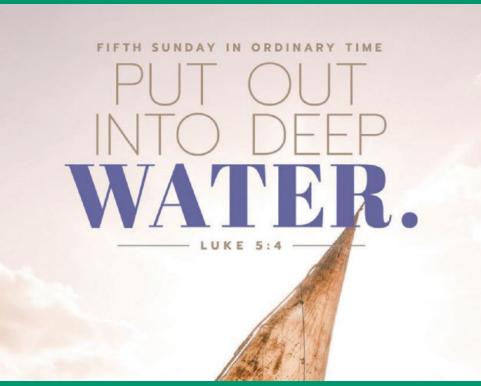
February 9, 2025





The 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil 4 PM Sunday 8 AM & 10 AM Tuesday–Friday 7:30 AM

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 PM or by appointment.

HEARING ASSISTANCE

Hearing devices are available. See s for additional information, especially for hearing aids paired with Bluetooth.

THE ROSARY

Prayed before each weekday Mass Tuesday - Friday beginning at 7:05 AM.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday—Friday 8 AM - 3 PM Contact the parish office to register, schedule a baptism, schedule a wedding (six months notice required), and to request the Sacrament of the Sick.

SCRIP

Scrip is sold before and after all weekend Masses and in the parish office on Fridays from 8 AM - 3 PM.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Requests are due to the office by Monday in written format.

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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.

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pancake Breakfast

Please join the Men's Club for fellowship this Sunday (Super Bowl Sunday) after Mass for a Pancake Breakfast. The breakfast will include pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, fruit cocktail, juice and coffee. The cost is \$5, \$4 for Seniors (60+) and for kids ages 6 - 12. Kids ages 5 and under are free. All are welcome.

Parish Directories

Families who participated in the parish directory by having a picture in the directory can pick up their complementary copy at the Men's Club Pancake Breakfast. Information for those wishing to purchase a directory will be available soon.

Anointing of the Sick Mass

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated on February 11 at the 10:30 AM Mass (NO 7:30 AM Mass).

Those with the following health conditions should consider receiving the sacrament:

- --heart condition
- --serious ailment or disease
- --elderly...notably weakened by age
- --upcoming surgery due to illness/injury
- --emotional affliction

By the grace of this sacrament, God strengthens both body and soul to face the extra anxiety and temptations that come with sickness. Please use the reserved seating in the front pews.

Silver Circle

Come share a potluck meal with friends on Thursday February 20 at noon. Entertainment will be announced next week.

Healing the Whole Person

Discover transformational freedom in Christ! Engage your story with honesty, discover Jesus's presence even in fear, doubt or pain, accept His invitation to make you whole, live in His freedom and transform the



world. Learn from Dr. Bob Schuchts and Sr. Miriam James Heidland what is taught and experienced at the conference brought here locally in this 8 week video series. Sessions will be held at Mary, Mother of the Church Parish starting on February 20 and running for 8 consecutive weeks from 6:30-8 pm (with optional offerings some nights after the session is over.) There is no charge to attend. Registration is required and limited. For questions or to register, email Natalie: NatalieElskamp@gmail.com

Italy Pilgrimage

2025 is a Jubilee Year – Pilgrims of Hope – and we will head to Italy! We will tour many holy sites and historic locations while visiting Rome, Assisi, and other cities. In addition to our pilgrimage to the Shrines of Italy, pilgrims should consider signing up for the pre-trip to Florence and Venice. Those attending the pre-trip will travel to Venice on September 25. Those partaking in the main portion of the trip will depart for Rome on Septem-

ber 30 and then travel by bus to Assisi, where they will meet up with the pre-trip travelers. On October 8, after an early breakfast, we will depart for the airport and return home. The pilgrimage costs \$5194/person, and the pre-trip costs \$1978/person. These costs include round trip airfare from La Crosse, 8 nights of hotel accommodations (+4 nights of accommodations for the pre-trip), breakfast and dinner daily, wine and mineral water with dinners, motor coach transportation while on pilgrimage, luggage handling, tips for hotel and restaurant staff, sightseeing and admission fees for all sights on the itinerary, and professional, local Catholic guides. Costs not included are lunches and beverages not mentioned, as well as tips for the guide and bus driver. To register for the pilgrimage and pay your deposit of \$500, visit www.206tours.com/frkonopa. The trip balance is due 90 days before departure: July 1, 2025. If you have any questions. please contact Linda Schwartz lschwartz@mmoclacrosse.org.

Faith Formation

Family Faith Formation

Family Faith Formation does not meet this Wednesday, February 12. Families should work on At Home Lessons 5-1 God the Father. We will meet in person again on February 19.

Diocesan Annual Appeal

Thank you for supporting the Diocesan Annual Appeal. We have surpassed our goal.!Any funds above the target amount of \$116,570 will be returned to the parish.



Social Justice

Warming Center Volunteers on Tuesday, Feb. 18

Food & Milk: Patti Nimocks, Tracy Mullaney, Joy Hennessy (milk) (to be delivered to 413 S. 3rd St. by 6:30 PM)

Intake: Mary Olson, Nancy Imhoff, Heidi Korger, Pat Korger, Sarah Kopski, OPEN (this needs to be a man) (6:30 PM - 9:00 PM)

Morning Volunteer: Brad Sturm, Lynn Sturn, (6:00 AM - 8:30 AM Wed.)

Helping hands are always welcome. If you are interested

in volunteering please contact Mary Olson at 651-301 -0989 or Molson@mmoclacrosse.org.

Scrip

Kwik Trip Scrip

Kwik Trip has a short-term special rebate this month! That means every purchase of Kwik Trip scrip from February 9 through the end of the month will receive a 10% rebate.

Around the Diocese

The RESCUE project

This 8-week Lenten religious education series is being held in several parishes beginning February 16 with a Retreat Day on March 29. The RESCUE project proposes a Biblical world view that if nothing else, will challenge you to re-think what is real, what is true, and what is most important in life. Why is there something rather than nothing: What is everything so messed up? What, if anything has God done about it? And if He's done anything, how should I respond? The cost for the course is \$35 which includes class materials (these are available in the parish office) and a meal on the Retreat Day. For more information contact Amy Capelli at (608) 783 - 0847 or email amy_capelli@charter.net. Class locations and times are as follows:

Monday: 6:30 - 8:00 PM Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday: 6:30 - 8:00 PM St. Patrick's Onalaska

Thursday: 9:15 - 10:45 AM St. Patrick's Onalaska

Friday: 10:30 AM-12:00 PM St. Joseph the Workman

Men of the Cross "Forgiveness and Freedom"

Our relationship with Christ is many things. He is your refuge, someone to celebrate your joys, mourn with you in your sorrows, and is the one to break the chains that bind you and set you free. What are the chains that bind you? The world tries to convince you that the baggage you carry is not too heavy and that you probably deserve to carry that burden. But that is a lie. Christ wants you to be set free. There is Freedom in Forgiveness! Maybe you have been carrying around the same burden for a long time. Maybe you really don't understand forgiveness, how to forgive others, or how to forgive yourself. You may have forgotten what it feels like to be free. Join men from all over the Diocese of La Crosse and beyond, to experience Freedom in Forgiveness through Mass, inspiring talks, honest discussion and fellowship. The Church needs men to live free, allowing them to help other men break the chains that bind them so they may also live the joy-filled life that Christ wants for us. Register at: www.menofthecross.org

When: March 8

Where: Blessed Sacrament Church, La Crosse

Cost: \$30 (High School Students are free if attending

with a parent or guardian.)

CALIX- Substance Abuse Recovery Support Group

Calix is an association of Catholics wanting to live free of addiction to alcohol or drugs, and it is also for affected family members. The first meeting, will be by Zoom, and is planned for Tuesday, Feb. 11. Calix is not a substitute for AA or Al-Anon, which are strongly recommended, but it provides a Catholic perspective for these 12-step programs. "Calix" is Latin for "chalice," and it was founded in Minneapolis, MN in 1947 by a group of five men, all recovering alcoholics, who saw their Catholic faith as a sure path to serenity without alcohol. If you are interested in learning about the Calix group forming in the Diocese of La Crosse, email healthandharmonywi@gmail.com.

Jubilee 2025 Evenings of Hope

You are invited to participate in an *Evenings of Hope with Bishop Battersby* on February 22 at 4pm at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral. Bishop Battersby will celebrate the 4:30 p.m. Mass and impart the Papal Blessing with the attached plena-



ry indulgence. A Holy Hour will follow Mass, during which Bishop Battersby will offer a jubilee reflection on hope. Confessions will also be heard. The event will end with closing benediction at 7:00 PM.

Jubilee 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope

How did the Jubilee Year originate? In the Old Testament, Moses set up a year-long jubilee every fifty years that was meant to be a time of restoration. Debts were canceled in order to return God's people to freedom, forgiveness and joy. In the New Testament, Jesus fulfilled the celebration of the jubilee by declaring "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor" (Luke 4:18-19). It is through Christ that we are to find freedom, forgiveness and joy.

Father Justin Kizewski Podcast "Priesthood Fits Me Like a Glove"

This "Connecting the Diocese" podcast features Father Kizewski and explores everything from St. Thomas Aquinas to Cheerios floating in a bowl of milk. Listen to different and crea-



tive ways to evangelize. Scan the QR code or visit podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/priesthood-fits-me-like-a-glove to listen to this interesting ideas about sharing the gospel message.

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Lay Formation Institute - An Adventure in Faith

Registration is now open for the next two-year lay formation cycle that begins in the fall of 2025. Draw closer to Christ and deepen your knowledge of the Faith in a joyful community of learners! See the complete information and ap-

plication form at diolc.org/lay-formation or use your smartphone's camera to scan the QR code Please discuss this with your pastor and contact the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns at ministries@diolc.org or call 608-791-0161.

A Minute with Jesus:

Jesus wants us to know He is continually with us. Oftentimes, our mind begins to wander at Mass because we only see bread and wine. What contributes to our distractions is the bombardment of noise and images to our minds that come through our physical senses (hearing, seeing). Therefore, we are much less attuned to the world of the spirit and the much deeper spiritual realities that are right here, and all around us. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, help me to learn to be quiet and reveal to my heart the truth that the Eucharist is really present under the appearance of bread and wine.

Diocese of La Crosse Guidelines for Reporting Instances of Child Abuse

The Diocese of La Crosse, through its policies and procedures, seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor or volunteer). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Mrs. Teresa Brown, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602. Alternatively, you can contact at 608.791.0179 or intakeagent@diolc.org. The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at: diolc.org/ safe environment/reporting. Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local Parish and on the diocesan website. If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, please 608-291-2679 Teresa Brown, tbrown@diolc.org.

Weekly Mass Intentions

Tuesday, February 11, 2025
10:30 AM † Richard Weissberger
By Virginia Horstman
Wednesday, February 12, 2025
7:30 AM † Cee Cee Lewis
By Sharon Beyer
Thursday, February 13, 2025
7:30 AM † Henry Kreibich
By Jennifer Kreibich

2:00 PM Service of the Word at Hillview Healthcare

Center

Friday, February 14, 2025 7:30 AM † Josephine Abnet

By Patricia Berendes

Saturday, February 15, 2025

4:00 PM † Janice Zenker

By Virginia Horstman

Sunday, February 16, 2025

8:00 AM Pro Populo 10:00 AM † Lorraine Keil

By Steve and Jeanne Pavela

Liturgical Roles February 15-16

Minister of Holy Communion

4:00 PM Gary Heilman, Linda Heilman, Dawn Kutt Mark Misch, Kevin Moyle, Christine J Nelson Therese van Oss

8:00 AM Nick Berry, Janice Berry, Gloria Biesen, Mary Lawrence, Tom Reichenbacher, Erica Stanek

10:00 AM OPEN, OPEN, OPEN, Chuck Berendes, Polly Berendes, Susan Halter

Lector

4:00 PM Peter Schmitz, Jim Klock

8:00 AM Linda Elsen, Charles Heiderscheit

10:00 AM Linda Gillette, Matt Binsfeld

Server

4:00 PM OPEN, Izzy Schelfhout 8:00 AM Isabella Miller, Hallie Miller

10:00 AM Louie Berendes, Tenley Solverson

Cantor

4:00 PM Linda Kloet 8:00 AM Pattie Nimocks 10:00 AM Sunday Choir

Musician

4:00 PM Christopher Carskadon

8:00 AM Jenny Nielsen 10:00 AM Jenny Nielsen

Song Leader

10:00 AM Emily Krejchik

Sacristan

4:00 PM Mike Wuensch 8:00 AM Kerry Groetsch 10:00 AM Carol Forer

Gift Bearer

4:00 PM Ben Gerling, Lindsey Goyette

8:00 AM The McKenna Family

10:00 AM Lisa Doering, Sam Horman, Casey Horman

Greeter

4:00 PM Phil Watson (Lead), OPEN, Arian Arens, Patrick Hogan, Neil Kumm, Mark Misch,

Kevin Moyle, Joe Riemer

8:00 AM Allan Baumler (Lead), Peggy Baumler, Pat

Burns, Donna Burns, Isabel Harden, Cindy

Klar, Bob Klar, Rosie Pennebecker

10:00 AM Linda Schwartz (Lead), OPEN, Anne Kernan,

Charlotte Berendes, Mary Jothen, Harper Solverson, Andrew Schwartz, Gabriella

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Scrip Seller

4:00 PM Dee Sauer, Kellie Schmitz 8:00 AM Mary Genz, Sue Moyle 10:00 AM Lisa Doering, Mary Schaub

Hospitality

8:00 AM Kim Lansing, Paul Lansing

10:00 AM OPEN, OPEN

Live Streamer

4:00 PM Joseph van Oss



The Feast of Blessed Brother James Miller - February 13

education and missionary work in Central America.

21, 1944, his upbringing instilled in him a deep sense of values. compassion and service to others. He attended Pacelli High School in Stevens Point, WI, where he first encoun- was on a ladder repairing a wall at the school, he was tered the Christian Brothers and felt a calling to join their assassinated by three masked gunmen. The murder ocmission.

James joined a program for young men considering a life pected insurgents and their supporters, which often indedicated to the Christian Brothers. Over the next three cluded church workers and humanitarians like Brother years, he delved deeper into the teachings and values of James. the Brothers, solidifying his commitment to their mission. He began his formal training with the Brothers and took main unclear, though it is widely believed that his assason the name Brother Leo William, a testament to his de-sination was related to his work in empowering the marvotion to the order.

on his teaching career, starting at Cretin High School in His dedication to his faith and educational mission made Minnesota. Over the next few years, he taught Spanish, him a target in a time of widespread persecution against English, and religion while also coaching soccer. His those who stood up for social justice and human rights. passion for education and his dedication to his students Brother James Miller's martyrdom has been recognized made him a beloved figure in the school community.

In 1970, Brother James made his final vows as a Chris- ber 7, 2019. His legacy endures as a symbol of courage tian Brother and requested a mission assignment. He and unwavering faith in the face of oppression, inspiring was sent to Nicaragua, a country torn apart by political many to continue the mission of serving those in greatunrest and social upheaval. Despite the challenges, est need. Brother James immersed himself in the local community, teaching and leading schools and construction projects. spire us today. His selfless devotion to others, his unwa-He played a crucial role in building educational infra- vering faith, and his ultimate sacrifice serve as a shining structure and providing opportunities for the marginal- example of what it means to live a life of compassion ized youth in Nicaragua.

those who had been marginalized and oppressed by so- alized, even in the face of tremendous adversity. ciety.

Despite the danger and hardship he faced, Brother - abridged from The Christian Brothers of the Midwest Website

A De La Salle Christian Brother from the United James remained steadfast in his commitment to his faith States, Blessed Brother James Miller devoted his life to and his mission. His unwavering dedication to serving the marginalized and oppressed in Central America Born into a farming family in Wisconsin on September serves as an enduring testament to his character and his

Tragically, on February 13, 1982, while Brother James curred during a period of intense violence in Guatemala, In 1959, while still a sophomore in high school, Brother characterized by the government's crackdown on sus-

The exact motives behind Brother James' murder reginalized Indigenous communities, which was perceived After completing his training, Brother James embarked as politically and socially subversive by certain factions. by the Catholic Church, and he was beatified on Decem-

Brother James Miller's life and legacy continue to inand service. Through his actions and his words, Brother However, escalating conflicts and threats from the re- James's life inspires us by reminding us of the imgime forced Brother James to leave Nicaragua. Unde- portance of compassion, service, and faith in making a terred, he continued his mission in Guatemala, where he difference in the world. His story is a poignant reminder became the director of "Casa Indígena De La Salle," a of the impact one dedicated individual can have in advoschool for indigenous youth in Huehuetenango. Here, he cating for justice and uplifting the marginalized, even in dedicated himself to providing education and hope to the face of tremendous adversity and uplifting the margin-



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