

ST. JAMES THE LESS CATHOLIC CHURCH

1032 CALEDONIA ST. , LA CROSSE, WI

Pastor

Rev. Roger J. Scheckel 782-7557

Associate Pastor

Rev. Cheriyan Thomas 782-7557

Parish Staff

Secretary - Lynne Ostervich 782-7557
 Parish Fax Number 796-0086
 Coord. of Religious Ed - Donna Walz 782-0011
 Parish Custodian - John Koelbl 782-7557
 Youthope - 1353 Caledonia St. – Susan Swanke 782-1741
 Senior Choir Director - Benedict Nguyen 779-5702
 Parish Music Director - Dawn Pierce 787-5575

Consultative Bodies

Pastoral Council-Chair-Vacant
 Sacred Worship Comm-Chair-Dawn Pierce 787-5575
 Family Life Comm-Chair-Milt Tyler 784-3576
 Education Comm - Vacant
 Representative to Coulee Catholic Schools -
 Margaret Flottmeyer 781-1779
 Representative to Aquinas PTO-Kathy Banasik 781-7799
 Social Justice Comm-Chair-Al Mathews 782-0589
 Finance Council-Chair-Elaine Bonsack 783-1791
 Buildings and Grounds - Herb Bassett 781-4844

Parish Organizations

Parish Council of Catholic Women (PCCW)
 President Rita Krueger 782-4658
 Holy Name Society-President-Vacant

Weekend Masses

Saturday, 4:30 p.m.; Sunday, 7:30 & 10:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses

During the School Year
 Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m.; Saturday, 7:30 a.m.
 During the Summer Months
 Monday - Saturday, 7:30 a.m.

Confessions

Saturday, 3:30 p.m.; Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Baptisms

Call the rectory for an appointment.

Marriages

Arrangements must be made at least six months prior to the wedding. Call for an appointment.

Parish Library Hours

Tuesday - Friday, regular rectory business hours
 (Use rectory front door)

Parish Website

www.saintjameschurch.net

February 18 - February 25, 2007

Weekly Schedule

Mon. February 19

7:35 a.m. - Public recitation of the rosary
 8:00 a.m. - Mass for Shawn McMahon

Tues. February 20

7:35 a.m. - Public recitation of the rosary
 8:00 a.m. - Mass for health & welfare of Donna Walz
No Mens' Holy Name meeting

Wed. February 21 - Ash Wednesday

Day of Fast and Abstinence

7:35 a.m. - Public recitation of the rosary
 8:00 a.m. - Mass for Herb Kramer with distribution of ashes
 12:10 p.m. - Mass for Mildred Vehrenkemp with distribution of ashes
 5:20 p.m. - Mass for Gilbert & Eugenia Guanella with distribution of ashes

Thurs. February 22

7:35 a.m. - Public recitation of the rosary
 8:00 a.m. - Mass for Spec. Int. of Becky & Jeff Dicharry
 6:30 p.m. - RCIA

Fri. February 23

7:35 a.m. - Public recitation of the rosary
 8:00 a.m. - Mass for the conversion of a pro-abortion Catholic politician
 8:30 a.m. - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 3:00 p.m. - Benediction

Sat. February 24

7:30 a.m. - Mass for Rita Formella
 8:00 a.m. - Public recitation of the rosary
 3:30 p.m. - Confessions
 4:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross
 4:30 p.m. - Vigil Mass for Don (Butch) Poellinger

Sun. February 25 - First Sunday of Lent

7:00 a.m. - Stations of the Cross
 7:30 a.m. - Mass for Edward J. Rodenkirch
 8:30 a.m. - CCD
 9:00 a.m. - Confessions
 9:30 a.m. - Stations of the Cross
 10:00 a.m. - Mass for St. James Parishioners

READERS - COMMENTATORS

SERVERS - USHERS

Saturday, February 24 - 4:30 p.m.

READER: L. Alysworth

COMMENTATOR:

MINISTERS: M. Heilman

G. Guanella

USHERS: A. Mathews

G. Heilman

R. Bjorkman

SERVERS: Jacob Alford

Caleb Alford

Sunday, February 25 - 7:30 a.m.

READER: M Thompson

COMMENTATOR: R. Allen

MINISTERS: D. Randall

USHERS: G. Besl/B. Rudy

R. Greeno

SERVERS: Matt Thompson

Adam Wolfert

Sunday, February 25 - 10:00 a.m.

READER: C. Heilman/B. Stetzer

COMMENTATOR: M. Craig

MINISTERS: R. Devine

USHERS: D. Seufzer/G. Brauer

J. Koelbl/J. King

SERVERS: Mark Knudtson

Scott Marshall

CHURCH COLLECTION

Envelopes/Plate \$5,440.32

Youth Envelopes 31.88

TOTAL COLLECTIONS \$5,472.20

Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary

Offers a special opportunity for young men of high school (15+) or college age to visit Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary, Winona, Minnesota. The visit is three days in length from Saturday, March 10 at 2:00 p.m. until Monday, March 12 after lunch. On Monday you can attend several classes with the seminarians. Come for all or part of the visit. For more information and to register for either or both visits contact Fr. Joseph Hirsch at jhirsch@dioceseoflacrosse.com or call the Office of Vocations at 791-2667.

We Belong To Christ Campaign

The final phase of our Stewardship Campaign has begun. All parishioners are being solicited either personally or by mail. Presently we have received \$78,880.00 in cash donations and \$380,700.00 in pledges. The overall parish goal is \$670,000. If you have not done so, please fill out your pledge card and return it to the rectory.

We have now returned to our parish church. The financial means that is being used to pay for the painting and decorating of our church comes through the "We Belong to Christ Campaign". Hopefully all our parishioners will want to be part of this very worthwhile project. If you have not yet made a donation, please do so. If you misplaced your appeal card, contact the rectory and one of them will be sent to you. Thank you.

Please pray for family members or friends who are being activated for military duty overseas especially remembering Shane Deback.

CAN YOU NOT WATCH WITH ME ONE HOUR?

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will resume with the regular schedule on Fridays.

First Fridays will again be 24 hour adoration with Benediction on Saturday morning at 7:15 a.m.

First Communion 18" doll dress w/veil available by special order in white or ivory \$17.00. (Fits American Girl, American Harvest, - all 18" dolls). Call Sandra Stingle at 784-8418 to order.

2007 Calendar Raffle tickets have been mailed out. Please try to sell or buy your tickets. Over \$5,000 will be given out on these drawings. First drawing is Thursday, March 1st. Thank you for helping in our fund raising efforts!

Mobile Meals Schedule February 19 - 25, 2007

- Mon. 2/19 Hank & Joyce Striegel
- Tues. 2/20 Tom & Mary Dolle
- Wed. 2/21 George & Jane Schwabenbauer
- Thurs. 2/22 Gerald & Bernetta Besl
- Fri. 2/23 Bob & Karen Guggenbuehl
- Sat. 2/24 John & Clara Haag
- Sun. 2/25 Diane Brose

Jason Evert will be at Blessed Sacrament Parish
Monday, February 26, 7:00 p.m.
Monsignor Anthony P. Wagener Parish Center
130 Losey Blvd.

Jason's presentation on Chastity is appropriate and
valuable for entire families,
especially for teens and young adults.
Free will offering taken.

50th Wedding Anniversaries

If you are celebrating 50 years of marriage this year,
please call the rectory so we may forward your name and
address to the Office of Family Life — Diocese of La
Crosse. You will receive an invitation to attend a special
celebration in your honor which includes Mass with
Bishop Jerome Listecky and an elegant reception on Sun-
day, July 29th in LaCrosse, Sunday, September 9th in Al-
toona, or Sunday, September 16th in Plover. Last year
over two hundred couples joined Bishop Listecky in cele-
brating their anniversaries. Names need to be sent to the
Diocesan Office by March 31st.

Who are the Capuchins?

The Capuchin Franciscan friars will be holding a weekend
in the Milwaukee area for men (ages 18-49) who are inter-
ested in learning about religious life and seeing how Capu-
chins live as Franciscans in our world and in the Church
today.

The weekend is March 2-4, 2007. If you would like to
attend, have questions, or want to recommend someone
for the weekend, call 920-915-4400 or email the Vocation
Office at: vocation@capuchinfranciscans.org Check out
the Capuchin website at: www.capuchinfranciscans.org

Volunteers: Fulfill a need which will last a lifetime. St.
Joseph's Rehabilitation Center is seeking individuals or
groups of volunteers at our nursing home. Residents look
forward to playing cards or bingo, letter writing, reading
and socialization with our volunteers. If you are interested
in being a volunteer at St. Joseph's please call 788-9870
ext. 216 or speak with Jenny Knutson. Thank you.

A special thank you to all who were involved in our cele-
bration of 40 hours. The closing Vespers were especially
beautiful and the reception was very nicely done by the
PCCW. Thank you.

Weekly Readings

February 19 - February 25

Monday - Sir 1: 1-10; Mk 9: 14-29

Tuesday - Sir 2: 1-11; Mk 9: 30-37

Wednesday - Jl2: 12-18; 2 Cor 5: 20-6:2; Mt 6: 1-6:
16-18

Thursday - 1 Pt 5: 1-4; Mt 16: 13-19

Friday - Is 58: 1-9a; Mt 9: 14-15

Saturday - Is 58: 9b—14; Lk 5: 27-32

Sunday - Deut 26: 4-10; Rom 10: 8-13; Lk 4: 1-13

Begin the New Year with a Bible Study!

The Church & The Christian Community is an 8
week study on Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians.
Monday nights beginning February 12th at 7:00 p.m.
in the rectory library. \$7.00 covers the cost of a stu-
dent workbook.

The Great Adventure Bible Timeline, a 24 week se-
ries with Jeff Cavins, gives the serious Bible student a
better understanding of the Old Testament and how it
leads us to the New Testament. Tuesday nights begin-
ning February 13th at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory library.
\$45.00 covers the cost of the student binder and sup-
plies.

For more information or to register, call 782-0011.

Embracing the Supernatural Call to Holiness

We live at a time in history when many seek to undermine the
beauty and dignity of motherhood, the importance of fatherhood,
authentic femininity, noble character, and even the belief in the
existence of God. In response to the times, the Family Concerns
Commissions of the Chippewa Falls and Eau Claire deaneries are
uniting to host an event for women of all ages that will revive in
them the nobleness of their mission, the dignity of their vocation,
and their call to holiness as women reflecting Christ. This spe-
cial day for ladies is a lovely one-day conference to be held at St.
Mary's Community Center, Altoona, WI on Saturday, March 3,
2007. Singles, religious, young ladies in high school, mothers,
grandmothers, and great-grandmothers will be edified and chal-
lenged to fully embrace their call to holiness. Please pick your
registration form up (in the back of church) and send it in today:
Questions? Please call Beth DeCook at 715-288-5968.

**This Wednesday we begin the Season of Lent with
the celebration of Ash Wednesday. Please remem-
ber that Wednesday is a day abstinence (no meat)
and fasting (only 1 full meal). Be certain to attend
Holy Mass on Wednesday.**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED THURSDAY, FEBRU-
ARY 22, 10:00AM TO STUFF, LABEL, SEAL,
AND STAMP 5,000 LAND RAFFLE LETTERS.
I'LL HAVE REFRESHMENTS. CALL LYNNE
AT THE RECTORY IF YOU CAN HELP OR
EVEN TAKE A FEW HOME. THANK YOU!**