

St. James the Less Catholic Church

1032 Caledonia Street, La Crosse, WI 54603

Weekend Masses

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

Confessions

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

Pastor

Rev. Roger J. Scheckel 782-7557

Associate Pastor

Rev. Anandan Rajandran (Fr. Rajan) 782-7557

Parish Staff

Secretary - Lynne Ostervich 782-7557
Parish Fax Number 796-0086
Director of Religious Education - Donna Walz 782-1022
Parish Custodian - John Koelbl 782-7557
Senior Choir Director - Benedict Nguyen 779-5702
Parish Music Director - Dawn Pierce 787-5575

Consultative Bodies

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

Parish Organizations

Parish Council of Catholic Women (PCCW) -
President - Jane Schwabenbauer 783-1986
Holy Name Society - President - Vacant

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.

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

Parish Website

www.saintjameschurch.net

January 7, 2008 – January 13, 2008 Weekly Schedule

Mon. January 7 - St. Raymond of Penafort

7:35 a.m. - Public recitation of the rosary

8:00 a.m. - Mass for Rosie & Harold Baumgart

Tues. January 8

7:30 a.m. - Public recitation of the rosary

8:00 a.m. - Mass for Jane & Richard Duncan

Father Scheckel leaves for Africa and Rome

6:00 p.m. - PCCW Holy Hour

7:00 p.m. - PCCW Business Meeting

Wed. January 9

7:35 a.m. - Public recitation of the rosary

8:00 a.m. - Mass for Beatrice & Cornelius Mauss

Thurs. January 10

7:35 a.m. - Public recitation of the rosary

8:00 a.m. - Mass for Herbert Sohm

6:30 p.m. - RCIA

Fri. January 11

7:35 a.m. - Public recitation of the rosary

8:00 a.m. - Mass for Thomas Reischl

8:30 a.m. - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

2:40 p.m. - Benediction

Sat. January 12

7:30 a.m. - Mass for Jane & Richard Duncan

8:00 a.m. - Public recitation of the rosary

3:30 p.m. - Confessions

4:30 p.m. - Vigil Mass for John Shuda

Sun. January 13 - Baptism of the Lord

7:30 a.m. - Mass for Kathryn & Eric Johnson

8:30 a.m. - CCD

9:00 a.m. - Confessions

10:00 a.m. - Mass for Joseph & Lula Abraham

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

READERS - COMMENTATORS SERVERS - USHERS

Saturday, January 12 - 4:30 p.m.

READER: B. Reischl
COMMENTATOR: P. Harnisch-Smith
MINISTERS: A. Arlt/C. Guanella
USHERS: R. Rieber/R. Bjorkman
SERVERS: Andrew Reischl
Stephen Reischl

Sunday, January 13 - 7:30 a.m.

READER: D. Wurzer
COMMENTATOR: R. Allen
MINISTERS: F. Wigdal
USHERS: G. Skemp/D. Kneifl
G. Seifert
SERVERS: Charles Fuchsel

Sunday, January 13 - 10:00 a.m.

READER: K. Brauer
COMMENTATOR: B. Hanson
MINISTERS: P. Thompson/V. Brauer
USHERS: G. Brauer/D. Seufzer
F. Benesh/O. Sagen
SERVERS: Andrew Marshall
Scott Marshall

CHURCH CLEANING

Jan. 12 - S. Volenec/D. Neas/J. Wright
Jan. 19 - J. Schwabenbauer/M.A. Schelfhout
Jan. 26 - D. Crater & Anna/J. Marshall & Mandy

CHURCH COLLECTION

Envelopes/Plate	\$15,032.33
Christmas	337.00
Virgin Mary, Mother of God	116.00
Votive Candles	105.00
Youth Envelopes	7.00
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	\$15,597.33

Please pray for family members or friends who are being activated for military duty overseas especially remembering Shane Deback, Greg Schumacher, Christopher Lyons, and Steven Deitelhoff.

PCCW Reminder

There will be a regular Holy Hour and business meeting of the PCCW this Tuesday starting at 6:00 p.m.

*The 6th Annual Catholic Apologetics Conference
Saturday, January 12, 2008, 1-4:30 p.m.*

*Featuring Jesse Romero
Bus available from Chippewa Falls.
Call 715-382-4422 for details*

Help is needed

to remove snow from the parish grounds,
including the church steps
and the sidewalks leading to the entrances.
If you are able and willing to help,
please call the rectory to volunteer.

Retrouvaille Presents "Marriage 911" ...a lifeline for troubled marriages

Central Wisconsin Retrouvaille is part of a world-wide, non-profit, volunteer-run program that has helped hundreds of local couples regain happy marriages. All volunteer couples have been through this program.

Take the first step - save your marriage.

Call Toll-Free: 1-877-922-4673

www.HelpOurMarriage.com

Upcoming "Marriage 911" Weekends in Wausau

January 18-20, 2008

May 2-4, 2008

August 8-10, 2008

Chris Padgett Speaks About Christian Discipleship

at Aquinas High School on January 30, 2008.

Music - 6:30-7:00 p.m. Presentation - 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Reserved seats only! Space is limited!

Please call the number below to reserve a seat today!

Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry

Jen Mickschl, Secretary

608-791-0161

jmickschl@dioceseoflacrosse.com

Fatima and Lourdes Pilgrimage

Please join Jennison Travel Agency of Schofield, WI and Fr. Bob Streveler, pastor of St. Joseph's parish, Black River Falls for a pilgrimage to Fatima, Lourdes and Barcelona April 28 - May 6, 2008. Please call Barbara Jennison 715-355-5775 for more information.

Diocesan Annual Appeal

If you have not already done so, please make your pledge to the Diocesan Annual Appeal. The pledge cards were sent to your home along with a brochure in September. Thank you.

Please make use of the envelope in your packets sent into your home that is marked for the *Catholic Times*. Please make your check out to St. James and contribute toward your Diocesan newspaper. Thank you.

Beginning Monday, January 21, St. James will offer *Adventures in Matthew*, a 24-week Bible study series. To register, please call Donna at the rectory 782-1022. Thank you.

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 Marshfield and Eau Claire Council of Catholic Women 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 special day for ladies is a lovely one-day conference to be held at St. Mary's community Center, Altoona, WI on Saturday, February 2, 2008. Singles, religious, young ladies in high school, mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers will be edified and challenged to fully embrace their call to holiness. Please pick up your registration form (in the back of church) and send it in today! Question? Please call Roberta Kostka at 715-597-2268.

Natural Family Planning 99% Effective - 100% Safe

Natural Family Planning (NFP) offers you a reliable way to avoid or achieve a pregnancy without artificial chemicals or devices. Recent research findings on the long-term health risks of the pill, patch or shot have made many couples rethink their family planning options. NFP is completely safe and scientifically proven, and it is also in harmony with the teaching of the Church. All you have to do is listen to your body.

A Natural Family Planning three class series will be offered at Franciscan Skemp Hospital in the Lang Conference Room in LaCrosse from 2:30-4:30 p.m. on Sundays; January 20, February 10, March 2. To register call the NFP Office at 1-800-255-6226 or email: nfp@dioceseoflacrosse.com.

Support Coulee Catholic Schools and join the "Boogie on the Bayou" Mardi Gras Ball on Friday, January 18 at Stoney Creek Inn, Onalaska. Cocktails 5:30 p.m., dinner 7:00 p.m., dance following with "Double Take". Meet the new Rex and Queen. Ball tickets \$50 per person. Family and individual sponsorships also available. More information available at www.lacrossemardigras.com.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE PARISHIONERS WHO ARE ILL OR HOSPITALIZED:

Joe Arlt, Bernard Endris, Janet Storandt, Elaine Addis, Steve Butterfield, Elizabeth Gilbertson, Joe Huber, Judith Dohlby, Winifred Merfeld, Catherine Kainz, Franz Butkovich, Jasmine Kranz, Virginia Stanislawski, Elizabeth Crogan, and Mary Apel

Weekly Readings

January 7 - January 13

Monday - 1 Jn 3: 22-4: 6; Mt 4: 12-17, 23-25

Tuesday - 1 Jn 4: 7-10; Mk 6: 34-44

Wednesday - 1 Jn 4: 11-18; Mk 6: 45-52

Thursday - 1 Jn 4: 19-5: 4; Lk 4: 14-22a

Friday - 1 Jn 5: 5-13; Lk 5: 12-16

Saturday - 1 Jn 5: 14-21; Jn 3: 22-30

Sunday - Is 42: 1-4, 6-7; Acts 10: 34-38; Mt 3: 13-17

Blood Center of Wisconsin Blood Drive

Sponsored by Northside LaCrosse Churches

Host: Trinity Lutheran Church, 1010 Sill St.

Hanson Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, Jan. 15 from 2 to 7 p.m.

Call Fran or Donna @ 782-6200 for your appointment.

To be a donor you must be in good health, at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and have a photo ID at the time of donation. You will be doing more good than you know.

Offering Envelopes for

Coulee Catholic School and home schooled students are available on a table in the back of church.

Please pick up your child's box of envelopes as you leave church. Thank you.

If you have not yet made a financial gift to your parish for Christmas, please do so in the near future. Thank you for your continual generosity to your parish.

This Tuesday evening, Jan. 8 I will be leaving with Bishop Listecky to visit Ghana, Africa where a number of priests have come who are presently serving in our Diocese. Bishop Listecky wishes to make a firmer relationship with the Bishops who have sent us priests through our visit. After the visit to Ghana, I will be traveling to Rome to attend the annual meeting of Diocesan Directors of the Propagation of the Faith. I will keep all of you in my prayers, especially at daily Mass. Please pray for a safe trip. Fr. Rajan, our Associate Pastor will provide pastoral care to our parish during my absence.

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church, this week's term used in our Catholic Faith is:

LITURGICAL YEAR: The celebration throughout the year of the mysteries of the Lord's birth, life, death, and Resurrection in such a way that the entire year becomes a "year of the Lord's grace". Thus the cycle of the liturgical year and the great feasts constitute the basic rhythm of the Christian's life of prayer, with its focal point at Easter.