

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

March 5 - March 11, 2007

Weekly Schedule

Mon. March 5

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

8:00 a.m. - Mass for Special Intention of the Brennan Family

7:00 p.m. - Bible Study

Tues. March 6

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

8:00 a.m. - Mass for Living & Deceased Members of the St. James PCCW

6:30 p.m. - Sacred Worship Committee meeting

7:00 p.m. - Bible Study

Wed. March 7 - Sts. Perpetua & Felicity

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

8:00 a.m. - Mass for Alphonse Gandyra

Thurs. March 8 - St. John of God

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

8:00 a.m. - Mass for Rose Gilbertson

6:30 p.m. - RCIA

Fri. March 9 - St. Frances of Rome

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

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

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

2:25 p.m. - Stations of the Cross & Chaplet of Divine Mercy

3:00 p.m. - Benediction

Sat. March 10

7:30 a.m. - Mass for Health & Welfare of Eileen Beach

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

8:00 a.m. - Day of Reflection at Cathedral

3:30 p.m. - Confessions

4:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross

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

Sun. March 11 - Third Sunday of Lent

7:00 a.m. - Stations of the Cross

7:30 a.m. - Mass for Matt & Dorothy Koelbl

8:30 a.m. - CCD

9:00 a.m. - Confessions

9:30 a.m. - Stations of the Cross

10:00 a.m. - Mass for Parishioners of St. James

**READERS - COMMENTATORS
SERVERS - USHERS**

Saturday, March 10 - 4:30 p.m.

READER:
COMMENTATOR: P. Harnisch-Smith
MINISTERS: A. Arlt/C. Guanella
USHERS: R. Bjorkman/R. Rieber
SERVERS: Marcus Skiles
Jared Berger

Sunday, March 11 - 7:30 a.m.

READER: D. Wurzer
COMMENTATOR: R. Allen
MINISTERS: F. Wigdal
USHERS: G. Skemp/D. Kneifl
G. Seifert
SERVERS: Matt Thompson
Adam Wolfert

Sunday, March 11 - 10:00 a.m.

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

CHURCH COLLECTION

Envelopes/Plate	\$3,277.76
Votive Candles	101.00
Youth Envelopes	7.00
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	\$3,385.76

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.

A Day of Reflection sponsored by the La Crosse Deanery Council of Catholic Women will be held at Cathedral on Saturday, March 10th. The day begins with Mass at 8:00 a.m. followed by registration at 9:00 and the breakfast in the undercroft at 9:15. At 10:15 there will be a presentation by Fr. Robert Schaller on Divine Mercy. The cost is \$10.00. Please RSVP by March 7th to Jane Schwabenbauer at 783-1986.

You are cordially invited to attend the second annual Stations of the Cross presented by the students in the

St. James Religious Education program next Sunday, March 11th at 9:15 a.m.

Immediately following the 10:00 a.m. Mass, the students will be serving coffee, juice, and donuts in Murphy Hall.

Please plan to attend this very beautiful Lenten program.

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 \$80,745.00 in cash donations and \$371,485.00 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. **Please make checks payable to *We Belong to Christ*, not St. James Parish.** Thank you.

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

Snow Removal

For the remainder of the winter season, the custodian could use some help removing snow. If you are able to help remove snow from the sidewalks and church steps please call the rectory with your name. Thank you!

Informational Adoption Meeting

Catholic Charities of La Crosse is holding a public adoption informational meeting.

The meeting will discuss information on options for adoption, length of time involved, fees, and a description of the home study process. We will also discuss the agency infant program and international program, including the adoption of infants from Guatemala.

The meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 27th at the South Community Public Library, 1307 South 16th St. in La Crosse. The meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. To make reservations or if you have questions, please feel free to contact Rhea Newman at 782-0710 ext 210 or 769-1493.

Dear Father Scheckel, Parishioners of St. James, and Children of Providence Academy:

Thank you so very much for the prayers that were offered for me while I was in Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota.

On January 14th I received a kidney and liver transplant and am presently at home recovering and doing very well, as proof that prayer does work. May God bless each and every one of you!

*Sincerely,
John Sagen*

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 Sunday, July 29th in La Crosse, Sunday, September 9th in Altoona, or Sunday, September 16th in Plover. Last year over two hundred couples joined Bishop Listecky in celebrating their anniversaries. Names need to be sent to the Diocesan Office by March 31st.

A lecture on Catholic Moral Teaching and End of Life Issues entitled

“Moral Issues in the Care of the Dying”

Eugene F. Diamond, MD

Professor of Pediatrics, Loyola University Stritch School of Medicine

Blessed Sacrament Parish Center

Losey Boulevard South and King Street

Sunday, March 18, 2007

7:30 P.M.

This is an excellent opportunity to hear an authoritative presentation on end of life issues and Catholic teaching from a nationally known physician and a widely published author on moral issues and the practice of medicine.

Sponsored by:

The La Crosse Guild of the Catholic Medical Association

The **Franciscan Skemp Auxiliary and Partners of Gundersen Lutheran** are having their 20th Annual Joint Luncheon on Tuesday, March 13th at the Radisson Ballroom. The luncheon includes a fashion show and guest speaker. The event begins at 11:00 a.m. with a social hour, followed by the fashion show, lunch and program beginning at 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$15 and tickets may be purchased by March 8th at the Franciscan Skemp Volunteer Office, Gundersen Lutheran Gift Shop, Degen Berglund/Village Shopping Center and Feminine Fancies.

Weekly Readings March 5 - March 11

Monday - Dn 9: 4b-10; Lk 6: 36-38

Tuesday - Is 1: 10, 16-20; Mt 23: 1-12

Wednesday - Jer 18: 18-20; Mt 20: 17-28

Thursday - Jer 17: 5-10; Lk 16: 19-31

Friday - Gn 37: 3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Mt 21: 33-43, 45-46

Saturday - Mi 7: 14-15, 18-20; Lk 15: 1-3, 11-32

Sunday - Ex 3: 1-8a, 13-15; 1 Cor 10: 1-6, 10-12; Lk 13: 1-9

ST. JAMES CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

Mar. 1	Lisa Merfeld	\$250
Mar. 2	Bob & Karen Guggenbuehl	\$40

Church Cleaning Schedule

March 10 - M.A. Schelfhout/J. Schwabenbauer
March 17 - B. & K. Guggenbuehl/D. & M. Heilman

HELP NEEDED

We need volunteers to clean the church once a week on Saturdays. Your turn will usually come up once every 9 weeks. This takes about one hour each week. Call Jane Schwabenbauer 783-1986 for details if you can help out. (Both men & women are welcome.) Thank you.

Lenten Organ Concerts

Sunday, March 4, 3:00 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church

223 West Ave. S.

Organist, Sue Walby

assisted by UWL Women's Chorus

Sunday, March 25, 3:00 p.m.

Christ Episcopal Church

Ninth & Main Streets

Organist, Mary Larson

Assisted by Ellen Hindson on oboe

and the Christ Church choir

Sponsored by Riverland Chapter,

American Guild of Organists

Suggested donation of \$5 is appreciated.

Lenten Spirituality Series

The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe presents Father Sam Martin with a series of conferences on the Saturdays of March ending with a Spirituality Day on March 31st. While attendance at all the conferences is recommended, each conference can stand on its own merit. All conferences begin at 9:30 a.m. and last approximately one hour. The regularly scheduled celebration of Holy Mass follows at 11:00 a.m.

March 3: *Roll of God and Man in Salvation History*

March 10: *Purification of the Soul* (i.e. prayer, penance and mortification)

March 17: *Growth in Virtue*

March 24: *Live in the Spirit*

March 31: Spirituality Day

(conference + lunch + donation to Father = \$15.00)

9:30 a.m. - Examination of Conscience, Confession and Penance

11:00 a.m. - Celebration of Holy Mass

11:45 a.m. - Lunch

12:30 p.m. - Confessions and Personal Prayer

2:00 p.m. - Final Conference

3:00 p.m. - Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction

Call for reservations or for more information at 782-5440.