

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 Rajendran (Fr. Rajen) 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

September 24 - September 30, 2007 Weekly Schedule

Mon. September 24

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

8:00 a.m. - Mass for Bernard Shuda

7:00 p.m. - CCS Commission Meeting

Tues. September 25

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

8:00 a.m. - Mass for Elsie Kotnour

Wed. September 26

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

8:00 a.m. - Mass for Special Intention of
Becky & Jeff Dicharry

6:00 p.m. - Choir Dinner and Meeting

Thurs. September 27 - St. Vincent de Paul

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

8:00 a.m. - Mass for Bill Craig

6:30 p.m. - RCIA

Fri. September 28

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

8:00 a.m. - Mass for Ronald Kneifl

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

2:40 p.m. - Benediction

Sat. September 29 - Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels

7:30 a.m. - Mass for Paul Hericks

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

3:30 p.m. - Confessions

4:30 p.m. - Vigil Mass for Patrick & Daniel Haag

Sun. September 30 - Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. - Mass for George Farah

8:30 a.m. - CCD

9:00 a.m. - Confessions

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

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

READERS - COMMENTATORS

SERVERS - USHERS

Saturday, September 29 - 4:30 p.m.

READER: L. Aylsworth
K. & C. Heilman
COMMENTATOR: J. Michuta
MINISTERS: M. Heilman/G. Guanella
USHERS: A. Mathews/G. Heilman
R. Bjorkman
SERVERS: Jacob Alford
Caleb Alford

Sunday, September 30 - 7:30 a.m.

READER:
COMMENTATOR: R. Allen
MINISTERS: D. Randall
USHERS: G. Besl/B. Rudy
R. Greeno
SERVERS: **(Need Servers)**

Sunday, September 30 - 10:00 a.m.

READER: A. Marshall
COMMENTATOR: M. Craig
MINISTERS: R. Devine
USHERS: J. Koelb/O. Sagen
F. Benesh/G. Brauer
SERVERS: Mark Knudtson
Scott Marshall
Andrew Marshall

CHURCH CLEANING

Sept. 29 - C. & J. Haag/D. Colgan
Oct. 6 - C. Patterson/D. Sullivan/R. & G. Krueger
Oct. 13 - F. & R. Eichelberger/M. & D. Ritter

CHURCH COLLECTION

Envelopes/Plate	\$5,138.72
Votive Candles	85.00
Youth Envelopes	14.20
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	\$5,237.92

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

"Quilt Till You Wilt"

Sept. 26th, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Come for an hour or stay the day. Meet at Church for a ride.

No quilting experience necessary. Potluck lunch with barbecue provided. Call 781-3175 for directions

Beginning this weekend, Holy Communion will be distributed only from the sanctuary at the Saturday 4:30 p.m. Mass. If there is someone who is unable to come to the sanctuary for communion due to physical incapability please let the priest-celebrant know and communion will be brought to them when the organist and cantor are brought communion.

"40 Days For Life"

Beginning September 26 through November 4, 2007 a nation-wide Pro-Life vigil will be held to pray and fast for the end to abortion. Those interested will be gathering to pray outside abortion facilities in Madison, Green Bay, Appleton and Milwaukee 24 hours a day. At least two volunteers are needed during each hour. Anyone interested in participating in this vigil may contact Amy Hying at 608-698-3877 or e-mail 40DaysforLife-Madison@gmail.com.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

99% EFFECTIVE - 100% SAFE

Recent research findings on the long-term health risks of the pill, patch or shot have made many couples rethink their family planning options. Natural Family Planning (NFP) offers you a reliable way to achieve or avoid a pregnancy without artificial chemicals or devices. 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 the following Sundays: October 28, November 11, December 2. To register or obtain more information call the Natural Family Planning Office at 1-800-255-6226 or e-mail: nfp@dioceseoflacrosse.com.

Money Smart Week Wisconsin

Will be offering public seminars in the LaCrosse area. Build your financial skills and knowledge by attending any of the various seminars offered in the area during the week of October 7th—13th. A list of seminars can be found on www.moneysmartwi.org and searching the event calendar. Select the sort by city option and highlight Holmen, LaCrosse, Onalaska, or West Salem to view the list of seminars along with their time and location. All of the seminars are free and open to the public.

Wisconsin Right to Life will have a rummage sale at St. Francis Medical Center garage, located at 11th and Ferry St. The rummage sale will be on Friday, October 12th from 7:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 13th 7:30 until noon. Any donations may be dropped off on Thursday, October 19th from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. We thank you for helping us make the sale a success. For more information call 783-2757.

Help needed! The Knights of Columbus plan to put up the pro-life display of white crosses on the hill in front of their building on Hwy 16 but need volunteers to help. All ages and abilities can participate. Crosses will start going up at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 26th. Please come!

From Alan Guanella.....

It is official! Summer has ended and I am back at Saint Mary's University of Minnesota and Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary. There are nineteen new men at the Seminary and the year has started out well. I am taking sixteen credits this year which includes classes in Modern Philosophy, Moral Theory, Classical Hebrew, as well as horsemanship (seminarians need relaxation, too!). I thank you all for the kind cards and notes that I receive. I appreciate them very much; know that you are all in my prayers throughout the upcoming year. Please do not hesitate to call, write, or e-mail anytime. My contact information is:

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Faith Alive - Diocesan Faith Sharing Program

Would you like to deepen your life of faith, prayer, fellowship and love of neighbor? Then consider joining a faith-sharing group that will meet once a month, October through May, as part of the "Faith Alive" program being launched in parishes throughout the Diocese this fall. In this program, groups of 6-10 parishioners meet - either in each other's homes or at the parish - to read and reflect on the Scriptures and the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* through a new resource titled "Deepening Our Life in Christ, Part II". Each group member will also be asked to make a modest commitment to some kind of service to be carried out in the course of the year as an expression of their life in Christ. If you are interested in joining a parish group, see the sign-up sheet in last week's bulletin. Or you may call Donna Walz at 782-1022.

The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe is sponsoring a trip to the Divine Mercy Conference in Milwaukee featuring Fr. Benedict Groeschel, CFR October 12-13, 2007. The cost is \$119.95 which includes hotel room (double occupancy), motor coach, 1 breakfast, 2 lunches and your event ticket. Please call Pat at the Shrine 782-5440 to make your reservation.

**Visit The Holy Cross Seminary House of Formation website:
www.houseofformation.com**

Weekly Readings

September 24 - September 30

Monday - Ez 1: 1-6; Lk 8: 16-18

Tuesday - Ez 6: 7-8, 12b, 14-20; Lk 8: 19-21

Wednesday - Ez 9: 5-9; Lk 9: 1-6

Thursday - Hg 1: 1-8; Lk 9: 7-9

Friday - Hg 2: 1-9; Lk 9: 18-22

Saturday - Dn 7: 9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12: 7-12ab; Jn 1: 47-51

Sunday - Am 6: 1a, 4-7; 1Tm 6: 11-16; Lk 16: 19-31

Going once ... going twice ...

SOLD !!!

Remember to mark your calendars for our parish auction that will be held on Brices Prairie - at the Antique Barn on C.T.H. Z. Ray Mosey, a St. James Parishioner, has given to the parish the contents of the Antique Barn to auction. The auction will take place on **Thursday, October 11th, beginning at 10:30 a.m.**

Choir Dinner

All those interested in being in the St. James Choir are invited to a choir dinner on Wednesday, September 26, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in Murphy Hall. Both returning choir members and those interested in joining the choir are welcome to attend. Rehearsal schedules will be available at the dinner. If you plan to attend, please **RSVP** to the rectory at 782-7557. Thank you.

Disaster Assistance

If you sustained losses due to the recent flooding you may be eligible for disaster aid through FEMA. Call 1-800-621-3362 or apply online at www.fema.gov. You may also call Catholic Charities 782-0710 from 9:00a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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

MERIT: The reward which God promises and gives to those who love Him and by His grace perform good works. One cannot "merit" justification or eternal life, which are the free gift of God; the source of any merit we have before God is due to the grace of Christ in us.