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VERITATEM FACIENTES IN CARITATE

ST. JOSEPH ORATORY

1825 S Riverside Dr. (Hwy 57) Green Bay, WI 54301

Dedicated to Our Lady of Fatima † Canon Denis Buchholz, Rector

THE VERY REVEREND MONSIGNOR MICHAEL SCHMITZ, PROVINCIAL SUPERIOR

Sunday, April 19, 2009 † Low Sunday (Divine Mercy Sunday)

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

The faithful of St. Joseph Oratory wish to express their gratitude to Monsignor Klister and the faithful of St. Francis Xavier Cathedral & SS. Peter & Paul Church for welcoming them during the reconstruction at St. Joseph Chapel. May God Bless you!

Sunday Masses will be at the Cathedral beginning April 26 until the chapel construction is completed in about four weeks. The Cathedral is located in downtown Green Bay, with the front entrance on Monroe Street, between Doty and Walnut Streets. There is some off-street parking just north of the Cathedral, and on weekends, plenty of on-street parking available on the city streets. Low Mass will be at 7:30 a.m., and High Mass at 10:30 a.m. *Please exit promptly after the 7:30 a.m. Mass to allow those coming to the 9:00 a.m. Mass to enter without causing congestion at the doors. Please wait until those attending the 9:00 a.m.*



Mass have exited before entering the Cathedral for the 10:30 a.m. Mass, to avoid causing congestion at the doors. Thank you for your cooperation.

Beginning on April 20, weekday and Saturday Masses will be at SS. Peter & Paul Church at the corner of Baird St. and University Ave., with the Mass beginning at 9:00 a.m. Evening Mass times and any changes that may happen to occur will be announced in upcoming bulletins. *Please wait until those attending the earlier Mass have exited before entering the church, to avoid causing congestion at the doors. Thank you for your cooperation.*

A BRIEF LOOK AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHEDRAL

In the spring of 1868, Pope Pius IX created the Diocese of Green Bay, *Diocesis Sinus Viridis* in Latin. The role of the Catholic Church had been established two centuries earlier, with the arrival of the Jesuit missionaries shortly after Jean Nicolet's discovery. Father Claude-Jean Allouez, a Jesuit missionary, celebrated Mass with the Native Americans near the present site of Oconto on December 3, 1669, the feast of St. Francis Xavier, the first saint to be honored in this locale with a mission later named for him.

St. John the Evangelist Church started by the French is the oldest continuing parish in the now 16-county diocese, since 1831; it has operated from its present location since 1847. The Germans established their own church but named it in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Mary's, in 1851. In 1868 the name was changed to St. Francis Xavier when it was designated as the Cathedral of the Diocese but it suffered several fires.

The new church, consecrated in 1881, was somewhat modeled after the *Ludwigskirche* in Munich, Germany. A set of archived drawings of the façade exist with records showing that an architect was paid for work done in 1873. The German immigrants contributed greatly to the cost of the structure, as did Austrian and German benefactors from the overseas *Ludwig-Missionsverein*. It was built in five years, and the total cost was \$130,000. It is Romanesque in style, inside and out, having many arches and vaults, with marble columns topped with classic capitals.

The interior of the cathedral is also enriched with very beautiful and singular art treasures contributed by mainly two artists: Joseph Albrecht of Munich, and an immigrant who settled in Kentucky, Johann Schmitt.

Schmitt, a notable church painter in the Midwest who worked for Covington Altar Building Stock Company (sometimes called the Institute of Catholic Art), executed his major painting, *The Crucifixion* in 1883. The scene was based on a vision of Bl. Anne Catherine Emerich and is 28 x 40 feet and contains over 50 figures. Oil on plaster, which lasts longer than the traditional watercolor fresco, the figures of Christ, the Blessed Virgin, St. John, and Mary Magdalene are life-like and full of emotion. The painting dominates not only the sanctuary but the entire church yet to this day. One German-born visiting missionary, Fr. Wenninger, in 1887 wrote in a letter that it "is the most imposing and moving depiction of the event I have ever experienced."

Schmitt returned to Green Bay in 1895 as quite an old man to contribute two more pieces, *The Agony in the Garden* and *The Burial of Christ*. Some of Schmitt's artwork hangs in the Vatican museums.

Albrecht contributed the paintings depicting the eight beatitudes which are on the upper walls of the nave, and two other pieces as well, but little else is known of him or his work.

Other details inside the church include carved wood reliefs over the north and south doorways; the stained glass windows, with the Rose Window consisting of over 4,000 pieces of glass, and the 12 columns or pillars, representing the 12 apostles.

The Cathedral was created to awe and inspire, to lift one's heart and soul upward toward heaven. Located in the central downtown district easily recognized by its twin towers, it is an honored landmark in the city and for the Catholic Church, and is a testimony to the beauty and power of traditional Catholic art.

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE: APRIL 19 - 26

Sun., Apr. 19 8:00 a.m.	Low Sunday (1st Class, White)	For all of our children & grand-children, <i>by Harry & Barbara Bowman</i>	Jesse Kickbusch Daniel Fiala
9:00 a.m.	<i>St. Joseph Oratory Children's Choir Practice in Melania Hall</i>		
10:00 a.m. High Mass	Low Sunday (1st Class, White)	Peter & Molly Scofield, <i>by Carol Ariens</i>	M.C.: Nathaniel Helfenberger Thurifer: Paul Jessel Acolytes: Andrew Helfenberger & Joshua Olsen Candlebearers: Gabriel Helfenberger & Gerald Jessel Crossbearer: Stephen Jessel
4:00 p.m.	<i>High Mass at St. Mary's Church, 605 Merritt, Oshkosh, WI.</i>		
Mon. Apr. 20 9:00 a.m.	Requiem Mass (4th Class, Black)	†Eleanor Edges, <i>by her family</i>	Daniel Fiala Michael Holz
Tue., Apr. 21 9:00 a.m.	St. Anselm , Bishop, Confessor, Doctor (3rd Class, White)	Canon Denis Buchholz, <i>by Tom & Mary Roehrig</i>	Keith Kerscher Joshua Olsen
Wed., Apr. 22 9:00 a.m.	SS. Soter & Caius , Popes & Martyrs (3rd Class, Red)	†Renfroe White, <i>by John White</i>	Anthony Fameree John Burnham
Thu., Apr. 23 9:00 a.m.	St. George , Martyr (4th Class, Red)	For Delroy Mayer, <i>by Lincoln & Jodi Barrington</i>	John Burnham OPEN
Fri., Apr. 24 9:00 a.m.	Anniversary of the Coronation of the Supreme Pontiff, Benedict XVI (2nd Class, White) Comm. St. Fidelis	†Barbara Schreifels, <i>by Lee Mayer</i>	Paul Jessel Gerald Jessel
Sat., Apr. 25 9:00 a.m.	St. Mark the Evangelist (2nd Class, Red) Comm. Rogation	Special Intention, <i>by Matthew Konopka</i>	Kaleb Kerscher OPEN
Sun., Apr. 26 7:30 a.m.	Good Shepherd Sunday (2nd Class, White)	Alma DeLorme, <i>by the Gary DeLorme family</i>	Daniel Fiala Jesse Kickbusch
9:00 a.m.	<i>St. Joseph Oratory Children's Choir Practice</i>		
10:30 a.m. High Mass	Good Shepherd Sunday (2nd Class, White)	†Thelma White, <i>by John White</i>	M.C.: Keith Kerscher Thurifer: Andrew Helfenberger Acolytes: Paul & Stephen Jessel Candlebearers: Peter & Martin Ellis Crossbearer: Gerald Jessel
3:00 p.m.	<i>Latin Mass at Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church, 807 Superior, Sheboygan, WI</i>		

CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRACTICE AT THE CATHEDRAL

Please note that the Children's Choir will practice at 9:00 a.m. in the practice room at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral on Sundays while the reconstruction it going on at St. Joseph Chapel.

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Sunday 6:30 - 7:20 a.m.
Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 8:50 a.m.
Available by appointment call (920) 437-9660

DEVOTION SCHEDULE

Wednesday ..St. Joseph Novena follows Holy Mass
FridayChaplet of Divine Mercy follows Mass

CHAPEL RECONSTRUCTION APRIL 20 - MAY 19

On Monday, April 20, the restoration of the chapel is beginning. Our Sunday Masses will be at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral at 7:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Weekday & Saturday Masses will be at SS. Peter & Paul (morning Masses will be at 9:00 a.m., evening Mass times & changes will be published as needed.) *Please wait until those attending an earlier Mass have exited before entering, to avoid disturbing the Mass and causing congestion at the doors. Thank you for your cooperation.*

MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED DURING HOLY WEEK

Canon Buchholz wishes to express his thanks to all who helped preparing Holy Week and Easter. Many hands and voices were necessary in order to celebrate Holy Week from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday with such great Solemnity. Everyone who attended appreciated very much all the efforts made by so many of you to make the Liturgy so beautiful and dignified. We want to thank in particular Mrs. Betty Huelskamp & her helpers, the Young Adult Choir under the direction of Fabian Quamar, the altar boys and the sacristans for their performance *par excellence*.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES

Preparatory Classes are on April 25; May 2 & 16 & 30; and June 6. Classes will be taking place in St. Patrick's Church basement. The classes will be after Holy Mass beginning at 10:00 a.m. During this time confessions will be heard only *before* Saturday morning Mass.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR SEMINARY

On Good Shepherd Sunday, April 26, a second collection will be taken up for the St. Philip Neri Seminary of the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest, located in Gricigliano (Florence) Italy, at the request of our Superior General, Msgr. Gilles Wach. The Institute's apostolates are again asked to support, both spiritually and financially, the formation of the seminarians, our future priests. Thank you and may God bless your generosity!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2009

LATIN MASS IN OSHKOSH

4:00 p.m. High Mass at St. Mary's Church located at 605 Merritt, Oshkosh, WI.

SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2009

PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY HILL

(Please see the Carpool Sign Up sheet in the entrance)
Arrive at 12:30 p.m. Holy Mass at 1:30 p.m.
Brown bag lunch after Holy Mass followed by a conference given by Msgr. Michael Schmitz

SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2009

LATIN MASS IN SHEBOYGAN

3:00 p.m. Latin Mass at Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church, 807 Superior, Sheboygan, WI

FRIDAY, JUNE 12 2009

SHRINE OF CHRIST THE KING, CHICAGO

Solemn Benediction & Te Deum with His Eminence Cardinal George. Visit of Monsignor Gilles Wach, Prior General of the Institute. More information will be published soon.

SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2009

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

First Holy Communion will take place on the External Solemnity of the Feast of Corpus Christi. Please contact Canon Buchholz if you would like your child to participate. Preparatory Classes for candidates will begin on Saturday, April 18.

SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2009

ST. JOSEPH ORATORY PICNIC

Will be held at Green Isle Pavilion (Park) in Green Bay, just a few miles from the Oratory