



Blessed Sacrament Parish

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER & DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY April 11, 2021

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening 4:30 pm
Sunday Morning 8:00 & 10:00 am
Monday - Friday 7:15 am

CONFESSION

Saturday 3:30-4:15 pm
Other times by appointment

BENEDICTION

First Friday 7:45 am

Call the Parish Office to make arrangements:

- To join the parish
- For a wedding (6 months in advance)
- For Baptism class information
- For Anointing of the Sick: Those who are seriously sick or have been ill for a long period of time should receive the Sacrament of the Sick and Holy Communion.
- If you are home-bound because of illness and would like to be visited, please call.

MINISTRY LEADERS

MCs: *Gabe Trussoni*
Mike Vanderploeg
William Arnold

Weekend Servers
(Middle and High Schoolers):
Gabe Trussoni

Readers: *Mary Jo Reinders*

Extraordinary Ministers of the
Eucharistic: *Carolyn Steingraeber*

Petition Readers: *Barb Clements*

Ushers: *Tom Kratt*

Offering Families: *Call the office to volunteer*

Rosary Leader Schedule:

Weekday Servers (Grade Schoolers):
Stephanie Gauger

Weekday Readers: *Caryl Doberstein*

Weekday Eucharistic Ministers:
Carolyn Steingraeber

PARISH CONTACTS

Office Ass't Dir: *Elizabeth Skemp*

Finances: *Steve McGovern,*
Luci Johnson

Building Maintenance:
Carl Francksen

Scrip Coordinator: 782.2953 ext. 1
Pat Hammes

Website: *Jennifer Kulzer*

Music Director: 782.2953 ext. 4
Pauline Connell

Religious Education: *Pauline Connell*

RCIA & Confirmation Preparation:
Jennifer Kulzer

First Communion & Reconciliation
Preparation: *Pauline Connell*

Funeral Lunch Coordinator:
Bernice Lansing

Bulletin Editor: *Pauline Connell*

Sacristan: *Jean Kachel*

Women's Club: *Helen Roop*

Men's Club: *Ken Hanson*

Widow & Widowers Group:
Barb Schmitz, Loretta Clarkin

April 11, 2021

CONFIRMANDI 2021

Father Raj conferred the Sacrament of Confirmation on April 7 on the young people listed here. The saint they chose as their special advocate in heaven (their Confirmation name) is listed, as well.

Elizabeth Bagniefski	St. Mary Magdalene
Kaitlin Groth	St. Clare of Assisi
Jacob Hillebrand	St. Giuseppe Moscati
Damien Lee	St. Andrew
Aaron Lepak	St. Andrew
Zachary Morgan	St. Hubert
Jack Murphy	St. Matthew
Alexandra Roupe	St. Angela Merici
Robert Skemp	St. Francis of Assisi
Henry Suttie	St. Damien of Molokai
Esmeralda Valera	St. Teresa of Calcutta
Estella Weisse	St. Cecilia

APRIL MEN'S GATHERING

Saturday, April 17

8:00 am Mass at Cathedral

Then come to our Parish Center for a one-hour reflection, prayer, and discussion on the Seven Joys and Sorrows of Saint Joseph.

There will be time for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament afterward. David Schreier will facilitate the talk and discussion.

Mark your calendar.

Invite your friends.

Divine Mercy Sunday Devotions will take place on Sunday, April 11, at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral, from noon to 3:15 pm. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin at noon. Confessions will be heard throughout the afternoon with hourly recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. A Divine Mercy video will be shown at 12:20 and at 1:30 pm. Devotions will conclude with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction at 3:00. Come when you can; leave when you must.

April 12 - 18, 2021

MASS INTENTIONS

FACE MASKS ARE REQUIRED IN CHURCH

- MON 4/12** 7:15 Easter Weekday
+Frances Skemp
- TUES 4/13** 7:15 Easter Weekday; Martin I
+David Wadzinski
- WED 4/14** 7:15 Easter Weekday
+Julie Pitot
2:20 pm *+Marjorie Straight*
- THUR 4/15** 7:15 Easter Weekday
+Dan Chamberlain
8:15 *+Margaret Parr*

The Masses at 2:20 Wednesday pm and 8:15 Thursday morning are attended by the grade schoolers. They are not open to others.

- FRI 4/16** 7:15 Easter Weekday
+Dick Meyer
- SAT 4/17** Easter Weekday
NO 7:15 Mass
2:00 Nuptials Sarah Hendricks & Nicholas Diny

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Celebrant: Father Peter Raj

Assisting: Deacon Allen and MC

- SAT 4/17** 4:30 pm *+David Wakeen*
- SUN 4/18** 8:00 *For the People of the Parish*
10:00 *+Wenzel & +Margaret Schubert*

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays, 3:30-4:15 pm
or call for an appointment

PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire You with all my heart.

Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already in my heart and unite myself to You completely.

Please do not let me ever be separated from You. Amen.

Do you happen to have a piano light you no longer need? Call Pauline at 782-2953, ext. 4. The instruments in the choir loft need light.

AROUND THE PARISH

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday:
9am – noon and 1-4 pm
Friday:
9am-noon; closed in pm

Facemasks must be worn in the parish office and church.

WISCONSIN PARENTAL CHOICE PROGRAM

is open for applications through April 15 for the 2021-22 school year. The program covers 100% of the base tuition to attend the Aquinas Schools. To learn more visit the Aquinas website or contact Nancy Pederson at nancypederson@aquinasschools.org

If you or someone you know is seriously ill, facing surgery, or needs prayers, please call the parish office so our ANGELS OF MERCY Prayer Group can be notified.

Easter Greeting from Bishop Callahan

Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!
I like to use the Paschal Greeting because it also proclaims who we are as believers and how we are to live as His disciples. The kingdom of God is a reality that begins here on earth. We believe Christ rose from the dead, and we believe His Church is the everlasting way His work is to continue from the first Apostles and continuing today. The Kingdom of God is to be extended by all Christians until it has been brought into perfection by Christ at the end of time. We are an Easter people. We are called to holiness because of Christ's resurrection and His everlasting gift of love, and we give witness to His love by our very lives. All are called to holiness as is written in the 5th chapter of Matthew's Gospel, "Be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

This Easter Season pay particular attention in the Gospel accounts of the actions of the first Apostles. Their witness gives us strength to overcome any darkness and doubt we may be tempted to hold on to. Pray for a share of their excitement and joy, and believe that you can help bring the kingdom of God to everyone you meet.

Brothers and sisters, Christ is Risen, and He is with us today! May you fully come to know His presence and experience His joy!

Blessed Easter to you – let us walk together as His disciples.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Jesus has made a really incredible promise for the Feast of Divine Mercy: that the soul that will go to confession (up to 20 days before or after Divine Mercy Sunday) and receive Holy Communion on that feast will obtain the complete forgiveness of all sins. Normally, going to Confession just only wipes away the sin. On this Feast of Divine Mercy, Jesus is offering us a very special and complete pardon of all sins and all punishment as a perfect preparation for our Day of Judgement (mercysunday.com). For more information on Divine Mercy, go to: thedivinemercy.org.

PARISH SUPPORT

BUDGET

July 1, 2020- June 30, 2021

Needed Weekly	\$13,000
Received Apr 4	8,874
Easter	6,548
Good Fri for Holy Land	699
Total	16,245

COMING UP

Apr 11 Divine Mercy Sunday
Services at the Cathedral
Apr 14 Religious Ed class
Apr 17 Men's Gathering, 9-10:00 am.
Apr 17 Wedding 2:00 Nicholas Diny & Sarah Hendricks
June 6 First Communion, 2pm Mass

REST IN PEACE

+Michael Gray, former parishioner and son of Georgia Gray

COMING UP

Formed.org

This Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday, one of the most important feast days in the Church year. In the video *The Necessity of Divine Mercy*, Fr. Chris Alar, MIC, reveals the urgency to live and share the powerful message of Divine Mercy. He explains the basics of the Divine Mercy Feast, image, novena, chaplet, and hour of mercy, and how to incorporate them into your spiritual life. Discover God's transformative message of Divine Mercy through this week on Formed.org.

BAPTISM on April 25

Rowan Thomas Smith
son of Ryan & Callinna

BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE REPORT

*The committee asks that you report any needed repairs or attention to the parish office for their consideration.

*They would like to explore the possible development of a solar electric generating project for our parish facility. If interested in being part of this effort, call the office.

*In general the facilities are in good shape, thanks to our parishioners' generous support.

HYMNAL REMINDER

Please return the hymnal you use at church to the tote in the back of church or side door entry. Each Mass has its own group of hymnals. Thanks

AROUND TOWN

AQUINAS SUPPORT

Mark your calendar for the **HUGE BOOSTER CLUB AUCTION on April 24**. The in-person event starts at 5:30 or participate online via the Greater Giving platform. New this year is the **GOLDEN TICKET** (100 raffle tickets at \$100 each). The winner selects from 10 designated live auction items.

PREGNANCY SUPPORT

Pregnancy? Confused? Need someone to talk to? Catholic Charities provides a **FREE & CONFIDENTIAL** Pregnancy hotline. Call 888-212-4357 or text our 24/7 helpline at 715-600-6391. Social workers are available to talk you through your life options. We will listen and help you make the best decision for you and your child. We'll also provide information, support, and referrals to help you deal with other concerns or crises in your life. Info at: <https://cclse.org/pregnancy-support-2/>

LEADER OF PRAYER CLASS Beginning in July, 2021

Applications are open to men and women who wish to serve as Leaders of Prayer in our Diocese. This is a 3-part course of study to prepare folks to serve their parish by taking Holy Communion to the Sick, conducting Liturgy of the Word on weekdays when a priest is not available (and on Sundays in care facilities or jails), and leading parishioners in prayer at other times. All information is available at [diolc.org/ministries/leader of prayer](http://diolc.org/ministries/leader-of-prayer). Registration is also open for participation in the **LAY FORMATION INSTITUTE** at [diolc.org/lay formation](http://diolc.org/lay-formation).

FRANCISCAN CORE YOUTH THEOLOGY INSTITUTE

June 13-18, Viterbo University

Students entering 10-12th grades in the Fall. Hybrid gatherings with one-day on-campus immersion into Catholic Social teaching to help discern a calling to leadership and service. Website: viterbo.edu/Franciscan-core.

PARISH CENTER HELP NEEDED

Could you spare an hour or so a week to help with a little light housekeeping – vacuuming, etc? Call the office for details.

SEMINARIANS TO PRAY FOR THIS WEEK

Mon	Brian Ward
Tues	John Duranso
Wed	Journey & Regency Seminarians
Thurs	Deacon Arturo Vigeras
Fri	Deacon Eric Mashak
Sat	Deacon Timothy Reither
Sun	Matthew Bowe

Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father, Bless Your Church with an abundance of holy and zealous priests, deacons, brothers, and sisters. Give those You have called to the married state and those You have chosen to live as single persons in the world, the special graces that their lives require. Form us all in the likeness of Your Son, so that in Him and through Him, we may love You more deeply and serve You more faithfully, always and everywhere. With Mary we ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THANKS TO ALL WHO DONATED FLOWERS FOR CHURCH DURING THIS EASTER TIME

In memory of loved ones

Galen Pittman & family for Marianne Pittman
Barb Schmitz for Susan Szemraj & Greg Schmitz
Pauline Jagodzinski for Ralph Jagodzinski
Irm White-Drier for Bob White & Bob Drier
Gene & Mary Ann Roesler for Paul & Gertrude Link and Martin & Georgina Roesler
Bernice Lansing for Denis Kuennen
David & Rita Herlitzke for Lloyd Herlitzke and Leonard & Margaret Degenhardt
Erna Gallagher for Don Gallagher
Dave & Marie Allen for Dr. George Allen
Steve & Annette Flottmeyer for Brian Hafner and Gene Hafner
Crissy Gerke and Cindy Gerke-Edwards for Gilbert & Joyce Gerke
Anne Gilbert for Don Gilbert & family
Flowers were given in honor of Fr. Raj & Deacon Allen

FRANCISCAN SPIRITUALITY CENTER PROGRAMS (ALL VIA ZOOM)

*Fri & Sat, Apr 16 & 17

Finding Beauty in the Midst of Chaos

Facilitator: Susan Seeby, CSA

A closed retreat to folks who are members of a 12-step program and actively involved in recovery

*Sun, Apr 18, 3-6 pm

Finding Calm

Presenter: Christine Isham

Exploring both the ingredients of finding calm and barriers. There will be some offerings from neuroscience as well as time for sharing.

Register for programs at FSCenter.org, or call 608-791-5295.

KNOW YOUR FAITH SERIES

The Social Justice Teachings of the Church

St. Anthony Retreat Center, Marathon

4th Thursday of the month, 6:30-8 pm

(in person or via zoom)

Register at sarcenter.com or call 715-443-2236

Social justice teachings are integral to our faith. Jesus taught that every person is invaluable and worthy of respect as a member of God's family. Human dignity comes from God, not from any human quality or accomplishment.

The April 22 topic is "Solidarity," and the presenters are Fr. Steve Brice and Bob Wolensky, Professor Emeritus of Sociology at UW Stevens Point.