



Blessed Sacrament Parish

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER April 18, 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 18, 2021

April 19 - 25, 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Blessed Easter! May the joy of the Easter Season fill your hearts and homes!

Easter reminds us that it is Jesus who makes all things new again. After this year of pandemic, we are all longing for our lives to be renewed, our families to be healthy, and for us to gather once again to celebrate the Eucharist as a complete family of faith.

During this year we have all faced challenges whether through illness, employment issues, or just the separation from our loved ones. Yet, even in crisis there are gifts which we receive. This past year has provided me with additional time to pray, to reflect, and to discern about the future of our parishes, our schools, our many ministries and our beloved Diocese. This reflection compels me to reach out to you, our faithful parishioners to seek your input regarding the future of our faith community.

Therefore, we have embarked on a feasibility study that embraces some of the short-term and long-term strategic initiatives and needs of the Catholic community of La Crosse. As part of this study we have invited approximately 1,650 families from around the Diocese to provide their input so that it may guide me as to how we may proceed. Hearing from so many faithful Catholics should provide the information necessary to forge our path forward.

I encourage you, should you receive an invitation to participate in the study, to please do so. Your input will have a direct impact on the decisions we make for our future. May God bless you and your family during this Easter Season!

In the Hearts of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I am,

+William Patrick Callahan
Bishop of La Crosse

Jesus on the cross feels the whole weight of evil, and with the force of God's love He conquers it; He defeats it with His resurrection. This is the good that Jesus does for us on the throne of the cross. Christ's cross, embraced with love, never leads to sadness, but to joy, to the joy of having been saved and of doing a little of what He did on the day of His death.

-Pope Francis. *The Church of Mercy*

MASS INTENTIONS

FACE MASKS ARE REQUIRED IN CHURCH

- MON 4/19 7:15 Easter Weekday
+Holy Souls in Purgatory
- TUES 4/20 7:15 Easter Weekday
Living & deceased members of the Jim & Maxine Kroner family
- WED 4/21 7:15 Easter Weekday; Anselm
+Howard A. Bradley
2:20 pm *+Marlowe Watunya*
- THUR 4/22 7:15 Easter Weekday
+Patricia Crowley
8:15 *+Mary Ann Melvin*

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 4/23 7:15 Easter Weekday; George; Adalbert
+Ernie Micek
- SAT 4/24 Easter Weekday; Fidelis of Sigmaringen
NO 7:15 Mass

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Celebrant: Father Peter Raj

Assisting: Deacon Allen and MC

- SAT 4/24 4:30 pm *+Bernard Rybarczyk*
- SUN 4/25 8:00 *Living & deceased members of the Bill & Doris Skemp family*
10:00 *For the People of the Parish*

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.

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.

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.

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: 782-2953, ext. 2

Everyone else my age is an adult. Whereas, I am merely in disguise.

HEAR YE, USHERS

No ministry in our parish has had to be more adaptable than our good ushers at Mass. Helping parishioners with social distancing, offering face masks, handing out hymnals, sanitizing the church after Masses – all with a smile! It's time to say thanks!

THANK YOU

And now an invitation: Men and women - young and not so young – providing a welcoming environment and hospitality at church is so needed, and really enjoyable. Contact Tom Kratt to let him know which Sundays and times you are available.
tomkratt@charter.net

ANOTHER THANK YOU

Tom Kratt and his committee are responsible for live streaming our Masses. What a blessing for the home-bound! Thanks so much for providing this needed service.

AQUINAS SUPPORT HUGE BOOSTER CLUB AUCTION SATURDAY, APRIL 24

Attend in person and/or register to participate online.

New this year: Golden Ticket (100 raffle tickets at \$100 each).

One winner will select from 17 fabulous auction items. Contact aquinas.bc@gmail.com to purchase. Items can be viewed on the Facebook page.

Monday, April 19, 8:00 am

Preregister for Silent Auction and start bidding. Go to aquinascatholicsschools.org.

Saturday, April 24

5:30 Doors open and bidding continues virtually. All bidding is online so bring your smart phone. 7:15 Golden Ticket winner is drawn 7:30 Silent Auction bidding closes. Live auction starts for in-person bidding.

PARISH SUPPORT

BUDGET

July 1, 2020- June 30, 2021

Needed Weekly	\$13,000
Received Apr 11	7,621

COMING UP

Apr 21 Religious Ed Class
Apr 25 World Day of Prayer for Vocations
May 1 Diaconate Ordinations, 10:00
May 1 Funeral for Marge Straight, 10:00
May 8 Wedding: Kris Yoshizuma & Lyndsey Piper, 1:30
June 6 First Communion, 2pm Mass
June 26 Priestly Ordinations, 10:00

AQUINAS SCHOOLS ENROLLMENT OPEN

Aquinas helps students become their best selves, to be leaders in and out of school, and to make a difference in the community. Learn more by calling 784-8585 or visit www.aquinascatholicsschools.org.

COMING UP

Formed.org

Like the Apostles in the first reading this weekend, we are called to "always be ready to give a defense for the hope that is in you." *Ready Reasons* by Catholic Answers are short videos that discuss various topics within the Catholic faith. These concise videos lead viewers to deepen their understandings of the beliefs of the Church and respond to common misconceptions.

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

CENTERING PRAYER: SILENT LISTENING

Offered via Zoom

Presenter: Marcia Bentley
Saturday, May 1, 9am-5pm

Centering Prayer is a modern form of meditation begun by Trappists in Massachusetts. Its practice helps focus one's attention by letting go of distractions and allowing one to enter into a deeper relationship with God.

\$50; register by Apr 30 at [FSCenter.org](https://fscenter.org).

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](https://diolc.org/ministries/leader-of-prayer).

Registration is also open for participation in the **LAY FORMATION INSTITUTE** at [diolc.org/lay formation](https://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.

DEPRESSED ANONYMOUS

Conference call meetings on Mondays, 5:30-6:30. This is a 12-step program for anyone with depression to generate positive energies, form friendships and find support.

If interested call Gayle at 608-406-7990.

CHICKEN-QUE

Thursday, May 13, starting at 11:00

Mary, Mother of the Church
\$10/dinner

It is suggested you buy tickets beforehand by calling 608-518-6145.

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

Friday, Apr 30, 11-3:00
Saturday, May 1, 8-11:00 \$3/bag
Mary, Mother of the Church

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. They will discuss the issue of economic inequality in our country and the call to be in solidarity with workers instead of seeking personal profit.

SEMINARIANS TO PRAY FOR THIS WEEK

Mon	Brian Ward
Tues	John Duranso
Wed	Journey & Regency Seminarians
Thurs	Deacon Arturo Viguera
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.

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY

Unlocking the Meaning of Our Humanity
Virtual Presentation

Sat, June 5, 10am-3:30 pm

Presenter: Brian Butler

\$10/person; register at diolc.org/tob

Today's teens face so many pressures; this program offers a message of hope and solid material to help navigate the troubling waters of today. Teens and parents, all are invited.

Don't forget to drop off your aluminum cans in the bin in the Aquinas parking lot. Proceeds help with Booster Club expenses.