



# Blessed Sacrament Parish

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## EASTER April 4, 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 4, 2021

*Alleluia!*

*Christ is Risen, He is risen, indeed.*

*Alleluia!*

While the past year has been challenging in so many ways, we must not forget that over 2,000 years ago Jesus rose from the grave! No tomb could hold our sinless Redeemer who had come to take the guilt of sin to the cross just as if He was the one who was the sinner. The Lord Jesus, through His cross and resurrection, has destroyed the power of sin and death and brought us into His life.

We have done nothing to earn it, but the Father extended this Grace to humanity in the person and life of His only Son, Jesus Christ. May we all celebrate with great joy the promise of our new life in Christ, our Risen Lord. We indeed are sons and daughters of New Life (that is, new life in Christ).

While I want to extend wishes of a beautiful Easter to all of you and your families, I also want to thank everyone who has called in to check on how my parents and I are doing. I appreciate your thoughtfulness and prayers!

I thank and appreciate the ushers especially for their committed service in these challenging days. They always greet us upon entry in the church with their welcome. And when we all leave they sanitize the pews with disinfectant spray and put things in order for the next day/Mass.

I sincerely thank all the volunteers who helped clean the church (Marie Allen and Co). The cleaned pews and environment ensure our church is a place of welcome and grace for parishioners and guests.

I am grateful for our musicians who assist us as we enter into Our Lord's passion, death, and resurrection through the gift of beautiful music.

I thank Bernice Lansing and her helpers for arranging the palms and flowers to make our sanctuary so lovely. I thank all my staff, but especially Deacon David Allen for his great support and dedication. I would like to thank all those behind the scenes who helped in any way to set up and/or decorate.

Finally, I would like to thank our sacristan Jean Kachel, Jennifer Kulzer, Tom Kratt, servers, readers, MCs and all who did so much to make this Easter so beautiful. Together we have been blessed to use our time and talents to praise and adore our Risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. May the peace of our Risen Lord be with you all.

Happy Easter.  
Father Raj

April 5 - 11, 2021

### MASS INTENTIONS

FACE MASKS ARE REQUIRED IN CHURCH

- MON 4/5** 7:15 Monday within the Octave of Easter  
*+Betty Henke*
- TUES 4/6** 7:15 Tuesday within the Octave of Easter  
*+Joe & +Elaine Steingraeber*
- WED 4/7** 7:15 Wednesday within the Octave of Easter  
*+Terri Levi*  
2:20 pm *+Virginia Nerison*
- THUR 4/8** 7:15 Thursday within the Octave of Easter  
*+Thomas Weibke*  
8:15 *+Luke Schnelbauer*

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 4/9** 7:15 Friday within the Octave of Easter  
*Intention of Eileen Knothe*
- SAT 4/10** Saturday within the Octave of Easter  
NO 7:15 Mass  
*Father Chinnappan will be celebrating the 7:15 Masses with Father Raj until Thursday of this week.*

### SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

#### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Celebrant: Father Peter Raj  
Assisting: Deacon Allen and MC

- SAT 4/10** 4:30 pm *+Margaret Stubler*
- SUN 4/11** 8:00 *For the People of the Parish*  
10:00 *+Leo & +Marguerite Schneider*

### 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.

### BSP CONFIRMANDI 2021

Elizabeth Bagniefski      Kaitlin Groth  
Jacob Hillebrand      Gregory Kusmitch  
Damien Lee      Aaron Lepak  
Zachary Morgan      Jack Murphy  
Alexandra Roupe      Robert Skemp  
Henry Suttie      Esmeralda Valera  
Estella Weisse

*Please keep them in your prayers.  
Confirmation is April 7 here at our parish.*

*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.*

### 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.

### REST IN PEACE

+Kay Nix  
+Betty Fukuda  
mother of Allen

### 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](mailto:nancypederson@aquinasschools.org)

### 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](http://mercysunday.com)).  
For more information on Divine Mercy, go to: [thedivinemercy.org](http://thedivinemercy.org).

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.

## PARISH SUPPORT

### BUDGET

July 1, 2020- June 30, 2021

Needed Weekly      \$13,000  
Received Mar 28      9,879

### COMING UP

Apr 7 Confirmation, 6:30 pm here at BSP  
Apr 7 Religious Ed class  
Apr 11 Divine Mercy Sunday  
Services at the Cathedral  
Apr 17 Men's Gathering, 9-10:00 am.  
Apr 17 Wedding 2:00 Nicholas Diny & Sarah Hendricks  
June 6 First Communion, 2pm Mass

### DIVINE MERCY

The Novena for Divine Mercy began on Good Friday. Sheets with all the prayers are in the Narthex. Divine Mercy Sunday is next week.

## COMING UP

### Formed.org

During the Easter Season learn more about the Biblical and historical evidence for Jesus in the series: *Lectio: The Case for Jesus* on Formed.org. Can we trust the Gospels? Do we really know who wrote them? Do the Gospels communicate the truth or fabricated fables? Who is Jesus? Who did Jesus claim to be? Join Dr. Brant Pitre as he draws evidence from both early Christian and non-Christian writings attesting to the authenticity, authorship, and dating of the Gospels, and as he gives an in-depth look at the Gospel account of Jesus's crucifixion, resurrection, and the proclamation of Christ's divinity. This powerful presentation will strengthen your faith so that you can, not only stand firm and profess that Jesus Christ is truly God, but confidently respond to skeptics you may encounter.

### INTENTIONS FOR MASSES IN 2021

*There are many open dates available for Mass intentions for 2021.*

Call the parish office at 782-2953, ext. 2, or stop in to schedule Masses. DO NOT leave your requests on voice mail; you must contact Elizabeth Skemp. One person may request 3 Masses for someone during the next year, one on the weekend, a holyday or a holiday, and 2 during the week. The dates must be a minimum of 6 weeks apart. The stipend is \$10 per Mass. There is a difference in giving the Parish a **Memorial donation** in someone's honor, and money for **Mass intentions**. Please specify what your wishes for your donation are.

## 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/>

### MARRIAGE PREPARATION RETREAT

April 24 and July 10 at Mary, Mother of the Church. To register, email Mari at [mnerickson95@gmail.com](mailto:mnerickson95@gmail.com) or call 608-518-7655.

### 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).

### CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH CLASS

Hundreds of folks in our area have already been enriched by taking this 4-week course. It is being offered again beginning March 28. There are flyers in the Narthex with all the details. This can be done in a group or as a home study.

### SEMINARIANS TO PRAY FOR THIS WEEK

Mon	Matthew Bowe
Tues	Steven Weller
Wed	Jared Clements
Thurs	Alex Kren
Fri	Isaac Pecha
Sat	John Zweber
Sat	David Nowicki

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.

### FRANCISCAN SPIRITUALITY CENTER PROGRAMS (ALL VIA ZOOM)

\*Sat, Apr 10, 9:00-noon

#### *Compassion of Power and Love*

Presenter: Sr. Sarah Hennessey

Take a deep dive into compassion and love through contemporary readings and concrete practices that help to manifest them in our lives.

\*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](http://FSCenter.org), or call 608-791-5295.

### KNOW YOUR FAITH SERIES

#### **The Social Justice Teachings of the Church**

St. Anthony Retreat Center, Marathon

4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month, 6:30-8 pm

(in person or via zoom)

Register at [sarcenter.com](http://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 topic is "Solidarity," and the presenters are Fr. Steve Brice and Bob Wolensky, Professor Emeritus of Sociology at UW Stevens Point.

### FRANCISCAN CORE YOUTH THEOLOGY INSTITUTE

June 13-18, Viterbo University

Students entering 10-12<sup>th</sup> 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](http://viterbo.edu/Franciscan-core).

Those empty aluminum cans may be dropped off in the bin at Aquinas parking lot, 11<sup>th</sup> and Cameron. Proceeds help with Booster Club activities.

Boxtops for Education may be dropped off in the basket in the Narthex.