



Blessed Sacrament Parish

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Third Sunday of Easter April 26, 2020

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening 4:30 pm
Sunday Morning 8:00 & 10:00 am
Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 7:30 am
Wed 9:00 am

CONFESSION

Saturday 3:30-4:00 pm
Other times by appointment

BENEDICTION

First Friday 8:00 am

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays, 5:15 pm, during Lent

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

Masters of Ceremonies:
Mike Vanderploeg
William Arnold
Gabe Trussoni

Weekend Servers
(Middle and High Schoolers):
Holly Gorman

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:
Kathy Nicks

Weekday Servers (Grade Schoolers):
Stephanie Gauger

Weekday Readers: *Caryl Doberstein*

Weekday Eucharistic Ministers:
Carolyn Steingraeber

PARISH CONTACTS

Parish Office Ass't Dir: Elizabeth Skemp

Finances: *Steve McGovern,*
Luci Johnson

Building Maintenance:
Carl Francksen

Scrip Coordinators: 782.2953 xt6
Paul Poehling, Pat Hammes

Website: *Jennifer Kulzer*

Music Director: 782.2953 xt3
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 26, 2020

17 April 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Christ is risen, Alleluia! He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Well, I sure do wish I could announce another form of joyful news: our release from the "lockdown" we have endured because of COVID-19. We will endure our sequestration for another month! Yes, this means we enter May with fervent prayers to the Loving Mother of the Redeemer and her husband, our Diocesan Patron, and Patron of the Universal Church, Saint Joseph.

I invite you to celebrate and pray with me to Our Mother, Mary, and our Patron, Saint Joseph, starting on May 1, the Solemnity (for us) of St. Joseph the Workman. The Holy Mass will be celebrated in our Cathedral that bears his name at 12:00 noon, and it will be live-streamed on our Diocesan website www.diolc.org. This Mass will mark the beginning of a year of thanksgiving, petition, and honor to St. Joseph along with many prayers of special intention for his blessings upon our families (Patron Saint of husbands, fathers, and families) and upon all our beloved dead (Patron Saint of a happy death), and special needs of our Diocese (Patron Saint of the universal Church).

Several different spiritual events, prayers, and novenas will be available throughout the year for publication in bulletins or special occasions as we make our way through the year. It, of course, is painfully obvious for all of us to know that our plans often turn to dust in the midst of possible tragedies and sicknesses that come our way. So, please watch our Diocesan website (www.diolc.org) for further information and possible events- some of which may be live-streamed. I am hopeful that in the Fall we may be able to put together a pilgrimage to St. Joseph Shrine at St. Norbert Abbey in De Pere and then stop at the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Hope in Champion (the only authentic Shrine of an apparition of our Lady in the USA).

So, please keep these thoughts in your prayers along with all the other pressing intentions for the sick and dying. St. Joseph, pray for us!

In the hearts of Jesus and Mary, I am
+William Patrick Callahan, Bishop of La Crosse

April 27 – May 3, 2020

ALL MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED PRIVATELY.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR April 27 – May 3

- MON 4/27** Easter Weekday
+Joseph Colling
- TUES 4/28** Easter Weekday; Peter Chanel;
Louis Grignon de Montfort
+Stanley Batker
- WED 4/29** Catherine of Siena
Intention of Karen Martin
- THU 4/30** Easter Weekday; Pius V
+Bob Saphner
- FRI 5/1** Easter Weekday; Joseph the Worker
+Donald Gallagher
- SAT 5/2** Athanasius

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- SAT 5/2** *+Frank & Doreen Schuh*
- SUN 5/9** *For the People of the Parish*

WATCH MASS ON TV OR YOUR COMPUTER

Sundays: Channel 19 9:30 am
Also at diolc.org, the Diocesan YouTube channel, Facebook
These Masses were pre-recorded

EWTN
7:00 & 11:00 am; 6:00 pm

CATHEDRAL LIVE STREAM MASSES (diolc.org)
Daily: 8 am
Sundays: 9:30 am

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MASSES
Go to: USCCB.org

CONFESSIONS
Saturdays, 3:30-4:30
Or call Father Raj for an appointment

PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

(attributed to St. Alphonsus Liguori)

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

CAUSES TO CELEBRATE

These parishioners have been selected to receive deserved recognition:

***Kay Berra**, Principal of Blessed Sacrament School
IN MY NAME award from Catholic Charities for her tireless work in promoting the cause of the Missions especially in the school.

***Kevin Roop**
THE 2020 THOMAS AQUINAS AWARD
Kevin has been a faithful, driving force in promoting Aquinas education.

***Mark Schneider '86**
BISHOP JOHN PAUL DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD
This award honors a distinguished community member, supporter of Aquinas, and faithful Catholic.

***Marie Allen**
ACTIVIST OF THE YEAR
La Crosse Life League honors her fine work in promoting the culture of life and protection of the unborn.

RESOURCES FROM THE DIOCESE

An **Easter Season Prayer Card** for family use is available at diolc.org/prayer.

A **Prayer Card on the Morning Offering** especially nice for adults and empty nesters may be downloaded from diolc.org/deeper. It includes an explanation of the words, the foundational principles underlying the prayer, and reasons for praying a particular prayer each day.

Easter Prayers for Married Couples – available for download from marriageinchrist.com/resources/

We want you to be aware of fraudulent text messages being sent on behalf of pastors, asking for purchases of various gift cards. The messages originate from phone numbers that are not associated with the victim. Do not reply to such messages.

\$CRIP NEWS

Phone orders: 782-2953, ext. 6.
Email orders: SCRIP@bsplacrosse.org

\$CRIP SALES ARE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

FORMED.ORG

Use our code: K2768J
If you've been learning about Divine Mercy in the past couple of weeks perhaps your heart is now stirred for more. Our lives are more challenging than ever. Formed.org through the Hearts Afire program offers individuals a quick and easy way to withdraw from the demands of daily life and enter into a peaceful interior reflection of their relationship with Christ in the context of Marian Devotion. If you're looking for a way to retreat at home, check out 33 Days to Morning Glory on Formed.org. Just type 33 Days in the search and you'll find it. It is discussed in the context of a group. But the practices can be done individually as well.

PARISH SUPPORT

BUDGET

July 1, 2019- June 30, 2020

Needed Weekly	\$13,000
Received April 19	9,970

Turns out my top 3 hobbies are:

1. Eating in restaurants
2. Going to nonessentials businesses
3. Touching my face

CHURCH SUPPORT

During these weeks when we cannot attend Mass, please don't forget your financial support of our parish and its importance in keeping the ship on course. Please mail in your envelope. Or, in the coming weeks, check out the online giving information on the website. It's such an easy way to keep up to date on this important matter.

COMING UP

May 4 BSP Women's Club budget

Meeting: CANCELED

June 14 Rescheduled date for First Communion, 10:00 Mass

WARMING CENTER NEEDS

Bottled water
Homemade snacks – package 2 per baggie (no cinnamon or nuts)
Prepackaged alcohol wipes
Paper plates & napkins
Men's white t-shirts
Men's body wash and shampoo
Books/magazines
All your donated items may be dropped off at the Warming Center, 413 S 3rd St.

MILESTONE

Earl Newton's
90th birthday
April 25

The Adoration Chapel may accommodate just 2 people at a time.

YOUR EMAIL IS NEEDED

To receive almost weekly updates from the parish, please email your address to: bsacparish@gmail.com.

LOST IN ADORATION CHAPEL

Rosary made of blue glass beads, and a pair of black mittens. Call the office if you find these items.

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.

AROUND TOWN

QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

Phone 608-782-2953 Website www.bsplacrosse.org

ALL MASSES PARISH GATHERINGS SUSPENDED— OPTIONS FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

The parish church will be open 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. for private prayer.

The Adoration Chapel will be open daily, and overnight starting at 8:00 p.m. - Enter code for access. Please respect the restriction of only 2 people in the chapel at one time. The Adoration Chapel and the church are cleaned daily with disinfectant.

CONFESSION

Saturday 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. or by appointment. Call parish office: 608-782-2953

SUNDAY MASS AND HOLY WEEK

The Diocese of La Crosse will be streaming all Sunday and Holy Week Masses at <https://diolc.org/live>

You can also watch daily Holy Week Masses (8:00 a.m.-English/8:30 a.m.-Spanish) and Easter Sunday Mass at 9:30 a.m. (10:30 a.m.-Spanish) on your local WXOW television station (ABC network affiliate).

DAILY MASS OPTIONS

Relevant Radio daily Mass <https://relevantradio.com/faith/daily-mass-video/>

Word on Fire daily Mass <https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass/>
EWTN broadcasts the daily Mass LIVE at 7:00 a.m. It is re-aired at 11:00 a.m., and again at 6:00 p.m. CT.

You can watch via TV or online via streaming at ewtn.com/tv/watch-live.

Check our parish website or local TV listings, as well as the Diocese of La Crosse website at <https://www.diolc.org>

PARISH OFFICE

The Blessed Sacrament office is closed to visitors. The office is staffed from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to address your individual needs. Please contact the parish by telephone: 608-782-2953 or email: office@bsplacrosse.org

RESOURCES FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

FORMED.ORG – Formed has Bible studies, daily reflections, full-length movies, kids' programs, e-books, audio books, spiritual talks and much more.

Registering for FORMED is easier than ever:

1. Go to formed.org/signup
2. Select your parish (enter Blessed Sacrament La Crosse to find us, and follow directions)

WORDONFIRE.ORG – The Word on Fire on the web is Bishop Robert Barron's outreach and has many excellent resources, including a blog. [St. Thecla: Model of Prayer in a time of Plague STEWARDSHIP](#)

There are two ways whereby you can support our parish:

1. Continue to mail your weekly envelope to the office: Blessed Sacrament Parish, 130 Losey Boulevard South, La Crosse, WI 54601

2. Contribute online via a special diocesan website linked to our homepage on our website. <https://diolc.org/blessed-sacrament-parish-la-crosse/> Your donations will be forwarded to Blessed Sacrament, and a record will be made in our parish register. Thank you for your generosity.

ADVENTURE CAMP AND SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMS through the Diocese of La Crosse

For the latest information on programs please visit:
diolc.org/youth-opportunities or
<https://www.facebook.com/events/2278171182482792>

SILENT DIRECTED RETREATS

at the Franciscan Spirituality Center
These times offer a quiet time to be alone with God.
The Spiritual Directors are compassionate, nonjudgmental, trained listeners who will guide you through this experience.

Dates and details at www.FSCenter.org.

Enrollment is now open for all the Aquinas Schools. The schools are open to families of all faiths, and there are several tuition assistance programs.

Questions? Call Nancy Pederson, 784-8585, ext. 23

PERMANENT DIACONATE

If you are a man between 30 and 60 years of age and think God may be calling you to be a permanent deacon, contact Deacon Kevin Ray, Director of the Office for the Diaconate at 791-2665, or email: kray@diocl.org.

BUS TRIP TO THE FIRESIDE THEATER IN FORT ATKINSON

Trips are planned for dinner shows and children's shows in the summer.

Sponsored by Holy Trinity.

Get the details from Arlene Young, 788-3440.

CAUSEWAY INTERFAITH CAREGIVERS

Now, more than ever, the homebound need to have a helping hand. Can you spare some time to run errands? Maybe just make a phone call? Brighten someone's day? Our parish has been a financial supporter of Causeway for many years and has been the source of many dedicated volunteers. Learn more at causewaycaregivers.org, or call 775-9999.

Those empty aluminum cans in your garage may be dropped off in the bin in the Aquinas parking lot. Proceeds help with Booster Club activities.

WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED: a Year of Service

March 25, 2020 - March 25, 2021

Our nation's Bishops ask that we take this year to assess what we can do to support mothers who may be struggling. Whether that be through a difficult or unplanned pregnancy, the challenges of raising children without a father's or family's support, or perhaps financial or emotional security, we are asked to reach out in love. Note that the year is book-ended by the special Feast of the Annunciation. Mary, Mother of God, be with us in this noble endeavor.