



# Blessed Sacrament Parish

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## 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time August 1, 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*  
[tomkratt@charter.net](mailto:tomkratt@charter.net)

Offering Families: *Call the office to volunteer*

Rosary Leader Schedule: *Mary Schuttemhelm & Barb Clements*

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*

August 1, 2021

August 2 - 8, 2021

**Saint John Mary Vianney (Cure of Ars)  
Feast day: August 4**

Saint John Mary Vianney was born at Dardilly, France, in 1786. He was a farm hand until he began his studies for the priesthood at age 19. His talents were poor, and his progress slow, but his desire to serve the Church as a holy priest and his knowledge of Church teachings carried him through to ordination in Genoble in 1815. He became the parish priest of Ars in 1818, the little town where he labored until his holy death on August 4, 1859.

His work entirely renewed the little parish. Continually engaged for many hours daily in hearing confessions and giving spiritual direction, it is said he could see into people's minds and know the future. Because of this gift he converted many sinners and helped people make good choices. Pilgrims descended on Ars to hear him preach. He introduced the frequent worthy reception of Holy Communion, organized prayer groups, and inspired a tender devotion to the Blessed Virgin.

Saint John Vianney felt it the duty of a pastor to expiate the sins of his flock, so he spent hours in prayer, in mortifications and fasting for his flock. He was assailed by Satan and patiently endured all that was given him.

It is no wonder he is honored as the patron of Confessors and priests. He was beatified by Pope St. Pius X, who himself had served as a parish priest. In 1925 he was canonized by Pope Pius XI.

**COLLECT PRAYER**

*Almighty and merciful God,  
Who made the Priest Saint John Vianney  
wonderful in his pastoral zeal,  
Grant, we pray, that through his intercession  
and example we may in charity  
win brothers and sisters for Christ  
and attain with them eternal glory.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,  
Who lives and reigns with You  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,  
forever and ever.  
Amen*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

- MON 8/2** 7:15 Weekday; Eusebius of Vercelli; Peter Julian Eymard  
*+Diane Franke*
- TUES 8/3** 7:15 Weekday  
*+Frank Hefti*
- WED 8/4** 7:15 John Vianney  
*+Elizabeth Gerke*
- THUR 8/5** 7:15 Weekday; Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major  
*+Howard A. Bradley*
- FRI 8/6** 7:15 Transfiguration of the Lord  
*+Bryan Antony*
- SAT 8/7** Weekday; Sixtus II, Cajetan; BVM  
NO 7:15 Mass

**19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Celebrant: Father Peter Raj  
Assisting: Deacon Allen and MC

- SAT 8/7** 4:30 pm *+Susaiyammal Irudayam*  
Servers: Elizabeth & Mike Hancock  
Readers: Paulette Drozdowicz, Mary Saphner  
*Rosary leader: Mary Schuttenhelm*
- SUN 8/8** 8:00 *Intention of Sarah (Clements) & John Thorson – Wedding Anniversary*  
Server: Teddy Uehling  
*Readers: Steve McGovern, Ruth Vanderploeg*  
*Rosary leaders: Dave & Marie Allen*  
10:00 *For the People of the Parish*  
Servers: Charlee Gauger, Maria Johnson  
Reader: LuAnn Kratt  
*Rosary leaders: Les & Terry Lachine*

**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

**THE ROSARY**  
will be prayed on Thursdays  
at 6:30 in church.  
The Women's Club will lead  
our beloved prayer.  
Use the alley handicap entrance.

### ADVENT/CHRISTMAS FAIR November 20

Once again, the Fair will look different because of gathering restrictions and safety.

\***Raffle Baskets** will be on display and tickets sold for your chance to win something(s) dandy.

\***Homemade baked goods** will be available: pre-order and pick up only.

\***The GIVING TREE** will be available with \$scrip card sales that day. Shopping, gift-wrapping, etc: not this year yet.

\*Your generous donations through your **ADVENT/CHRISTMAS JARS** will be collected, like last year. Take a nice big jar and fill it with your spare change now through Nov 20. You might be surprised how that adds up.

Our PARISH WOMEN'S CLUB funds a multitude of wonderful causes, scholarships to Aquinas, and parish expenses throughout the year. This event is their major fund-raiser.

### SCRIP NEWS HELPERS NEEDED

Can you spare a few hours a week to be our \$scrip seller in the Parish office?

Call the \$scrip office for details:  
782-2953, ext. 1.

**RUDY'S gives us a whopping 20% profit on their \$scrip certificates! Load up while the root beer is cold and the chili dogs hot.**

### ADORATION CHAPEL

The Chapel is open during the day.

If you'd like to come for prayer during the nighttime hours, call the parish office to receive the code for the door lock.

**3:00 WEDNESDAYS**  
**The Chaplet of Divine Mercy**  
**is recited.**

Extra garden produce? Drop off what you can't use in the Narthex so others can enjoy it.

We'd love to have some of your lovely garden flowers for the sanctuary. Find out when to drop them off by calling Pauline at 782-2953, ext. 4.

### WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS

It's time to get together again.  
Tues, Sept 14 (note date change),  
11:30, Schmidty's

If you have questions contact Barb Schmitz, 788-1667, or Loretta Clarkin, 784-7106.

Don't sit home alone.

If you are travelling you can find out when and where Mass is being offered at [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org).

### REST IN PEACE

+Danielle Connell  
daughter-in-law of Pauline Connell

## PARISH SUPPORT

### BUDGET

July 1, 2021- June 30, 2022

Needed Weekly	\$13,000
Received July 25	7,917

*When you aim at nothing  
you hit it every time.*

### COMING UP

Aug 1 School supplies drop off at church this weekend.  
Aug 14 Wedding of Hannah Klinnert & James Sowa  
Sept 14 Widows & Widowers lunch at Schmidty's, 11:30  
Nov 20 Advent/Christmas Fair

*Aluminum cans may be dropped off in the Aquinas parking lot. Thanks from the Booster Club.*

## COMING UP

### Formed.org

The Transfiguration is part of the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary which were introduced to the Church in 2002 by Saint John Paul II. These mysteries recall events that demonstrate the light of Christ during His public ministry. On this feast day, August 6, let us ponder this miraculous episode of Jesus' life by praying along with this recording of the Rosary on Formed.org.

### THE 5 LUMINOUS MYSTERIES

1. Our Lord's Baptism in the Jordan
2. The Wedding Feast at Cana
3. The Proclamation of the Kingdom
4. The Transfiguration
5. The Institution of the Eucharist

### BACK 2 SCHOOL

Your donations for the Catholic Charities program may be dropped off in the Narthex. Monetary donations gratefully accepted, as well.

### LADIES BRIDGE

Do you enjoy a few hours of fun with gals playing Bridge? Our parish group is re-assembling after a year off. The shuffling will begin in September. Contact Sandy Hood if you'd like to be dealt a hand.  
608-788-5399 or [sahood@charter.net](mailto:sahood@charter.net).

## AROUND TOWN

### DEPRESSED ANONYMOUS SUPPORT GROUP

Mondays, 5:30-6:30

Franciscan Spirituality Center office  
500 Second St. S, Suite 201

This is a 12-step group for those dealing with depression to generate positive energies, form friendships and find support

If you are interested in participating contact Gayle,  
608-406-7990.

*Those Boxtops for Education from various grocery containers may be dropped off in the Narthex. Our school uses the proceeds to fund special events.*

### WITNESSES FOR CHRIST VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

**How Rooted are you? Four Keys to remain faithful to Jesus Christ and His Church**

August 7

Keynote speaker: Dr. Petroc Willey

Parents, catechists, all interested adults:

we will gather together in our Parish Center for this enlightening conference to strengthen our knowledge and love of true discipleship.

If you are interested or want more details, contact

Pauline, 782-2953, ext. 4 or email:  
music@bsplacrosse.org.

### CATHEDRAL YOUNG ADULT READING GROUP

Thursdays during the summer

5:30-6:30 Eucharistic Adoration

6:45 Dinner & discussion

Stay afterward for fellowship.

Email Kyle Lang at lang.kyle315@gmail.com if you plan to attend

### AQUINAS SCHOOLS ENROLLMENT OPEN

Aquinas Catholic Schools offer an advanced education in preparation for the next level of education and a safety-first atmosphere that prioritizes the development of valuable life skills and a positive self-image. Aquinas offers flexible options for financial aid, scholarships, and bus routes to support students and families from all walks of life. Alumni have gone on to succeed in various industries, and their accomplishments continue to make Aquinas proud. To learn more or schedule a visit with one of our principals 784-8585 or visit [www.aquinaschoolscatholic.org](http://www.aquinaschoolscatholic.org).

### CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA

This is the oldest Catholic women's group in America, begun by the Knights of Columbus in 1903. With over 63,000 members, it is open to all women 18 years and older. Our local group includes women from 13 area parishes. The Catholic Daughters focus on spiritual enrichment and service to the Church locally and around the world. Watch this spot for further information. Go to: [catholicdaughters.org](http://catholicdaughters.org), or phone 608-793-1972.

### GO DEEPER INTO THE FAITH

Join the Lay Formation Institute (LFI) Spend one weekend a month (Fri evening through Sat afternoon) as part of an enthusiastic, faith-filled class that prays and learns together. See why a recent graduate said, "I am amazed how my understanding of my faith has deepened and how many times I've been able to answer questions that come up." And why a pastor said, "Our RCIA team is filled with LFI graduates, not to mention all of the parish ministries and committees. The spiritual fruits are abundant and lasting!" Visit [diolc.org/lay-formation](http://diolc.org/lay-formation) for full details and speak to your pastor about enrolling. Class size is limited, so don't delay!

### 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.

Topic for August 26: Option for the Poor and Vulnerable. Lee Ann Lella will help us consider "An Option that is Not Optional" and what this means for us today and how we are called to live it out. A basic moral test for our society is how we treat the most vulnerable in our midst.

Go to: [sarcenter.com](http://sarcenter.com) or 715-443-2236.

### Maybe just ask...

Do you know someone in your life who you think would make a good priest? Have you ever told him that? If not, you should! A significant, contributing factor to young men discerning the priesthood has been the invitation and encouragement they receive from others, particularly parents, teachers, mentors, and role models. Don't be afraid to tell a young man that he would make a good priest, as that may be just what he has been waiting for. Once you encourage him, don't hesitate to put him in contact with me to continue that conversation. I can be reached at: Father Nate Kuhn, Director of Vocational Recruitment for the Diocese of La Crosse, 3710 East Ave. S, PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004; or phone 608-791-2667.

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.