



Blessed Sacrament Parish

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20th Sunday in Ordinary Times August 16, 2020

MASS SCHEDULE

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

CONFESSION

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

BENEDICTION

First Friday 8:00 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):
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

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

August 16, 2020

**MISSION APPEAL AT BSP
August 29 & 30**

We will be welcoming Father Nathan at all our weekend Masses. He will give us information about Catholic mission activities in India and ask for our financial support. Envelopes will be in the pews that weekend, or you may use your own, making your check payable to our parish and noting it is for the Mission Appeal. Drop it off at the parish office or mail it to us. Our Parish has been notorious in its lavish support of the foreign missions. Let's keep it up!

**WITNESSES FOR CHRIST CONFERENCE
Overcoming Spiritual Discouragement**

August 29; 10:00 – 3 pm

Father Timothy Gallagher, O.M.V.

Live-streamed webinar

Register: diolc.org/witness; \$15 includes his book

Father Gallagher was ordained in 1979 as a member of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary, a religious community dedicated to retreats and spiritual formation according to the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius. He obtained his doctorate in 1983 from the Gregorian University, has taught at 2 seminaries, assisted in formation work for 12 years, and served 2 terms as provincial in his own community. He's a respected author, teacher, and lecturer. Father's warmth and style of speaking is for people of all states in life and levels of formation. This one-day boost will provide guidance for when we struggle to overcome the greatest obstacle in the "everyday" and spiritual life – discouragement.

*If you have not used ZOOM there is a simple way to do a trial run by visiting <https://zoom.us/test> and follow the instructions.

*Father will speak at 4 times for about 45 minutes.

*You may choose one or more break-out pre-recorded sessions and watch them before August 29 at diolc.org/witness. Each lasts about 1 hour. A description of each topic can be found at this site.

Register online at diolc.org/witness.

Make your check payable to Diocese of La Crosse-Office of Catechesis and Evangelization, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse 54602-4004

For more information contact Susan Skemp, 791-2658 or sskemp@diolc.org.

This Conference should speak to every heart. If you have questions, contact Pauline Connell, 782-2953, or music@bsplacrosse.com.

August 17 - 23, 2020

MASS INTENTIONS FOR August 17 - 23, 2020

**You are again invited to participate
in the Mass on weekdays
FACE MASKS ARE REQUIRED IN CHURCH**

- MON 8/17 7:30** Weekday
+Ron Melde
- TUES 8/18 7:30** Weekday
+Joe Flottmeyer
- WED 8/19 7:30** Weekday; John Eudes
*All living and deceased members of the
La Crosse Skemps*
- THU 8/20 7:30** Bernard
+Thomas & +Eliza Ferguson
- FRI 8/21 7:30** Pius X
+ David Kulzer
- SAT 8/22** Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
NO 7:30 Mass

21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Celebrant: Father Raj
Assisting: Deacon Allen and MC
No altar servers
No Eucharistic Ministers

- SAT 8/22 4:30** *+Donald Houlihan*
- SUN 8/23 8:00** *+Brian Steele*
- 10:00** *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

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays, 3:30-4:30

Or call Father Raj 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

Advent/Christmas Jar Project

Because of the uncertainty of these days, the Women's Club will not be hosting their annual Advent/Christmas Fair in November. The Fair has always included many unique gift and household items. The sharp-eyed shoppers from the Club could usually be found during the summer months gathering up bargains and one-of-a-kind treasures for the Fair. Since this cannot happen right now, the gals are reaching out to our parishioners to support their many good causes in another way. Find an empty jar, place it where you'll see it often, and empty your coin purse into it every now and then. The call will go out for those brimming full jars in the Fall. Thanks in advance from the BSP Women's Club.

LADIES BRIDGE CANCELLED THIS YEAR

Oh darn!

MILESTONES

If you are celebrating a "milestone" birthday or anniversary and would like it published in the bulletin, please call a week beforehand to let us know. It's so nice for parishioners to offer a prayer of thanksgiving and congratulations with folks who have reached a special goal.

THE ADORATION CHAPEL

The directive that only 2 people may be in the chapel at one time has been lifted. Please, however, be aware that the 6-foot social distancing suggestion remains in effect. Our church is open daily for private prayer, 7:30 – 4 pm.

USHERS NEEDED

As we return to congregating in church for Mass, the role of our ushers takes on many new dimensions. Several of our faithful ushers are choosing to "retire" at least for now, due to age. We would be so happy to hear from men AND women, high school age and older, who can fill this role on a once-a-month basis. Contact Tom Kratt, 796-2716. Email: thomaskratt@DOT.WI.gov.

REST IN PEACE

Father Lyle Schulte
Longtime priest of our Diocese,
pastor, teacher, friend

SCRIP NEWS

There will be volunteer \$crip sellers in the office daily 9:00-noon.

Masks are required face-wear.

You may stop in using the service door off the alley. It is marked for you. Or call the \$crip office at 782-2953, ext. 6, or email orders: SCRIP@bsplacrosse.org so your order is ready when you stop by. Thanks to our volunteers for hopping on board. Aquinas families, remember that the full 100% of the rebate can be applied to your tuition bill.

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults offers the opportunity for folks who are interested in becoming Catholic or completing their Sacraments of Initiation to study and pray together in preparation. Do you know someone who has expressed an interest in our Faith, learning more about the Catholic Church, or becoming Catholic? We will be offering the RCIA program.

BAPTISM

Adelaide Rose Maurice
daughter of Abraham & Christina
August 22, 2020

PARISH SUPPORT

BUDGET

July 1, 2020- June 30, 2021

Needed Weekly	\$13,000
Received August 9	8,094

If you are making a donation to the Parish Endowment or sending in your dues for the Men's or Women's Clubs here (\$5.00), please make those checks out to each group separately. Thanks.

CHURCH SUPPORT

Thanks to all who have continued to support our parish financially during this time when we could not gather for Mass in church. If you are not yet attending Mass, you may drop your offering in the mail. Thank you.
Father Raj

COMING UP

CALENDAR

Aug 29 Witnesses for Christ Conference
Aug 29 & 30 Mission Appeal

STEWARDSHIP VIDEO

We would like to include pictures of parishioners involved in activities in and around the parish – delivering meals, visiting the homebound, helping in the community, etc. If you have one or some to share please forward them to Jennifer at jkulzer@bsplacrosse.org.

HELP WITH RELIEF IN BEIRUT

You may contact Catholic Relief Services at crs.org to contribute to the relief efforts in Beirut in distributing emergency supplies & sending medical teams.

FORMED.ORG

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of Mary. Mary was a humble girl from an ordinary Jewish family. Yet Mary said a simple "yes" and came to be exalted as the Daughter of Zion, the Mother of God, and the Queen of Heaven. Filmed on location in Turkey, Israel and Greece with popular Catholic author and speaker Stephen Ray, the *Footprints of God* study allows us to follow the dusty paths that took Mary to the heart of the salvation story. By discovering the Mary of the Bible, you'll know and love her Son even more.
Use our parish code: K2768J

AROUND TOWN

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I want to take this opportunity to update you on activities happening in the parish during these summer months.

We have begun to have a regular schedule of Masses both on Sundays and during the week. (The Saturday vigil Mass at 4:30 pm has also resumed.) It's good to be together again and to be able to participate in the wonderful sacrifice of the Mass.

We encourage parishioners, who are comfortable, to join with us in worship, although the dispensation for attending Sunday Mass still continues at this time. If you do join us for worship, please remember social distancing and hand cleansing. The wearing of face masks in church is now mandated by order of Governor Evers. There are masks available at the entrances to church in case you did not bring your own.

Over the course of the summer, we have been able to celebrate a number of sacraments here at Blessed Sacrament. Our young people have been Confirmed, and have received Holy Communion. Although the format is a little different during these days, the grace, blessings, and power of the sacraments remains. We are most pleased to be able to join with these young people in their life of faith, and I encourage you to pray for them regularly.

Moreover, our buildings and grounds activities have continued throughout the summer. In fact, we have completed or are starting a number of projects, including the following:

- We have installed additional handicapped openers on the side entrance of the church as well as in the parish center restrooms.
- Sometime in the near future, we will begin construction on a wheelchair access ramp located on the alley side of the church. This will give parishioners easier access to the narthex and the church itself.

The church remains open daily, from 6:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., for private prayer. Please stop in and offer a prayer for yourself, or for your brothers and sisters, as well as the many needs and issues facing our community and nation. Although the office remains open on a limited basis (9:00 am – 1:00 pm weekdays) please feel free to contact us for needs that you may have.

We continue to send regular emails to all of our parish members. If you are not receiving emails from the parish, please contact the office, and let us know what email address we need to have for you.

As your pastor, I truly miss seeing each and every one of you. Please know that I remember you all regularly in prayer. I have realized that during these days, although I do pray privately for you as your pastor, I too need my people. The pastor doesn't exist without the sheep. So, not only people need priests, but also, priests need people. We need each other.

Please always remember that I remain available for spiritual needs that you may have during these difficult days. Please contact the office, and I will be happy to assist you in any way possible.

In Christ,

Father Peter Raj

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, with 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.*