



# Blessed Sacrament Parish

**Pastor**  
Rev. Peter Raj

**Deacon**  
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Lord, to whom  
shall we go, you  
have the words  
of eternal life.

-John 6:69



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## 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time August 22, 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  
Schuttenhelm & 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 22, 2021

**PRAYER AND LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES  
AT OUR PARISH**

Men of the Parish, there are 2 active groups meeting here on a regular basis. Both are open to new members at all times.

**Weekly Group**

This casual study group meets every Monday from September through May following the 7:15 Mass in the Parish Center Conference Room.

Contact Peter Drozdowicz for all the information: 608-519-5525.

**Monthly Group**

This group meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month from September through May at 6:00 pm in the Parish Center.

Contact David Schreier to find out more: 608-790-3631.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)**

Do you know anyone who is interested in learning more about becoming Catholic? Perhaps you yourself need to receive the sacrament of Baptism, Holy Communion, or Confirmation. This is the place for you. Weekly study/prayer sessions prepare one to receive the sacraments at the Easter Vigil. Your contact person is Jennifer Kulzer. Call her at 608-385-3459 or email [jkulzer@bsplacrosse.org](mailto:jkulzer@bsplacrosse.org).

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

For students not attending the Aquinas Schools or Providence Academy

Classes meet on Wednesdays:

Grades 1-5 6:00-7:00 in Blessed Sacrament School

Grades 6-8 6:45-8:15 at Mary, Mother of the Church Parish Hall

Grades 9 & 10 7:00-8:30 in Blessed Sacrament Parish Center

Classes will begin September 8.

Contact Pauline Connell, 608-782-2953, ext. 4

Or email [music@bsplacrosse.org](mailto:music@bsplacrosse.org).

**CONFIRMATION PREPARATION**

The program will begin in the Fall. If you have a son or daughter in 10<sup>th</sup> grade and have not been contacted, call or email Jennifer Kulzer: 608-385-3459 or [jkulzer@baplacrosse.org](mailto:jkulzer@baplacrosse.org).

August 23 - 29, 2021

**MASS INTENTIONS**

- MON 8/23 7:15 Weekday; Rose of Lima  
*+Brian Steele*
- TUES 8/24 7:15 Bartholomew  
*+Richard Roth*
- WED 8/25 7:15 Weekday  
*+William & +Georganna Mishler*
- THUR 8/26 7:15 Weekday  
*+John Swieciak*
- FRI 8/27 7:15 Monica  
*+Mary Ann Melvin*
- SAT 8/28 4:00 pm Nuptials: *Eva Rieder & Sean McManus*  
Augustine  
NO 7:15 Mass

The Mass intention for Monday, August 16, was for the intention of Mike Roskos, not in memory of him.

**22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Celebrant: Father Peter Raj

Assisting: Deacon Allen and MC

- SAT 8/28 4:30 pm *+Julie Pitot*  
Servers: Sam Trussoni, Kyle Craig  
Reader: Paulette Drozdowicz  
Rosary leaders: Gene & Mary Ann Roesler
- SUN 8/29 8:00 *+Russel Schams*  
Server: Teddy Uehling  
Readers: Barb Swieciak, Mark Steingraeber  
Rosary leader: Ken Hanson
- 10:00 *For the People of the Parish*  
Servers: Elizabeth & Mike Hancock  
Readers: Ted Riley, Natalie Bennett  
Rosary leaders: Joe & Natalie Bennett

**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

Thursdays, at 6:30, in church.  
The Women's Club will lead  
our beloved prayer.  
Use the alley handicap entrance.

### SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

The group met on Aug 16 and discussed a number of projects coming up:

- \*BSP will provide a meal to the homeless in Houska Park on Sept 16. Further information will be coming.
- \*Helping Mothers in Need: October speaker and bulletin insert
- \*Sister Parish: fund-raiser for school children coming later
- \*Pro Life activities: Spiritual Adoption, 40 Days for Life, Pro life speaker on Nov 6
- \*Blood Drive: perhaps in Nov.
- \*Next meeting: Sept 13, 6 pm  
Come to the meeting and be prepared to get your feet wet.  
Questions? Contact Deacon David Allen.

### 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.

\***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.

### HELP FOR HAITI

You can lend a helping hand through Catholic Relief Services  
Go to: [www.CRS.org](http://www.CRS.org)

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

### SCRIP NEWS

Local and national businesses provide a "rebate" to our parish when folks purchase their gift cards from us, some as much as 20% of the purchase price. That money can be applied to Aquinas Schools tuition. Call our \$scrip office to find out how you can jump on this band wagon.

### 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 in the Adoration Chapel

Extra garden produce? Drop off what you can't use in the Narthex so others can enjoy it. A little donation for the Place of Grace is appreciated.

## PARISH SUPPORT

### BUDGET

July 1, 2021- June 30, 2022

Needed Weekly	\$13,000
Received August 15	9,897

All men should make their women coffee, for in the Bible it says "Hebrews."

### COMING UP

- Aug 25 First day of school for Aquinas Schools
- Sept 6 Office closed - Labor Day
- Sept 8 First day for Religious Education
- Sept 12 Kick-off for "40 Days for Life"
- Sept 13 Social Justice Committee meeting, 6 pm, Conference Room
- Sept 14 Widows & Widowers lunch at Schmidty's, 11:30
- Sept 22-Oct 31 "40 Days for Life"
- Oct 1 Apple Pie making day
- Oct 2 & 3 Parish Apple Pie Sale
- Oct 23 "Men of the Cross" Gathering Diocesan Center
- Nov 20 Advent/Christmas Fair

## COMING UP

### Formed.org

This week we celebrate the great feasts of St. Augustine and St. Monica. Throughout her life St. Monica constantly prayed for the conversion of Augustine, her beloved son. In a moment of desperation, she even asked for the bishop's help. In response he said, "The son of those tears surely will not perish." Truly, as this bishop remarked, Monica's tearful prayers helped build her son into the Doctor of Grace. This week on Formed.org watch FORMED Now! to take in Dr. Gray and Dr. Sehorn as they discuss more about this great saint. Check it out this week on [formed.org](http://formed.org).

### AQUINAS FEST

Friday, September 10, 3-7pm  
Aquinas High School

### SHARE THE HARVEST

If your zucchini plants are going crazy, or you are drowning in tomatoes, share the excess with others by placing it on the table in the Narthex. Anyone who can use the veggies, etc. is welcome to take some home. If you do, drop a little donation in the flower pot. We give that money to Place or Grace.

### SPIRITUAL ADOPTION

"There's nothing I can do about it!"  
Yes, you can.

Check out the information on the table in the Narthex. There you will find pro-life information and prayer cards to use as you pray for a baby in danger of being aborted. Gather your family around, even give your baby a name, and pray for his/her safe delivery and the health and well-being of the parents.

## AROUND TOWN

### REFRESH AND RENEW: A CAREGIVER SERIES

In-person monthly gatherings through March, 2022, is a collaboration between FSC and the Aging and Disability Resource Center.  
Session 1: Sept 8, 1-2 pm  
Mindfulness Practices  
Presenter: Sister Sarah Hennessey  
Register at FSCenter.org. No cost

### MEN OF THE CROSS GATHERING

"Walking with St. Joseph"  
Saturday, October 23, Diocesan Center  
More details to follow

### CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas support the spiritual needs of their members:  
\*Meetings start & end with prayer  
\*Attend Mass as a group on Catholic Daughters Sunday, Oct 17  
\*Daily prayer by members for members  
\*Gather before a funeral Mass of a member to pray the Rosary  
\*Mass offered for a deceased member in her own parish  
\*Mass is offered at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington DC for deceased members  
Women age 18 and older are invited to become part of this established charitable group.  
More information on their website.

### NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE November 20, 2011

Our Diocese will organize a local/live event in order to participate in the simulcast stream of the main event in Indianapolis, IN.

Link to the Facebook event:  
<https://fb.me/e/wh0DbZBc>

### RUMMAGE SALE

Mary, Mother of the Church, 2006 Weston St.  
Fri, Sept 17, 11-3pm : \$6/bag  
Sat, Sept 18, 8-11: \$3/bag  
Some items priced individually.

### THE CATHOLIC VIEW FOR WOMEN

#### EWTN RADIO SHOW

Beginning Sun, Sept 5  
10:30 pm Sundays; 4:30 pm on Mondays  
Some topics will be: Raising a Child with Special Needs;  
Listening for God; Getting Healthy to Serve the Lord

### RURAL LIFE DAY

Wednesday, September 22  
Castle Rock Organic Farms, Osseo  
Mass celebrated by Bishop Callahan at 10:00, followed by recognition, awards, and the blessing of crops and machinery, and catered lunch  
More info at dioc.org/rural-life

### 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

#### Kick-off Rally

September 12, 2 pm  
Black River Beach Center  
Speaker: Dan Miller, Dir. Of Pro-Life Wisconsin  
Refreshments will be served  
40 DAYS FOR LIFE: Sept 22-Oct 31

### BIRTHRIGHT VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Birthright is an all-volunteer organization whose members offer a helping hand to anyone affected by a troubling or un-wanted pregnancy. A volunteer (or a couple) is needed to head up the once a year Baby Bottle Fund-raiser. This person needs to be well organized and detail-oriented. For more information contact Betty, 608-788-7619.

### 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 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 or 715-443-2236.

### CHICKEN-QUE

Thursday, September 9, 11- 6 pm  
Mary, Mother of the Church  
\$10/dinner; Pre-sale tickets, call 608-518-6145.

*If you or someone you know is interested in discovering more about a call to the priesthood, please contact me:*  
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.

**World Youth Day 2023**  
*will be held in Lisbon, Portugal*