



Blessed Sacrament Parish

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21st Sunday in Ordinary Times August 23, 2020

MASS SCHEDULE

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

CONFESSION

Saturday 3:30-4:15 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 23, 2020

**MISSION APPEAL
NEXT WEEKEND**

Next week the Mission Appeal will be taken for Franciscan Capuchin, Mary Queen of the Peace Province, Tamil Nadu, India. Rev. Irudaynathan Thainase (Father Nathan), the pastor of St. Anthony De Padua, Cazenovia, Wisconsin, will preach at all Masses and do the appeal.

The Capuchins are working in 106 countries in the world. They are officially named as a mendicant. In Mary Queen of the Peace Province, the Capuchins have involved lots of ministers. The priests work as pastors while taking care of the spiritual needs of the laity in 12 parishes in Tamil Nadu, India, 7 parishes in Zimbabwe, Africa, and 3 parishes in Sri Lanka. Some priests are involved in psychological counselling; they offer various skills to people in times of conflicts both in their personal life and in their family life.

The Capuchins are involved in the education of the economically poor of our mission places. There are 300 boys and girls studying in our 3 children homes right now. They are with us for 10 months in a year, and they go home for vacation for 2 months. These children are from economically poor families; through our children homes, rural boys and girls are given opportunity to get educated and look for skill development in pursuit of their future.

During this pandemic (Covid-19) while taking care of our health and safety, we reach out to hundreds of families with dry ration, supply of medicine, alleviating their suffering through traumatic counselling by TV programs and radio messages. We took care of the terminally ill viz HIV patients and victims of Covid-19 through sanitation, awareness programs, supplying of nutritious food and herbal *ayurvedic* drinks, etc.

So, friends, I request you to support our ministers. Thanking you in advance for your greater help that you are extending towards our missions in India and other countries.

May God bless you all.

With love,
Father Nathan

August 24 - 30, 2020

MASS INTENTIONS FOR August 24 - 30, 2020

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

MON 8/24 7:30 Bartholomew
+Richard Roth
TUES 8/25 7:30 Weekday; Louis; Joseph Calasanz
Intention of Eric & Toni Clements
WED 8/26 7:30 Weekday
+William & +Georganna Mischler
THU 8/27 7:30 Monica
+James Johnson
FRI 8/28 7:30 Augustine
+ Marge Simon
SAT 8/29 Passion of John the Baptist
NO 7:30 Mass

22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

SAT 8/29 4:30 *Intention of Mary Fiorini*
SUN 8/30 8:00 *+Joe Flottmeyer*
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, 3:30-4:15
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.

INTENTIONS FOR MASSES NEEDED

There are dates coming up when we have openings for Mass intentions. It is so special to remember loved ones in this way. Just call the parish office at 782-2953, ext. 2, to find out what dates are open and schedule your intentions. The stipend is \$10.

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: tomkratt@charter.net

REST IN PEACE

+Father Lyle Schulte
+Father William Jablonski, former head of Catholic Charities

SCRIP NEWS

There are volunteer \$scrip 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 \$scrip 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 16	11,188

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 it is difficult to come to 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS IS COMING

Presently we are planning to offer classes for children in grades 1-5 on Wednesday evenings, 6:00-7:00, in our school, as we have in the past. Middle and High School programs will be offered virtually. All classes will convene in October. Watch your mailbox.

FORMED.ORG

The readings this weekend give some of the Biblical evidence for the Papacy. Formed.org offers a great collection of talks that covers the Biblical evidence for the authority of the Pope, the doctrine of Purgatory, devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Saints, the Sacrament of Confession, the Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist, and more. This series is an essential resource for answering various objections to the Catholic faith. Type "Answering Common Objections" into the search bar at Formed.org to find all the talks in this series.
Use our parish code: K2768J

AROUND TOWN

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

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

SILENT THEME RETREATS

St. Anthony Retreat Center, Marathon

"Separating the Wheat from the Chaff in our Lives"

November 13-15; January 29-31, 2021;

March 26-28, 2021 (women only)

Sessions will be limited to 21 participants

Questions or to register: www.sarcenter.com;

715-443-2236. Register early.

St. Anthony's also offers the opportunity for private retreats of any length. Contact Susie Hubbard at shubbard@sarcenter.com for details.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 839

During these difficult times, meetings and events have had to be cancelled. Yet, the Knights continue to quietly support so many worthy causes donating \$1500 to each of our local parishes, \$2000 to Catholic Charities, \$1000 to the La Crosse Area Emergency Fund, \$500 to Aquinas Catholic Schools, Providence Academy, Hosea Initiative, WAFER Food Pantry, and our seminarians. In addition the Knights have teamed with our pastors to contact those who are feeling isolated. Men 18 years and older, if you'd like to join this robustly active organization to further their mission (1. Provide a means by which Catholic men could support the Catholic Church; 2. Provide financial protection for their families; 3. Engage in works of charity to benefit the less fortunate), go to www.kofc839.com for all information.

A PRAYER FOR TODAY

May today there be peace within.

May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be.

May you remember the infinite possibilities that are born of faith.

May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you.

May you be content knowing you are a child of God.

Let God's presence settle into your bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love.

God is here for each and every one of us.

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