



Blessed Sacrament Parish

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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time August 30, 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 30, 2020

**MISSION APPEAL
THIS WEEKEND**

This 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 in Cazenovia, St. Mary's in Keyesville, and Sacred Heart in Lone Rock, is here to preach at all Masses and do the appeal.

Here is some information from Father Nathan. 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

Aug 30 – Sept 6, 2020

MASS INTENTIONS

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

- MON 8/31 7:30** Weekday
+Judi Terhorst
- TUES 9/1 7:30** Weekday
+Marianne Pittman
- WED 9/2 7:30** Weekday
+Janis Newcomber
2:20 pm *+Clyde Sutton*

*Grade school students will be attending the Masses
on Wednesday afternoons.
These Masses ARE NOT OPEN to others.*

- THU 9/3 7:30** Gregory the Great
+David Oswald
- FRI 9/4 7:30** Weekday
+ Francis & Mary Spika
8:00 First Friday Benediction
- SAT 9/5** Weekday; Teresa of Calcutta
NO 7:30 Mass

23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

- SAT 9/5 4:30** *+David & +Jean Flottmeyer*
- SUN 9/6 8:00** *For the People of the Parish*
10:00 *+James & +Betty Callan*

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

ADORATION CHAPEL

Open 24-7

CHURCH OPEN

6:30-4 pm weekdays

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. Got questions? Call Jennifer Kulzer, 385-3459.

PARISH SUPPORT

BUDGET

July 1, 2020- June 30, 2021

Needed Weekly \$13,000

Received August 23 4,229

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 & 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

Looking for a way to go deeper in prayer? This week Formed.org offers up a study in their Lectio series called Lectio: Prayer. In this beautifully filmed series, Dr. Tim Gray uses the discipline of Lectio Divina to show you how to make prayer an effective effort of love and intimacy.

Use our parish code: K2768J

CASA HOGAR

The 72 children living at Casa Hogar in Peru celebrate Mass outdoors daily and take your intentions to the altar at each Mass. To request their prayers for your intentions go to: frjoesguild.org/prayer-request/ Father Hirsch has yearly hosted a fund-raiser for Casa Hogar. Watch for info on this event.

AROUND TOWN

READINGS FOR THE 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jeremiah 20: 7-9

You duped me, O Lord, and I let myself be
duped;
You were too strong for me, and you triumphed.
All the day I am an object of laughter;
Everyone mocks me.
Whenever I speak, I must cry out,
violence and outrage is my message;
The word of the Lord has brought me
derision and reproach all the day.
I say to myself, I will not mention him,
I will speak his name no more.
But then it becomes like fire burning in my heart,
imprisoned in my bones;
I grow weary holding it in, I cannot endure it.

Romans 12:1-2

I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of
God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice,
holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship.
Do not conform yourselves to this age but be
transformed by the renewal of your mind, that
you may discern what is the will of God.

Matthew 16:21-27

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must
go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the
elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be
killed and on the third day be raised. Then Peter
took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him,
"God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever
happen to you." He turned and said to Peter,
"Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to
me. You are thinking not as God does, but as
human beings do."

Then Jesus said to His disciples, "Whoever wishes
to come after me must deny himself, take up his
cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to
save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life
for my sake will find it. What profit would there
be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit
his life? Or what can one give in exchange for
his life? For the Son of Man will come with his
angels in his Father's glory, and then he will
repay all according to his conduct."

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
<http://www.kofc839.com> for all information.

REMEMBER THESE SEMINARIANS IN YOUR PRAYERS

Mon: Father Daniel Williams III (recently ordained)
Tues: Deacon Arturo Viguera
Wed: Deacon Eric Mashak
Thurs: Deacon Timothy Reither
Fri: Matthew Bowes
Sat: Steven Weller
Sun: Jared Clements

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.