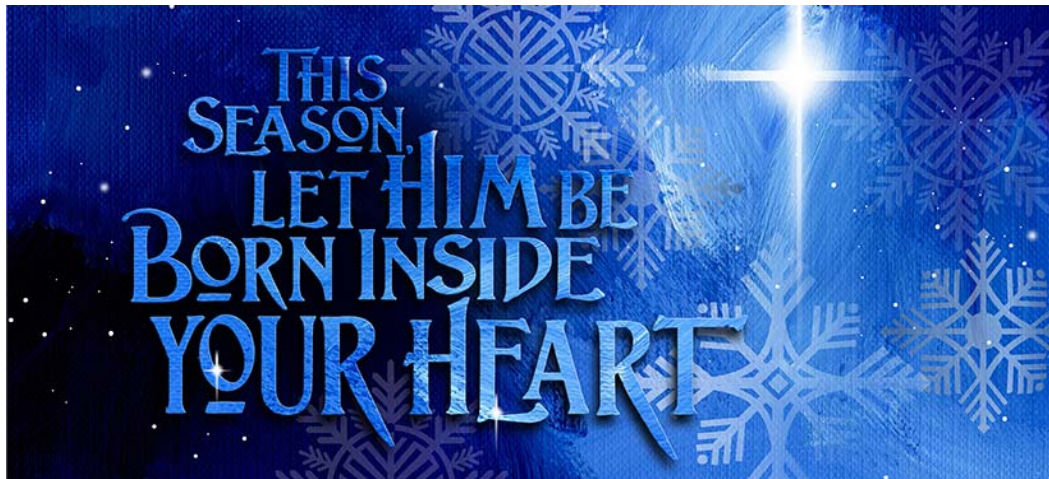




Blessed Sacrament Parish

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Holy Family December 29, 2019

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening 4:30 pm
Sunday Morning 8:00 & 10:00 am
Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 7:30 am
Wed 9:00 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

Masters of Ceremonies:

Mike Vanderploeg
William Arnold
Gabe Trussoni

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

Parish Office Ass't Dir: *Elizabeth Skemp*

Finances: *Steve McGovern,*
Eenie Francksen

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

December 28, 2019

*Thanks to all who gave flowers
in memory or in honor of a loved one
this Christmas*

*Erna Gallagher for Ray and Genevieve Kelzer;
Syl and Blanche Gallagher;
Donald Gallagher*

*David and Jeannette Schreier for Donald Schreier;
Frank, Doreen, and Mike Schuh*

*Barb Schmitz for Susan Szemraj; for Greg Schmitz
Mary Ritter for Lou Ritter*

*Elizabeth Skemp for Dan and Tucky Skemp
William and Carey Kroner for Ralph Clason;
Cleo and Edgar Kroner*

*Kathy Curti for Maxine Garvalia
Bernice Lansing for Denis Kuennen;
deceased members of Lansing family
Chuck and Patti Sans Crainte for Tom and
Rosemary Ryan;*

*Vince and Anita Sans Crainte
Ruth Vanderploeg for Mary Mashak;
honoring Pauline Connell*

*Anne Gees for Marian Pavela; Stephen and
Eleanor Pavela;*

Charles and Mary Stellick

*Donna and Wayne Levi for Bill and Lyda DeGise;
John and Laura Levi*

*David and Rita Herlitzke for Lloyd Herlitzke;
Leonard and Margaret Degenhardt
Ron Hammes family for Ron Hammes
Pauline Jagodzinski for Ralph Jagodzinski
Betty Roth for Alvin and Elizabeth Gerke;
Richard Roth*

*Deacon and Marie Allen for James and
Marilyn Vallez*

*Chris Gerke for Gilbert and Joyce Gerke
Mark and Carol Steingraeber for Joe and Elaine
Steingraeber*

*Mary Ann and Gene Roesler for Georgina and
Martin Roesler;*

*Gertrude and Paul Link
Evelyn Gallagher for Tom Gallagher
Patricia Imgrund for Douglas and Mike Imgrund
Frances Smith for James O. Smith
Bob and Mary Kelemen to honor Blessed
Sacrament Parish*

Deepest thanks to all the folks who helped
decorate the church during this season

Dec 30, 2019 – Jan 5, 2020

EUCCHARIST: Helen Flynn READER: Mark Steingraeber

MON 12/30 Sixth day within the Octave of Christmas
7:30 +**Tom Mruz**
Servers: Don Flynn, Mike Vanderploeg

TUES 12/31 Seventh day within the Octave of Christmas
7:30 +**Robert Weiske**
Server: Andy Nordeen

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

TUES 12/31 5:00 pm +**Donald Houlihan**
WED 1/1 10:00 am +**Marianne Pittman**

THU 1/2 Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen
7:30 +**Phil Knothe**

FRI 1/3 Christmas Weekday, Holy Name of Jesus
7:30 +**Leonard Degenhardt, Jr.**

SAT 1/4 Elizabeth Ann Seton

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

SAT 1/4 4:30 +**Margaret Simon**
Celebrant: Fr. Peter Raj MC: Gabe Trussoni
Servers: Thomas Gorman, Michael Johnson, Craig
Readers: Dave & Mary Jo Reinders
Petitions:
Eucharist: Cheryl & Tom Horvath, Anne & Tom Gees,
Chris Nelson
Ushers: Rick Stelmach, Kay Nix, David Sweeney
Offering family: Christine Nelson family
Rosary Leaders: Mary Jo & Dave Reinders

SUN 1/5 8:00 **For the People of the Parish**
Celebrant: Fr. Peter Raj MC: Mike Vanderploeg
Servers: Joe & Jack Clements, Peyton Strittmater
Readers: Donna Levi, Dan Skemp
Petitions:
Eucharist: Helen Flynn, Jean Kachel, Kathleen Hanson,
Erin & Ted Strittmater
Ushers: Bill Chamberlain, Mike Watunya, Bruce Simones,
Tom Keil
Offering Family: Ken & Kathleen Hanson
Rosary Leader: Irm White-Drier

10:00 +**Emily McConaghy**
Celebrant: Fr. Peter Raj MC: William Arnold
Servers: Parks Tobin, Rylan Schneider, Jackson Woolever
Readers: Kris Gerke, Dave Weinberger
Petitions: Livia Tobin
Eucharist: Fran Sauer, Mary Kay Richert, Kathy Hancock,
Brian Fukuda, Bud Lee
Ushers: Terry Felt, Tom Richert, LuAnn Kratt, Mark Hyde
Offering Family: Greg and Fran Sauer
Rosary Leaders: Fran & Greg Sauer

AROUND THE PARISH

WOMEN'S CLUB HOLY HOUR
Saturday, January 11, 10-11:00 am
In church
Start the year off right!

SIGNATURE AD IN SUPPORT OF LIFE
The Sunday La Crosse Tribune on January 19 will include a full page signature ad with names of those who believe in the sanctity of life from conception to natural death. You can add your name by signing the sheet in the Narthex of church during the next 2 weeks. Please PRINT your name so it is sent correctly. A small donation would be appreciated to defray the cost of the ad.

Father Raj and all our priests are an amazing help in our spiritual growth. Without our priests we would not have the sacraments to help us on our journey to Heaven. Every Wednesday at 1 pm you can join a group who pray for priests. Call Barb Clements for all the details. 782-5777.

WARMING CENTER
Our night to "man" the Center is Sat, Jan 4.
There is an especially big need for folks to prepare and serve the evening meal. Instructions can be found in the sign up area in the Narthex. Consider lending a hand with this task and perhaps taking one of the overnight shifts.

GIFTS FROM THE PARISH TO HOMEBOUND MEMBERS
Thanks to parishioners and families who delivered gifts to the homebound and people in nursing homes.

REST IN PEACE
Carl Biemiller
Father of Rachel Biemiller-Stein

\$CRIP NEWS
Phone orders: 782-2953, ext. 6.
Email orders: SCRI@bsplacrosse.org
You can upload \$crip cards on your smartphone. Go to: MyScripWallet.com. You will need to email the \$crip office here at the parish scrip@bsplacrosse.org and request our enrollment code.

FORMED.ORG
This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, and Formed.org has the resources for your entire family to grow in holiness. For kids there are the Brother Francis Christmas offerings as well as Kristoph and the First Christmas Tree. For moms and dads there are great marriage resources including Marriage-God's Design for Life and Love. Whatever your state in life, start the New Year off right by taking advantage of all the great resources on Formed.org to bring you closer to Christ in the New Year. Use our code:K2768J.

BAPTISM
Victoria Vinita Linda Braggs

PARISH SUPPORT

BUDGET
July 1, 2019- June 30, 2020
Needed Weekly \$13,000
Received Dec 22 22,180

My brain said "CRUNCHES," but my stomach auto-corrected to "CUPCAKES."

ELECTRONIC GIVING AVAILABLE
It's so easy to set up automatic giving to our parish. You can designate an amount and the timing of the donation (every week, once a month, etc.) Check out the form on the Parish Website and consider this time-saving Opportunity.

WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS
Lunch at Culvers on Mormon Coulee Road
Tues, Jan 7, 11:30
Questions? Call Barb Schmitz, 788-1667, or Loretta Clarkin, 784-9917

Masses for the Holyday (Jan 1)
Tues, Dec 31, 5:00 pm
Cocoa, cookies, refreshments served after Mass while you enjoy the 6 pm fireworks show
Wed, Jan 1, 10:00 am
Jan 1 Office \$ \$crip Closed
Jan 4 & 5 Sign Right-to-Life ad for Tribune
Jan 6-Feb 6 Fr. Raj in India
Jan 7 Widows & Widowers, Culvers on Mormon Coulee Rd, 11:30
Jan 11 Morning of Reflection for BSP Women's Club, 10 am
Jan 11& 12 Sign Right-to-Life ad for Tribune
Jan 15 Rosary Support Group, 10 am
Jan 27 First meeting of Lectio: Eucharist
Feb 9 Family meeting for 1st Communion & 1st Reconciliation, 9:00 in Conference Room
Mar 14 First Reconciliation, 9 am
Apr 15 Confirmation, 6:30 pm at the Cathedral
Apr 26 First Communion, 10:00 Mass

COMING UP

MUSIC NOTES
REJOICE CHOIR will practice on Thurs, Jan 2, 5:30-6:30. The choir will sing at 4:30 Mass on Sat, Jan 4, and at 10:00 Mass on Sun, Jan 12. If you like to sing, join us. Remember, singing is praying twice.

LECTIO: EUCHARIST
We will again offer the wonderful DVD/discussion series focusing on the Eucharist beginning in late January. Those who enjoyed attending previously gave it very high marks. It's worth attending a second time! If you are new to this format of learning and praying, put this on your radar. The 10-week series digs deep into this central mystery of our Catholic Faith with rich insights and thought. The flyer in today's bulletin gives all the details. Besides here at BSP, the program will be offered at other parishes at different times & days.

AROUND TOWN

PILGRIMAGE FOR LIFE Jan 22-26, 2020

Ages 13 and older

Consider joining young folks from around the country in traveling to Washington DC for this pro-life rally.

Chaperones are needed, as well.

All info at diolc.org/youth-opportunities

MARCH FOR LIFE IN CHICAGO

January 11

There is a bus leaving from Onalaska for this one-day pilgrimage. All info at: diolc.org/respect-life.

SATURDAY MORNING EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Following 8:00 am Mass until 9:15

Cathedral

The Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed.

All are invited to participate

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY RAFFLE

1953 Ford pickup (valued at \$30,000)

\$25 tickets (5/\$100) Includes coupons for freebies

Available at: Habitat ReStore, Pearl Street Brewery,

The Crow, Big Al's, Howies, The Briar Patch

Drawing: April 25, 2020

EVENING PRAYER FOR PEACE AND BLESSING OF TIME

Tues, Dec 31, 6 pm

Maria Angelorum Chapel, St. Rose Convent

Learn more about the Order at www.fspa.org.

JANUARY SERENITY RETREAT

Jan 3-5, St. Anthony's, Marathon

Register: www.sarcenter.com; 715-443-2236

TEA AND TRANQUILITY

Sat, Jan 11, 2-4 pm

Franciscan Spirituality Center

\$45/person includes refreshments and head and hand massages by Sitara Salon and Spa. Proceeds will fund a retreat for female survivors of human trafficking, domestic violence and sexual trauma.

Register at www.FSCenter.org or 791-5295.

LABYRINTH WALK: PEACE IN THE NEW YEAR

Mon, Dec 30, 4-7 pm, Franciscan Spirituality Center

The labyrinth forms a single path to walk while meditating and praying. Instruction is provided.

Freewill offering

GIVEN: UNVEILING THE MYSTERY OF MARRIAGE

A retreat for all couples – practical, Christ-centered, sacramental

Jan 18, 9-3:00, Mary, Mother of the Church

Couple cost: engaged-\$25/dating or married-\$40

Sponsored by the Diocesan Office for Marriage and Family Life

Questions? Go to: dkitzhaber@diolc.org.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT POSITION

OPEN AT RONCALLI NEWMAN PARISH

Full time weekday position. Send resume to Fr. Billy Dodge at Roncalli Newman Parish, 1732 State St, La Crosse or email him: billydodge@gmail.com

LOOKING FOR A WAY TO VOLUNTEER NEXT YEAR?

Consider helping at the Habitat ReStore. There are new items donated daily. You'll find some "treasures" and some very enjoyable folks to work with.

Sign up at www.habitatlacrosse.org.

MEDITATION FOR EMOTIONAL HEALTH

This group is open to anyone experiencing anxiety or depression; it offers meditation as a coping skill.

Gatherings are the second Thursday of the month.

Next session: Jan 9, 6:30-7:30 pm

Franciscan Spirituality Center

Free will offering

FRANCISCAN HOSPITALITY HOUSE

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Fri, March 13, 2020, 12:15- 3pm

Prepare and serve a light, simple meal for about 70. The House is a safe, warm place where those who are homeless can gather. Call the parish office if you can help. This request comes from one of our seminarians who volunteers there.

THE SOUND OF BOWLS

January 14, 5:30-6:30 pm

Tibetan singing bowls produce a soothing sound which can assist in relaxation and meditation.

Free-will offering.

Franciscan Spirituality Center

MEN'S SILENT RETREAT

Based on the life of St. Alphonsus Liguori.

Feb 21-23, St. Anthony's, Marathon

\$190 includes meals and lodging

www.sarcenter.com

PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

O God of new beginnings and wonderful surprises, thank you for the gift of a new year. May it be a time of grace for me, a time to grow in faith and love, a time to renew my commitment to follow Your Son, Jesus. May it be a year of blessing for me, a time to cherish my family and friends, a time to renew my efforts at work, a time to embrace my faith more fully. Walk with me, please, in every day and every hour of this new year, that the light of Christ might shine through me, in spite of my weaknesses and failings. Above all, may I remember this year that I am a pilgrim on the sacred path to You.

Amen