



Blessed Sacrament Parish

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December 12, 2021 Third Sunday of Advent

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

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

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If you would like to serve as a reader, altar server, usher, or Eucharistic Minister at any of the Holy Day Masses, call 608-782-2953, ext. 4 to sign up.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

In the pews today you have found envelopes for your donation to the Retirement Fund for Religious. A lifetime of prayer and service unites thousands of elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who benefit from this fund. Generations of Catholics gratefully remember their ministry in schools, hospitals, parishes, and more. Most older religious served for little pay, resulting in a shortage of retirement savings. Proceeds from this annual collection underwrite financial assistance, education, and resources that help religious communities provide for aging members, improve eldercare delivery, and strengthen retirement planning. Take an envelope, make your check out to our parish and note it is for this collection; return it to the parish office or the collection next weekend. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

Recently the Holy Father asked all the parishes in the world to consider some important questions for the universal church. The Holy Father has called a synod; that is, a meeting of bishops gathered to discuss a topic of theological or pastoral significance, to prepare a document of advice or counsel to the pope.

Pope Francis wants us to join him in praying, listening, discerning, examining ourselves personally, and the Church communally, to see if we're truly on the path Jesus has set for His beloved Bride, His mystical Body, the Church. In this process it is understood:

*The energy and direction driving the Church comes from the Holy Spirit, not ourselves.

*While in the world, we are not of the world, and thus our guiding principles come from the Gospel, revelation, and of settled Church teaching.

The Vatican announced in May that the Synod on Synodality would open with a diocesan phase lasting from October 2021 to April 2022. A second, continental phase will take place from September 2022 to March 2023. The third, universal phase will begin with the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, dedicated to the theme "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission," at the Vatican in October 2023.

The insert in today's bulletin gives all the details and invites you to mark your calendar and attend the meeting on Jan. 5. Thank you for participating

December 13 - 19, 2021

MASS INTENTIONS

This week's reader: Paulette Drozdowicz

- MON 12/13 Lucy
7:15 *+Lloyd Herlitzke*
- TUES 12/14 John of the Cross
7:15 *+Dale & +Priscilla Reinhart*
- WED 12/15 Advent Weekday
7:15 *Living & deceased members of the Bill & Doris Skemp family*
8:15 *+Karl Zenk*
- THUR 12/16 Advent Weekday
7:15 *+Danielle Kearns-Connell*
- FRI 12/17 Advent Weekday
7:15 *+Arlene Schmidt*
- SAT 12/18 Advent Weekday

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Celebrant: Father Peter Raj

Assisting: Deacon Allen and MC

- SAT 12/18 4:30 pm *Intention of Raymond Becker*
Servers: Matthew B., Kyle C.
Readers: Tom Kieffer, Joan Mueller
Rosary leaders: Ken & Grainne Quillin
- SUN 12/19 8:00 *For the People of the Parish*
Servers: Mike & Elizabeth H.
Readers: Tom Michel, John Gallagher
Rosary leader: Melissa Vach
10:00 *+Jeanne Kallies*
Server: Bobby S.
Readers: Tony Weisse, Patti Keil
Rosary leaders: Kevin & Helen Roop

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays, 3:30-4:15 pm
or call for an appointment

ADDITIONAL ADVENT CONFESSION OPPORTUNITY

Wednesday, December 15, 6:15-7:00

There will be additional priests available

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

POINSETTIAS FOR THE ALTAR

Help adorn our sanctuary with the beautiful flowers of the season.

Purchase a poinsettia in honor of someone or in their memory by calling the parish office, 608-782-2953, ext. 2. The plants come in 3 sizes in red or white blossoms.

Small \$12; medium \$18; large \$35
Place your order soon.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING HELPERS

December 22

Many hands are needed as we prepare the church for His birthday.

Call the parish office to sign up.
782-2953, ext. 2, or email
office@bsplacrosse.org

BAPTISM ON DEC 11

Declan Stephen Maurice
son of Abraham and Christina

THURSDAY ROSARY, 6:30 PM

Do you have a special intention and need Our Lady's intercession? Join us as we pray the Rosary Thursday evenings at 6:30 in the main church. Please use the alley handicap door.

MEN'S GATHERING

Tuesday, December 14, 6 pm
Parish Center
Bring your rosary.

We will also view a more in-depth talk by Fr. Mike Schmitz on the Immaculate Conception. Questions? Call Dave Schreier, 608-790-3631.

CONTACT UPDATE INFORMATION

If you have changed address, email, phone number, etc. recently, please call the Parish Office: 782-2953, x. 2, or email Office@bsplacrosse.org.

WARMING CENTER

3rd Street Catholic Charities site

Our parish is joining with Roncalli Newman to provide food & volunteers on Saturdays nights.

*10-12 volunteers; 2 for food

*guests will be quarantined if they exhibit COVID symptoms; other health safety precautions will be in place

*limited to 30 guests/night

To sign up contact:

anthonyweisse@gmail.com or check the parish website

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

A new schedule for adoration times is in the entry to the Adoration Chapel. Please indicate when you will come to pray using your name or initials. The chapel is open at all times; however a code is used to gain entry during the night hours. It can be obtained by calling the parish office. The Adoration Chapel entrance is off the alley between King and Main streets. *He's waiting for you!*

CHAMPION OF THE POOR: FATHER JOE WALIJEWSKI

We have 8 copies of this wonderful informative comic book for you to check out from our Parish Library.

It's an excellent little gift for a young person or anyone who wants to know about our good friend, Padre Jose. There is an order form in the comic book.

Formed.org

This week we celebrate the Feast Day of St. John of the Cross. St. John of the Cross, Doctor of the Church, had a deep desire to help others grow in prayer. In honor of this mystical saint, join Dr. Gray in the series *Lectio: Prayer* as he dives into the simplicity and mystery of prayer.

PARISH SUPPORT

BUDGET

July 1, 2021- June 30, 2022

Needed Weekly	\$13,000
Received December 5	9,701

MIND
MATTER

COMING UP

Dec 14 Men's Gathering, 6 pm
Dec 15 Confessions 6-8:00 pm at BSP
Dec 15 Religious Ed classes
Dec 20 All day Confessions, Cathedral
Dec 22 Christmas decorating church
Dec 22 NO religious ed classes
Dec 24 & 31 Office closed
Jan 1 Wedding 1:30: Michaela Schwartz & Tim Holland
Jan 5 Parish gathering on Synodality
Jan 8 Women's Club Holy Hour, 10:00
Jan 10-16 Our week for Mobile Meals
Jan 19-23 Pilgrimage for Life
Mar 26 First Confession, 9:00
Apr 20 Confirmation, 6:30 pm
May 1 First Communion, 10:00

COMING UP

HOLY DAYS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve: Dec 24

4:00 pm – this Mass will also be streamed into our Parish Center (There will NOT be a separate 4:15 Mass).

Attending Mass in the Center will include the reception of Holy Communion

6:00 pm – Mass in church

Christmas Day: Dec 25

8:00 and 10:00 am Masses
4:30 pm Mass

Attending the 4:30 Mass on Christmas Day does not satisfy the requirement for both Christmas and for Sunday.

However, if one has attended a Mass earlier for Christmas, the obligation for Sunday is met by attending Mass at 4:30, even though the readings are for Christmas.

Feast of the Holy Family: Dec 26

8:00 and 10:00 Mass as usual

Jan 1 – NOT a holy day of obligation Dec 31

5:00 pm Mass

6:00 pm: cocoa party & fireworks

Jan 1

9:00 am Mass – for the Feast of Mary, Mother of God

Epiphany Masses

Jan 1: 4:30 pm

Jan 2: 8:00 & 10:00 as usual

ADDITIONAL CONFESSION TIMES

*RONCALLI NEWMAN Father Dodge will be available ½ hr before all weekday Masses and after the Sunday Masses

*ST. PATRICK Penance Service Sun, Dec 19, 7:00

*Here at BSP Wed, Dec 15, beginning at 6:15 pm. Additional priests will be here. Religious Ed students will begin at 7:00.

*Dec 20 All day at the Cathedral

AROUND TOWN

THANKS SO MUCH
TO THE GRADE SCHOOL STUDENTS
WHO CHANGED THE HYMNALS IN CHURCH.
Many hands made light work.

CASA HOGAR VIRTUAL NATIVITY TOUR December 16, 7 pm

The residents of Casa Hogar create Nativity scenes around their campus and will share their creations with everyone virtually.

You can even vote for your favorite.

To get the zoom information go to:

nfurger@frjoesguild.org.

"Christmas in Peru"

BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL CAROLING Tuesday, December 21, 12:30

The students and staff of our school will go caroling. All are welcome to join them in taking JOY into the community.

Route: west on King St; south on 16th St; east on Cass back to school.

PILGRIMAGE FOR LIFE

January 19-23 in Washington DC

All information is on the website: diolc.org.

DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING INSTANCES OF CHILD ABUSE (published twice yearly)

The Diocese of La Crosse, through its policies and procedures, seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (bishop, priest, deacon, religious, vendor or volunteer). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Mrs. Teresa Brown, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Brown at 608-791-0179 or intakeagent@diolc.org. The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at: diolc.org/safe-environment/reporting. **Individuals are also encouraged to take their report directly to civil authorities.** Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local parish and on the diocesan website. If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, please contact Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at 608-791-2679 or tbrown@diolc.org.

SEMINARIANS TO PRAY FOR THIS WEEK

Sun	Kyle Lang
Mon	Alex Radtke
Tues	Someone God is calling
Wed	Deacon Matthew Bowe
Thurs	Deacon Steven Weller
Fri	Jared Clements
Sat	Alex Kren

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.

Consider offering an Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be for the seminarians on their special day, along with the Prayer for Vocations.

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.

CALENDAR RAFFLE

St. Patrick Parish, Onalaska
\$25 each, from their parish office
Nice Christmas gifts; 365 chances to win

MEMORY CAFÉ sponsored by Causeway

4th Tuesday of month, 9:30-11:00
Black River Beach House
Those living with dementia or Alzheimer's and their care givers: time for sharing and caring.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION PREPARATION PROGRAM

Franciscan Spirituality Center, La Crosse
This is a 3-year program which gives participants theory and practice through workshops and real-life experiences to share their compassionate listening skills as spiritual directors.
To learn all about this, contact www.FSCenter.org or call 608-791-5295.

HELPING MOTHERS IN NEED

Drop off baby items in the crib in the Narthex.
Everything from diapers to rattles needed.
As Catholic Charities opens its arms to mothers in need, we can help fill the void with our items, our concern, and our prayers.