



Blessed Sacrament Parish

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Your words,
O Lord, are

Spirit & Life



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February 13, 2022 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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*

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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

February 13, 2022

Today, February 13, is the 3rd annual observance of the feast day of Blessed James Miller. He was gunned down as he worked at a school in Guatemala on Feb 13, 1982. Blessed James Miller was a native of Stevens Point and a De La Salle Christian Brother and missionary. He was declared a martyr and beatified by Pope Francis on Dec 7, 2019.

The following is a prayer for his intercession approved by Bishop Callahan:

O Blessed Brother James Miller, you heard God's call to become a Brother of the Christian Schools and so became a sign of faith to youth in the United States and in Central America. You placed your life and your trust in Divine Providence and, for spreading the faith, merited the crown of martyrdom. In a world that denies the dignity of the human person, obtain for us from Divine Providence an ever increasing love of God and our neighbor, especially the poor and oppressed. Obtain for us also the favor we are now asking for (*mention your request*) and the grace and strength to be a witness to Christ's love to all. Amen.

Imprimatur: +William Patrick Callahan, OFM Conv.
Bishop of La Crosse – February 7, 2020.

RCIA

**The Rite of Election
and the Call to Continuing Conversion
Sunday, March 6, 2 pm, Cathedral**

This Rite is an occasion that marks entry into the period of Purification and Enlightenment that coincides with Lent. It is a wonderful opportunity for candidates and catechumens to see the larger Church, be introduced to their new Cathedral, and receive the grace of the Rite.

Tribute to Sister Thea Bowman

Look for information on Sister's life coming soon from the Education Department at Viterbo. Our school was blessed to have Sister's presence in the classroom many years ago. Her students remember her zest for life and deep spirituality.

A week of celebration

will be March 27 through April 1.

Sister Thea, Servant of God, pray for us.

ADORATION CHAPEL

Located through the entrance in the alley between King and Main Streets. If you wish access between 8 pm and 6 am, call the parish office for the door code.

February 14 - 20, 2022

MASS INTENTIONS

This week's reader: Jim Thompson

MON 2/14	Cyril & Methodius 7:15 +Dale & Priscilla Reinhart
TUES 2/15	Weekday 7:15 +Ralph Schwanbeck
WED 2/16	Weekday 7:15 +Periyannayammal (Fr. Raj's mother) 8:15 Intention of Gilkes family
THUR 2/17	Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order 7:15 +Leonard Frohnauer
FRI 2/18	Weekday 7:15 +Pat Crowley
SAT 2/19	Weekday; BVM NO 7:15 Mass

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Celebrant: Father Conrad

SAT 2/19	4:30 pm +Phil & +Mike Knothe Servers: Mike & Elizabeth H. Readers: Tom Kieffer, Joan Mueller Rosary Leaders: Ken & Grainne Quillin
SUN 2/20	8:00 For the People of the Parish Server: Rylan S. Readers: Tom Michel, John Gallagher Rosary Leader: Melissa Vach 10:00 +Cole Berra Servers: Michael & Maria J. Readers: Tony Weisse, Patti Keil Rosary Leaders: Kevin & Helen Roop

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays, 3:30-4:15
or by appointment.

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.

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

Father Raj and all our priests are an amazing help in our spiritual growth. Without them we would not have the sacraments to help us on our journey to Heaven. Every Wednesday at 1:30 you are invited to join us as we pray for priests. Call Barb Clements at 608-782-5777 to get the details. We would love to have you!

AROUND THE PARISH

SCRIP PROGRAM

Our parish offers folks the opportunity to help out with tuition costs for families attending the Aquinas Schools. It is so easy! We purchase gift cards from a boatload of national and local businesses, chains and smaller places. We receive a discount price. Parishioners, families, friends and neighbors buy those cards at face value. The balance can be applied to any family's tuition bill at the Aquinas Schools. Considering what we all spend on just groceries and gas, it adds up very nicely. In addition, families can "bank" that tuition assistance to use when their not-yet-school-age kids start to attend. Grandparents, here & away, love the opportunity to help with tuition costs. Want to know more? Stop at the table at our Parish Breakfast on Feb 27, or call the \$crip office at the parish.

REST IN PEACE

+Mary Weiske
mother of Mary Beth Vach

ANGELS OF MERCY PRAYER GOUP

If you or someone you know is seriously ill, facing surgery, or needs prayers, please contact the Parish Office so our ANGELS OF MERCY Prayer Group can be notified.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

It is a blessing when a Mass can be offered for someone dear. When you contact the parish office to arrange for Masses, be aware that our parish reserves Masses on this basis: 3 Masses may be offered for the same person on specific dates, 1 being on a weekend or holiday, and 2 during the week. These are scheduled at least 6 weeks apart. Additional Masses for that person will be scheduled when there are openings for Mass intentions. It is especially helpful when Masses are requested without a specific date attached. All Mass stipends are \$10.

Formed.org

Happy Feast of St. Valentine! This Valentine's Day remind yourself of the beauty of the Sacrament of Marriage with the *Beloved Series*, presented by the Augustine Institute. Session 1 discusses "Does Marriage Matter?" Hint...YES!
Check it out on Formed.org.

BABY BOTTLES FOR BIRTHRIGHT

Birthright gives people facing a troubling or unexpected pregnancy hope and support. Help the volunteers with your donations. Take a baby bottle home, and through the next few weeks put your spare change in the bottle. Return the bottle to church in early March or send a check to Birthright through our parish.

Pray for the moms, dads, and those little precious gifts they are given.

Empty ice cream buckets and lids may be dropped off in the parish office, the Narthex, or the Parish Center kitchen. The funeral lunch crew says: thanks. By the way, egg cartons and brown paper grocery bags are so appreciated at Wafer. We'll take them off your hands, too.

PARISH SUPPORT

BUDGET

July 1, 2021- June 30, 2022

Needed Weekly	\$13,000
Received Feb 6	\$9,043

I remember when people went a whole day without taking a picture of anything

COMING UP

Feb 13 Little Flowers Club, 11:30
Feb 14-20 Our week for Mobile Meals
Feb 16 Religious Ed classes
Feb 27 Parish Breakfast after both Masses
Mar 2 Ash Wednesday
Mar 6 Rite of Election and the Call to Continuing Conversion, 2 pm, Cathedral
Mar 15 Filming Masses for TV
Mar 26 First Confession, 9:00
Apr 20 Confirmation, 6:30 pm
May 1 First Communion, 10:00

COMING UP

PARISH BREAKFAST

Welcome new BSP families
Sunday, Feb 27, after both Masses

Our parish is blessed with several new families joining us during the past months. Let's give them a worthy welcome.
The guys and gals will be making a delicious breakfast after both Masses. There is no charge other than your smile.
Come, one and all!!!
(We will have \$crip for sale at the breakfast.)

WELCOME TO BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

*Dan & Christina Gerleman
and son Greyson
*Kyle & Kate Moll
and children Sequoia & Vern

THE SEARCH

Answering often-asked questions
about our Faith

Tuesdays, Feb 22-Apr 5, 6:30-8 pm
St. Patrick Parish, Onalaska
Led by Fr. Aaron Becker
Fridays, Feb 25-Apr 8, 9:00-10:30 am
Cathedral Undercroft
Led by Msgr. Gilles
Each session includes a video and open Q & A session with the priest.

Week 1: What do you seek?
Week 2: Who are you?
Week 3: Why a God?
Week 4: What's our Story?
Week 5: Who is Jesus?
Week 6: Am I saved?
Week 7: Why a Church?

No registration or fee required
Everyone is welcome!

AROUND TOWN

LEARNING TO LIVE AND LOVE BEYOND BIAS

Workshop presented by Rev. Christa Fischer
Tuesday, February 15, 6-8 pm
St. Anthony Retreat Center

Learn how bias is real and has a powerful and devastating impact on our lives.

Free will offering
www.sarcenter.com.

RETROVAILLE PROGRAM

Help for struggling marriages

This is a 3-phase program that begins with a weekend stay in Wausau. Post sessions provide ongoing healing and support. Participants reflect and interact in privacy with their spouse; this is not group therapy. Costs are very affordable. Questions? Go to: www.HelpOurMarriage, or call 877-922-4673. The next session begins on Feb 18-20.

AQUINAS CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Enrollment and re-enrollment for the 2022-23 school year is now open. If you are interested in exploring your options when it comes to education, we would be happy to show you what Aquinas has to offer. We have options for financial aid beginning in 5K, after school care options, and wide-reaching bus routes throughout the area.

Aquinas Catholic Schools is a Christ-centered family devoted to nurturing students of all faiths through educational excellence in its vibrant Catholic tradition.

Contact info@aquinasschools.org with any questions or visit www.aquinascatholic schools.org/enrollment. Follow @AquinasCatholicSchools on Facebook.

SEMINARIANS TO PRAY FOR THIS WEEK

Mon	Someone God is calling
Tues	Deacon Matthew Bowe
Wed	Deacon Steven Weller
Thurs	Jared Clements
Fri	Alex Kren
Sat	Isaac Pecha
Sun	John Zweber

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.

WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

Weekly dialogue in person or virtual using Pope Francis' 'Fratelli Tutti' (*On Fraternity and Social Friendship*, the study guide.)

Thursdays, 9:30-11 am or 6:30-8 pm

Coordinator: Adele DiNatale-Svetnicka

She has had 12 years of experience in parish ministry and is an FSPA affiliate.

Reserve your spot at www.sarcenter.com or call 715-443-2236. Free will offering.

Feb 24: Ch 1: Dark Clouds Over a Closed World

Mar 3: Ch. 2: A Stranger on the Road

Mar 10: Ch 3 & 4: An Open World & An Open Heart

Mar 17: Ch 5: A Better Kind of Politics

Mar 24: Ch 6: Dialogue & Friendship in Society

Mar 31: Ch 7 & 8: Paths of Renewed Encounter & Religion at the Service of Fraternity in our World

ADVENTURE CAMP: June 26-July 1 Grades 6-12

Mark your calendar; information coming

PARISH LIFE MISSIONER AT THE CATHEDRAL

Full time position assisting the rector in leading and growing the parish's faith life.

Info at office@cathedralspworkman.org.

COURAGE AND ENCOURAGE APOSTOLATES

Ministry to those experiencing same-sex attraction and also their friends & relatives.

Contact Ann Lankford: 608-791-2658.

THE SOUND OF BOWLS

Tues, Feb 15, 5:30-6:30

The relaxing sound of Tibetan singing bowls, a meditative experience

Franciscan Spirituality Center

Register by Feb 14 at www.FSCenter.org

\$10 suggested donation

CABIN FEVER FEST

EUCHRE TOURNAMENT & LUNCHEON

Sunday, March 6, starting at noon; \$10/person

St. Peters Parish, Rockland

Questions? Call Melissa @ 486-2180

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, this year March 2, and Easter Sunday won't be until April 17.

If that seems really late compared to other years, it is. It is almost as late as it can be. The reason for these particular dates is astrological. The date for Easter is determined this way: it is the first Sunday following the first full moon after the Spring equinox which occurs always about March 20. And, from Easter's date on the calendar all others are determined: Ash Wed, Pentecost, Corpus Christi, etc. Now there's a Jeopardy fact if ever there was one.