



Blessed Sacrament Parish

Pastor
Rev. Peter Raj

Deacon
David Allen

LORD, YOU ESTABLISH PEACE FOR US;
all that we have accomplished you have done for us.

Isaiah 26:12

Blessed Sacrament Parish

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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME February 14, 2021

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):
Gabe Trussoni

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:

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, Loretta Clarkin

February 14, 2021

February 15 - 21, 2021

WEEKDAY MASS TIME CHANGED
7:15 Monday-Friday

ASH WEDNESDAY
February 17

Mass times here at BSP
7:30 am and 5:30 pm

(There will be no afternoon Mass with the grade school children on this day.)

Masses at other parishes:

Cathedral: 6:30 am, 12:10 (Bishop is celebrant) and 5:10 pm

Mary, Mother of the Church: noon & 5:30 pm

Holy Trinity: 8:00 am and 7:00 pm

Roncalli Newman: noon, 5:30 & 8:30 pm

Regulations on Fasting and Abstinence
(from the Chancery Bulletin, Diocese of La Crosse)

1. Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday.
2. In addition to abstaining from meat, Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, until their 59th birthday, are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those who are bound to this regulation may eat only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

VIRTUAL MEN'S LENTEN RETREAT

Sat, Feb 20, 9-11:00 am, Conference Room

Presenters: Fr. Sam Martin and Mr. Pat Brueggen

Topic: Saint Joseph as a Model for Husbands and Fathers.

This is an opportunity for men of our parish to gather together for a spiritual boost with time afterward for reflection & discussion.

We will gather in the Parish Center where there is ample room to observe physical distancing. Masks are required. You can access the talk at home on Facebook:

fb.me/e/cPMROcgmE

MASS INTENTIONS

FACE MASKS ARE REQUIRED IN CHURCH

MON 2/15 7:15 Weekday
+Delphine Copa

TUES 2/16 7:15 Weekday
+Marjorie Straight

WED 2/17 7:15 Ash Wednesday
+ Joann Hutschenreuter
2:20 NO MASS TODAY
5:30 pm +Jerry Forster

THU 2/18 7:15 Lenten Weekday
+George Allen
8:15 +Virginia Nerison

Grade School children will be attending Mass Wednesdays at 2:20 & Thursdays at 8:15. These Masses ARE NOT OPEN to others.

FRI 2/19 7:15 Lenten Weekday
+Edward Capper
5:30 Stations of the Cross & Benediction

SAT 2/20 Lenten Weekday
NO 7:15 Mass

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Celebrant:

Assisting: Deacon Allen and MC

No altar servers; No Eucharistic Ministers

SAT 2/20 4:30 +Bob Saphner

SUN 2/21 8:00 Intention of Eileen Knothe
10:00 +For the People of the Parish

The Rosary is prayed before our weekend Masses beginning about 20 minutes before Mass starts.

The leaders Feb 20 & 21:

4:30 Mary Schuttenhelm

8:00 The Allens

10:00 The Lachines

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays, 3:30-4:15

Or call for an appointment

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
FRIDAYS IN LENT

5:30 PM

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction follows
No soup supper afterward

AROUND THE PARISH

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday:
9am – noon and 1-4 pm
Friday:
9am-noon; closed in pm

If you would like the name of a relative who has died to be printed in the bulletin, please call the office, making sure we have the correct spelling.

BSP CONFIRMANDI 2021

Elizabeth Bagniefski Kaitlin Groth
Jacob Hillebrand Gregory Kusmitch
Damien Lee Aaron Lepak
Zachary Morgan Jack Murphy
Alexandra Roupe Robert Skemp
Henry Suttie Esmeralda Valera
Estella Weisse

Please keep them in your prayers.

Fr. Raj needs to stay in India a few more days to help with family matters. He plans to return to La Crosse on Feb 20.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

It is estimated that over 38 million people in our country live in poverty. This collection funds programs that empower local communities to address the challenges they face. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development supports those living in poverty across the country. It identifies and addresses the unique obstacles people face as they work to lift themselves out of poverty. In addition, 25% of the funds collected remain in the Diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. By supporting this collection, you are giving those on the margins a hand up, not a handout. Please be generous. Envelopes are in church this weekend for your use. You may return your donation in the envelope next weekend or mail/bring it to the parish office during the week.

SCRIP NEWS

Masks are required face-wear.
Stop in to place your order or call the Scrip office at 782-2953, ext. 1, or email orders: SCRIP@bsplacrosse.org so your order is ready when you stop by. Aquinas families, remember that the full 100% of the rebate can be applied to your tuition bill. Office volunteer needed: Tuesdays, 9-noon. Call if you can help. Thanks to our volunteer Scrip sellers.

FORMED.org

This past week was National Marriage Week, prompting us all to take another look at Marriage. How appropriate that it ends on the 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 on Formed.org. Session 1 addresses the important question of, "Does Marriage Matter?"
Hint...the answer is YES!

PARISH SUPPORT

BUDGET

July 1, 2020- June 30, 2021

Needed Weekly	\$13,000
Received Feb 7	8,434

COMING UP

Feb 17 NO religious Education class
Feb 17 Ash Wednesday; Masses at 7:15 am & 5:30 pm; NO 2:20 Mass
Feb 20 Men's Conference, 9-11 am
Feb 20 Fr. Raj returns
Mar 8-14 Our week for Mobile Meals

When Father returns from India a decision about when to celebrate First Reconciliation and First Communion will be made. He would like to have the latest information about COVID-19. The Diocese has not made a determination about Confirmation.

**Friendship isn't a big thing -
It's a million little things.**

COMING UP

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays in Lent, 5:30
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction
(No soup supper following)

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Because Father Raj is delayed in returning from India, we will postpone our yearly Anointing of the Sick until a weekend he can schedule it.

REST IN PEACE on Feb. 3
+Virginia Nerison
sister of Therese Schaub

+Monsignor Matthew Malner
retired priest of our Diocese

INTENTIONS FOR MASSES IN 2021

There are many open dates available for Mass intentions for 2021.

Call the parish office at 782-2953, ext. 2, or stop in to schedule Masses. DO NOT leave your requests on voice mail; you must contact Elizabeth Skemp. One person may request 3 Masses for someone during the next year, one on the weekend, a holyday or a holiday, and 2 during the week. The dates must be a minimum of 6 weeks apart. The stipend is \$10 per Mass. There is a difference in giving the Parish a **Memorial donation** in someone's honor, and money for **Mass intentions**. Please specify what your wishes for your donation are.

AROUND TOWN

MARRIAGE PREPARATION RETREATS

The La Crosse Deanery, which consists of 14 area parishes, will be offering *Married Love: Two Becoming One*, a marriage preparation retreat for engaged couples, on April 24 and July 10, 2021. These retreats will take place at Mary, Mother of the Church Parish in La Crosse. Couples must register at least one month prior to the retreat. To register you may email Mari at mnerickson95@gmail.com or leave a voice message at 608-518-7655.

CHRIST, OUR CORNERSTONE

Restoring our Mother Church, St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral

Brochures with giving information and background are available in the Narthex of church or the parish office. Needed repair work and updating of the Cathedral has begun. Because the Cathedral serves as the central church for all of us in the Diocese, we are invited and encouraged to join in financing this project.

Join Bishop Callahan as he blesses the beginning of the restoration work at 1:30 on Feb 19. The prayer service can be accessed live streamed at cathedralsworkman.org. A press conference with the architects will follow the service; tune in.

ST. LAWRENCE SEMINARY HIGH SCHOOL

Mt. Calvary, Wisconsin

This is an all-boys boarding high school where students live, learn, work, and pray together. It is college-prep and spiritually deep where 200 students from around the globe prepare for life after high school.

For all info call 920-251-5470 or go to: aschool@stlawrence.edu.

AQUINAS SCHOOLS ENROLLMENT FOR 2021-22

Enrollment for the 2021-22 school year is open now for students entering 3P-12th grade. Aquinas prepares students to become their best selves, to be leaders in and out of the classroom, and to make a difference in the community.

Aquinas students volunteer their time to various causes in our community, such as WAFER, Kane Street Community Garden, Catholic Charities, and the La Crosse Warming Center. High School students alone provided over 12,000 hours of service last year. They all agree there's nothing better than banding together with others to better the community. To learn more or schedule a virtual visit call 608-784-8585 or go to: aquinascatholicsschools.org.

CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH

As the head of the Holy Family, Joseph had a profound role in Jesus's early life. Joseph also desires to have a profound role in YOUR life. No other earthly father knows Jesus as well as Joseph did. He has a special ability to teach you how to become a disciple of Jesus and grow in virtue. Join a 6-week program, starting Feb 14, led by Fr. Donald Calloway.

Choose a time:

Sundays 8:45-10:15 am, Cathedral
Mondays 6:30-8:00 pm, Mary, Mother of the Church
Wednesdays 1:00-2:30 pm, Holy Trinity
Wednesdays 6:30-8:00 pm, Cathedral (men's group)

This can also be done as a self-study.

The cost is \$9 for the book.

Contact Amy Capelli, 783-0847 or dcapelli@charter.net.

SEMINARIANS TO PRAY FOR THIS WEEK

Mon Deacon Arturo Viguera
Tues Deacon Eric Mashak
Wed Deacon Timothy Reither
Thurs Matthew Bowe
Fri Steven Weller
Sat Jared Clements
Sun 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

LEADER OF PRAYER CLASS

Beginning in July, 2021

Applications are open to men and women who wish to serve as Leaders of Prayer in our Diocese.

This is a 3-part course of study to prepare folks to serve their parish by taking Holy Communion to the Sick, conducting Liturgy of the Word on weekdays when a priest is not available (and on Sundays in care facilities or jails), and leading parishioners in prayer at other times. All information is available at diolc.org/ministries/leader_of_prayer.