



Blessed Sacrament Parish

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6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME February 16, 2020

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

February 16, 2020

February 17 - 23, 2020

Excerpts from

**MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS
FOR THE XXVIII WORLD DAY OF THE SICK 2020**

Dear brothers and sisters who are ill,

In your experience of illness, you certainly need a place to find rest. The Church desires to become more and more the "inn" of the Good Samaritan who is Christ, that is, a home where you can encounter his grace, which finds expression in closeness, acceptance and relief.

A key role in this effort to offer rest and renewal to our sick brothers and sisters is played by healthcare workers: physicians, nurses, medical and administrative professionals, assistants and volunteers. Thanks to their expertise, they can make patients feel the presence of Christ who consoles and cares for the sick, and heals every hurt. Yet they too are men and women with their own frailties and even illnesses.

Dear healthcare professionals, let us always remember that diagnostic, preventive and therapeutic treatments, research, care and rehabilitation are always in the service of the sick person. In your work, may you always strive to promote the dignity and life of each person, and reject any compromise in the direction of euthanasia, assisted suicide or suppression of life, even in the case of terminal illness.

I think of our many brothers and sisters throughout the world who have no access to medical care because they live in poverty. For this reason, I urge healthcare institutions and government leaders throughout the world not to neglect social justice out of a preoccupation for financial concerns. I offer heartfelt thanks to all those volunteers who serve the sick, often compensating for structural shortcomings, while reflecting the image of Christ, the Good Samaritan, by their acts of tender love and closeness.

To the Blessed Virgin Mary, Health of the Sick, I entrust all those who bear the burden of illness, along with their families and all healthcare workers. With the assurance of a remembrance in my prayers, I cordially impart my Apostolic Blessing.

Francis

EUCCHARIST: Carolyn Steingraeber

READER: Caryl Doberstein

- MON 2/17** Weekday; Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
7:30 *Living & deceased members of the John & Irma Finn family*
Servers: Don Flynn, Mike Vanderploeg
- TUES 2/18** Weekday
7:30 *Intention of Nick Nicks - Birthday*
Server: Andy Nordeen
- WED 2/19** Weekday
9:00 *+Jim Grenisen*
- THU 2/20** Weekday
7:30 *+Herb Lee*
Servers: Parks Tobin, Eva Willenbring
- FRI 2/21** Weekday; Peter Damian
7:30 *+Alfred Henke*
Servers: Marcus & Ryann Klar
- SAT 2/22** Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- SAT 2/22 4:30** *Intention of Eileen Knothe*
Celebrant: Fr. Peter Raj MC: Gabe Trussoni
Servers: Kyle Craig, Elizabeth Hancock, Thomas Gorman
Readers: Gene Kolaczowski, Christine Nelson
Petitions:
Eucharist: Kay Nix, Loretta Clarkin, Susan Fukuda
Ushers: Tony Flottmeyer, Allan Fukuda, David Sweeney, Dave Nelson
Offering family:
Rosary Leaders: Scott & Caryl Doberstein
- SUN 2/23 8:00** *+Frank Hefti*
Celebrant: Fr. Peter Raj MC: Mike Vanderploeg
Servers: Jake Hillebrand, Rylan Schneider, Peyton Strittmater
Readers: Paul Rinzel, Bob Kelemen
Petitions:
Eucharist: Erin Strittmater, Joe Clements, Jean Kachel, Mary Therese Rinzel, Bob Kachel
Ushers: Mark Chamberlain, Tom Roob, David Schreier, Tad Strittmater
Offering Family:
Rosary Leaders: Joe & Barb Clements
- 10:00** *For the People of the Parish*
Celebrant: Fr. Peter Raj MC: William Arnold
Servers: Colin Sans Crainte, Bobby & Stephanie Skemp
Readers: Ann Lankford, Theresa Kivi
Petitions:
Eucharist: Mike Hartley, Larry & Donna Lee, Bud Lee
Ushers: Terry Felt, John Sullivan, Tom Franke, Tom Dolan
Offering Family:
Rosary Leaders: Nick & Kathy Nicks

AROUND THE PARISH

COPING WITH CAREGIVING, ILLNESS, OR LOSS?

The Rosary Support Group will meet Wed, Feb 19, 10:00, in the Conference Room of the Parish Center. Come to pray and share friendship, gain strength as we share and seek wisdom with life's challenges. Questions? Call Marcia Kolaczowski, 790-5342, or Margaret Cunningham, 782-3885.

THE SAINT JOSEPH TABLE

March 19, 5:30 PM, Parish Center

In the long-standing tradition in Italy of honoring St. Joseph near his feast day, we are again planning an evening meal that day. If you would like to make a Minestrone soup or provide fruit or cream puffs or bread for the meal contact Barb Swieciak at 784-6974 or email scwjoy@gmail.com.

BAPTISMS on FEB 16

Hazel Rose and Theodore James Rude children of Adam and Rebecca Rude

WIDOWS & WIDOWERS

Tuesday, March 3, 11:30
Schmidty's
See you there!

MARCH MARKET HANDICRAFTS SALE Saturday, March 7, 8:00-2:00 Parish Center

Hosted by the Parish Women's Club

Free admission

Vendors/handi-crafters:
\$25/table

Check out this new event. Info in the Narthex, Parish Office, or on Parish Website

www.bsplacrosse.org or call Barb Swieciak, 784-6974.

HOLY HOUR FOR PENANCE AND HEALING

Saturday, February 22, 2-3:00 pm
Confessions available at 3 pm until Mass at 4:00.
Cathedral

WHEN I WAS HUNGRY..

Our parish will be supplying the noon meal for folks at the Franciscan Hospitality House on Fri, March 13. Breads and desserts (in non-returnable container) will be needed. Drop off at church by 11:00 am. You may call Marla Kaufmann, 797-7789, if you have questions.

\$CRIP NEWS

Phone orders: 782-2953, ext. 6.

Email orders: [SCRIP@](mailto:SCRIP@bsplacrosse.org)

bsplacrosse.org

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

Kwik Trip is again offering its semi-annual 10% rebate on \$crip profits. We will be carrying a boat-load of cards through mid-March so you can stock up and gain that extra money toward your Aquinas School tuition. Since we began offering the full rebate amount as tuition help, the number of \$crip participating families has INCREASED over 50%. Jump on board!

FORMED.ORG

This Saturday we celebrate the Chair of Peter the Apostle. Pope Benedict XVI described the chair as "a symbol of the special mission of Peter and his successors to tend Christ's flock, keeping it united in faith and in charity." This week on formed.org Dr. Tim Gray walks us through the significance of Jesus giving Peter the "keys of the kingdom" and how, through Peter's mission, He was restoring and perfecting His Church.
Use our code: K2768J

PARISH SUPPORT

BUDGET

July 1, 2019- June 30, 2020

Needed Weekly	\$13,000
Received Feb 9	6,304

You may drop off your palms from last Palm Sunday in the Narthex. They will be burned and the ashes used on Ash Wednesday this year.

If you or someone you know is seriously ill, facing surgery, or needs prayers, please call the parish office so our ANGELS OF MERCY PRAYER GROUP can be notified.

Seminarians to pray for this week:

Sat	Philip Grygleski
Sun	David Nowicki
Mon	John Duranso
Tues	Brian Ward
Wed	Joseph Culligan
Thurs	Joseph Glatczak
Fri	Daniel Buchal
Sat	David Dachel

COMING UP

Feb 16 Mardi Gras royalty at 10:00 Mass
Feb 17-23 Our week for Mobile Meals
Feb 19 Caregiver Support/Prayer Group
Feb 26 Ash Wednesday: Masses at 9 am and 5:30 pm
Mar 3 Social Justice meeting, 6:00
Mar 7 Handicraft sale in Parish Center
Mar 10 Building & Grounds meeting 6:30
Mar 14 First Reconciliation, 9 am
Mar 16-22 Our week for Mobile Meals
Mar 19 St. Joseph Table event
Mar 21 Women's Morning of Reflection
Mar 28 Aquinas Booster Club live and silent auction event
Apr 15 Confirmation, 6:30, Cathedral
Apr 26 First Communion, 10:00 Mass

SOUP SUPPERS IN LENT

On Fridays, following Stations of the Cross, we have offered a soup and bread supper. If you would like to help prepare one of these suppers, call the office to sign up: 782-2953, ext. 2. It works very well if 2 families sign up together.

BIRTHRIGHT BABY BOTTLE FUND-RAISER

Funds are used by Birthright of La Crosse to extend a helping hand to anyone affected by an unexpected or troubling pregnancy. Birthright has offered this important service for over 50 years. Thanks for helping babies and their parents through a difficult time. You may return your filled baby bottle now to the Narthex.

MARDI GRAS MASS

Sunday, February 16, 10:00
The Rex and Queen of Mardi Gras 2020, our own parishioners Tom and Lisa Kratt, are joined by the royalty from all the area parishes at Mass. After Mass they will have raffle tickets for sale. Proceeds are used, as are all profits from this mid-winter/early-spring event, to support Catholic education in the area.

AROUND TOWN

FRONT DESK VOLUNTEERS AT CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Morning and afternoon shifts are available Tues, Wed, & Thurs, 9-12:30 and 12:30-4 pm. Front desk volunteers answer phone calls and assist people with accessing the many services provided by CC. For all info contact James Horman, 518-5676, or email jhorman@cclse.org.

CUSTODIAN POSITION AT AQUINAS OPEN

Mon-Fri, 2-10:30 pm

Full job description and application from Matt Schneider, Aquinas Personnel Director

FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION GIFTS

T.H. Stemper and Noelke's is offering everyone a discount on gifts for these sacramental events. Stop in at the store across from the Cathedral or go to: www.stempers.com/Newsletter

BENEDICTINE LIVING COMMUNITY OF LA CROSSE

Benedictine Villa Assisted Living is a one of a kind assisted living community for seniors seeking to combine freedom with comfort in a home-like environment. Our apartment complex features comfortable studios, and one or two-bedroom suites with living rooms, kitchenettes and private bathrooms. Your lovable family pet is also welcome, making this the perfect home experience. Contact them at blclacrosse.org or call Ashley, 788-7489.

HOLY LAND DISCOVERY

May 1-11, 2020

Destinations include Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Cana, Nazareth, the Dead Sea, and many others.

Mass will be offered.

Prices begin at \$2199 per person. Contact Brian at 860-399-1785 or Brian@CatholicCruisesandTours.com.

AQUINAS BOOSTER CLUB AUCTION

Saturday, March 28

5:00 Silent Auction; 7:30 Live Auction; food stations
Don't miss it this year!

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Learn how you can be involved

Fri, Feb 21, Black River Beach Center, 6-7:30

Nacho bar, fun activities, raffles

Construction continues on 6 homes even during the winter. You can help out. Go to: habitatlacrosse.org/volunteer

Save the date

August 28-29

Witnesses for Christ Conference

"Overcoming Spiritual Discouragement"

Presenter: Fr. Timothy Gallagher, O.M.V.

Open to all adults, especially those involved in catechetics.

More in: diolc.org/witness

PANCAKE BREAKFAST AT ST. JOSEPH RIDGE

Sunday, February 23, 8-11:30

\$7/adult; \$5/hungry kids

Bake sale and cash raffle, too

GROUP SPIRITUAL DIRECTION FOR WOMEN

Tuesdays, through May 26, 5:30-7:30

\$125 for the 5 monthly sessions

Facilitators: Rose Elsbernd and Sarah Hennessey, FSPA
Franciscan Spirituality Center

Register at FSCenter.org or call 791-5295

Enrollment is now open for all the Aquinas Schools. The schools are open to families of all faiths, and there are several tuition assistance programs.

If you would like to see firsthand how the schools operate, consider coming to a SHADOW DAY. Info at: aquinascatholicschools.org/visit-our-school
Questions? Call Nancy Pederson, 784-8585, ext. 23

DIR. OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEEDED

St. Leo, West Salem, and St. Mary's, Bangor

Classes are offered at St. Leo's Parish

Contact Father Kennedy at frkenny@wsbcwi.org.

HEALING FOR THE HEALER:

A RETREAT FOR HEALTH-CARE WORKERS

Sat, Feb 22, 9-4:00, Franciscan Spirituality Center

\$65 includes lunch

Presenters: Dr. Jeannette Spilde & Jean Pagliaro

Register at: FSCenter.org or call 791-5295

LECTIO EUCHARIST

The discussion this week focuses on the miracles of Manna and water during the Exodus and how these events tie into the Mass.

Discussion/presentations are held at these locations:

Mon: Murphy Hall at St. James, 8:45-10:15

Tues: here at BSP, 8:15-9:45 in Parish Center

Crucifixion, La Crescent, 6:30-8:00

St. Patrick, Onalaska, 6:30-8:00, parish basement

Wed: Holy Trinity Leo Hall, 1:00-2:30

Thurs: St. Patrick, 9:15-10:45

Viterbo, 3:00-4:30 in Murphy Center

MMOC, 6:30-8:00 in Parish Hall

Newman, 7:00-8:30 in church basement

Fri: Cathedral, 10:00-11:30 undercroft

To register call Amy, 783-0847 or dcapelli@charter.net

This is a super program! Jump on board.

SATURDAY MORNING EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Following 8:00 am Mass until 9:15, Cathedral

ADVENTURE CAMP DATES

Grades 6-12

June 21-26; June 28-July 3; July 19-24

Details at diolc.org/youth-opportunities/adventure-camp/