



Blessed Sacrament Parish

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PRESENTATION OF THE LORD February 2, 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

The Diocese asks us to publish this once a quarter

The Diocese of La Crosse, through its policies and procedures, seeks to provide prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor, or volunteer). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Mrs. Karen Becker, Compliant Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Becker at 608-791-0179 or intakeagent@diolc.org. The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at: diolc.org/safe-environment/reporting.

Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports 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.

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From the Office for Marriage and Family Life

On February 10 at 8 pm Jeff Arrowood and Alice Heinzen will hold a live webinar discussion on the topic of Bullying and Right Relationships. You may register at: www.twl4parents.com/necessary-conversations-webinar. The cost for a single session is \$6; \$25 for the full series.

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Seminarians to pray for this week:

- Sat Deacon Samuel McCarty
- Sun Deacon Joe Richards
- Mon Deacon Levi Schmitt
- Tues Deacon Daniel Williams
- Wed Eric Mashak
- Thurs Timothy Reither
- Fri Arturo Viguera
- Sat Steven Weller

FIRST FRIDAY, February 7

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
8:00 following 7:30 Mass
Adoration & Benediction

EUCCHARIST: Ruth Vanderploeg
READER: Les Lachine

- MON 2/3** Weekday; Blaise; Ansgar
7:30 **+Deceased members of Sheila & Richard Steele family**
Servers: Don Flynn, Mike Vanderploeg
- TUES 2/4** Weekday
7:30 **Intention of Sandy Reinhart**
Server: Andy Nordeen
- WED 2/5** Agatha
9:00 **+Lyra Heath & Sister Joann Kelzer**
- THU 2/6** Paul Miki & Companions
7:30 **Intention of Carl & Eenie Francksen family**
Servers: Louie Berendes, Maria Johnson
- FRI 2/7** Weekday; First Friday
7:30 **+Edward Capper**
Servers: Oliver & Gwen Buck
8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction
- SAT 2/8** Weekday; Jerome Emiliani; Josephine Bakhita; BVM

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- SAT 2/8 4:30 +Joseph Colling**
Celebrant: Fr. Peter Raj MC: Gabe Trussoni
Servers: Greg Kusmitch, Thomas Gorman, Craig
Readers: Paulette Drozdowicz, Mary Saphner
Petitions:
Eucharist: Holly Gorman, Loretta Clarkin, Susan Fukuda, Mary Schuttenhelm, Luci Johnson
Ushers: Wayne Levi, Allan Fukuda, David Sweeney
Offering family: Loretta Clarkin, Therese Schaub
Rosary Leader: Mary Schuttenhelm

- SUN 2/9 8:00 +Marilyn Vallez**
Celebrant: Fr. Peter Raj MC: Mike Vanderploeg
Servers: Jake Hillebrand, Rylan Schneider, Jackson Woolever
Readers: Steve McGovern, Ruth Vanderploeg
Petitions: Aubrey Strittmater
Eucharist: Florence Koenig, Marie Allen, Maggie Leon, Sandy Borreson, Mary Beth Vach
Ushers: LuAnn Kratt, Steve Flottmeyer, Mike Watunya, John Gallagher
Offering Family: Margaret Cunningham, Bernice Lansing
Rosary Leaders: Dave & Marie Allen

- 10:00 For the People of the Parish**
Celebrant: Fr. Peter Raj MC: William Arnold
Servers: Gaugers
Readers: Scott Doberstein, Mark Steingraeber
Petitions:
Eucharist: Betty Roth, Kathy Curti, Caryl Doberstein, Carol Steingraeber, Chris Sans Crainte
Ushers: Bob Roth, John Sullivan, Terry Gauger, Kevin Campbell
Offering Family:
Rosary Leaders: Les & Terry Lachine

AROUND THE PARISH

WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS

Lunch on Tues, Feb 4
11:30 am at Schmidty's
Questions? Call Barb Schmitz, 788-1667, or
Loretta Clarkin, 784-9917.
A great way to meet some fun folks and
get out of the house on a wintery day.

PRAYER SUPPORT FOR PRIESTS

Every Wednesday at 1 pm you can join a
group who pray for priests. Call Barb
Clements for all the details. 782-5777.

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.

REST IN PEACE

+Bernadine Drozdowicz,
sister of Peter Drozdowicz

THE SAINT JOSEPH TABLE March 19

Watch for more info on this parish
gathering.

BSP WOMEN'S CLUB POTLUCK MEETING

Monday, February 3, 6 pm
Parish Center

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

More than 46 million people in our
country live in poverty today.
Envelopes are in the pews today so
you can help empower them to
identify and address the obstacles
as they work to make permanent
changes in their lives. Return your
envelope and donation next
weekend, making your check
payable to our parish.

NEW PARISH EVENT

MARCH MARKET

HANDICRAFTS SALE

Saturday, March 7, 8:00-2:00

Parish Center

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

WELCOME TO BSP

Rebecca & Adam Rude
Children: Hazel & Theodore

\$CRIP NEWS

Phone orders: 782-2953, ext. 6.

Email orders: SC RIP@

bsplacrosse.org

We are looking for a co-coordinator for
our \$crip program. It requires just a
couple hours a week, and there's no
heavy lifting. Since changing to the
format wherein families can apply 100%
of the \$crip profit to their Aquinas
Schools tuition account, we see new
buyers and more active use of this
wonderful easy program. Please call the
\$crip office to get the low-down on the
coordinator job.

MUSIC NOTES

REJOICE CHOIR will sing on Sat, Feb
8, 4:30 Mass and on Sun, Feb 16, at
10:00 Mass. Practice will be Thurs,
Feb 6, 5:30-6:30

FORMED.ORG

A great talk for you this week by Fr.
Mike Schmitz on formed.org:

"Jesus is..."

Father Mike reveals the incredible
implications of the question that
Christ asks all of us: "Who do YOU
say that I Am?" You won't want to
miss this inspiring and challenging
talk.

Use our code: K2768J

PARISH SUPPORT

BUDGET

July 1, 2019- June 30, 2020

Needed Weekly	\$13,000
Received Jan 26	6,084

FIRST

COMMUNION/RECONCILIATION FAMILY MEETING

Sunday, February 9, 9-10:00

Conference Room

Children planning to receive these
sacraments and parents, plan to
attend this informational meeting with
Deacon David Allen. Children will have
the opportunity to "tour" the
confessional in church; parents will
have an instructional/ Q&A time, and
all will share donuts.

*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.*

COMING UP

Feb 1 & 2 Collection for CCHD
Feb 3 Women's Club Potluck Supper
Feb 4 Widows & Widowers, Schmidty's,
11:30
Feb 6 Prolife supper meeting, 6-7:30
Feb 9 Family meeting for 1st
Communion & 1st Reconciliation,
9:00 in Conference Room
Feb 15,16 Return Birthright baby bottles
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 7 Handicraft sale in Parish Center
Mar 14 First Reconciliation, 9 am
Mar 19 St. Joseph Table 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.

PROLIFE MEETING

Friday, February 6, 6-7:30
Conference Room in the Parish
Center

Use the alley entrance
Let's have a conversation about
legislation and education, pray
together and share our energy with
a member of Prolife Wisconsin. Pizza
will be served. Questions? Call Marie
Allen, 784-5189

BIRTHRIGHT BABY BOTTLE FUND- RAISER

Take one home and fill it with your
spare change through mid-February
when it can be returned. The 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.

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

PERMANENT DIACONATE RETREAT

Men between 30 and 60 who are thinking God may be calling them to be a permanent deacon in the Church, plan to attend a Discernment Retreat on Saturday, April 4. The first step is to contact Deacon Kevin Ray, Director for the Office for the Diaconate. 791-2665, or email: kray@diolc.org.

RETRouvaille

A program for couples struggling with a loss of closeness in marriage, offering hope and healing. Find out more by calling 1-877-922-4673, or visit the website: www.HelpOurMarriage.com. The next program begins the weekend of Feb 14-16.

CAUSEWAY INTERFAITH VOLUNTEER CAREGIVERS

has been providing free volunteer services in La Crosse County for over 25 years, connecting folks who need a bit of help with those who can provide it. Everything from a ride to the clinic to window washing, errands and shopping help, reading or communicating, even sharing a cup of coffee or a game of cards. If you need a helping hand or would like to know how you can give of your time call 775-9999 or go to the website: <http://causewaycaregivers.org>.

TO BECOME A SOLDIER OF CHRIST PUTTING ON THE ARMOR OF GOD

Saturday, February 15, 5 pm
Marian Chapel at the Cathedral
Presentations by Raymond de Souza
Special presentations for Confirmandi and for all who wish to understand how to defend our Faith with Chivalry.

POLAND PILGRIMAGE TOUR

In the footsteps of St. John Paul II
May 7-16, 2020
Visits to many cities including Krakow and Auschwitz with a Spiritual Director
All info: Erika Piotrowski, 231-720-8378, or email: erikap.euro@hotmail.com.
A pilgrimage to the Shrines of France is planned for Oct 14-24, as well.

GROUP SPIRITUAL DIRECTION FOR WOMEN

Tuesdays, Jan 28- 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

PRAYER AS ART: A COLLAGE-MAKING EXPERIENCE

Sat, Feb 8, 9- 4pm, Franciscan Spirituality Center
\$70 includes materials and lunch
Mary Thompson, presenter
NO experience needed
Register at FSCenter.org or call 791-5295

CATHEDRAL SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Tues, Feb 4, 6 pm; Wed, Feb 5, 1 pm (Gr 3P-2)
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: aquinascatholicchools.org/visit-our-school
Questions? Call Nancy Pederson, 784-8585, ext. 23

MEN OF THE CROSS RENEWAL RETREAT

Saturday, February 15, 9am-3 pm
St. John the Baptist Parish, Marshfield
Deacon Ralph Poyo, who was a favorite speaker from the Fall Men of the Cross Conference, will discuss how to embrace your crosses and learn ways to become the man, father, husband, or son that God intended.
\$25 includes snack and lunch (\$30 at the door)
Register at: menofthecross.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

Classes began this week 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