



Blessed Sacrament Parish

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Your words,
O Lord, are

Spirit & Life



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February 20, 2022 Seventh 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*

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

February 20, 2022

February 21 - 27, 2022

PARISH BREAKFAST

Next Sunday after both Masses

Join current parishioners in welcoming our new members to Blessed Sacrament Parish. The guys and gals are planning a delicious morning meal for everyone - sure to please. The coffee will be hot and the pancakes yummy. **NO CHARGE - just your smile.**

THE SEARCH

Answering often-asked questions about our Faith

Mondays, Feb 21-Apr 4, 6:00-7:30

Blessed Sacrament Parish Center

Led by Deacon Allen

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

Cathedral Undercroft

Led by Msgr. Gilles

Each session includes a video and open Q & A session with the priest/deacon.

This week's topic: What Do You Seek?

Join us as we open hearts with a look at the question "What do you seek?" What is that deep longing in our hearts all about? We're all living for something, and we all strive for that something out there that is ultimately going to make us happy. But what is it? For some, this question is on their minds every day. For others, life goes by in a flash without even asking the question.

No registration or fee required

RCIA NEWS

**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.

MASS INTENTIONS

This week's reader: Ed Noelke

MON 2/21	Peter Damian 7:15 <i>Intention of Eileen Knothe</i>
TUES 2/22	Chair of St. Peter 7:15 <i>+Alfred Kenke</i>
WED 2/23	Polycarp 7:15 <i>+Elaine Kearns</i> 8:15 <i>+Cayden Cecilia Bauer</i> Bishop Callahan will celebrate this Mass
THUR 2/24	Weekday 7:15 <i>+Holly Wagner</i>
FRI 2/25	Weekday 7:15 <i>+Alexander Jessintha</i>
SAT 2/26	Weekday; BVM NO 7:15 Mass

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Celebrant: Father Raj

SAT 2/26	4:30 pm <i>+Periyannayagammal</i> <i>(Fr. Raj's mother)</i> Servers: Maria & Michael J. Readers: Gene Kolaczowski, Christine Nelson Rosary Leaders: Scott & Caryl Doberstein
SUN 2/27	8:00 <i>For the People of the Parish</i> Servers: Matthew B. & Bobby S. Readers: Ed Noelke, Bob Kelemen Rosary Leaders: Joe & Barb Clements 10:00 <i>Intention of John Pedace</i> Servers: Jackson & Jonny W. Readers: Ann Lankford, Theresa Kivi Rosary Leader: Galen Pittman

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

THANKS, FATHER AARON BACKER, FOR SPENDING SO MUCH TIME HERE AT OUR PARISH.

Father not only celebrated most of our weekend Masses while Father Raj was gone but was here daily to offer Mass at 7:15 and also at 8:15 on Wednesdays with the Grade school children and families.

Here's Father's address if you'd like to drop him a thank you note:

Father Aaron Becker
St. Patrick Parish
1031 Main St.
Onalaska, WI 54650

REST IN PEACE

+Joyce Clason
mother of Carey Kroner
and Tim Clason

+Catherine Curti
mother of Greg Curti

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

This week on Formed.org check out *Love, Sacrifice, Trust: He Showed Us the Way*, where Fr. Mike Schmitz shares with us the need to pick up our crosses and embrace Christ in our own suffering. He reminds us that love often means sacrifice! Check it out on Formed.org.

BABY BOTTLES FOR BIRTHRIGHT

Birthright gives people facing a troubling or unexpected pregnancy hope and support. Your baby bottle with a donation may be returned to the basket in the Narthex. Thanks for your support.

BLOOD DRIVE SUCCESS

The blood drive last Friday was life-saving for 57 people! There were 17 whole blood donations which produced 51 life-saving blood products. Three double red-cell donations resulted in 6 life-saving blood products. Thank you to all who donated. Thank you, as well, to our generous parish volunteers. Look for future blood drives here in the spring and summer.

PARISH SUPPORT

BUDGET

July 1, 2021- June 30, 2022

Needed Weekly	\$13,000
Received Feb 13	\$8,212

I don't like to brag about expensive trips but I did just return from the grocery store.

COMING UP

Feb 23 Religious Ed classes
Feb 27 Parish Breakfast after both Masses
Mar 2 Ash Wednesday
NO religious ed classes
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

WELCOME TO

BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

There have been almost 40 new families who have joined our parish over the past several months. Let's give them a warm welcome next Sunday at our Parish Breakfast.

Good food and fellowship after both Masses on Sun, Feb 27, in the Parish Center. If you would like to help cook, serve, greet, or clean up contact the parish office at 782-2953 or email office@bsplacrosse.org.

FILMING MASSES

March 15, starting at 1 pm
Diocesan Center Chapel
Our parish has been asked to assist with filming 4 Masses to be shown on TV beginning on Palm Sunday. If you can help by being a reader or part of the congregation, call 782-2953, ext. 4.

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.

AROUND TOWN

LIGHTHOUSE MEDIA BOOKS & CDs

There is a need for books and CDs on saints, apologetics, Biblical truths, Church teaching and theologians, etc. for the Lighthouse Media display in the entry to the Adoration Chapel. If you wish to donate, just drop off your items in the parish office and designate them for the Lighthouse.

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	David Nowicki
Tues	John Duranso
Wed	Joseph Glatczak
Thurs	Matthew Szymanski
Fri	Brian Ward
Sat	Kyle Lang
Sun	Alex Radtke

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.

FRANCISCAN CORE

June 19-24 at Viterbo

Resident experience for late teens

Service Camp includes time for prayer, education on Church social teachings, direct service, meditation with counselors.

Apply online at www.viterbo.edu/franciscan-core

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

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION PREPARATION

Do you wish to help others discover a personal, intimate relationship with God? Are you interested in preparing for retreat ministry? Are you looking to hone your deep, compassionate listening skills?

Franciscan Spirituality Center is offering a 3-year program to prepare for these steps. The new cycle begins in September, 2022, with application deadline of June 1. Go to www.FSCenter.org to download a brochure and application.

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

Mark your calendar; information coming

MEDITATION FOR EMOTIONAL HEALTH

March 3 & April 7, 6:30-7:30, via Zoom

Facilitator: Sister Sarah Hennessey, FSPA

No charge; donations accepted

Register at www.FSCenter.org

COURAGE AND ENCOURAGE APOSTOLATES

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

Contact Ann Lankford: 608-791-2658.

CABIN FEVER FEST

EUCHRE TOURNAMENT & LUNCHEON

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

St. Peters Parish, Rockland

Questions? Call Melissa @ 486-2180

BUS TRIP TO FIRESIDE THEATER, FT. ATKINSON

April 20

"A Mighty Fortress is our Basement"

\$100/person; lunch choices

Contact Arlene Young, 608-788-3440

Other trips and shows coming later.