



# Blessed Sacrament Parish

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**LENT**  
PRAYER  
FASTING  
GIVING



**Blessed Sacrament Parish**  
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## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT February 21, 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*

Weekday Mass time: 7:15 am.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
AND BENEDICTION**

**Fridays in Lent, 5:30 pm.**

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**LENTEN GREETINGS  
From Bishop Callahan**

This year I'd like you to focus on the universal call to holiness in the Church. Jesus gave us the Church as a lasting and uniquely holy means for achieving our eternal salvation. By His suffering, death and resurrection, He opened for us the way to heaven.

Take a moment now and think about what that means. How close are we to God and to "Godly" things, and what is our relationship with the Church? We are all made in the image and likeness of God. We are able to radiate His likeness by how we live our lives and give witness in this world.

As you listen to the scriptures this Lent, consider these themes: resistance to temptation, consolation through prayer, and the life-giving sacraments of the Church.

The first week we hear in Mark's Gospel how Jesus was tempted by Satan in the desert. We experience many temptations and are often deceived into believing they are the truth. Pray to the Holy Spirit for guidance and clarity of thought when you are "in the desert" of doubt and confusion.

The second week is the account of the Transfiguration. Peter, James, and John were taken up on the mountain by Jesus. It is there that Jesus was transfigured, giving consolation and courage to these first Apostles. We too can draw courage and hope by remembering how Jesus overcame sin and death for each of us.

As the weeks continue you will hear how the Son of Man came to fulfill the prophecies and establish the Church as a means for us to obtain our everlasting salvation. He will rebuild the temple; He is the Source of all grace; and when He is lifted up from the earth, He will draw everyone to Himself.

There are many ways to reignite your sense of holiness this Lenten season. May you make one small resolution to discover the depth and breadth of our eternal Church.

Blessed Lent to you. By your fasting, almsgiving, and prayer, may you experience His love in a new and lasting way.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**FACE MASKS ARE REQUIRED IN CHURCH**

- MON 2/22 7:15 Chair of St. Peter  
*+Alfred Henke*
- TUES 2/23 7:15 Lenten Weekday; Polycarp  
*+Frank Hefti*
- WED 2/24 7:15 Lenten Weekday  
*+ Bernard Rybarczyk*  
2:20 *+Cayden Cecilia Bauer*
- THU 2/25 7:15 Lenten Weekday  
*+Alexander Jesintha*  
8:15 *+Heath Gilkes*

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

- FRI 2/26 7:15 Lenten Weekday  
*+Mary Ann Melvin*  
5:30 Stations of the Cross & Benediction
- SAT 2/27 Lenten Weekday  
**NO 7:15 Mass**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

Celebrant:  
Assisting: Deacon Allen and MC  
No altar servers; No Eucharistic Ministers

- SAT 2/27 4:30 *+Brian Steele*
- SUN 2/28 8:00 *For the People of the Parish*  
10:00 *Intention of Elizabeth Skemp*

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

The leaders Feb 27 & 28:

- 4:30 Dobersteins
- 8:00 Clements
- 10:00 Galen Pittman

**CONFESSIONS**

**Saturdays, 3:30-4:15  
Or call for an appointment**

**PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**  
My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Blessed Sacrament.  
I love You above all things, and I desire You with all my heart.  
Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already in my heart and unite myself to You completely.  
Please do not let me ever be separated from You.  
Amen.

## 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.*

*The Confirmandi are with us as a group this weekend at 10:00 Mass. They will spend the day participating in their retreat to prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.*

Lent is a time to fast from certain things and to feast on others.

It is a season in which we should:

- \*Fast from judging others;  
feast on the Christ dwelling in them.
- \*Fast from words that pollute;  
feast on phrases that purify.
- \*Fast from anger;  
feast on patience.
- \*Fast from worry;  
feast on Divine order.
- \*Fast from complaining;  
feast on appreciation.
- \*Fast from discouragement;  
feast on hope.
- \*Fast from idle gossip;  
feast on purposeful silence.

From Office for Catechesis  
& Evangelization

### WELCOME TO BSP Marie Snider

*Father Raj returns from India this weekend. Diocesan regulations require him to quarantine for 2 weeks on his return. We again thank Father Aaron Becker and Msgr. Steven Kachel for being here.*

### SCRIP NEWS

**Masks are required face-wear.**

Stop in to place your order or call the \$crip office at 782-2953, **ext. 1**, or email orders:

[SCRIP@bsplacrosse.org](mailto:SCRIP@bsplacrosse.org) so your order is ready when you stop by. Thanks to our volunteer Scrip sellers. 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.

Note: Besides the many stores and businesses listed on our \$crip order form, there are hundreds of \$crip sponsoring businesses (even cruise lines, restaurants near and far, etc.). The full list can be obtained from our \$crip office. Special orders are usually filled within 2 weeks of placing an order.

If you or someone you know is seriously ill, facing surgery, or needs prayers, please contact the office at 782-2953, ext. 2, so our ANGELS OF MERCY Prayer Group can be notified. If you would like to become one of the Prayer Angels, let us know.

## PARISH SUPPORT

### BUDGET

July 1, 2020- June 30, 2021

Needed Weekly	\$13,000
Received Feb 14	5,456

### COMING UP

Feb 21 Fr. Raj returns  
Feb 24 Religious Education Class  
Feb 26 Stations of the Cross & Benediction, 5:30  
Mar 6 La Crosse DCCW program  
Mar 8-14 Our week for Mobile Meals

### 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**  
**+Heath Gilkes**  
**brother of Debra**

## COMING UP

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays in Lent, 5:30

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction**

(No soup supper following)

### GOD'S SACRAMENT OF HEALING FOR OUR WOUNDED WORLD

A Virtual presentation by Msgr. Joseph Hirsch

Thursday, February 25, 2-4 pm

This presentation on the Sacrament of Reconciliation is most timely in Lent.

Msgr. will deal with the common questions and struggles surrounding this Sacrament.

It is free, but registration is required.

Contact Paula Boyle at  
[pboyle@diolc.org](mailto:pboyle@diolc.org)

### 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

### MARDI GRAS

We are blessed to have a quality Catholic school system such as Aquinas in the La Crosse area. Coulee Region Mardi Gras has staunchly supported faith-based education in Aquinas Catholic Schools since 1991. In the grip of a COVID19 pandemic the need for fundraising has not diminished. In lieu of in-person celebrations we have set up an online donation portal to continue our support of Catholic education. Your generous donation will provide tuition assistance and classroom grants, channeling resources to students and families in need at ACS.

**Donation campaign began on Fat Tuesday, February 16, 2021, and ends on March 31, 2021.** Please visit <https://www.lacrossemaidigras.com/tickets/> or send to P.O. Box 1433, La Crosse, WI 435601-1433.

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### A LENTEN JOURNEY THROUGH THE HOLY LAND

Saturday, March 6, 9-noon

Sponsored by the La Crosse Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

Host Lorraine Reidl will take you on a virtual walk through the Holy Land using photos from her recent pilgrimage.

There are 3 ways to join the meeting:

1. Go to the link at LDCCW.org and click to join
2. Manually join on Zoom at:  
Meeting ID: 829 9510 0524  
Passcode: 449588
3. Dial in by phone only at 1-312-626-6799 using the above meeting ID and passcode.

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### 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 Mar 12 (note date change). The prayer service can be accessed live streamed at [cathedralsworkman.org](http://cathedralsworkman.org). A press conference with the architects will follow the service; tune in.

### 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

Sun Alex Kren  
Mon Isaac Pecha  
Tues John Zweber  
Wed David Nowicki  
Thurs Joseph Glatczak  
Fri Brian Ward  
Sat John Duranso

### 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](http://diolc.org/ministries/leader-of-prayer).