



# Blessed Sacrament Parish

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## 7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME February 23, 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 23, 2020

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
Friday, February 28  
2:25 pm with Grade Schoolers  
5:15 pm Soup Supper following

From our Masters of Ceremonies:

Servers play a very important role in our parish. They are there to help the Mass and holy days proceed in a holy and beautiful manner.

We are currently in a period of a shortage of servers for weekend Masses and holy days. Imagine: Holy Thursday without the washing of the feet; Good Friday without the Veneration of the Cross; Easter Vigil without all that happens.

We hear many compliments after Holy Week. People are so moved by the washing of the feet and the Veneration of the Cross. The climax is Saturday with lighting the fire, Baptism renewal, and knowing Jesus will be raised.

The Parish is asking for you to join the server team so we can continue these wonderful rites. Adults and students are all welcome to join. You would be serving the Lord in a special way and also joining in the Mass celebration in a holy way.

Training will be done before anyone is put on the schedule. The next schedule is not until later this year, so there is plenty of time to get ready.

Please consider this invitation to join us. Contact Father Raj, Deacon Allen, or any of the Masters of Ceremonies if you are interested.

We thank all of our current servers and look forward to MANY new team members.

**ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES**

**Here at Blessed Sacrament**

9:00 am and 5:30 pm

**Roncalli Newman**

Noon, 5:30 pm, 8:30 pm

**Mary, Mother of the Church**

7:30 am, noon, 7:00 pm

**Cathedral**

6:30 am, 12:10 and 5:10 pm

**Holy Trinity**

8:00 am and 5:30 pm

The Mass will also be live-streamed from the Cathedral with Bishop Callahan at 12:10. See [diolc.org/live](http://diolc.org/live)

February 24 – March 1, 2020

**EUCCHARIST:** Caryl Doberstein

**READER:** Jim Thompson

**MON 2/24** Weekday

7:30 **+Tom Gallagher and family**

Servers: Don Flynn, Mike Vanderploeg

**TUES 2/25** Weekday

7:30 **+Marian Pavela**

Server: Andy Nordeen

**WED 2/26** Ash Wednesday

9:00 **+Cayden Cecilia Bauer**

5:30 pm **+Al Simon**

Servers: Greg Kusmitch, Peyton Strittmater

**THU 2/27** Thursday after Ash Wednesday

7:30 **+Linda Smyth**

Servers: Kyara Cayasso, Eliot McKnight

**FRI 2/28** Friday after Ash Wednesday

7:30 **+Sylvester Schaub**

Servers: Evie Gerke, Isaac Capelli

**5:15 pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS & BENEDICTION**

**SAT 2/29** Saturday after Ash Wednesday

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

**SAT 2/29 4:30 Intention of George Allen**

Celebrant: Fr. Peter Raj

MC: Gabe Trussoni

Servers: Maria & Michael Johnson, Alexa Myre

Readers: Paulette Drozdowicz, Mary Saphner

Petitions:

Eucharist: Cheryl & Tom Horvath, Anne & Tom Gees,

Christi Nelson

Ushers: Dick Stelmach, Tony Flottmeyer, Kay Nix,

Dave Sweeney

Offering family:

Rosary Leaders: Scott & Caryl Doberstein

**SUN 3/1 8:00 +For the People of the Parish**

Celebrant: Fr. Peter Raj

MC: Mike Vanderploeg

Servers: Jack Clements, Ken Mikshowskey, Peyton Strittmater

Readers: Dan Skemp, Donna Levi

Petitions:

Eucharist: Helen Flynn, Jean Kachel, Kathleen Hanson,

Erin & Tad Strittmater

Ushers: Bill Chamberlain, Mike Watunya, Bruce Simones,

Thomas Keil

Offering Family: Steve & Barb McGovern

Rosary Leader: Irm White-Drier

**10:00 +Wenzel Dvorak**

Celebrant: Fr. Peter Raj

MC: William Arnold

Servers: Will Cambio, Jackson Gerke, Parks Tobin

Readers: Dave Weinberger, Kris Gerke

Petitions: Livia Tobin

Eucharist: Fran Sauer, Mary Kay Richert, Kathy Hancock,

Brian Fukuda, Bud Lee

Ushers: Terry Felt, Tom Richert, LuAnn Kratt, Mark Hyde

Offering Family:

Rosary Leaders: Fran & Greg Sauer

## AROUND THE PARISH

### 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 Swieczak at 784-6974 or email [scwjoy@gmail.com](mailto:scwjoy@gmail.com).

### WIDOWS & WIDOWERS

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

### 50<sup>TH</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

If you are celebrating your 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this year, please let the office know. Call Elizabeth at 782-2953, ext. 2, or email her at [office@bsplacrosse.org](mailto:office@bsplacrosse.org)

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

This wonderful sacrament of healing and comfort will be administered after all Masses on the weekend of March 7 & 8. Those wishing to receive the sacrament should sit in the front of church.

### 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](http://www.bsplacrosse.org) or call Barb Swieczak, 784-6974.

### BAKERS, START YOUR OVENS

We will have a bakery booth at the March Market "Muffins and More" Contact Helen Roop to help out.

### 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.

### MUSIC NEWS & NOTES

The Rejoice choir will sing at 4:30 Mass on March 7 and at 10:00 Mass on March 15. The March practice will be Thurs, Mar 5, 5:30-6:30. If you like to sing, come join us. Questions?

Call Pauline Connell,  
782-2953, ext. 3.

### \$CRIP NEWS

Phone orders: 782-2953, ext. 6.

Email orders: SC RIP@

bsplacrosse.org

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

Kwik Trip is again offering its semi-annual 10% rebate on Scrip 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.

### FORMED.ORG

Feeling like God is distant or doesn't care for you personally? This week on Formed.org in her talk "Desires of the Heart," Sister Bethany Madonna,

vocations director for the Sisters of Life, shares how God not only wants us to know Him, but also to give us the desires of our hearts and gifts that bring purpose, meaning, and hope.

Use our code: K2768J

## PARISH SUPPORT

### BUDGET

July 1, 2019- June 30, 2020

Needed Weekly	\$13,000
Received Feb 16	8,710

### LENTEN PRAYER BOOKS

There are daily prayer books in the Narthex for your family's use during Lent. Please take one home.

### WARMING CENTER

Our parish will supply the people power at the Warming Center on Saturday, March 7, through the night time. There are several open positions. Check the info in the Narthex.

*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 26 Ash Wednesday: Masses at 9 am and 5:30 pm

Feb 28 Stations of the Cross, 5:15  
Soup supper following

Mar 3 Widows & Widowers lunch, 11:30  
Schmidty's

Mar 3 Social Justice meeting, 6:00

Mar 5 Choir practice, 5:30-6:30

Mar 7 Choir sings at 4:30 Mass

Mar 7 Our parish's night to man the Warming Center

Mar 7 Handicraft sale in Parish Center

Mar 7 & 8 Anointing of the Sick after all Masses

Mar 8 Daylight Savings Time begins

Mar 10 Building & Grounds meeting 6:30

Mar 14 First Reconciliation, 9 am

Mar 15 Choir sings at 10:00 Mass

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

### PALM BURNING SERVICE

Tues, Feb 25, 2:30

School playground/parking lot

### 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.

### 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.

## AROUND TOWN

*OPENING PRAYER OF ASH WEDNESDAY MASS  
Grant, O Lord, that we may begin with holy fasting  
this campaign of Christian service,*

*so that, as we take up battle against spiritual evils,  
we may be armed with weapons of self-restraint.*

*Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,*

*Who lives and reigns with You*

*in the unity of the Holy Spirit,*

*one God, for ever and ever. Amen*

### 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](mailto:jhorman@cclse.org).

### U.S.CENSUS TAKERS NEEDED

Great pay, flexible hour  
Apply Online: [2020census.gov/jobs](https://2020census.gov/jobs)

### LENTEN FISH FRY

March 6 and March 27, St. Bartholomew,  
Trempealeau, 4-7 pm  
\$12/person; \$6/kids under 12

### 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](http://blclacrosse.org) or call Ashley, 788-7489.

### AQUINAS BOOSTER CLUB AUCTION

Saturday, March 28  
5:00 Silent Auction; 7:30 Live Auction; food stations  
Don't miss it this year!

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2020

Friday, March 6, Our Redeemer Lutheran,  
2136 Weston  
9:30 brunch, \$5 donation  
10:30 Prayer: "Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk"  
Written by the women of Zimbabwe, Africa  
RSVP by March 2 to Evelyne, 715-838-9290

Remember all those cake mixes?

*"Thank you! We greatly appreciate your support for the Angel Giving Tree Program! With your help, we were able to support almost 800 children in our community with clothing and a food basket." The Salvation Army*

### PANCAKE BREAKFAST AT ST. JOSEPH RIDGE

Sunday, February 23, 8-11:30  
\$7/adult; \$5/hungry kids  
Bake sale and cash raffle, too

### FIRST SATURDAY AT THE SHRINE

March 7  
11:15 talk on one of the mysteries of the Rosary  
11:45 Rosary prayed; 12:15 Mass.  
Confessions available before and after Mass.

### CABIN FEVER FEST

Euchre Tournament & luncheon  
Sunday, March 1, doors open at noon  
St. Peter Parish, Middle Ridge  
\$10/person; includes soups, snacks, & beverages

### 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](http://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](http://aquinascatholicschools.org/visit-our-school)  
Questions? Call Nancy Pederson, 784-8585, ext. 23

### LECTIO EUCHARIST

Have you ever walked into church and wondered why it is set up the way that it is? The Mass study this week focused on how God instructed Moses to design a dwelling place for Him on earth; it prefigures the Tabernacle we have in our churches. 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](mailto:dcapelli@charter.net)  
This is a super program! Jump on board.

### ADVENTURE CAMP DATES

Grades 6-12  
June 21-26; June 28-July 3; July 19-24  
Details at [diolc.org/yya/youth-opportunities/adventure-camp/](http://diolc.org/yya/youth-opportunities/adventure-camp/)