



Blessed Sacrament Parish

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Your words,
O Lord, are

Spirit & Life



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February 27, 2022 Eighth 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

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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

Fridays via ZOOM Feb 25-Apr 8, 5:30-7 pm
Access at:
<http://www.roncallinewmancenter.com/>

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

This week's topic: Who are you?

To find clues as to the meaning of life, we first look to ourselves. Who am I? Is there more to me than matter? Is there more to us than meets the eye?

We talk with neuroscientists, psychologists, composers, and artists to examine the mystery of you. If you're just a body, then satisfaction in life should come from tending to simple bodily needs.

Fill your stomach, be comfortable. But there's more to you than that. You are material and immaterial. And that unseen part of you craves for so much more. As C.S. Lewis once said, "If we find ourselves with a desire that nothing in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that we were made for another world."

No registration or fee required
Open to everyone; families encouraged.

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.

The palms you received last Palm Sunday may be brought to the church Narthex by noon on Tues. to be burned and used on Ash Wednesday.

February 28 – March 6, 2022

MASS INTENTIONS

This week's reader: Paulette Drozdowicz

- MON 2/28** Weekday
7:15 +*Brian Steele*
- TUES 3/1** Weekday
7:15 +*Holy Souls in Purgatory*
- WED 3/2** Ash Wednesday
7:15 +*Mike Ritter*
8:15 +*Mary Weiske*
5:30 pm +*Joseph Bahr*
- THUR 3/3** Lenten Weekday; Katharine Drexel
7:15 +*Charlie Brendel*
- FRI 3/4** Lenten Weekday; Casimir
7:15 +*Paula Frohnauer*
5:30 pm *Stations of the Cross & Benediction*
- SAT 3/5** Lenten Weekday
NO 7:15 Mass

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Celebrant: Father Raj

- SAT 3/5** 4:30 pm *Intention of Elizabeth Skemp*
Servers: Mike & Elizabeth H.
Reader: Paulette Drozdowicz
Rosary Leaders: Gene & Mary Ann Roesler
- SUN 3/6** 8:00 *For the People of the Parish*
Server: Bobby S.
Readers: Dan Skemp, Donna Levi
Rosary Leaders: Irm White-Drier
10:00 +*Beverly McLoone*
Servers: Ruby, Jack, & Charlee G.
Readers: Dave Weinberger, Kris Gerke
Rosary Leader: Steve Flottmeyer

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

WELCOME BACK FATHER RAJ

MEN'S GATHERING

Tues, March 8, 6-7:30, Parish Center

Time for prayers for each other's needs and the needs of our country. Bring your Rosary. We will take a closer look at Saint Patrick and discuss an event in Church history to be announced at the gathering. All men are welcome.

Bring your friends.

Questions? Call Dave at 790-3631 after 5 pm.

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 through next weekend. Thanks for your support.

REST IN PEACE

Christopher Poehling
son of Sandy Poehling

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN LENT

FRIDAYS, 5:30 PM

A parish soup supper follows in the Parish Center.

If you and your family (or a couple families) would like to prepare and serve the soup supper, please call the parish office, 782-2953, ext. 2 or email: office@bsplacrosse.org.

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

In May Pope Francis approved a miracle attributed to the intercession of Fr. Michael McGivney, paving his way for beatification. The new documentary "Father Michael McGivney: An American Blessed" highlights Fr. McGivney's fraternal charity, evangelization, and empowerment of the laity. Check it out on Formed.org.

PARISH SUPPORT

BUDGET

July 1, 2021- June 30, 2022

Needed Weekly	\$13,000
Received Feb 20	\$8,293

Worry is like a rocking chair. It gives you something to do, but doesn't get you anywhere.

COMING UP

Feb 27 Parish Breakfast after Masses

Mar 2 Ash Wednesday

NO religious ed classes

Mar 6 Rite of Election and the Call to Continuing Conversion, 2 pm, Cathedral

Mar 8 Men's Gathering, 6-7:30

Mar 13 Daylight Saving Time begins

Mar 13 Little Flowers girls & moms, 11:30

Mar 14-20 Our week for Mobile Meals

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

LENTEN REGULATIONS

1. Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent, and Good Friday.
2. In addition to abstaining from meat, Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, until they celebrate their 59th birthday, are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those who are bound by this regulation may eat only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

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.

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, 782-2953, ext. 4.

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	Someone God is calling
Tues	Deacon Matthew Bowe
Wed	Deacon Steven Weller
Thurs	Jared Clements
Fri	Alex Kren
Sat	Isaac Pecha
Sun	John Zweber

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.

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.

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

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.

MISSION TRIP TO SCHREIVER, LOUISIANA

July 24-31, 2022

Opportunity for students having completed Freshman year in high school to help Catholic Charities there rebuild the area demolished by Hurricane Ida in Aug, 2021.

Dorm-style accommodations and meals provided. Cost: \$400 includes transportation.

Contact: mstoeffler64@gmail.com; 563-329-0149