



# Blessed Sacrament Parish

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT February 28, 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*

February 28, 2021

March 1- 7, 2021

Weekday Mass time: 7:15 am.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
AND BENEDICTION**

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

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**Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney  
Founder of the Knights of Columbus  
Beatified on October 31, 2020**

Since its founding, the Knights of Columbus have been rooted in the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. The Knights of Columbus serve to protect the sanctity of Life in all stages. It helps to build up the Family, making men better husbands and fathers, and protecting families from catastrophic events.

We are all so familiar with the work of the Knights in our parish and our community. These dedicated men spend time in prayer, as well as pitching in when helping hands are needed.

Their Founder, Blessed Father McGivney taught this by example in the 1800's. He was born to Irish immigrants in Waterbury, Connecticut, in 1852, and, like many children of his era, went to work in the spoon-making department of a local factory to help make ends meet for his family. However, he generously answered God's call to the priesthood, and he was ordained in 1877.

His pastoral assignments took him from classroom and pulpit to jail, and further into the streets where tension was rampant among the working class families he served. Early on he recognized the value of having a Catholic, fraternal benefit group dedicated to strengthening the religious faith of its members and at the same time addressing the financial needs of families overwhelmed by illness or death of the breadwinner. So the Knights of Columbus was established and grew by leaps and bounds.

At his funeral in 1890 – he was only 38 – delegations from 57 K of C Councils attended along with 70 of Connecticut's priests and many civic leaders. Today 1.7 million members work through 14,000 fraternal councils in 13 countries.

Thanks, Knight of Columbus!

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**FACE MASKS ARE REQUIRED IN CHURCH**

- MON 3/1** 7:15 Lenten Weekday  
*+Raymond Becker*
- TUES 3/2** 7:15 Lenten Weekday  
*+Bernadine Drozdowicz*
- WED 3/3** 7:15 Lenten Weekday; Katharine Drexel  
*+ Bryan Antony*  
2:20 *+Virginia Nerison*

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

- THU 3/4** 7:15 Lenten Weekday; Casimir  
*+Robert & Leona Welsh*
- FRI 3/5** 7:15 Lenten Weekday  
*+Paula Fronhauer*  
5:30 **Stations of the Cross & Benediction**
- SAT 3/6** Lenten Weekday  
**NO 7:15 Mass**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

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

- SAT 3/6** 4:30 *+Marlowe Watunya*
- SUN 3/7** 8:00 *For the People of the Parish*  
10:00 *+Marianne Pittman*

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

**The leaders on March 6 & 7:**

- 4:30 Reinders
- 8:00 Barb Sweiciak
- 10:00

**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.

**WELCOME TO BSP**  
**Jessica Ahrens**

### 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.*

**REST IN PEACE**  
**+Pat Crowley**  
mother of Mary Trussoni

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

It is a season in which we should:

- \*Fast from discontent;  
Feast on gratitude.
- \*Fast from pessimism;  
Feast on optimism.
- \*Fast from unrelenting pressures;  
feast on unceasing prayer.
- \*Fast from bitterness;  
feast on forgiveness.
- \*Fast from self-concern;  
Feast on compassion for others.
- \*Fast from personal anxiety;  
feast on eternal Truth.
- \*Fast from problems that overwhelm;  
feast on prayer that undergirds.

From Office for Catechesis  
& Evangelization

*Father Raj returned from India last 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 21      9,613

### COMING UP

Mar 3 Religious Ed class  
Mar 6 La Crosse DCCW program  
Mar 8-14 Our week for Mobile Meals

### HELP US PLEASE

**If you have recently moved and have a new address..OR your email or phone number has changed, let the parish office know so our records and contact info are up to date. Call 782-2953, ext. 2, or email us at [office@bsplacrosse.org](mailto:office@bsplacrosse.org)**

*Friends are like angels who lift us to our feet when our wings have trouble remembering how to fly*

## COMING UP

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Fridays in Lent, 5:30**

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction**

(No soup supper following)

### Formed.org

Discovering the will of God can be an intimidating challenge in the spiritual life. Join Fr. Larry Richards as he guides us in this task through practical advice and personal stories. Check out *Discerning God's Will* this week on Formed.org. *Love, Sacrifice, Trust: He Showed Us the Way.* In this talk on Formed.org, Father Mike Schmitz shares with us the need to pick our crosses and embrace Christ in our own suffering. He reminds us that love often means sacrifice!

### 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.lacrossemardigras.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.

Join Bishop Callahan as he blesses the beginning of the restoration work at 1:30 on Mar 12. 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.

### CATHEDRAL DCCW MORNING OF REFLECTION

Saturday, March 6, 8:00 Mass; breakfast Presentation on St. Joseph by Chris Ruff  
Questions? Call Therese at 784-3762.

### FREE WORKSHOP:

#### Celebrating the Easter Mystery

The Liturgical Institute at the University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary has just published a series of classes on Celebrating the Easter Mystery, presented by Christopher Carstens, Director of the Office of Sacred Worship for our Diocese. These five, one-hour classes uncover the spiritual treasures of Lent, Holy Week and the Easter Season by focusing on the liturgy's prayers, readings, and ceremonies. The Liturgical Institute offers the course for \$97, but it can be viewed **free of charge** by clergy and laity in the Diocese of La Crosse. Follow this link: <http://bit.ly/3dg5rIz>. This offer ends on Easter Sunday.

### SEMINARIANS TO PRAY FOR THIS WEEK

Mon	Deacon Arturo Viguera
Tues	Deacon Eric Mashak
Wed	Deacon Timothy Reither
Thurs	Matthew Bowe
Fri	Steven Weller
Sat	Jared Clements
Sun	Alex Kren

### 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).

### LENTEN FISH FRY AT ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S IN TREMPLEAU

Friday, March 5, 4-7 pm  
Carry-out only; \$12 for fish; \$5 for cheese curds