



Blessed Sacrament Parish

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5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME February 9, 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 9, 2020

February 10 - 16, 2020

Excerpt from

**MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS
FOR THE XXVIII WORLD DAY OF THE SICK 2020**

Dear brothers and sisters,

Jesus' words, "Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest (Mt 11:28) point to the mysterious path of grace that is revealed to the simple and gives new strength to those who are weary and tired. These words of Christ express solidarity of the Son of Man with all those who are hurt and afflicted. How many people suffer in both body and soul! Jesus urges everyone to draw near to him – "Come to me!" – and he promises them comfort and repose.

On this XXVIII World Day of the Sick, Jesus repeats these words to the sick, the oppressed, and the poor. Jesus does not make demands of those who endure situations of frailty, suffering and weakness, but offers his mercy and his comforting presence.

Why does Jesus have these feelings? Because he himself became frail, endured human suffering and received comfort from his Father. Indeed, only those who personally experience suffering are then able to comfort others. There are so many kinds of grave suffering: incurable and chronic diseases, psychological diseases, situations calling for rehabilitation or palliative care, numerous forms of disability, children's and geriatric diseases... At times human warmth is lacking in our approach to these. What is needed is a personalized approach to the sick, not just of *curing* but also of *caring*, in view of an integral human healing. In experiencing illness, individuals not only feel threatened in their physical integrity, but also in the relational, intellectual, affective and spiritual dimensions of their lives. For this reason, in addition to therapy and support, they expect care and attention. In a word, love. At the side of every sick person, there is also a family, which itself suffers and is in need of support and comfort.

Dear brothers and sisters who are ill, your sickness makes you in a particular way one of those "who labour and are burdened," and thus attract the eyes and heart of Jesus. In him, you will find light to brighten the darkest moments and hope to soothe your distress.

(more thoughts next week)

EUCCHARIST: Helen Flynn

READER: Bob Kelemen

MON 2/10 Scholastica

7:30 **+Jack Nugent**

Servers: Don Flynn, Mike Vanderploeg

TUES 2/11 Weekday; Our Lady of Lourdes

7:30 **+Denis Kuennen**

Server: Andy Nordeen

WED 2/12 Weekday

9:00 **+Merek Anderson**

THU 2/13 Weekday

7:30 **+Mary Mashak**

Servers: Alexa Myre, Ruby Gauger

FRI 2/14 Cyril, Monk, & Methodius

7:30 **+Ed Trussoni**

Servers: Kiersten Elscamp, Charlie Kirchner

SAT 2/15 Weekday; BVM

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SAT 2/15 4:30 +Phil Knothe

Celebrant: Fr. Peter Raj

MC: Gabe Trussoni

Servers: Clay Berra, Thomas Gorman, Craig

Readers: Tom Kieffer, John Mueller

Petitions:

Eucharist: Caryl Doberstein, Donna Cramer, Ruth Wills,

Pauline Jagodzinski

Ushers: Ken Kresky, Allan Fukuda, David Sweeney

Offering family: Donna Cramer, Pauline Jagodzinski

Rosary Leader: Ken Quillin

SUN 2/16 8:00 For the People of the Parish

Celebrant: Fr. Peter Raj

MC: Mike Vanderploeg

Servers: Jack Clements, Ken Mikshowsky, Shane

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Readers: Tom Michel, John Gallagher

Petitions: Lindsay Boland

Eucharist: Bill Chamberlain, Bernice Lansing, David

Schreier, Ruth Vanderploeg, Bob Kachel

Ushers: Pat Cavadini, Tom Roob, Dave Herlitzke

Offering Family: John & Tonya Boland & family

Rosary Leader: Barb Swieczak

10:00 +Lois Olson

Celebrant: Fr. Peter Raj

MC: William Arnold

Servers: Will Cambio, Michael & Maria Johnson

Readers: Tony Weisse, Patti Keil

Petitions:

Eucharist: Ellen Kallies, Terry Felt, Patti Sans Crainte,

Mary Kay Richert

Ushers: Steve Flottmeyer, Mark Hyde, PJ Paulino,

Matt Cambio

Offering Family: Tom & Patty Keil

Rosary Leaders: Kevin & Helen Roop

AROUND THE PARISH

MUSIC NOTES

REJOICE CHOIR will sing on Sun, Feb 16, at 10:00 Mass. If you enjoy singing, join us.

COPING WITH CAREGIVING, ILLNESS, OR LOSS?

The Rosary Support Group will meet Wed, Feb 19, 10:00, in the Conference Room of the Parish Center. Come to pray and share friendship, gain strength as we share and seek wisdom with life's challenges. Questions? Call Marcia Kolaczowski, 790-5342, or Margaret Cunningham, 782-3885.

REST IN PEACE

Clayton Zurfluh
Funeral Jan. 31

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 Swieciak at 784-6974 or email scwjjoy@gmail.com.

WELCOME BACK

TO THE FROZEN TUNDRA FATHER RAJ

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

More than 46 million people in our country live in poverty today. Envelopes are in the pews today so you can help empower them to identify and address the obstacles as they work to make permanent changes in their lives. Return your envelope and donation next weekend, making your check payable to our parish.

NEW PARISH EVENT

MARCH MARKET HANDICRAFTS SALE

**Saturday, March 7, 8:00-2:00
Parish Center**

**Check out this new event. Info in
the Narthex, Parish Office, or on
Parish Website**

MILESTONE on February 3

*Msgr. Robert Hundt's 85th Birthday
PO Box 4004, La Crosse, 54602-4004*

\$CRIP NEWS

Phone orders: 782-2953, ext. 6.

Email orders: [SCRIP@](mailto:SCRIP@bsplacrosse.org)

bsplacrosse.org

The Groundhog says we may/may not have an early spring, but each day is one closer to a chili dog and root beer float at Rudy's. In the meantime, load up on \$crip cards from your favs and enjoy a meat/meatless hamburger someplace.

FORMED.ORG

The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes is on February 11, and to celebrate we invite you to join us in watching the film "Bernadette" on formed.org. St. Bernadette was one of the small children Our Lady appeared to many times in Lourdes, France. Shot on location in France, this film is highly recommended by the Vatican as a "sensitive portrayal of a very moving story that deserves a wide audience." It was chosen to be shown daily at the Shrine in Lourdes to retell the epic story. Use our code: K2768J

PRAYER SUPPORT FOR PRIESTS

Every Wednesday at 1 pm you can join a group who pray for priests. Call Barb Clements for all the details. 782-5777.

PARISH SUPPORT

BUDGET

July 1, 2019- June 30, 2020

Needed Weekly \$13,000
Received Feb 2 10,874

You may drop off your palms from last Palm Sunday in the Narthex. They will be burned and the ashes used on Ash Wednesday this year.

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.

Seminarians to pray for this week:

Sat Steven Weller
Sun Matthew Bowe
Mon Jared Clements
Tues Alex Kren
Wed Isaac Pecha
Thurs Daniel Smyth
Fri John Zweber
Sat Philip Grygleski

COMING UP

Feb 9 Family meeting for 1st Communion & 1st Reconciliation, 9:00 in Conference Room
Feb 15,16 Return Birthright baby bottles
Feb 16 Mardi Gras royalty at 10:00 Mass
Feb 17-23 Our week for Mobile Meals
Feb 19 Caregiver Support/Prayer Group
Feb 26 Ash Wednesday: Masses at 9 am and 5:30 pm
Mar 7 Handicraft sale in Parish Center
Mar 14 First Reconciliation, 9 am
Mar 19 St. Joseph Table event
Mar 28 Aquinas Booster Club live and silent auction event
Apr 15 Confirmation, 6:30, Cathedral
Apr 26 First Communion, 10:00 Mass

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.

BIRTHRIGHT BABY BOTTLE FUND-RAISER

Take one home and fill it with your spare change through mid-February when it can be returned. The 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.

MARDI GRAS MASS

Sunday, February 16, 10:00
The Rex and Queen of Mardi Gras 2002, our own parishioners Tom and Lisa Kratt will be hosting the royalty from all the area parishes at Mass. After Mass they will have raffle tickets for sale. Proceeds are used, as are all profits from this mid-winter/early-spring event, to support Catholic education in the area.

AROUND TOWN

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.

CUSTODIAN POSITION AT AQUINAS OPEN

Mon-Fri, 2-10:30 pm
Full job description and application from Matt Schneider, Aquinas Personnel Director

FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION GIFTS

T.H. Stemper and Noelke's is offering everyone a discount on gifts for these sacramental events. Stop in at the store across from the Cathedral or go to: www.stempers.com/Newsletter

On February 10 at 8 pm Jeff Arrowood and Alice Heinzen will hold a live webinar discussion on the topic of Bullying and Right Relationships. You may register at: www.twl4parents.com/necessary-conversations-webinar. The cost for a single session is \$6; \$25 for the full series.

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 or call Brady Mollon, 608-615-7432.

TO BECOME A SOLDIER OF CHRIST PUTTING ON THE ARMOR OF GOD

Saturday, February 15, 5 pm
Marian Chapel at the Cathedral
Presentations by Raymond de Souza
Special presentations for Confirmandi and for all who wish to understand how to defend our Faith with Chivalry.

HOLY LAND DISCOVERY

May 1-11, 2020
Destinations include Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Cana, Nazareth, the Dead Sea, and many others.
Mass will be offered.
Prices begin at \$2199 per person. Contact Brian at 860-399-1785 or Brian@CatholicCruisesandTours.com.

AQUINAS BOOSTER CLUB AUCTION

Saturday, March 28
Don't miss it this year!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST AT ST. JOSEPH RIDGE

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

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 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: aquinascatholicsschools.org/visit-our-school
Questions? Call Nancy Pederson, 784-8585, ext. 23

MEN OF THE CROSS RENEWAL RETREAT

Saturday, February 15, 9am-3 pm
St. John the Baptist Parish, Marshfield
Deacon Ralph Poyo, who was a favorite speaker from the Fall Men of the Cross Conference, will discuss how to embrace your crosses and learn ways to become the man, father, husband, or son that God intended.
\$25 includes snack and lunch (\$30 at the door)
Register at: menofthecross.org

DIR. OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEEDED

St. Leo, West Salem, and St. Mary's, Bangor
Classes are offered at St. Leo's Parish
Contact Father Kennedy at frkennedy@wsbcwi.org.

HEALING FOR THE HEALER:

A RETREAT FOR HEALTH-CARE WORKERS

Sat, Feb 22, 9-4:00, Franciscan Spirituality Center
\$65 includes lunch
Presenters: Dr. Jeannette Spilde & Jean Pagliaro
Register at: FSCenter.org or call 791-5295

LECTIO EUCHARIST

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
This is a super program! Jump on board.

SATURDAY MORNING EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Following 8:00 am Mass until 9:15, Cathedral