



Blessed Sacrament Parish

Pastor
Rev. Peter Raj

Deacon
David Allen

LORD, YOU ESTABLISH PEACE FOR US;
all that we have accomplished you have done for us.

Isaiah 26:12

Blessed Sacrament Parish

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD January 10, 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

January 10, 2021

While I am in India, Father Aaron Becker will be here at Blessed Sacrament. He will celebrate all the Masses, weekdays and weekends, and he will hear Confessions according to our usual schedule. Father Becker serves as a chaplain at Aquinas; his schedule requires him to be at school by 8:00 on weekdays. So our 7:30 am Mass will move to 7:15 while he is with us. Father's schedule allows him to celebrate a Mass with the school children at 8:15 on Thursdays here at our parish. Thanks, Father Aaron, for filling in so generously.

Father Raj

**CHRIST OUR CORNERSTONE
Restoring our Mother Church,
St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral**

It has been nearly 60 years since the dedication of our beautiful Cathedral, and time has taken its toll. Recently it has become clear that restoration work on the building is critical and urgent. Several heavy stone pieces from the steeple have already fallen, posing the risk of further structural damage and creating a hazard.

The estimated cost of restoring the steeple and other needs of the Cathedral is \$6.1 million. We are all invited to join in providing the funding needed. St. Ambrose Financial Services, Inc. (the diocesan bank to which all parishes belong) has agreed to match \$2 for each \$1 generously pledged. One-time donations are appreciated, and a three-year pledge is also offered, along with IRA charitable gifts and gifts of stock.

At Masses this weekend a video outlining the Campaign and why it is needed will be shown. There are brochures in the Narthex which contain pledge cards and giving information. If you cannot get one from church, call the parish office; one will be mailed to you. Thank you for supporting our Mother church, the Cathedral.

January 11 - 17, 2021

MASS INTENTIONS

FACE MASKS ARE REQUIRED IN CHURCH

- MON 1/11 7:15** Weekday
+Dan Crowley
- TUES 1/12 7:15** Weekday
+Verna O'Connell
- WED 1/13 7:15** Weekday; Hilary
+Alvin Gerke
2:20 +Berda Copa
- THU 1/14 7:15** Weekday
+Robert "Ding" Miller
8:15 +Maxine Kroner

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

- FRI 1/15 7:15** Weekday
Living & deceased members of Galen & +Marianne Pittman family
- SAT 1/16** Weekday; BVM
NO 7:15 Mass

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

- SAT 1/16 4:30** *+Deceased members of Richard & Sheila Steele family*
- SUN 1/17 8:00** *For the People of the Parish*
10:00 *+Richard Coaty*

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

The leaders Jan 16 & 17:

- 4:30** The Quillins
- 8:00** The Clements
- 10:00** The Roops

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

REST IN PEACE

+Margaret Stubler, wife of John
Funeral: January 8 here at BSP
+George Allen, brother of Deacon
David Allen
Funeral: January 11 in Miami

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.

HELPERS NEEDED

Monday, January 11
9:00 am

We need help taking down the Christmas decorations in church and putting them away. Please call Bernice Lansing at 793-1972 if you can come or just stop in to lend a hand.

Are you planning to move?
Please let the parish office know your new address and contact information so we can keep you "in the loop."

All Parishioners:

Your correct email is most important to us. If you are not currently receiving weekly updates, check with the office to be sure we have your correct info.

Rosary Leaders are needed to lead the rosary before weekend Masses. Call the office to sign up.
Thanks.

SCRIP NEWS

Masks are required face-wear.
Stop in to place your order or call the Scrip office at 782-2953, ext. 1, or email orders:

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.

WARMING CENTER UPDATE

Our parish has joined forces with Roncalli Newman to man the Warming Center. Our date is the 2nd Saturday of the month. Names of those who have volunteered or expressed interest in helping were forwarded to Newman; they will handle the scheduling. Our next opportunity is Saturday, February 13. Part of the ministry is providing a meal, and we will be doing that 3 of the 4 Saturdays each month.

To jump on board contact Tony Weisse at anthonyweisse@gmail.com.

PARISH SUPPORT

BUDGET

July 1, 2020- June 30, 2021

Needed Weekly	\$13,000
Received Jan 1 & 3	11,106

COMING UP

Jan 9 & 10 Christ our Cornerstone
Campaign kick-off
Jan 11 9:00 Take down Christmas decorations in church
Jan 11-17 Our week for Mobile Meals
Jan 11 – Feb 12 Fr. Raj will be in India
Feb 13 Our parish mans the Warming Center

When Father returns from India a decision about when to celebrate First Reconciliation and First Communion will be made. He would like to have the latest information about COVID-19. The Diocese has not made a determination about Confirmation.

COMING UP

USHERS NEEDED

We welcome men and women high school age and older to help out at Mass by serving as ushers. Sign up in the Narthex or online at our parish website: bsplacrosse.org.

FORMED.ORG

This week we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. This week on Formed.org listen to "Changed Forever: The Sacrament of Baptism." In this presentation, renowned Catholic speaker and priest, Father Mike Schmitz, explores the beautiful gift of the Sacrament of Baptism and how its cleansing waters give new life.

It is now so easy to access a program on Formed.org. You just click on our parish's name. Try it. You'll like it!

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.

If you or someone you know is seriously sick, facing surgery, or needs prayers, please call the office so our ANGELS OF MERCY PRAYER GROUP can be notified.

AROUND TOWN

MARRIAGE PREPARATION RETREATS

The La Crosse Deanery, which consists of 14 area parishes, will be offering *Married Love: Two Becoming One*, a marriage preparation retreat for engaged couples, on February 6, April 24, and July 10, 2021. These retreats will take place at Mary, Mother of the Church Parish in La Crosse. Couples must register at least one month prior to the retreat. To register you may email Mari at mnerickson95@gmail.com or leave a voice message at 608-518-7655.

OVERCOMING CHALLENGES WITH GRIT AND GRACE

Saturday, January 16, 8:30-3 pm
Zoom videoconferencing
Keynote speaker: Kao Kalia Yang
Register at FSCenter.org or call 791-5295; \$50

PROLIFE SIGNATURE AD

Wisconsin Right to Life Committee

Because many churches are not able to hold services right now, it will be difficult to collect the number of signatures and donations to make the signature ad feasible this year.

That ad's cost is \$4000.

Keep these intentions in your prayers. There will be a peaceful gathering in front of Gundersen on South Avenue, 10-11am, Saturday, January 16. Signs will be provided.

MEDITATION FOR EMOTIONAL HEALTH (via Zoom)

First Thursdays of the month, 6:30-7:30 pm
Free guided meditation sessions.
Register at FSCenter.org

WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED

Pro-life Virtual Afternoon of Reflection
January 30
Keynote speaker: Bob Perron, Exec. Dir. of JMJ
Pregnancy Ctr, Orlando
Broad appeal for the whole family
Go to: diolc.org/respect-life

HEROIC MEN WEBSITE

Free Catholic streaming platform for Catholic men who want to discover (or rediscover) the truth, beauty, and goodness of our Catholic Faith. There are films, TV shows, documentaries and short films.

MARCH FOR LIFE

Jan 29, Washington DC
Information at prolifewi.org/marchforlife

DIACONATE DISCERNMENT RETREAT

Are you a man at least 35 years of age who feels a yearning to give yourself more radically to the service of God and of the Church – preaching the Gospel, serving those in need, assisting at the altar? If you think God may be calling you to be a deacon, talk to your pastor about attending the Diaconate Discernment Retreat on Feb 27 at St. Mary's Parish in Altoona. Then contact Deacon Bryan Hilts, Director of the Office for the Diaconate at bhilts@diolc.org. A new deacon formation class will begin in fall of 2021, and attendance at the Discernment Retreat is a prerequisite.

ART AS PRAYER

January 18 & February 15, 6-7:30 pm
No art experience is necessary
Instructor: Mary Thompson
Zoom teleconferencing
Register at FSCenter.org, or call 791-5295

BLOOD DRIVE AT THE CATHEDRAL

January 21, 12:30-5:30, in the Undercroft
Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus
La Crosse Council 839
and the Holmen Fr. Rossiter Council 9385
For an appointment visit redcrossblood.org
and enter KC
Or call 800-733-2767

AQUINAS SCHOOLS ENROLLMENT FOR 2021-22

At Aquinas Catholic Schools your child will be ready to succeed in literacy, faith development, social skills, and preparing them for the future. We provide our students with an excellent education, but we also help them grow in spirit and embrace virtues that will stay with them throughout their life. To learn more or schedule a virtual visit call 608-784-8585 or go to: aquinascatholicsschools.org.

LIVING THE DISCERNING LIFE: The Spiritual Teaching of St. Ignatius of Loyola

Presenter: Father Timothy Gallagher

With a new year starting and resolutions being made, why not resolve to develop a stronger relationship with God in 2021? Do you want to see more clearly how God is acting in your life? Have you felt discouraged this past year and want to know how best to deal with it? Is it normal to have ups and downs in our spiritual life? This 10-week course will help us understand and bring us closer to God. There are 3 class

times being offered beginning Jan 25:

Mondays, 9-10:30, St. James Parish

Tuesdays, 6:30-8:00, St. Patrick's, Onalaska

Thursdays, 9:15-10:45, St. Patrick's.

Cost: \$10; to register contact Amy at 783-0847

or dcapelli@charter.net,

or online at www.stpatsonalaska.com.

Class can be done as a Home Study, as well.