



# Blessed Sacrament Parish

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**Blessed Sacrament Parish**  
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## BAPTISM OF THE LORD January 12, 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*

January 12, 2020

## LECTIO: EUCHARIST

Online registration is available at  
<https://www.stpatsonalaska.com>.

This fantastic prayer/discussion/learning program will be offered here at our parish on Tuesdays, 8:15-9:45 am, and at many other parishes and times throughout the week. It is a 10-week series and begins on January 28.

Q: Who forgot to take down the Christmas trees in church?

A: No one forgot. They are still here this weekend because the Christmas Season ends with the Baptism of Our Lord, which we commemorate at Masses this weekend.

Our Liturgical Seasons teach us so much about the importance of what we encounter here at Mass. The Season of Advent, when each week another candle was lit on the wreath, making our space brighter and lighter, flew by during December. In fact, that lone rose candle which was lit on the third Sunday pointed us directly to the celebration of Christ's birth among us, the Light of the World blazing into the darkness of man's faltering existence. The penitential violet color of the season of Advent was put aside as the angels – and we among them here on earth – sang "Glory in the Highest" on Christmas. All celebration began, and our liturgical color is now white. The remembrance of the Holy Family, of Mary as the Mother of God, and of the manifestation of Jesus to the world at His Epiphany are a heaping platter of joy passed around the Table of the Lord during the Christmas season. Now today His baptism. Though, of course, following the events of His birth by 30 years, Mother Church reminds us that Jesus didn't come once 'way back then ONLY. His coming is a daily, and a minute-to-minute occurrence in our lives, if we but ask. Our own Baptism opens that door, allowing His graces to touch every corner of our lives. His humble acceptance of the baptism by John in the Jordan is our playbook, too. In humility we have knelt at the Manger and looked at the little King who came among us as one of us. Can we continue to ask in humility that He enters our hearts each day and nourishes and guides us to be His disciples?

Coming soon: 7 weeks of Ordinary Time before Lent to work on this.  
One last time: Merry Christmas, Christians.

January 13 - 19, 2020

EUCHARIST: Caryl Doberstein

READER: Ruth Vanderploeg

- MON 1/13** Weekday; Hilary  
7:30 +*Alvin Gerke*  
Servers: Don Flynn, Mike Vanderploeg
- TUES 1/14** Weekday  
7:30 +*Robert Miller*  
Server: Andy Nordeen
- WED 1/15** Weekday  
9:00 +*Sylvester Schaub*
- THU 1/16** Weekday  
7:30 *Intention of Father Raj's parents:  
Mariasamy, his father, and Periyanyagammal,  
his mother*  
Servers: Kyara Cayasso, Eliot McKnight
- FRI 1/17** Anthony  
7:30 + *Matthew Wesely*  
Servers: Evie Gerke, Isaac Capelli
- SAT 1/18** Weekday; BVM

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- SAT 1/18 4:30** *For the People of the Parish*  
Celebrant: Fr. K. Apfelbeck MC: Gabe Trussoni  
Servers: Thomas Gorman, Elizabeth Hancock, Craig  
Readers: Tom Kieffer, Joan Mueller  
Petitions:  
Eucharist: Caryl Doberstein, Donna Cramer, Ruth Wills,  
Pauline Jagodzinski  
Ushers: Ken Kresky, Allan Fukuda, David Sweeney  
Offering family: Paul & Mary Therese Rinzel  
Rosary Leader: Ken Quillin
- SUN 1/19 8:00** +*Tom Gallagher and family*  
Celebrant: Fr. K. Apfelbeck MC: Mike Vanderploeg  
Servers: Ken Mikshowsky, Rylan Schneider, Shane  
Willenbring  
Readers: Tom Michel, John Gallagher  
Petitions: Lindsay Boland  
Eucharist: Bill Chamberlain, Bernice Lansing, David  
Schreier, Ruth Vanderploeg, Bob Kachel  
Ushers: Pat Cavadini, Dave Herlitzke  
Offering Family: Maggie & Orlando Leon  
Rosary Leader: Barb Swieciak
- 10:00** +*Jack Knothe*  
Celebrant: Fr. K. Apfelbeck MC: William Arnold  
Servers: Gaugers  
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: Kathi and Robert Hancock  
Rosary Leaders: Helen & Kevin Roop

## AROUND THE PARISH

**DE-CHRISTMAS HELPERS NEEDED**  
Monday, January 13, 8:00, after Mass  
Take down and un-decorate the trees,  
wreaths, garland, and Manger in  
church.

BenGay will be supplied.

### TAKING A STAND... MAKING A DIFFERENCE

The 47<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Supreme  
Court decision which legalized  
abortion (Roe v. Wade, Jan 22, 1973)  
will soon be here.

We invite you to join other prolife  
members of our community in making  
a public statement of our belief in the  
sanctity of human life. The annual  
signature ad commemorating all of  
the precious lives lost to abortion will  
be in the La Crosse Tribune on Sunday,  
January 19<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to be  
included in this ad, sign the sheet in  
the Narthex, printing your name. Any  
donation will be gratefully accepted  
to help defray the cost.

### WELCOME TO BSP

Nancy Homstad  
Donald and Marilyn Finn  
Judith(husband George) Kleinhaus

**PARISH DINNER**  
All adults of the parish are  
invited to a delightful evening  
Sat, Jan 25, 5:30 - ?  
Parish Center  
A home-cooked meal will be  
prepared and served by our  
Confirmation Candidates.  
There will also be fun and  
fellowship, wine, and  
dessert.  
Call 782-2953, to reserve  
your place. No charge.

Father Raj and all our priests are  
an amazing help in our spiritual  
growth. Without our priests we  
would not have the sacraments  
to help us on our journey to  
Heaven. Every Wednesday at 1  
pm you can join a group who  
pray for priests. Call Barb  
Clements for all the details,  
782-5777.

### \$CRIP NEWS

Phone orders: 782-2953, ext. 6.

Email orders: SC RIP@

bsplacrosse.org

We are looking for a co-coordinator for  
our \$crip program. It requires just a  
couple hours a week, and there's no  
heavy lifting. Since changing to the  
format wherein families can apply 100%  
of the \$crip profit to their Aquinas  
Schools tuition account, we see new  
buyers and more active use of this  
wonderful easy program. Please call the  
\$crip office to get the low-down on the  
coordinator job.

### FORMED.ORG

Each prayer and action in the Rite  
of Baptism is filled with spiritual  
significance, beauty and grace. By  
understanding more clearly what's  
happening, we'll have a greater  
appreciation for why Baptism takes  
us further into a life-changing  
relationship with God. This week on  
Formed.org watch Session 2 of the  
series "Reborn: The Rite Explained,"  
and remind yourself of what your  
baptism means. Use our  
code:K2768J.

## PARISH SUPPORT

### BUDGET

July 1, 2019- June 30, 2020

Needed Weekly \$13,000  
Received Jan 5 16,011

I'm at an age when my back goes out  
more than I do.

*Thanks to these devoted helpers  
who worked hard to make our  
church so festive for the Christmas  
Season:*

*Jerry & Sandra Borreson, Joe  
Clements, Don Flynn, Carl  
Francksen, Ken Hanson, Wayne  
Levi, Nick Nicks, Dave Reinders, &  
Mark Steingraeber. And the  
lighting specialists: the Cambio  
family, Dr. Mike Dolan, and Dave  
Sweeney.*

## COMING UP

Jan 11& 12 Sign Right-to-Life ad for  
Tribune  
Jan 13-19 Our week for Mobile Meals  
Jan 15 Rosary Support Group, 10 am  
Jan 15 Movie "Unplanned" 6:30-8 :00  
pm, Parish Center  
Jan 15 NO Religious Ed classes  
Jan 22 Religious Ed classes resume  
Jan 25 Parish Dinner hosted by the  
Confirmation Candidates  
Jan 26 Birthright Baby Bottle Fundraiser  
begins  
Feb 9 Family meeting for 1st  
Communion & 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation,  
9:00 in Conference Room  
Mar 14 First Reconciliation, 9 am  
Apr 15 Confirmation, 6:30 pm at the  
Cathedral  
Apr 26 First Communion, 10:00 Mass

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.

### FIRST

### COMMUNION/RECONCILIATION FAMILY MEETING

**Sunday, February 9, 9-10:00**

Children planning to receive these  
sacrament and parents, plan to  
attend this informational meeting  
with Deacon David Allen. Children  
will have the opportunity to "tour"  
the confessional in church; parents  
will have an instructional/ Q&A time,  
and all will share donuts.

### COPING WITH CAREGIVING, ILLNESS, OR LOSS

The Rosary Support Group will meet  
on Wed, Jan 15, 10-11:30, in the  
Conference Room for prayer and  
friendship, and to gain strength as  
we share and seek wisdom with life's  
challenges. Use the entrance off the  
alley or the Losey hallway.

Questions? Call Marcia  
Kolaczkowski, 790-5342, or Margaret  
Cunningham, 782-3885.

## AROUND TOWN

### **PILGRIMAGE FOR LIFE Jan 22-26, 2020**

Ages 13 and older

Consider joining young folks from around the country in traveling to Washington DC for this pro-life rally.

Chaperones are needed, as well.

All info at [diolc.org/youth/youth-opportunities](http://diolc.org/youth/youth-opportunities)

### **SATURDAY MORNING EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Following 8:00 am Mass until 9:15

Cathedral

The Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed.

All are invited to participate

### **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY RAFFLE**

1953 Ford pickup (valued at \$30,000)

\$25 tickets (5/\$100) Includes coupons for freebies

Available at: Habitat ReStore, Pearl Street Brewery,

The Crow, Big Al's, Howies, The Briar Patch

Drawing: April 25, 2020

### **GIVEN: UNVEILING THE MYSTERY OF MARRIAGE**

A retreat for all couples –

practical, Christ-centered, sacramental.

Jan 18, 9-3:00, Mary, Mother of the Church

Couple cost: engaged-\$25/dating or married-\$40

Sponsored by the Diocesan Office

for Marriage and Family Life

Questions? Go to: [dkitzhaber@diolc.org](mailto:dkitzhaber@diolc.org).

### **PERMANENT DIACONATE RETREAT**

Men between 30 and 60 who are thinking God may be calling them to be a permanent deacon in the

Church, plan to attend a Discernment Retreat on

Saturday, April 4. The first step is to contact Deacon

Kevin Ray, Director for the Office for the Diaconate.

791-2665, or email: [kray@diolc.org](mailto:kray@diolc.org).

### **CHILI DINNER**

Saturday, January 25, 4-7 pm, St. Patrick School

Sponsored by Scouts BSA Troop 168.

\$7 advance; \$7.50 at the door

Bake sale and raffle, too

### **SEMINARIANS TO PRAY FOR THIS WEEK**

Sun: Isaac Pecha

Mon: Daniel Smyth

Tues: John Zweber

Wed: Philip Grygleski

Thurs: David Nowicki

Fri: John Duranso

Sat: Brian Ward

Everyday: Those being called

Those empty aluminum cans from the holiday parties can be dropped off in the bin in the Aquinas parking lot.

Proceeds help with Booster Club activities.

### **MOVIE "UNPLANNED"**

Parents and children, ages 12 and older, come on

Wed, Jan 15, 6:30-8:00.

This Prolife movie is the story of the conversion of Abby Johnson. It is an eye-opener.

It will be shown in our Parish Center.

There is no charge.

There will be time for discussion following the movie.

If you have any concerns or questions

call Marie Allen at 784-5189.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT HILLVIEW**

Volunteers are needed to assist residents at Hillview with eating their evening meal, 4:30-6:00 pm.

Hillview is located at 3501 Park Lane – behind Shelby ball fields

Contact Brooke Smith, 519-9363 or [brsmith@lacrossecounty.org](mailto:brsmith@lacrossecounty.org)

### **LOOKING FOR A WAY TO VOLUNTEER NEXT YEAR?**

Consider helping at the Habitat ReStore. There are new items donated daily. You'll find some "treasures" and some very enjoyable folks to work with.

Sign up at [www.habitatlacrosse.org](http://www.habitatlacrosse.org).

### **THE SOUND OF BOWLS**

January 14, 5:30-6:30 pm

Tibetan singing bowls produce a soothing sound which can assist in relaxation and meditation.

Free-will offering.

Franciscan Spirituality Center

### **SILENT THEME RETREAT**

Jan 24-26, St. Anthony's, Marathon

In this world of abundance, it is difficult to understand that you are the most precious gift to others and to yourself. \$190 includes meals and lodging

[www.sarcenter.com](http://www.sarcenter.com)

### **SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES**

\*Aquinas High School: Mon, Jan 13, 6 pm(grades 9-12)

\*Aquinas Middle School: Wed, Jan 15, 6 pm (grades 7 & 8)

\*St. Patrick, Onalaska: Sun, Jan 26, am until noon; Thurs, Feb 6, 6 pm; Fri, Feb 7, 1 pm (Gr 3P-6)

\*Cathedral: Tues, Feb 4, 6 pm; Wed, Feb 5, 1 pm (Gr 3P-2)

Questions? Call Nancy Pederson, 784-8585, ext. 23

### **SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE**

Wednesday, January 15, 7-9 pm

Rose Room 141, Franciscan Spirituality Center  
920 Market St.

Open to all; no cost