



Blessed Sacrament Parish

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME January 19, 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 19, 2020

LECTIO: EUCHARIST

Online registration is available at

<https://www.stpatsonalaska.com>.

Or call Amy at 783-0847 or dcapelli@charter.net. 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.

A few folks have asked why we no longer hear bells a few minutes before Masses and at noon and 6 pm. The bell system, given to the parish long ago, has finally given up the ghost. In attempting to reset the tunes played for the Christmas season, the system quit. Repairs would cost as much as this old system to replace. So, for now at least, we will have to check our watch, phone, or the position of the sun in the sky to know what time it is. Replacing the system will be a discussion after the more necessary sound item is addressed: the sound system in church.

Depending on where you sit in church, and on the temperament of the old mechanicals and electricals, you have either heard all, part, or little of the homily for the day, announcements of the several community events at the end of Mass, hymn numbers, or the day's Mass intention (not to mention Father Raj's joke punchline). A committee of folks has agreed to evaluate what we have and what it may take to have good sound in church. We have a very patient congregation, and, let it be known, your comments on the sound system have not fallen on deaf ears (just had to say that). If you have some input or comments, please send that by email to the parish office. Thanks.

SEMINARIANS TO PRAY FOR THIS WEEK

Sun: Joseph Culligan

Mon: Joseph Glatczak

Tues: Daniel Buchal

Wed: David Dachel

Thurs: Isaac Wolfe

Fri: John Regnier

Sat: Someone who is being called

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.

January 20 - 26, 2020

EUCHARIST: Mary Frohnauer

READER: Steve McGovern

- MON 1/20** Weekday: Fabian & Sebastian
7:30 *+Rybarczyk family*
Servers: Don Flynn, Mike Vanderploeg
- TUES 1/21** Agnes
7:30 *+George Allen*
Server: Andy Nordeen
- WED 1/22** Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection
Protection of Unborn Children
9:00 *+Denis Kuennen*
- THU 1/23** Weekday: Marianne Cope; Vincent
7:30 *+Bob Saphner*
Servers: Elyse Binsfeld, Aedan David
- FRI 1/24** Francis de Sales
7:30 *+Al Simon*
Servers: Elizabeth Hancock, Taegan Staffaroni
- SAT 1/25** Conversion of St. Paul

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- SAT 1/25 4:30** *For the People of the Parish*
Celebrant: Fr. K. Apfelbeck MC: Gabe Trussoni
Servers: Thomas Gorman, Greg Kusmitch, Craig
Readers: Gene Kolaczowski, Chris Nelson
Petitions:
Eucharist: Kay Nix, Loretta Clarkin, Susan Fukuda
Ushers: Tony Flottmeyer, Dave Nelson, Allan Fukuda, David Sweeney
Offering family: Scott & Tracy Servais
Rosary Leaders: Caryl & Scott Doberstein
- SUN 1/26 8:00** *Living & deceased members of the Galen & Marianne Pittman family*
Celebrant: Fr. K. Apfelbeck MC: Mike Vanderploeg
Servers: Jack Clements, Jake Hillebrand, Peyton Strittmater
Readers: Paul Rinzel, Bob Kelemen
Petitions:
Eucharist: Erin Strittmater, Joe Clements, Jean Kachel, Mary Therese Rinzel, Bob Kachel
Ushers: Mark Chamberlain, Tom Roob, David Schreier, Tad Strittmater
Offering Family: Anne & Tom Gees
Rosary Leader: Barb & Joe Clements
- 10:00** *+Marian Pavela*
Celebrant: Fr. K. Apfelbeck MC: William Arnold
Servers: Michael Johnson, Colin Sans Crainte, B. Skemp
Readers: Ann Lankford, Theresa Kivi
Petitions:
Eucharist: Mike Hartley, Donna & Larry Lee, Barb Lee
Ushers: Terry Felt, John Sullivan, Tom Franke, Tom Dolan
Offering Family: Mary & Mark Schuttenhelm
Rosary Leaders: Kathy & Nick Nicks

AROUND THE PARISH

WARMING CENTER HELPERS NEEDED

Sat, Feb 1, evening and overnight
Our parish will supply the helpers needed at the Warming Center. Shifts vary through the evening and night hours. Check the sign up in the Narthex.

"When I was homeless, you opened your door.."

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.

REST IN PEACE

+Vernadine Drozdowicz,
sister of Peter Drozdowicz
+Arthur Gomez,
father of Maggie Gomez-Leon

Do you have questions about our Faith, about the Liturgy, or our Church? There is a box in the Narthex for these questions. Drop it off. Father Raj will respond appropriately. Check the parish website for a questionnaire form, as well.

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.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

More than 46 million people in our country live in poverty today. Envelopes will be in the pews the first weekend in February so you can help empower them to identify and address the obstacles as they work to make permanent changes in their lives.

\$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

January 22 is the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. As members of Christ's body, we are called to protect and promote the dignity of the human person in all places and circumstances. Join us in learning more about protecting life by watching "Symbolon - Protecting the Dignity of the Human Person" this week on formed.org.

Use our code: K2768J

PARISH SUPPORT

BUDGET

July 1, 2019- June 30, 2020

Needed Weekly \$13,000
Received Jan 12 5,643

BIRTHRIGHT BABY BOTTLE FUND-RAISER

Next week you will find a basket of baby bottles in the Narthex. 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.

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.

COMING UP

Jan 22 Religious Ed classes resume
Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
Jan 25 Parish Dinner hosted by the Confirmation Candidates; 5:30
Jan 26 Birthright baby bottle fundraiser
Feb 1 Our parish mans the Warming Center overnight
Feb 1 & 2 Collection for CCHD
Feb 3 Women's Club Potluck Supper
Feb 4 Widows & Widowers, Schmidty's, 11:30
Feb 9 Family meeting for 1st Communion & 1st Reconciliation, 9:00 in Conference Room
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
Apr 15 Confirmation, 6:30 pm at the Cathedral
Apr 26 First Communion, 10:00 Mass

FIRST COMMUNION/RECONCILIATION FAMILY MEETING

Sunday, February 9, 9-10:00

Conference Room

Children planning to receive these sacraments 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.

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

AROUND TOWN

PILGRIMAGE FOR LIFE Jan 22-26, 2020

There are 6 busloads of students and chaperones attending from our Diocese. Let's keep them in our prayers as they stand up for the sanctity of life.

SATURDAY MORNING EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Following 8:00 am Mass until 9:15, Cathedral
Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

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

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.

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

RETRouvaille

A program for couples struggling with a loss of closeness in marriage, offering hope and healing. Find out more by calling 1-877-922-4673, or visit the website: www.HelpOurMarriage.com. The next program begins the weekend of Feb 14-16.

Traveling and wondering where you can find a Sunday Mass to attend? Go to: WWW.MASSTIMES.ORG
There's even a handy map to help you find your way

CAUSEWAY INTERFAITH VOLUNTEER CAREGIVERS

has been providing free volunteer services in La Crosse County for over 25 years, connecting folks who need a bit of help with those who can provide it. Everything from a ride to the clinic to window washing, errands and shopping help, reading or communicating, even sharing a cup of coffee or a game of cards. If you need a helping hand or would like to know how you can give of your time call 775-9999 or go to the website: <http://causewaycaregivers.org>.

If you would like to remember a loved one who has died or commemorate a special event or honor someone, consider having a memory stone etched. Contact the parish office for the details.

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.

GROUP SPIRITUAL DIRECTION FOR WOMEN

Tuesdays, Jan 28- 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

PRAYER AS ART: A COLLAGE-MAKING EXPERIENCE

Sat, Feb 8, 9- 4pm, Franciscan Spirituality Center
\$70 includes materials and lunch
Mary Thompson, presenter
NO experience needed
Register at FSCenter.org or call 791-5295

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

*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

MEN OF THE CROSS RENEWAL RETREAT

Saturday, February 15, 9am-3 pm
St. John the Baptist Parish, Marshfield
Deacon Ralph Poyo, who has 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

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

POLAND PILGRIMAGE TOUR

In the footsteps of St. John Paul II
May 7-16, 2020
Visits to many cities including Krakow and Auschwitz
with a Spiritual Director
All info: Erika Piotrowski, 231-720-8378, or
email: erikap.euro@hotmail.com.
A pilgrimage to the Shrines of France is planned
for Oct 14-24, as well.

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.