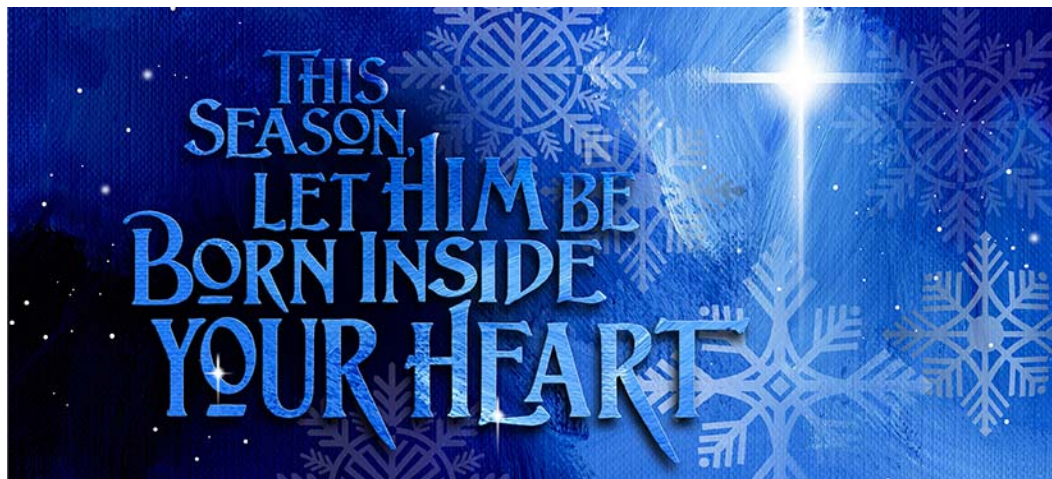




# Blessed Sacrament Parish

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## January 2, 2022 Epiphany of the Lord

### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening 4:30 pm  
Sunday Morning 8:00 & 10:00 am  
Monday - Friday 7:15 am

### CONFESSION

Saturday 3:30-4:15 pm  
Other times by appointment

### BENEDICTION

First Friday 7:45 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*  
*tomkratt@charter.net*

Offering Families: *Call the office to volunteer*

Rosary Leader Schedule: *Mary Schuttenhelm & Barb Clements*

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*

January 2, 2022

From Bishop Callahan

*As we make our way through the festivities associated with Christmas, try to take time to ponder the very action that we are celebrating: God became man. Jesus Christ, the Savior of the World, came into the world as a baby born of the Virgin Mary and was cared for by St. Joseph. We remind ourselves each year at Christmas of how much God loves us, what He has done for us, and how much He wants us to be happy with Him in Heaven. Find some quiet time this season and think about the very action of our salvation, how it came about, and how it's meant to be lived out.*

*There are so many external distractions, especially at Christmastime, vying for our attention: glitter and glamour, goodies and gadgets; it's easy to get carried away. This year I'm asking you to look inside your heart, consider how much God loves you, and what you're worth in the eyes of God. Ponder these words from Psalm 8: "God made man a little less than the angels, crowning him with glory and honor." When God created humanity, He knew that He was going to enter into humanity through the Incarnation. He knew Jesus would come to lead us to the Father, and He knew we would need to be reminded of His love so many times.*

*My dear brothers and sisters, God loves you! He shows His love at Christmastime, and He shows His love every other day of the year, too. Help me to bring the love of Christ into the world, not only at Christmas, but every day of this coming year.*

*My prayer for you during this Christmas Season is that you will experience the love of God in a new and profound way.*

*Blessed Christmas to you. May the love of Christ reign in your hearts all year long!*

### **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

A new schedule for adoration times is in the entry to the Adoration Chapel. Please indicate when you will come to pray using your name or initials. The chapel is open at all times; however a code is used to gain entry during the night hours. It can be obtained by calling the parish office.

The Adoration Chapel entrance is off the alley between King and Main streets. *He's waiting for you!*

January 3 – 9, 2022

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

This week's reader: Ruth Vanderploeg

- MON 1/3** Christmas Weekday; Holy Name of Jesus  
**7:15 Intention of John & Donna Hansen**
- TUES 1/4** Elizabeth Ann Seton  
**7:15 +Stephen & +Marian Pavela**
- WED 1/5** John Neumann  
**7:15 +Leonard Degenhardt, Jr.**
- THUR 1/6** Christmas Weekday; Andre Bessette  
**7:15 +Holly Wagner**
- FRI 1/7** Christmas Weekday; Raymond of Penafort  
**7:15 +Holy Souls in Purgatory**  
**1:15 pm +Deceased members of the Hammes family**
- SAT 1/8** Christmas Weekday  
**NO 7:15 Mass**  
**10:00 Women's Holy Hour**

### **BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

Celebrant: Father Aaron Becker

- SAT 1/8** **4:30 pm +Ralph Schwanbeck**  
Readers: Paulette Drozdowicz, Mary Saphner
- SUN 1/9** **8:00 Intention of Michael Mashak**  
Readers: Steve McGovern, Ruth Vanderploeg  
**10:00 For the People of the Parish**  
Readers: Bobbi Schaumberger, LuAnn Kratt

### **CONFESSIONS**

*Saturdays, 3:30-4:15  
or by appointment.*

### **EPIPHANY BLESSING OF THE HOME**

Epiphany means "manifestation." The first Epiphany was the visit of the Magi to adore the Christ Child. The gifts of the Magi reveal this Holy Child's identity: gold for Christ's Kingship, incense for His divinity, and myrrh for His sacrifice on the Cross. The Feast of the Epiphany will be celebrated next weekend. The blessing of homes (schools, places of employment, etc) on Epiphany revives the beautiful custom of making our homes sacramentals. This blessing of the home makes us more mindful, receptive, and cooperative with God's grace. It reminds us also that Christ is the One Who enlightens our hearts and homes with His love. He is the source of our hope, our comfort and our joy.

Check out the insert in today's bulletin

### **THURSDAY ROSARY, 6:30 PM**

Do you have a special intention and need Our Lady's intercession? Join us as we pray the Rosary Thursday evenings at 6:30 in the main church. Please use the alley handicap door.

## AROUND THE PARISH

### PILGRIMAGE FOR LIFE

January 19-23 in Washington DC  
All information is on the website:  
[diolc.org](http://diolc.org).

### SEMINARIANS TO PRAY FOR THIS WEEK

Sat Deacon Matthew Bowe  
Sun Deacon Steven Weller  
Mon Jared Clements  
Tues Alex Kren  
Wed Isaac Pecha  
Thurs John Zweber  
Fri David Nowicki

### 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.*

Consider offering an Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be for the seminarians on their special day, along with the Prayer for Vocations.

**WOMEN'S HOLY HOUR**  
**Saturday, January 8, 10:00**  
**in church.**  
**See you there. Bring a friend.**

### WARMING CENTER

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Catholic Charities site

Our parish is joining with Roncalli Newman to provide food & volunteers on Saturdays nights.

\*10-12 volunteers; 2 for food  
\*guests will be quarantined if they exhibit COVID symptoms; other health safety precautions will be in place

\*limited to 30 guests/night

To sign up contact:

[anthonyweisse@gmail.com](mailto:anthonyweisse@gmail.com) or check the parish website

### MEDITATION FOR EMOTIONAL HEALTH

#### Thursdays, Jan 6 and Feb 3

**6:30-7:30 pm** via Zoom only

Guided meditation is proven to reduce stress and promote relaxation.

Sister Sarah Hennessey, FSPA,  
facilitator

Register online at [www.FSCenter.org](http://www.FSCenter.org).

Below is a list of the members of the "army" who showed up to handle decorating the church for Christmas. A few others came and remain nameless. All are thanked most sincerely.

Joe Bennett John Reiman  
Mark Steingraeber  
The Hancock family  
Donna & Wayne Levi  
Ken Hanson Jack Kallies  
Dave Sweeney Jim Fowler  
Joe Francksen

### ICE CREAM BUCKETS NEEDED

*Drop off your buckets and lids at the parish kitchen or office. The funeral lunch crew thanks you in advance. All flavors welcome.*

### Formed.org

Whether you are a veteran in the spiritual life or just beginning, start this year off right by recommitting yourself to prayer. Join Drs. Tim Gray and Elizabeth Klein as they discuss ways to kickstart your prayer life this year. Check out the program FORMED Now! How to Pray on Formed.org.

## PARISH SUPPORT

### BUDGET

#### July 1, 2021- June 30, 2022

Needed Weekly	\$13,000
Received Dec 19	\$11,014
Dec 25	\$16,363
Dec 26	\$16,091

*A snowflake is Frost's baby picture.*

### COMING UP

Jan 3 Fr. Raj. Leaves for India  
Jan 5 Parish gathering on Synodality;  
6:00 pm  
No Religious Education Classes  
Jan 7 Memorial Mass for Fr. Raj's  
Mother – celebrated by him in India  
Jan 8 Women's Club Holy Hour, 10:00  
Jan 9 Little Flowers girls/moms, 11:30  
Jan 10-16 Our week for Mobile Meals  
Jan 12 Religious Ed classes  
Jan 19-23 Pilgrimage for Life  
Mar 26 First Confession, 9:00  
Apr 20 Confirmation, 6:30 pm  
May 1 First Communion, 10:00

## COMING UP

### SIGNATURE AD FOR RIGHT TO LIFE

The ad will appear in the Tribune on January 23. If you would like your name to appear, please sign on the sheet in the Narthex. To help defray the cost, a donation in any amount is appreciated.

Please PRINT your name so the spelling is correct.

### POINSETTIA DONATIONS

Thanks to all who purchased poinsettia plants to decorate our sanctuary for Christmas. We missed mentioning that Tom Gee's parents, Earl and Lucille, were also remembered with a plant. And Barb Schmitz gave a plant remembering Greg and Sue Schmitz.

### RETURN

This New Year resolve to help your loved ones RETURN to their Catholic Faith. 6.5 people leave the Catholic Church for every one who joins, and 50% of the young people who were raised Catholic are no longer Catholic today. This course is designed as a game plan so you can make a difference in these statistics and help your loved ones return to the Faith. Sessions meet weekly at St. James, St. Patricks, the Cathedral, here at BSP, and as a home study. The cost is just \$8.00, including the study guide.

Information on times and locations on the bulletin boards in church, on the Parish Website, or call the office, 782-2953, ext. 2.

Recently the Holy Father asked all the parishes in the world to consider some important questions for the universal church.

The Holy Father has called a synod; that is a meeting of bishops gathered to discuss a topic of theological or pastoral significance, to prepare a document of advice or counsel to the pope.

Pope Francis wants us to join him in praying, listening, discerning, examining ourselves personally, and the Church communally, to see if we're truly on the path Jesus has set for His beloved bride, His mystical body, the Church.

In this process it is understood

- The energy and direction driving the Church comes from the Holy Spirit, not ourselves.
- While in the world, we are not of the world, and thus our guiding principles come from the Gospel, revelation, and of settled Church teaching.

The Vatican announced in May that the **Synod on Synodality** would open with a diocesan phase lasting from October 2021 to April 2022. A second, continental phase will take place from September 2022 to March 2023. The third, universal phase will begin with the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, dedicated to the theme "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission," at the Vatican in October 2023.

In order to focus our efforts at Blessed Sacrament parish level the extensive list of original questions that was proposed by Rome has been narrowed down to seven. These questions were selected by members of our parish Pastoral Council as the ones that are most germane to the Blessed Sacrament Parish faith community.

In December at a joint session of the parish finance and pastoral council we plan to gather your input on these important questions. Then in early January we will have sessions inviting the entire parish community to offer their input as well. After all the groups have met the parish will produce a summary of the discussions for the diocese. Blessed Sacrament input will be incorporated into a summary report for the entire Diocese of LaCrosse summary. The summary from all the diocese in the United States will then be additionally summarized.

In order to provide the best input, we can to the diocese please consider the following attached questions. Remember that are responses are not just matters of personal opinion but are the workings of the Holy Spirit in our parish.

Attached you will find the questions for consideration for Blessed Sacrament Parish for our discussion on **January 5, 2022 at 6 PM in the parish center.**

Thank you and God Bless

### **Synod questions Blessed Sacrament Parish:**

#### **LISTENING**

- What facilitates or inhibits our listening?
- What are some limitations in our ability to listen, especially to those who have different views than our own?

#### **CELEBRATION**

- How do prayer and liturgical celebrations actually inspire and guide our common life and mission in our community?
  - How do they inspire the most important decisions?

#### **SHARING RESPONSIBILITY FOR OUR COMMON MISSION**

- What areas of mission are we neglecting?

#### **DIIALOGUE IN CHURCH AND SOCIETY**

- What particular issues in the Church and society do we need to pay more attention to?

#### **AUTHORITY AND PARTICIPATION**

- How does our Church community identify the goals to be pursued, the way to reach them, and the steps to be taken?

#### **FORMING OURSELVES IN SYNODALITY**

- How does our church community form people to be more capable of "walking together," listening to one another, participating in mission, and engaging in dialogue?