



Blessed Sacrament Parish

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Your words,
O Lord, are

Spirit & Life



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January 23, 2022 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 23, 2022

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

More than 37 million people in the United States live in poverty. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development supports those living in poverty by funding programs that empower local communities to address the challenges they face. It identifies and addresses the unique obstacles people face as they work to lift themselves and their communities out of poverty. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain in our Diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. By supporting this collection, you are giving those on the margins a hand up, not a handout.

People with disabilities are among the most vulnerable members of society. Due to the challenges they face in all aspects of life – from jobs to housing, from transportation to health care access – people with disabilities have a poverty rate of about 20%.

Here is an example of how these funds helped the disabled. In 2020, when the COVID-19 pandemic struck, people with disabilities were particularly vulnerable to sickness due to conditions in care facilities and a lacking of protective gear. With funding from the CCHD, material assistance in the form of protective gear and cash assistance, plus outreach by conducting meetings online rather than in person, the disabled in many locations were greatly helped.

Date for this collection: January 29/30

MASS INTENTIONS

It is a blessing when a Mass can be offered for someone dear. When you contact the parish office to arrange for Masses, be aware that our parish reserves Masses on this basis: 3 Masses may be offered for the same person on specific dates, 1 being on a weekend or holiday, and 2 during the week. These are scheduled at least 6 weeks apart. Additional Masses for that person will be scheduled when there are openings for Mass intentions. It is especially helpful when Masses are requested without a specific date attached. All Mass stipends are \$10.

January 24 - 30, 2022

MASS INTENTIONS

This week's reader: Les LaChine

- MON 1/24** Francis de Sales
7:15 +Mike Coulombe
- TUES 1/25** Conversion of St. Paul
7:15 +Liz Nutter
- WED 1/26** Timothy & Titus
7:15 +Carol Burkhardt
8:15 Intention of the Gilkes family
- THUR 1/27** Weekday; Angela Merici
7:15 +Dan Crowley
- FRI 1/28** Thomas Aquinas
7:15 +Mary Leveille
- SAT 1/29** Weekday: BVM
NO 7:15 Mass

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Celebrant: Father Aaron Becker

- SAT 1/29** **4:30 pm +Robert & +Dorothy Opitz**
Server: Bobby S.
Reader: Paulette Drozdowicz
Rosary Leader: Mary Schuttenhelm
- SUN 1/30** **8:00 For the People of the Parish**
Servers: Jackson & Jonny W.
Readers: Barb Swieciak, Mark Steingraeber
Rosary Leaders:
10:00 Intention of Becky Potts
Servers: Maria & Michael J.
Readers: Ted Riley, Natalie Bennett
Rosary Leaders: Les & Terry LaChine

CONFESSIONS

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

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.

MEN'S GATHERING

Tuesday, February 8, 6:00, Parish Center
Mark your calendar. Come for prayer & learning.

Men's Prayer:

Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for Your love and mercy. I pray, Lord, that we might be worthy servants for You. Holy Spirit, guide us, help us to be holy men, men of virtue, men of prayer, men of faith, men of love, men of hope, and men of discipline. May we continue to strive to become the best version of ourselves. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

AROUND THE PARISH

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

Father Raj and all our priests are an amazing help in our spiritual growth. Without them we would not have the sacraments to help us on our journey to Heaven. Every Wednesday at 1:30 you are invited to join us as we pray for priests. Call Barb Clements at 608-782-5777 to get the details. We would love to have you!

Empty ice cream buckets and lids may be dropped off in the parish office, the Narthex, or the Parish Center kitchen. The funeral lunch crew says: thanks. By the way, egg cartons and brown paper grocery bags are so appreciated at Wafer. We'll take them off your hands, too.

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

Feb 5 & 6

Pope Saint John Paul II instituted this day of prayer in 1997 to highlight the gift of the consecrated persons to the whole church. It is celebrated close to Feb 2, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, Candlemas Day, when the candles used at Mass are blessed. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus to the world. WE ARE, TOO!

BLOOD DRIVE

HERE AT OUR PARISH

Friday, February 11, 11-4 pm
Check the flyer on the bulletin board or our parish website for information on signing up
Give blood; give life!

WARMING CENTER

3rd 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 or check the parish website

REST IN PEACE

+Sam Smith
son of Fran Smith
+Deacon Richard Sage

\$CRIP NEWS

Could you help with our flourishing \$crip program by being a seller after a weekend Mass once a month? Call the office to let us know when you are available. 782-2953, ext. 1

Formed.org

St. Francis de Sales became a hero during the Catholic Reformation for his pastoral care and spiritual writings. In *Francis de Sales: Pastor of Souls*, join Dr. Chris Blum as he walks through the life of this great saint, who is celebrated on January 24. Check it out on Formed.org.

BABY BOTTLES FOR BIRTHRIGHT

Birthingright gives people facing a troubling or unexpected pregnancy hope and support. Help the volunteers with your donations. Take a baby bottle home, and through the next few weeks put your spare change in the bottle. Return the bottle to church in February or send a check to Birthingright through our parish. Pray for the moms, dads, and those little precious gifts they are given.

PARISH SUPPORT

BUDGET

July 1, 2021- June 30, 2022

Needed Weekly	\$13,000
Received Jan 16	\$8,623

I wonder what the part of my brain that memorized phone numbers is doing nowadays.

COMING UP

Jan 23 Pro-life ad in TRIBUNE
Jan 26 Religious Ed classes
Jan 30 Collection for Catholic Campaign for Human Development
Jan 30 - Feb 4 Catholic Schools Week
Feb 5-6 World Day for Consecrated Life
Feb 11 Blood Drive at BSP
Feb 14-20 Our week for Mobile Meals
Mar 26 First Confession, 9:00
Apr 20 Confirmation, 6:30 pm
May 1 First Communion, 10:00

COMING UP

ANGELS OF MERCY

PRAYER GOUP

If you or someone you know is seriously ill, facing surgery, or needs prayers, please contact the Parish Office so our ANGELS OF MERCY Prayer Group can be notified. If you would like to join this army of pray-ers, let the office know, as well.

FATHER JOSEPH WALIJEWSKI

LEGACY GUILD

The children at Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II in Peru will pray for your intentions at the grave of beloved Padre Jose. Send those intentions and a monetary gift by check, if you wish, to the above Guild at P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, 54602.

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.

AROUND TOWN

SEPARATING THE WHEAT FROM THE CHAFF IN OUR LIVES:

Upheaval, Deep Listening, New Paths

Jan 28-30, Silent Retreat

St. Anthony Retreat Center, Marathon

\$200

www.sarcenter.com; 715-443-2236

LEARNING TO LIVE AND LOVE BEYOND BIAS

Workshops presented by Rev. Christa Fischer

Tuesdays: Jan 25, Feb 1, 8, & 15, 6-8 pm

St. Anthony Retreat Center

Learn how bias is real and has a powerful and devastating impact on our lives.

Free will offering

www.sarcenter.com.

RETROVAILE PROGRAM

Help for struggling marriages

This is a 3-phase program that begins with a weekend stay in Wausau. Post sessions provide ongoing healing and support. Participants reflect and interact in privacy with their spouse; this is not group therapy. Costs are very affordable. Questions?

Go to: www.HelpOurMarriage.com, or call 877-922-4673.

The next session begins on Feb 18-20.

SEMINARIANS TO PRAY FOR THIS WEEK

Sat	John Duranso
Sun	Joseph Glatczak
Mon	Matthew Szymanski
Tues	Brian Ward
Wed	Kyle Lang
Thurs	Alex Radtke
Fri	Someone God is calling

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

If you or someone you know is interested in discovering more about a call to the priesthood, please contact me: Father Nate Kuhn, Director of Vocational Recruitment for the Diocese of La Crosse, 3710 East Ave. S, PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004; or phone 608-791-2667.

MEDITATION FOR EMOTIONAL HEALTH

Thursday, February 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. or 608-791-5295.

No charge for this program

January is National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month

Human trafficking can be described as a form of modern slavery, where victims, either male or female, are forced into commercial sex and/or labor. Victims come from any socioeconomic group, race, culture, religion, ethnic background or age. There are 25 different types of trafficking, forced labor, forced marriage, exploitive begging or pornography, to name a few. Many are online-driven.

NAVIGATING TOGETHER: A GRIEF RETREAT

Sat, Jan 29, 9-4:00, in person, Franciscan Spirituality Ctr

Facilitator: Jean Pagliaro; \$50, includes lunch (some financial help available)

Grieving the death of a loved one involves many difficult challenges. This day provides time for discussion, reflection, creative personal opportunities, and introduction to paths that might be part of healing.

Go to: FSCenter.org or 608-791-5295.

THE AMERICAN PROPHETS SERIES

Thurs, Jan 27: Thomas Mertons

6:30-8:00 pm; in person or Zoom; free will offering

Presenter: Tony Pichler

Thomas Mertens, a 20th century Trappist monk from Kentucky, was one of the most influential voices of our time. (Feb 10: Dorothy Day; April 7: Abraham Joshua Herschel, Fannie Lou Hamer, & Henri Nouwen)

MAKING SENSE OF LIFE'S CHANGES

Sat, Feb 12, 9-noon, in person, Franciscan Spirituality C

Presenters: Mike Hesch & Romona Schmelzer

\$40; deadline Feb 9

Change is inevitable, and even positive changes can pose challenges. Learn helpful strategies to guide you on the path to joyful acceptance.

Go to: FSCenter.org, or 608-791-5295

FIRST SATURDAY AT THE SHRINE

February 5

11:15 meditation on one of the mysteries of the Rosary; 11:45 Rosary prayed; 12:15 Mass. Confession opportunity before and after Mass.