



Blessed Sacrament Parish

Pastor
Rev. Peter Raj

Deacon
David Allen



Blessed Sacrament Parish
Office: 782.2953 | Fax: 785.1064

Email: office@bsplacrosse.org

Web: bsplacrosse.org

Address: 130 Losey Blvd.,
La Crosse, WI 54601

Blessed Sacrament School
Principal Kay Berra
Office: 782.5564 | Fax: 782.7765

Aquinas Catholic Schools
Office: 784.8585

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME January 26, 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 26, 2020

January 27 – February 2, 2020

Dear Blessed Sacrament Parishioners,

HAPPY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK! Here's a little trivia for you. Did you know that the Diocese of La Crosse has 67 Catholic schools serving 6,581 students in 3 year old Kindergarten to Grade 12? This weeklong celebration allows our students, staff, and families to step back and recognize what a gift Catholic education really is and celebrate that! We hope to share with the whole community what our schools offer to the community as far as education, service, and faith. We also continue to recognize that the opportunity for Catholic education is made available only because of your commitment as supporting parishioners. We thank you and invite you to join in our celebration of all the good things going on in our schools and parishes! Here are some highlights of the week that you might like to attend:

Tuesday, January 28, 2020 - Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas, Patron of Catholic Schools

*All students of Aquinas Catholic Schools will gather at the Reinhart Athletic Complex at 9 a.m. for Mass with Bishop Callahan.

*Students from Cathedral School will join with those at Blessed Sacrament for shared games and activities in the afternoon.

Wed., January 29

* 6 p.m. at the Aquinas High School Theatre you can see the **Religion Quiz Bowl Championship** with teams from eight area Catholic elementary schools showcasing their knowledge of the Catholic faith.

This week, specifically at Blessed Sacrament School, students will be able to participate in 2 workshops for a total of 12 hours each that cover topics like Building Machines, Archery, Dance, Pottery, Lego Engineering, Drama/Theatre, Puzzles and Problem Solving, Crocheting, Wisconsin Wildlife Biology, Animal Wellness, Music Adventures, Cribbage and Other Card Games, and Our Planet-Our Community-Our School. There will be activities, guest speakers, and field trips incorporated into the workshops. We are still looking for a few crocheting volunteers to help guide the students. Call school if you are able to help out. We look forward to a great week!

Kay Berra, School Principal

EUCCHARIST:
READER: Kristine Gerke

MON 1/27 Weekday: Angela Merici
7:30 **+Wenzel Dvorak**
Servers: Don Flynn, Mike Vanderploeg

TUES 1/28 Thomas Aquinas
7:30 **+Don Gallagher**
Server: Andy Nordeen

WED 1/29 Weekday
9:00 **+Robert & Dorothy Opitz**

THU 1/30 Weekday
7:30 **+Maxine Kroner**
Servers: Johnny & Jackson Woolever

FRI 1/31 John Bosco
7:30 **+Margaret Simon**
Servers: Harry Griffith, Rachel Egan

SAT 2/1 Weekday; BVM

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

SAT 2/1 4:30 +Vernadine Drozdowicz
Celebrant: Fr. Al Wierzba MC: Gabe Trussoni
Servers: Maria & Michael Johnson, Craig
Readers: Dave & Mary Jo Reinders
Petitions:
Eucharist: Cheryl & Tom Horvath, Anne & Tom Gees,
Christi Nelson
Ushers: Dick Stelmach, Tony Flottmeyer, Kay Nix, David
Sweeney
Offering family:
Rosary Leaders: Mary Jo & Dave Reinders

SUN 2/2 8:00 Intention of Mariasamy family (Fr. Raj's)
Celebrant: Fr. Al Wierzba MC: Mike Vanderploeg
Servers: Skemps
Readers: Dan Skemp, Donna Levi
Petitions:
Eucharist: Helen Flynn, Jean Kachel, Kathleen Hanson,
Erin & Tad Strittmater
Ushers: Bill Chamberlain, Mike Watunya, Bruce Simones,
Thomas Keil
Offering Family:
Rosary Leader: Irm White-Drier

10:00 For the People of the Parish
Celebrant: Fr. Al Wierzba MC: William Arnold
Servers: Caleb Bennett, Parks Tobin, Teddy Uehling
Readers: Dave Weinberger, Kris Gerke
Petitions: Livia Tobin
Eucharist: Fran Sauer, Mary Kay Richert, Kathy Hancock,
Brian Fukuda, Bud Lee
Ushers: Terry Felt, Tom Richert, LuAnn Kratt, Mark Hyde
Offering Family:
Rosary Leaders: Fran & Greg Sauer

AROUND THE PARISH

Thanks so much to the following folks who helped take the trees and Christmas decorations down in church:

Jerry & Sandy Borreson
Peter & Paulette Drozdowicz
Ken Hanson Nick Nicks
Mark Steingraeber Dave Sweeney
Jack Kallies Pat Thompson
Mary Beth Vach

And another thank you to Bob Skemp for allowing your beautiful trees to be used in church. Weren't they lovely!

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

+Fred Yutuc, former parishioner

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.

Thanks to the Confirmation Candidates and all their helpers for a delightful evening on Saturday. The annual Parish Dinner was again a great time!

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

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

WARMING CENTER

Saturday, February 1
Our parish supplies the helpers on the First Saturdays. There is need for overnight volunteers this coming Saturday. Check the sign-up in the Narthex.

\$CRIP NEWS

Phone orders: 782-2953, ext. 6.

Email orders: SCRIP@

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

On January 28 we celebrate the feast day of Saint Thomas Aquinas, Doctor of the Church. Matt Fradd's podcast "Pints with Aquinas" offers us an episode with 12 quaint stories about this saint to honor him on his feast day. Listen to "Pints with Aquinas - 12 stories about Aquinas" this week.

Use our code: K2768J

THE SAINT JOSEPH TABLE March 19

Watch for more info on this parish gathering.

PARISH SUPPORT

BUDGET

July 1, 2019- June 30, 2020

Needed Weekly	\$13,000
Received Jan 19	5,546

BIRTHRIGHT BABY BOTTLE FUND-RAISER

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

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

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

Tuesday, February 28

Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas
You are invited to the Founder's Day Mass at Aquinas at 9:00 with all the students & Bishop Callahan.

AROUND TOWN

GIVEN, RETREAT FOR COUPLES PLANNING MARRIAGE OR ALREADY MARRIED

Rescheduled date: Sat, Feb 1,
at Mary, Mother of the Church

SATURDAY MORNING EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

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.

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>.

TO BECOME A SOLDIER OF CHRIST PUTTING ON THE ARMOR OF GOD

Saturday, February 15, 5 pm

Marian Chapel at the Cathedral

Presentations by Raymond de Souza

Special presentations for Confirmation and for all who wish to understand how to defend our Faith with Chivalry.

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.

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

*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 was 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

LECTIO EUCHARIST

Classes begin this week at these locations:

Mon: Murphy Hall at St. James, 8:45-10:15

Tues: here at BSP, 8:15-9:45 in Parish Center

Crucifixion, La Crescent, 6:30-8:00

St. Patrick, Onalaska, 6:30-8:00, parish basement

Wed: Holy Trinity Leo Hall, 1:00-2:30

Thurs: St. Patrick, 9:15-10:45

Viterbo, 3:00-4:30 in Murphy Center

MMOC, 6:30-8:00 in Parish Hall

Newman, 7:00-8:30 in church basement

Fri: Cathedral, 10:00-11:30 undercroft

To register call Amy, 783-0847 or dcapelli@charter.net