



Blessed Sacrament Parish

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LORD, YOU ESTABLISH PEACE FOR US;
all that we have accomplished you have done for us.

Isaiah 26:12

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME January 31, 2021

MASS SCHEDULE

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

CONFESSION

Saturday 3:30-4:15 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

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*

Offering Families: *Call the office to volunteer*

Rosary Leader Schedule:

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, Loretta Clarkin

January 29, 2021

February 1-7, 2021

WEEKDAY MASS TIME CHANGED
7:15 Monday-Friday

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
January 2

This Feast, which we will celebrate on Tuesday this week, was first observed in the Eastern Church as "The Encounter," no doubt because of the appearance of the Prophetess Anne and the sage Simeon in the Temple as Mary and Joseph took their 40-day-old son Jesus to present Him to the Lord. In the sixth century, it began to be observed in the West: in Rome with a more penitential character and in Gaul with solemn blessings and processions with candles, hence it's name "Candlemas Day." It was also known as the Feast of the Purification of Our Lady, as Mary would have followed the Mosaic Law in going to the Temple at this time for the rite of purification following birth. In 1969 the Church officially renamed the feast the Presentation of the Lord; it marks the official closing of the Christmas Season. (information from CatholicCulture.org)

The Gospel for this day is so full of material for mediation. Read it: Luke 2: 22-40
*Mary and Joseph take Jesus to the Temple in **accord with the Law** they lived by: "Every first-born male shall be consecrated to the Lord."
*They came as a **poor** couple bringing the meager offering of turtledoves and pigeons.
*Simeon, it says, was a good man who was waiting for the Savior when he went to the Temple. Upon seeing the Holy Family, he was inspired by the Holy Spirit calling **Jesus the Light** that is revealed to believers and unbelievers alike. (The Light of the World) He further addressed Mary as one who would suffer, offering us the path to take our cares to her.
*Then there's 84-year-old Anna the Prophetess, one of those unique persons God plants in our world. She lived in the temple, offered her prayer and fasting daily. Isn't it amazing to think how God provided her with the inspiration to proclaim that this 40-day-old Baby would provide the means of **our redemption!** Perhaps our own prayer could open our eyes so fully.
*Mary and Joseph left this awe-struck encounter to **live simply** in Nazareth as the Savior grew "in size and strength, filled with wisdom. And the grace of God was upon Him."

MASS INTENTIONS

FACE MASKS ARE REQUIRED IN CHURCH

- MON 2/1 7:15 Weekday
+Ed Trussoni
- TUES 2/2 7:15 Presentation of the Lord
+Sylvia LuChou
- WED 2/3 7:15 Weekday; Blaise; Ansgar
+Lyra Heath & +Sister Joann Kelzer
2:20 Ernie Micek
- THU 2/4 7:15 Weekday
+Howard A. Bradley
8:15 Intention of Earl Newton

Grade School children will be attending Mass
Wednesdays at 2:20 & Thursdays at 8:15.
These Masses ARE NOT OPEN to others.

- FRI 2/5 7:15 Agatha
+Matt & +Tom Coloumbe
- SAT 2/6 Paul Miki & Companions
NO 7:15 Mass

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Celebrant: Monsignor Steven Kachel
Assisting: Deacon Allen and MC
No altar servers; No Eucharistic Ministers

- SAT 2/6 4:30 +Wilfred & +Victoria Lansing
- SUN 2/7 8:00 +For the People of the Parish
10:00 +Luke Schnellbacher

The Rosary is prayed before our weekend Masses
beginning about 20 minutes before Mass starts.
The leaders Feb 6 & 7:

- 4:30 Reinders
- 8:00 Irm White-Drier
- 10:00

CONFESSIONS
Saturdays, 3:30-4:15
Or call for an appointment

PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION
My Jesus, I believe that You are present
in the Blessed Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire You with all my heart.
Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally,
I ask You to come spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already in my heart
and unite myself to You completely.
Please do not let me ever be separated from You.
Amen.

AROUND THE PARISH

PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Monday – Thursday:
9am – noon and 1-4 pm
Friday:
9am-noon; closed in pm

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

January 31 – February 5
Heartfelt thanks to all who help provide the excellent education our children receive in our Catholic Schools. God bless you all!

If you would like the name of a relative who has died to be printed in the bulletin, please call the office, making sure we have the correct spelling.

BSP CONFIRMANDI 2021

Elizabeth Bagniefski	Kaitlin Groth
Jacob Hillebrand	Gregory Kusmitch
Damien Lee	Aaron Lepak
Zachary Morgan	Jack Murphy
Alexandra Roupe	Robert Skemp
Henry Suttie	Esmeralda Valera
	Estella Weisse

Please keep them in your prayers.

BLESSED CANDLES

On Tuesday there will be a blessing of all the candles we use during the Liturgical year in church. This reflects the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord when Simeon called Jesus "the Light."

Blessed candles for home use will be available through the week for a nominal cost. Many families light blessed candles as they pray together, and many light them and pray for safety during very bad weather.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR THOSE LIVING THE CONSECRATED LIFE

On February 2 we send special prayers heavenward for those who have dedicated themselves to ministry as Consecrated persons in the world. This reflects the Gospel of the day where we encounter Simeon and Anna, both spending their time in prayer for others, i.e. "professional prayer-ers."

SCRIP NEWS

Masks are required face-wear.
Stop in to place your order or call the Scrip office at 782-2953, ext. 1, or email orders: SCRIP@bsplacrosse.org so your order is ready when you stop by. Thanks to our volunteer Scrip sellers. Aquinas families, remember that the full 100% of the rebate can be applied to your tuition bill.
Office volunteer needed: Tuesdays, 9-noon. Call if you can help.

FORMED.org

As we celebrate the martyrdom of Paul Miki and his companions this week, Formed.org invites you to learn more about a modern martyr from the United States: Blessed Stanley Rother. Join us as we consider this ordinary man who loved extraordinarily. Formed.org has made it exceptionally easy to log in and find what you are looking for.

ROSARY LEADERS BEFORE WEEKEND MASSES NEEDED. Call the office.

PARISH SUPPORT

BUDGET

July 1, 2020- June 30, 2021

Needed Weekly	\$13,000
Received Jan 24	5,443

COMING UP

Feb 3 Religious Education class
Feb 8-14 Our week for Mobile Meals
Feb 12 Fr. Raj returns from India
Feb 13 Our parish mans the Warming Center

When Father returns from India a decision about when to celebrate First Reconciliation and First Communion will be made. He would like to have the latest information about COVID-19. The Diocese has not made a determination about Confirmation.

*Over WHAT hill?
I don't remember ANY hill.*

COMING UP

VIRTUAL MEN'S LENTEN RETREAT

Sat, Feb 20, 9-11:00 am
Presenters: Fr. Sam Martin and Mr. Pat Brueggen
Topic: Saint Joseph as a model for husbands and fathers.
This is an opportunity for men of our parish to gather together for a spiritual boost with time afterward for reflection & discussion. Or one can participate alone at home, as well.

Those Box Tops for Education are still used to obtain special items for school and help finance events that aren't in the budget. Drop them off in the basket in the Narthex.

INTENTIONS FOR MASSES IN 2021

There are many open dates available for Mass intentions for 2021.

Call the parish office at 782-2953, ext. 2, or stop in to schedule Masses. DO NOT leave your requests on voice mail; you must contact Elizabeth Skemp. One person may request 3 Masses for someone during the next year, one on the weekend, a holyday or a holiday, and 2 during the week. The dates must be a minimum of 6 weeks apart. The stipend is \$10 per Mass.

If you or someone you know is seriously sick, facing surgery, or needs prayers, please call the office so our ANGELS OF MERCY PRAYER GROUP can be notified.

AROUND TOWN

MARRIAGE PREPARATION RETREATS

The La Crosse Deanery, which consists of 14 area parishes, will be offering *Married Love: Two Becoming One*, a marriage preparation retreat for engaged couples, on February 6, April 24, and July 10, 2021. These retreats will take place at Mary, Mother of the Church Parish in La Crosse. Couples must register at least one month prior to the retreat. To register you may email Mari at mnerickson95@gmail.com or leave a voice message at 608-518-7655.

CHRIST, OUR CORNERSTONE

Restoring our Mother Church,

St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral

Brochures with giving information and background are available in the Narthex of church or the parish office. Needed repair work and updating of the Cathedral has begun. Because the Cathedral serves as the central church for all of us in the Diocese, we are invited and encouraged to join in financing this project.

MEDITATION FOR EMOTIONAL HEALTH (via Zoom)

First Thursdays of the month, 6:30-7:30 pm

Free guided meditation sessions.

Register at FSCenter.org

LENTEN SERIES

Becoming the Eucharist We Celebrate

Wednesdays in Lent beginning Feb 17

1:30-3:30 pm

St. Anthony Retreat Center, Marathon

Free will offering; come as often as you can

Face covering required.

HEROIC MEN WEBSITE

Free Catholic streaming platform for Catholic men who want to discover (or rediscover) the truth, beauty, and goodness of our Catholic Faith. There are films, TV shows, documentaries and short films.

AQUINAS SCHOOLS ENROLLMENT FOR 2021-22

At Aquinas Catholic Schools your child will be ready to succeed in literacy, faith development, social skills, and preparing them for the future. We provide our students with an excellent education, but we also help them grow in spirit and embrace virtues that will stay with them throughout their life. To learn more or schedule a virtual visit call 608-784-8585 or go to: aquinascatholicsschools.org.

Please keep our parishioners and your loved ones who are in nursing home care in your prayers.

LANGUAGE OF THE EMOTIONS

St. Anthony Retreat Center, Marathon

Elizabeth Lewis, facilitator

(www.elizabeth-lewis-coach.com)

Learn how to judge your emotions, embrace your feelings, and skillfully work with others.

3 pm Fri, Feb 19 – 4:30 Mass Sat, Feb 20

info@sarcenter.com; 715-443-2236

ART AS PRAYER

February 15, 6-7:30 pm

No art experience is necessary

Instructor: Mary Thompson

Zoom teleconferencing

Register at FSCenter.org, or call 791-5295

The Lighthouse Catholic CDs and books are in the entrance to the Adoration Chapel. Check out the titles and subjects.

NEED A LITTLE ALONE TIME?

Why not treat yourself to a weekend retreat in one of the 3 cozy hermitages set on the edge of the woodlands in scenic St. Joseph Ridge? This is an ideal setting to experience silence and solitude, spend time with nature, connect with God, or simply rest. There are miles of hiking trails to enjoy, birdwatch, or photograph. The hermitages will reopen in March. You can find out more at FSCenter.org; 608-791-5295.

SEMINARIANS TO PRAY FOR THIS WEEK

Mon	Deacon Arturo Viguera
Tues	Deacon Eric Mashak
Wed	Deacon Timothy Reither
Thurs	Matthew Bowe
Fri	Steven Weller
Sat	Jared Clements
Sun	Alex Kren

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