



Blessed Sacrament Parish

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EPIPHANY OF THE LORD January 5, 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 5, 2020

LECTIO: EUCHARIST

Why join us for this study/prayer program?
Here is what past participants have to say.

Bob Conzemius: I found Brad Pitre's in-service on discovering the Mass in the Bible as inspiring and thought-provoking experience. **It relieved many of my anxieties concerning the church's teachings and made me feel honored to be a Catholic.**

Patrick Ferguson: What an eye-opener! The Lectio Eucharist program has taken me much farther in understanding the Mass than I had been before the course. **There are so many 'ah-ha' moments that I never was aware of as a Catholic.**

Kathy Spelker: Of all the programs presented, this was the best. I have greater understanding of the Eucharist and appreciation for the Mass. **I am now able to better express what we do at Mass and why.**

Rita Netwal: The Lectio Eucharist program was very informative and spiritually enriching. It has deepened my appreciation and understanding of the Mass. The prefigurations from the Old Testament to the New Testament were amazing. God's plan for our salvation is made known. **Our worthy reception of the Eucharist is our promise of eternal life.**

Brook White: This program has BLOWN MY MIND and opened my eyes to the fact that the Mass and the Eucharist are the greatest miracles we will ever witness, and we are invited to be part of that every day. We are given the opportunity to unite ourselves with the Holy Trinity at every single Mass. This program is incredibly eye-opening, and **I would encourage everyone to participate.**

Kevin Seidel: I very much enjoyed the program. It was a wonderful way to put names with faces and get to know fellow parishioners. The program material is presented in a way that allows the average person to grow in faith. **Newbies need not to intimidated.**

The program will be offered on Tuesdays here at Blessed Sacrament parish, 8:15 – 9:45 am, beginning on Jan. 28. It will be offered at many other locations and times, as well. Check the poster in church for all the details. Hope to see you all!

January 6-12, 2020

EUCHARIST: Carolyn Steingraeber
READER: Donna Levi

- MON 1/6** Christmas Weekday, Andre Bessette
7:30 **+Maxine Garvalia**
Servers: Don Flynn, Mike Vanderploeg
- TUES 1/7** Christmas Weekday, Raymond of Penafort
7:30 **Intention of Mary Jo Werner**
Server: Andy Nordeen
- WED 1/8** Christmas Weekday
7:30 **+Maxine Kroner**
- THU 1/9** Christmas Weekday
7:30 **+Dale Needham**
Servers: Parks Tobin, Eva Willenbring
- FRI 1/10** Christmas Weekday
7:30 **+ Dan Crowley**
Servers: Marcus & Ryann Klar
- SAT 1/11** Christmas Weekday

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

- SAT 1/11 4:30 +Dr. Charles Skemp**
Celebrant: A Friar MC: Gabe Trussoni
Servers: Clay Berra, Greg Kusmitch, Alexa Myre
Readers: Paulette Drozdowicz, Mary Saphner
Petitions:
Eucharist: Holly Gorman, Loretta Clarkin, Susan Fukuda,
Mary Schuttenhelm, Luci Johnson
Ushers: Wayne Levi, Allan Fukuda, David Sweeney
Offering family: Kirk & Lynn Donsky
Rosary Leader: Mary Schuttenhelm
- SUN 1/12 8:00 For the People of the Parish**
Celebrant: A Friar MC: Mike Vanderploeg
Servers: Skemps
Readers: Steve McGovern, Ruth Vanderploeg
Petitions: Aubrey Strittmater
Eucharist: Florence Koenig, Marie Allen, Maggie Leon
Sandy Borreson, Mary Beth Vach
Ushers: LuAnn Kratt, Steve Flottmeyer, Mike Watunya,
John Gallagher
Offering Family: David & Jeannette Schreier & family
Rosary Leaders: Dave & Marie Allen
- 10:00 +Irene Wisong**
Celebrant: A Friar MC: William Arnold
Servers: Will Cambio, Caleb Bennett, Ted Uehling
Readers: Scott Dobertsein, Mark Steingraeber
Petitions:
Eucharist: Betty Roth, Kathy Curti, Caryl Doberstein,
Carol Steingraeber, Chris Sans Crainte
Ushers: Bob Roth, John Sullivan, Terry Gauger,
Kevin Campbell
Offering Family: Matt & Jennifer Cambio
Rosary Leaders: Les & Terry Lachine

AROUND THE PARISH

TAKING A STAND... MAKING A DIFFERENCE

The 47th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision which legalized abortion (Roe v. Wade, Jan 22, 1973) will soon be here.

We invite you to join other prolife members of our community in making a public statement of our belief in the sanctity of human life. The annual signature ad commemorating all of the precious lives lost to abortion will be in the La Crosse Tribune on Sunday, January 19th. If you would like to be included in this ad, sign the sheet in the Narthex, printing your name. Any donation will be gratefully accepted to help defray the cost of the ad.

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.

**WOMEN'S CLUB
HOLY HOUR
Saturday, January 11
10:00-11:00 am
In church
Start the year off right!**

Father Raj will be leaving for his month's stay back at his home in India this week and will return about February 6. This year his plan is to spend most of his time with his family, especially with his father who is dealing with tuberculosis. Please keep him in your prayers.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

We in the Mission Office want to thank you for being a source of hope in a world that seems more focused on despair. May God bless you for your financial contribution of \$1,038 and all your prayers. The Society for the Propagation of the Faith will be distributing the funds.

\$SCRIP NEWS

Phone orders: 782-2953, ext. 6.

Email orders: SCRIP@
bsplacrosse.org

You can upload \$scrip cards on your smartphone. Go to: MyScripWallet.com. You will need to email the \$scrip office here at the parish scrip@bsplacrosse.org and request our enrollment code.

FORMED.ORG

Last weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, and Formed.org has the resources for your entire family to grow in holiness. For kids there are the Brother Francis Christmas offerings as well as Kristoph and the First Christmas Tree. For moms and dads there are great marriage resources, including Marriage-God's Design for Life and Love. Whatever your state in life, start the New Year off right by taking advantage of all the great resources on Formed.org to bring you closer to Christ in the New Year. Use our code:K2768J.

PARISH SUPPORT

BUDGET

July 1, 2019- June 30, 2020

Needed Weekly	\$13,000
Received Dec 25	16,922
Dec 29	15,299

WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS

Lunch at Culvers
on Mormon Coulee Road
Tues, Jan 7, 11:30

Questions? Call Barb Schmitz, 788-1667
or Loretta Clarkin, 784-9917

COPING WITH CAREGIVING, ILLNESS, OR LOSS

The Rosary Support Group will meet on Wed, Jan 15, 10-11:30 in the Conference Room for prayer and friendship, and to gain strength as we share and seek wisdom with life's challenges. Use the entrance off the alley or the Losey hallway. Questions? Call Marcia Kolaczowski, 790-5342, or Margaret Cunningham, 782-3885.

COMING UP

Jan 4 & 5 Sign Right-to-Life ad for Tribune
Jan 6-Feb 6 Fr. Raj in India
Jan 7 Widows & Widowers, Culvers on Mormon Coulee Rd, 11:30
Jan 11 Morning of Reflection for BSP Women's Club, 10 am
Jan 11& 12 Sign Right-to-Life ad for Tribune
Jan 15 Rosary Support Group, 10 am
Jan 15 Movie "Unplanned" 6:30-8 :00 pm, Parish Center
Feb 9 Family meeting for 1st Communion & 1st Reconciliation, 9:00 in Conference Room
Mar 14 First Reconciliation, 9 am
Apr 15 Confirmation, 6:30 pm at the Cathedral
Apr 26 First Communion, 10:00 Mass

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.

MUSIC NOTES

REJOICE CHOIR will practice on Thurs, Jan 2, 5:30-6:30. The choir will sing at 4:30 Mass on Sat, Jan 4, and at 10:00 Mass on Sun, Jan 12. If you like to sing, join us. Remember, singing is praying twice.

FIRST

COMMUNION/RECONCILIATION FAMILY MEETING

Sunday, February 9, 9-10:00
Conference Room

Children planning to receive these sacrament 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.

AROUND TOWN

PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

*O God of new beginnings and wonderful surprises, thank you for the gift of a new year. May it be a time of grace for me, a time to grow in faith and love, a time to renew my commitment to follow Your Son, Jesus. May it be a year of blessing for me, a time to cherish my family and friends, a time to renew my efforts at work, a time to embrace my faith more fully. Walk with me, please, in every day and every hour of this new year, that the light of Christ might shine through me, in spite of my weaknesses and failings. Above all, may I remember this year that I am a pilgrim on the sacred path to You.
Amen*

PILGRIMAGE FOR LIFE Jan 22-26, 2020

Ages 13 and older

Consider joining young folks from around the country in traveling to Washington DC for this pro-life rally.

Chaperones are needed, as well.

All info at diolc.org/youth-opportunities

MARCH FOR LIFE IN CHICAGO

January 11

There is a bus leaving from Onalaska for this one-day pilgrimage. All info at: diolc.org/respect-life.

SATURDAY MORNING EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Following 8:00 am Mass until 9:15

Cathedral

The Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed.

All are invited to participate

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

TEA AND TRANQUILITY

Sat, Jan 11, 2-4 pm

Franciscan Spirituality Center

\$45/person includes refreshments and head and hand massages by Sitara Salon and Spa. Proceeds will fund a retreat for female survivors of human trafficking, domestic violence and sexual trauma.

Register at www.FSCenter.org or 791-5295.

GIVEN: UNVEILING THE MYSTERY OF MARRIAGE

A retreat for all couples – practical, Christ-centered, sacramental

Jan 18, 9-3:00, Mary, Mother of the Church

Couple cost: engaged-\$25/dating or married-\$40

Sponsored by the Diocesan Office for Marriage and Family Life

MOVIE "UNPLANNED"

Parents and children, ages 12 and older, come on Wed, Jan 15, 6:30-8:00.

This Prolife movie is the story of the conversion of Abby Johnson. It is an eye-opener.

It will be shown in our Parish Center.

There is no charge.

There will be time for discussion following the movie. If you have any concerns or questions call Marie Allen at 784-5189.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT HILLVIEW

Volunteers are needed to assist residents at Hillview with eating their evening meal, 4:30-6:00 pm.

Hillview is located at 3501 Parl Lane – behind Shelby ball fields

Contact Brooke Smith, 519-9363 or

brsmith@lacrossecounty.org

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.

MEDITATION FOR EMOTIONAL HEALTH

This group is open to anyone experiencing anxiety or depression; it offers meditation as a coping skill.

Gatherings are the second Thursday of the month.

Next session: Jan 9, 6:30-7:30 pm

Franciscan Spirituality Center

Free will offering

THE SOUND OF BOWLS

January 14, 5:30-6:30 pm

Tibetan singing bowls produce a soothing sound which can assist in relaxation and meditation.

Free-will offering.

Franciscan Spirituality Center

MEN'S SILENT RETREAT

Based on the life of St. Alphonsus Liguori.

Feb 21-23, St. Anthony's, Marathon

\$190 includes meals and lodging

www.sarcenter.com

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

*Aquinas High School: Mon, Jan 13, 6 pm(grades 9-12)

*Aquinas Middle School: Wed, Jan 15, 6 pm (grades 7 & 8)

*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