



Blessed Sacrament Parish

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January 9, 2022 Baptism 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

Parishioners,
The following are the topics that were discussed this past Wednesday at a gathering of parishioners. Our Holy Father will be convening a Synod, a meeting of all the world's Bishops in the Fall of 2023. The purpose is to discuss topics of theological and pastoral significance, gathering input from around the world. He asks that we join in praying, listening, discerning, examining ourselves personally and the Church communally, to see if we are truly on the path Jesus has set aside for His Bride, His mystical Body, the Church. By starting on a parish level, then on to regional and national levels, this discussion should be most vibrant, enlightening, and fruitful. Let us keep our shepherd, Holy Father Francis, the Bishops and priests, and all God's people in our prayers as we begin this new year.

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?

MASS INTENTIONS

This week's reader: Steve McGovern

- MON 1/10 Weekday
7:15 +*Stephen Pavela*
- TUES 1/11 Weekday
7:15 +*Joe & Rosemary Connell*
- WED 1/12 Weekday
7:15 +*Deceased members of the Ray & Florence Mashek family*
8:15 +*Henry Schneider*
- THUR 1/13 Weekday; Hilary
7:15 +*Charlie Brendel*
- FRI 1/14 Weekday
7:15 +*Robert Miller*
- SAT 1/15 Weekday; BVM
NO 7:15 Mass

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Celebrant: Father Aaron Becker

- SAT 1/15 4:30 pm +*Terri Levi*
Server: Kyle C.
Readers: Tom Kieffer, Joan Mueller
Rosary Leaders: Grainne & Ken Quillin
- SUN 1/16 8:00 Intention of Benjamin & Christina Thompson & family
Server: Bobby S.
Readers: Tom Michel, John Gallagher
Rosary Leader: Melissa Vach
10:00 For the People of the Parish
Servers: Ruby, Jack, & Charlee G.
Readers: Tony Weisse, Patti Keil
Rosary Leaders: Kevin & Helen Roop

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.

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!*

AROUND THE PARISH

UN-DECORATE CHURCH

after the 7:15 Mass

Monday, January 10

Oh, how many people commented on the beauty of church over this holy season! Thanks to everyone who made that possible. Thanks especially, Bernice Lansing and Carl Francksen, for directing the project. Please come to help un-do all that hard work on Monday after the 7:15 Mass. We need lots of hands.

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Dave & Patti Hanson

January 8

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!

CONGRATULATION AND WELL DESERVED

***Kay Berra, recipient of the Iverson-Freking Ecumenical Award**

***Brent Smith, La Crosse TRIBUNE Man of the Year**

ICON OF ST. JOSEPH

The Knights of Columbus will bring an icon of St. Joseph to our parish next week for veneration.

There will be a prayer service Tuesday, January 11, 7 pm in church. All are welcome.

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

+Larry Silha

brother of Sally Gerke; brother-in-law of Loretta Nockels; uncle of Brad & Terry Gerke and Michelle Dolan

+Lori Monk

niece of Ron & Ken Quillin

Formed.org

This week as we celebrate the Baptism of Our Lord it is a good time to remind ourselves of what this sacrament is all about. In *Changed Forever: The Sacrament of Baptism* renowned Catholic speaker Fr. Mike Schmitz explores the beautiful sacrament of Baptism and provides a wonderful presentation on the waters that give new life. Check it out on Formed.org.

BABY BOTTLES FOR BIRTHRIGHT

Birthright 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 by the end of Feb. 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 2	\$9,868

HUN-CLE: like a normal uncle but way better looking

COMING UP

Jan 9 Little Flowers girls/moms, 11:30
Jan 9-16 Signature Ad for Tribune ad
Jan 10 Take down Christmas trees and decorations in church, after 7:15 Mass
Jan 10 First gathering of RETURN 6:30 pm
Jan 10-16 Our week for Mobile Meals
Jan 11 Men's Gathering, 6 pm
Jan 11 Prayer Service, 7:00, venerate icon of St. Joseph
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.

MEN'S GATHERING

Tues, Jan 11, 6 pm
Conference Room

As always, bring your rosary so we can pray for each other's intentions and those of Mother Church. We will also discuss the Most Holy Name of Jesus and continue to explore *Mary at the Crossroads of History*. Questions? Contact David Schreier at djschreier@yahoo.com.

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, 2, & 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.

ART AS MEDITATION AND/OR PRAYER

Part of the Caregiver series
Wednesday, January 12, 1-2 pm, in person only
Presenter: Mary Thompson
No experience necessary
www.FSCenter.org

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.

\$CRIP NEWS

This past week a check for over \$6000 was delivered to Aquinas to help defray the tuition costs for several students of parish families. That amount was the profit of \$crip sales through the month of December. Pretty impressive!

Our \$crip program has been in place for many, many years. Because of it, families have gratefully benefitted from the sale of these gift cards. Through \$crip, our parish buys gift cards from businesses – local ones and national chains, even cruise lines and airlines – at a discount. Those cards are sold at their face value, and the profit is used to support Catholic education by reducing the tuition bill at the Aquinas Schools. Families, relatives, neighbors, and any other good hearted folks can purchase \$crip. The more, the merrier, and the more money to apply to tuition.

Before the pandemic we offered the opportunity to buy \$crip after the weekend Masses in the Narthex of church, in addition to buying in the parish office during office hours. What a nice convenient way to keep stocked up on groceries, gas, restaurant, home goods, and building supplies. We could again offer this convenience with enough good volunteers to handle those post-Mass sales. Could you offer your services once a month or more? Call the \$crip office to let us know. When we have the schedule filled, you'll all be the first to know. The phone number is 608-782-2953, ext. 1

A \$crip order form is available on our parish website so you can have it ready when you come to Saturday/Sunday Mass. Checks payable to Blessed Sacrament Scrip.

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

PILGRIMAGE FOR LIFE

January 19-23 in Washington DC
Keep the pilgrimage youth and chaperones in your prayers.