



Blessed Sacrament Parish

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16th & 17th Sundays in Ordinary Times July 19 & 26, 2020

MASS SCHEDULE

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

MCs: *Gabe Trussoni*
Mike Vanderploeg
William Arnold

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

Office Ass't Dir: *Elizabeth Skemp*

Finances: *Steve McGovern,*
Luci Johnson

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

July 19, 2020

July 26, 2020

MASS INTENTIONS FOR July 20 - 26, 2020

You are again invited to participate in the Mass on weekdays

- MON 7/20 7:30 Weekday; Apollinaris
+Marianne Pittman
- TUES 7/21 7:30 Weekday; Lawrence of Brindisi
+Ron Hammes
- WED 7/22 7:30 Mary Magdalene
+Ray & Genevieve Kelzer
- THU 7/23 7:30 Weekday; Bridget
+John & Helen Pavela
- FRI 7/24 7:30 Weekday; Sharbel Makhluf
+Don "Porky" Finn
- SAT 7/25 NO 7:30 Mass James
2:00 Nuptials Nicki Rink & Brandon Witzke

17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Celebrant: Father Raj
Assisting: Deacon Allen and MC
No altar servers
No Eucharistic Ministers

- SAT 7/25 4:30 *Intention of Karen Martin*
- SUN 7/26 8:00 *+Robert Saphner*
10:00 *For the People of the Parish*

STOP IN FOR QUIET PRAYER

Our church is open daily 7:30-4 pm. There is adequate room in church. It is sanitized daily.

The Adoration Chapel is open as well. Remember to keep social distancing.

Could you help after Masses with cleaning the church? There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex.

Questions about your faith or the liturgy? Visit our parish website or the questionnaire box in the back of church to fill out a form to get the answer you need. The answers by Father can be provided privately or during Mass. Please take advantage of this opportunity to increase the faithfulness in your life.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR July 27 – Aug 2, 2020

You are again invited to participate in the Mass on weekdays

- MON 7/27 7:30 Weekday
+Al Simon
- TUES 7/28 7:30 Weekday
Intention of Timothy Clements
- WED 7/29 7:30 Martha
+Marian Pavela
- THU 7/30 7:30 Weekday; Peter Chrysologus
+Georganna Mishler
- FRI 7/31 7:30 Ignatius of Loyola
Living & deceased members of Wit & Mary Spika Families
- SAT 8/1 NO 7:30 Mass Alphonsus Liguori

18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Celebrant: Father Raj
Assisting: Deacon Allen and MC
No altar servers
No Eucharistic Ministers

- SAT 8/1 4:30 *Intention of Barb Swieciak*
- SUN 8/2 8:00 *For the People of the Parish*
10:00 *+Lorraine Gallup*

WATCH MASS ON TV OR YOUR COMPUTER

Sundays: Channel 19 9:30 am
Also at diolc.org, the Diocesan YouTube channel, Facebook
These Masses were pre-recorded
EWTN
7:00 & 11:00 am; 6:00 pm

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays, 3:30-4:30
Or call Father Raj 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

Advent/Christmas Jar Project

Because of the uncertainty of these days, the Women's Club will not be hosting their annual Advent/Christmas Fair in November. The Fair has always included many unique gift and household items. The sharp-eyed shoppers from the Club could usually be found during the summer months gathering up bargains and one-of-a-kind treasures for the Fair. Since this cannot happen right now, the gals are reaching out to our parishioners to support their many good causes in another way. Find an empty jar, place it where you'll see it often, and empty your coin purse into it every now and then. The call will go out for those brimming full jars in the Fall. Thanks in advance from the BSP Women's Club.

FORMED.ORG

Although no one is traveling much these days, this week Formed.org offers a walk with some pilgrims on the "Way of St. James." This documentary follows the journey of several pilgrims who differ in culture and religious faith, but experience a pull towards this holy destination. Check it out virtually this week on Formed.org. Use our parish code: K2768J

THE ADORATION CHAPEL

The directive that only 2 people may be in the chapel at one time has been lifted. Please, however, be aware that the 6-foot social distancing suggestion remains in effect. Our church is open daily for private prayer, 7:30 – 4 pm.

USHERS NEEDED

As we return to congregating in church for Mass, the role of our ushers takes on many new dimensions. Several of our faithful ushers are choosing to "retire" at least for now, due to age. We would be so happy to hear from men AND women, high school age and older, who can fill this role on a once-a-month basis. Contact Tom Kratt, 796-2716. Email: thomaskratt@DOT.WI.gov.

Your email is needed to receive almost weekly updates from the parish, please email your address to: blsacparish@gmail.com.

SCRIP NEWS

\$SCRIP ORDERS WILL NOW BE FILLED. We ask you to call the \$scrip office at 782-2953, ext. 6, or email orders: SCRIP@bsplacrosse.org. We will fill orders within 2 days and let you know when yours is ready to be picked up. Our Parish Office is open daily 9:00-1 pm. Did you know that Rudy's gives us a whopping 20% profit on their cards? We have a mit-ful. Come and get 'em!

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults offers the opportunity for folks who are interested in becoming Catholic or completing their Sacraments of Initiation to study and pray together in preparation. Do you know someone who has expressed an interest in our Faith, learning more about the Catholic Church, or becoming Catholic? We will be offering the RCIA program.

REST IN PEACE

+Father Robert Hegenbarth
Longtime priest of our Diocese, Former pastor of St. Leo Parish, West Salem

PARISH SUPPORT

BUDGET

July 1, 2019- June 30, 2020

Needed Weekly	\$13,000
Received July 5	9,963

If you are making a donation to the Parish Endowment or sending in your dues for the Men's or Women's Clubs here (\$5.00), please make those checks out to each group separately. Thanks.

CHURCH SUPPORT

Thanks to all who have continued to support our parish financially during this time when we could not gather for Mass in church. If you are not yet attending Mass, you may drop your offering in the mail. Thank you.
Father Raj

COMING UP

CALENDAR

Aug 29 Witnesses for Christ Conference

STEWARDSHIP VIDEO

We would like to include pictures of parishioners involved in activities in and around the parish – delivering meals, visiting the homebound, helping in the community, etc. If you have one or some to share please forward them to Jennifer at jkulzer@bsplacrosse.org.

THANKS TO THESE FOLKS FOR THE BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR

*Duane and Nancy Garbisch
If you have flowers you'd like to share with the parish give Bernice Lansing a call at 793-1972.

FIRST COMMUNION

Families, please call the parish at 782-2953, ext. 3, to request a weekend Mass at which your child may receive First Holy Communion.

Meghan Myre and Isla Grabowski will receive their First Holy Communion at the 10:00 Mass on Sunday, July 25.

MILESTONES

If you are celebrating a "milestone" birthday or anniversary and would like it published in the bulletin, please call a week beforehand to let us know. It's so nice for parishioners to offer a prayer of thanksgiving and congratulations with folks who have reached a special goal.

AROUND TOWN

RESTARTING MASS GUIDE BLESSED SACRAMENT

MASS DISPENSATION

The parish members and all the faithful should be aware that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains dispensed until further notice.

ALL WEEDAY PUBLIC MASSES REMAIN SUSPENDED – CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

The parish church will be open 7:30 AM - 4 PM for private prayer every day of the week.

CONFESSION

Saturday 3:30 to 4:00 PM or by appointment call office

RETURN OF PUBLIC CELEBRATION OF SUNDAY MASS

We are looking forward to the Sunday celebration of the Mass again at Blessed Sacrament and we welcome you. Please review the attached information as we resume weekend liturgy.

If you are sick, have a fever, or have flu like symptoms, please stay home.

Parish members who, defined by the health department as more vulnerable (i.e., 60+ years of age, those with compromised immune systems, those with underlying health conditions, those who are especially anxious about being in a large group, etc.) are encouraged to stay at home.

Blessed Sacrament Parish will commence Sunday and Saturday vigil Masses starting May 30 and 31, 2020. Attendance in the church will be limited to a total of 130 persons per Mass. Ushers will be monitoring and limiting access if excess numbers arrive to attend.

AT MASS

Mask coverings the face are not required but are strongly recommended. Please bring a mask from home as we are unable to supply them for everyone due to shortages.

We will be using a minimum distancing of every other pew. Intervening pews are cordoned off, not only for the sake of social distancing, but to reduce the areas in need of sanitizing between Masses.

The Sign of Peace is omitted from Mass.

Communion is to be distributed only by the priest and deacon.

Please observe the 6-foot distance while in line to receive Holy Communion. Only one, single-file line is permitted to approach the priest or deacon, rather than two parallel lines. Communion line and markings are placed on the floor to preserve social distancing.

BSP encourages Communion to be received only in the hand for the health and safety of both the priest and faithful, but can be received on the tongue. Any communicant wearing gloves must remove them prior to receiving.

Directions for dismissal after Mass should be offered by the celebrant to provide an orderly exit with proper social distancing. Please do not gather in the narthex or outside church once Mass is completed.

Frequently touched surfaces in the church (pews/pew tops, door handles, microphones, bathrooms etc.) shall be cleaned and sanitized per CDC recommendations after every liturgy.

In order to have necessary information for the possibility of contact tracing (only if required) you must fill out an attendance card located in the pew and deposit it designated box on your way out of church.

There still will be a risk for anyone who attends a public Mass to contract the coronavirus. There is no pre-determined timeline for how long restrictions will be in place; further developments may allow for the loosening of restrictions or call for the tightening of restrictions.

WITNESSES FOR CHRIST CONFERENCE Overcoming Spiritual Discouragement

August 29; 10:00 – 3 pm

Father Timothy Gallagher, O.M.V.

Live-streamed webinar

Register: diolc.org/witness; \$15 includes his book

Father Gallagher was ordained in 1979 as a member of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary, a religious community dedicated to retreats and spiritual formation according to the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius. He obtained his doctorate in 1983 from the Gregorian University, has taught at 2 seminaries, assisted in formation work for 12 years, and served 2 terms as provincial in his own community. He's a respected author, teacher, and lecturer. Father's warmth and style of speaking is for people of all states in life and levels of formation. This one-day boost will provide guidance for when we struggle to overcome the greatest obstacle in the "everyday" and spiritual life – discouragement.

*If you have not used ZOOM there is a simple way to do a trial run by visiting <https://zoom.us/test> and follow the instructions.

*Father will speak at 4 times for about 45 minutes.

*You may choose one or more break-out pre-recorded sessions and watch them before August 29 at diolc.org/witness. Each lasts about 1 hour. A description of each topic can be found at this site. Register online at diolc.org/witness.

Make your check payable to Diocese of La Crosse-Office of Catechesis and Evangelization, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse 54602-4004

For more information contact Susan Skemp, 791-2658 or sskemp@diolc.org.

This Conference should speak to every heart. If you have questions, contact Pauline Connell, 782-2953, or music@bsplacrosse.com.

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.*