



# Blessed Sacrament Parish

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## 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time July 25, 2021

### 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](mailto:tomkratt@charter.net)

Offering Families: *Call the office to volunteer*

Rosary Leader Schedule: *Mary Schuttemhelm & 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, Loretta Clarkin*

July 25, 2021

**SAINTS JOACHIM AND ANNE**

(from *The One Year Book of Saints*  
by Rev. Clifford Stevens)

Who does not know about the great shrine of Ste. Anne de Beaupre in Canada, where miracles abound, where cured cripples leave their crutches, and where people come from thousands of miles to pray to the grandmother of Jesus? At one time, July 26 was the feast of Saint Anne only, but with the new calendar the two feasts of the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary have been joined and are celebrated today. Our information about Mary's parents comes from apocryphal Christian writing, the *Protoevangelium Jacobi* (or *Gospel of James*), written about the year 170. According to this story, Joachim was a prominent and respected man who had no children, and he and his wife, Anne, looked upon this as punishment from God. In answer to their prayers, Mary was born and dedicated to God at a very early age.

From this early Christian writing have come several of the feast days of Mary, particularly the Immaculate Conception, the Nativity of Mary, and her Assumption into Heaven. Very early also came feast days in honor of SS. Joachim and Anne, and, in the Middle Ages numerous churches, chapels, and confraternities were dedicated to St. Anne. The couple early became models of Christian marriage, and their meeting at the Golden Gate in Jerusalem has been a favorite subject of Christian artists.

Anne is often shown in paintings with Jesus and Mary and is considered a subject that attracts attention, since Anne is the grandmother of Jesus. Her two great shrines – that of Ste. Anne d'Auray in Brittany, France, and that of Ste. Anne de Beaupre near Quebec in Canada – are very popular. We know little else about the lives of Mary's parents, but considering the person of Mary, they must have been two very remarkable people to have been given such a daughter and to have played so important a part in the work of the Redemption!

There is a church of St. Anne in Jerusalem, and it is believed to be built on the site of the home of SS. Joachim and Anne, when they lived in Jerusalem.

July 26 – August 1, 2021

**MASS INTENTIONS**

- MON 7/26** 7:15 Joachim & Anne  
+Mary Ellen Robertson  
2:00 Wedding: Chelsea Shafer & Willy White
- TUES 7/27** 7:15 Weekday  
Intention of Abraham Jamokha – 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday
- WED 7/28** 7:15 Weekday  
+Patricia Crowley
- THUR 7/29** 7:15 Martha  
+Henry & +Julie Pitot
- FRI 7/30** 7:15 Weekday; Peter Chrysologus  
+Georganna Mishler
- SAT 7/31** Ignatius Loyola  
NO 7:15 Mass  
11:00 Funeral for Arlene Schmidt

**18<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Celebrant: Father Peter Raj  
Assisting: Deacon Allen and MC

- SAT 7/31** 4:30 pm +Arlene Schmidt  
Servers: Elizabeth & Mike Hancock  
Readers: Dave & Mary Jo Reinders  
Rosary leaders: Dave & Mary Jo Reinders
- SUN 8/1** 8:00 Intention of Paul & Pat Poehling  
Server: Teddy Uehling  
Readers: Dan Skemp, Donna Levi  
Rosary leader: Irm White-Drier/ Barb Swieciak  
10:00 For the People of the Parish  
Servers: Charlee Gauger, Maria Johnson  
Readers: Dave Weinberger, Kris Gerke  
Rosary leader: Barb Clements

**CONFESSIONS**

**Saturdays, 3:30-4:15 pm**  
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

**THE ROSARY**  
will be prayed on Thursdays  
at 6:30 in church  
beginning in August.  
The Women's Club will lead  
our beloved prayer.  
Use the Losey handicap entrance.

### WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS

It's time to get together again.  
Tues, Sept 14 (note date change),  
11:30, Schmidty's  
If you have questions contact Barb  
Schmitz, 788-1667, or Loretta Clarkin,  
784-7106.  
Don't sit home alone.

If you are travelling you can find out when  
and where Mass is being offered at  
[www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org).

**REST IN PEACE**  
+Arlene Schmidt  
Funeral July 31, 11:00

### ADVENT/CHRISTMAS FAIR November 20

Once again, the Fair will look  
different because of gathering  
restrictions and safety.  
\***Raffle Baskets** will be on display and  
tickets sold for your chance to win  
something(s) dandy.  
\***Homemade baked goods** will be  
available: pre-order and pick up  
only.  
\***The GIVING TREE** will be available  
with \$scrip card sales that day.  
Shopping, gift-wrapping, etc: not this  
year yet.  
\*Your generous donations through  
your **ADVENT/CHRISTMAS JARS** will  
be collected, like last year. Take a  
nice big jar and fill it with your spare  
change now through Nov 20. You  
might be surprised how that adds  
up.

Our PARISH WOMEN'S CLUB  
funds a multitude of wonderful  
causes, scholarships to Aquinas,  
and parish expenses throughout  
the year. This event is their major  
fund-raiser.

### SCRIP NEWS HELPERS NEEDED

Can you spare a few hours a week to  
be our \$scrip seller in the Parish office?  
Call the \$scrip office for details:  
782-2953, ext. 1.

**RUDY'S gives us a whopping 20% profit  
on their \$scrip certificates! Load up while  
the root beer is cold and the chili dogs  
hot.**

### ADORATION CHAPEL

The Chapel is open during the day.  
If you'd like to come for prayer  
during the nighttime hours, call the  
parish office to receive the code for  
the door lock.

**3:00 WEDNESDAYS**  
**The Chaplet of Divine Mercy**  
**is recited.**

Extra garden produce? Drop off what  
you can't use in the Narthex so others  
can enjoy it.

We'd love to have some of your lovely  
garden flowers for the sanctuary. Find  
out when to drop them off by calling  
Pauline at 782-2953, ext. 4.

## PARISH SUPPORT

### BUDGET

July 1, 2020- June 30, 2021

Needed Weekly	\$13,000
Received July 18	7,008

*Words of wisdom from a 100-year-old  
man: The secret to longevity is to wake  
up every day.*

### COMING UP

July 30 Father Raj returns from India  
July 31 Funeral for Arlene Schmidt,  
11:00  
Aug 1 School supplies drop off at  
church this weekend.  
Sept 14 Widows & Widowers lunch at  
Schmidty's, 11:30  
Nov 20 Advent/Christmas Fair

*Aluminum cans may be dropped off in  
the Aquinas parking lot. Thanks from  
the Booster Club.*

## COMING UP

### Formed.org

As many of us embark on sunny  
vacations, It's important to make  
sure our faith remains front and  
center in our lives. Since it's easy for  
us to be distracted by the  
excitement of the summer rhythm,  
Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Scott  
Hefelfinger discuss what we can do  
to be sure we don't let the spiritual  
life take a back seat. Check out  
their "FORMED Now!" conversation  
"Does Faith Take a Vacation" this  
week on Formed.org.

### WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

Brian & Alysha Del Rosarao  
children Robby & Ryan  
John & Lisa Reiman  
Daughter Abigail

### BACK 2 SCHOOL

School supplies needed at  
Catholic Charities  
When shopping this week pick  
up school supplies requested by  
Catholic Charities. These items  
are given to students who might  
otherwise not be able to  
purchase them. Take the flyer in  
today's bulletin with you and  
note the items in high demand.  
**Drop them off in the Narthex by  
next Sunday, August 1.**

### NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING AWARENESS WEEK

July 25 - August 1  
If you are interested in learning  
about NFP methods, go to:  
[diolc.org/nfp](http://diolc.org/nfp).

## AROUND TOWN

### DEPRESSED ANONYMOUS SUPPORT GROUP

Mondays, 5:30-6:30

Franciscan Spirituality Center office  
500 Second St. S, Suite 201

This is a 12-step group for those dealing with depression to generate positive energies, form friendships and find support

If you are interested in participating contact Gayle,  
608-406-7990.

*Those Boxtops for Education from various grocery containers may be dropped off in the Narthex. Our school uses the proceeds to fund special events.*

### WITNESSES FOR CHRIST VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

**How Rooted are you? Four Keys to remain faithful to Jesus Christ and His Church**

August 7

Keynote speaker: Dr. Petroc Willey

Parents, catechists, all interested adults:

we will gather together in our Parish Center for this enlightening conference to strengthen our knowledge and love of true discipleship.

If you are interested or want more details, contact

Pauline, 782-2953, ext. 4 or email:  
music@bsplacrosse.org.

### CATHEDRAL YOUNG ADULT READING GROUP

Thursdays during the summer

5:30-6:30 Eucharistic Adoration

6:45 Dinner & discussion

Stay afterward for fellowship.

Email Kyle Lang at lang.kyle315@gmail.com if you plan to attend

### AQUINAS SCHOOLS ENROLLMENT OPEN

Aquinas Catholic Schools offer an advanced education in preparation for the next level of education and a safety-first atmosphere that prioritizes the development of valuable life skills and a positive self-image. Aquinas offers flexible options for financial aid, scholarships, and bus routes to support students and families from all walks of life. Alumni have gone on to succeed in various industries, and their accomplishments continue to make Aquinas proud. To learn more or schedule a visit with one of our principals 784-8585 or visit [www.aquinaschoolscatholic.org](http://www.aquinaschoolscatholic.org).

### CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA

This is the oldest Catholic women's group in America, begun by the Knights of Columbus in 1903. With over 63,000 members, it is open to all women 18 years and older. Our local group includes women from 13 area parishes. The Catholic Daughters focus on spiritual enrichment and service to the Church locally and around the world. Watch this spot for further information. Go to: [catholicdaughters.org](http://catholicdaughters.org), or phone 608-793-1972.

### GO DEEPER INTO THE FAITH

Join the Lay Formation Institute (LFI) Spend one weekend a month (Fri evening through Sat afternoon) as part of an enthusiastic, faith-filled class that prays and learns together. See why a recent graduate said, "I am amazed how my understanding of my faith has deepened and how many times I've been able to answer questions that come up." And why a pastor said, "Our RCIA team is filled with LFI graduates, not to mention all of the parish ministries and committees. The spiritual fruits are abundant and lasting!" Visit [diolc.org/lay-formation](http://diolc.org/lay-formation) for full details and speak to your pastor about enrolling. Class size is limited, so don't delay!

### KNOW YOUR FAITH SERIES

**The Social Justice Teachings of the Church**

St. Anthony Retreat Center, Marathon

4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month, 6:30-8 pm

(in person or via zoom)

Register at [sarcenter.com](http://sarcenter.com) or call 715-443-2236

Social justice teachings are integral to our faith. Jesus taught that every person is invaluable and worthy of respect as a member of God's family. Human dignity comes from God, not from any human quality or accomplishment.

Topic for August 26: Option for the Poor and Vulnerable. Lee Ann Lella will help us consider "An Option that is Not Optional" and what this means for us today and how we are called to live it out. A basic moral test for our society is how we treat the most vulnerable in our midst.

Go to: [sarcenter.com](http://sarcenter.com) or 715-443-2236.

### Maybe just ask...

Do you know someone in your life who you think would make a good priest? Have you ever told him that? If not, you should! A significant, contributing factor to young men discerning the priesthood has been the invitation and encouragement they receive from others, particularly parents, teachers, mentors, and role models. Don't be afraid to tell a young man that he would make a good priest, as that may be just what he has been waiting for. Once you encourage him, don't hesitate to put him in contact with me to continue that conversation. I can be reached at: 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.

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 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.