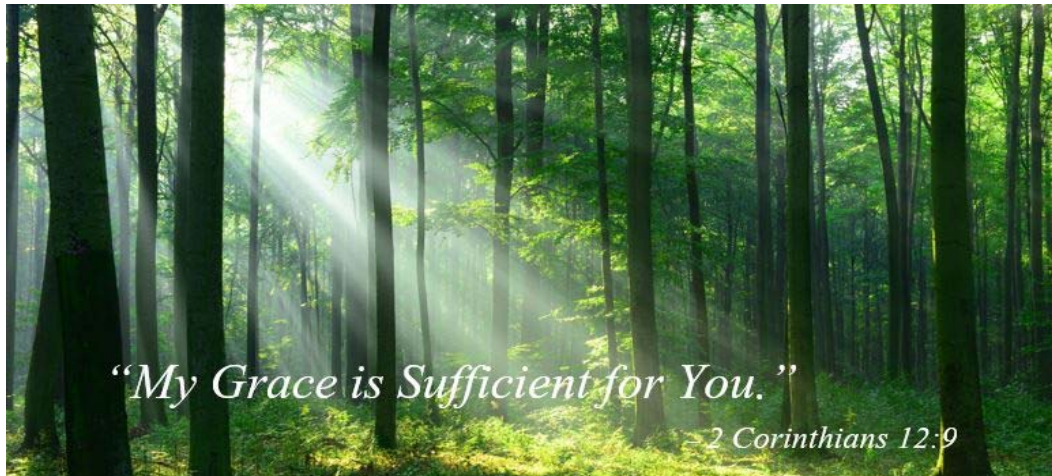




Blessed Sacrament Parish

Pastor
Rev. Peter Raj

Deacon
David Allen



“My Grace is Sufficient for You.”

2 Corinthians 12:9

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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 4, 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

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 4, 2021

**HAPPY 8TH ANNIVERSARY
AS OUR PASTOR
FATHER RAJ**

Father came to our parish on July 1, 2013.

He arrived here after being pastor in Auburndale and Hewitt for 2 years. It was interesting to note how many of his former parishioners came to visit him on weekends, arriving for 10:00 Mass and staying for the day. Then we got to know Father Raj and understood: there are few people easier to know and talk to than Father Raj.

Father said he immediately felt at home here with the warmth and acceptance of so many folks. He enjoys the beauty of the area, saying it is as lush and lovely as his home in India is dry. Parishioners have found him an enthusiastic fisherman. In fact, he compares our area with that of Galilee where Saint Peter toiled. An often-ordered breakfast for Father is fish.

La Crosse, he says, is a nice size community being handy for all his needs, plus walking trails in the marsh and the bluff. Parishioners outfitted him with a brightly-colored vest to wear during his hikes up Grandad Bluff. Those hikes provided golf balls for his friends. Thanks, Father. His attendance at a couple Logger games and Green Bay Packers games resulted in wins. If you want to see a win, take Father to the game. Go, Pack! Father Dodge, however, would have to report that Father Raj is not a good card-playing student.

Many folks comment on Father's remarkable ability to bring comfort to the very ill and dying and their families. He is a wonderful listener, sharing joys and sorrows as a good friend does. The loss of his brother several years ago has given him an understanding of the grief he sees. His mother at home is not doing well and may, after a long time, be able to be treated in the hospital. Father, nearly the youngest of his family, is hoping to see his family soon and spend time with his mother back home in India. Travel restrictions and protocols make a trip home an ordeal, so he asks that we keep his mother and his family in our prayers.

The dedication of the staff and Council members here at Blessed Sacrament is one of his great joys. And his heart goes out to those families who have lost a loved one, as that means he's lost another good friend. We have been blessed for these 8 years to have this good priest among us. And we pray each day going forward for him is blessed with continued kindnesses, the guidance of the Holy Spirit, a continued "green thumb" as he nurtures native plants, and the grace to continue being our Father Raj.

July 5 - 11, 2021

MASS INTENTIONS

- MON 7/5** 7:15 Weekday; Anthony Zaccaria; Elizabeth of Portugal
+Mike Knothe
- TUES 7/6** 7:15 Weekday; Maria Goretti
+Tim Swieczak
11:00 *Funeral for Dorothy Heberlein*
- WED 7/7** 7:15 Weekday
+Bertha Elizabeth Pitot
- THUR 7/8** 7:15 Weekday
+Ray & Florence Mashak
1:00 pm *Funeral for Philomena Doran*
- FRI 7/9** 7:15 Weekday; Augustine Zhao Rong & companions
+Donald Schreier
- SAT 7/10** BVM No 7:15 Mass

15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Celebrant: Father Peter Raj

Assisting: Deacon Allen and MC

- SAT 7/10** 4:30 pm *+Kay Nix*
Servers: Elizabeth & Mike Hancock
Readers: Paulette Drozdowicz, Mary Saphner
Rosary leader: Mary Schuttenhelm
- SUN 7/11** 8:00 *For the People of the Parish*
Server: Teddy Uehling
Readers: Steve McGovern, Ruth Vanderploeg
Rosary leaders: Dave & Marie Allen
10:00 *+Sydney & +Mary Timbrook*
Servers: Mike & Elizabeth Hancock
Reader: LuAnne Kratt
Rosary leaders: Les & Terry Lachine

CONFESSIONS

**Saturdays, 3:30-4:15 pm
or call for an appointment**

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION

Please spiritually adopt an unborn baby. Every day over 4,000 babies are killed by abortion. They have so little protection; only the hand of God can end this massacre. Prayer is the best weapon to help them – the most effective. Say this prayer every day for nine months to save a baby's life!

*Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
I love you very much.
I beg you to spare the life
of the unborn baby
I have spiritually adopted
who is in danger of abortion.*

-Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

Check out all the information in the Narthex.

AROUND THE PARISH

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

Please note: The parish office phone is not answered when the office is closed. Messages that are left will be answered. If you are not yet fully vaccinated, please wear a face mask.

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.

Alert: The smoke alarm is not the oven timer.

WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS

It's time to re-gather for lunch and conversation.

Mark your calendar: Tues, **Sept 14** (note the date change), 11:30, at Schmidty's. Questions? Call Barb Schmitz, 788-1667, or Loretta Clarkin, 784-7106.

4TH OF JULY MASS

Our thanks again to Bob Skemp and his family for hosting our parish's celebration of the 4th of July. The farm is a perfect backdrop for the Mass. Your hospitality is always so appreciated!

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION

Babies in the womb need our prayers. The Social Justice Committee is sponsoring a campaign promoting the spiritual adoption of a preborn baby. This doesn't have to be someone you know personally; it could be any baby from around the world. For nine months you agree to pray for a baby every day, praying for a healthy delivery for the baby and the baby's mother. We have refrigerator magnets and prayer card available in the Narthex. There is even a space for you to give the baby a name. A good time to pray would be with the family after supper or before bedtime, but any time of day would be great. Please look over the pro-life materials and take some to read and share.

SCRIP NEWS

We have Scrip cards available for many local businesses. In addition, if you are travelling away check out the hundreds of businesses who provide these discounts – hotels, restaurants, even cruise lines. Keep a few cards for fast food in your glove box for a snack attack moment.

ADORATION CHAPEL

The air conditioning needs to be replaced. Be prepared.

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. It's a nice destination for your summer bike ride.

WELCOME BACK, SERVERS

Anyone interested in serving at a weekend or holy day Mass, contact Gabe Trussoni at trussonic950@gmail.com

PARISH SUPPORT

BUDGET

July 1, 2020- June 30, 2021

Needed Weekly	\$13,000
Received June 27	7,064

COMING UP

July 5 Parish Office closed
July 19 Social Justice Committee meeting, 6 pm
Sept 14 Widows & Widowers lunch at Schmidty's, 11:30
Nov 20 Advent/Christmas Fair

REST IN PEACE

+Dorothy Heberlein
Funeral July 6, 11:00

+Philomena Doran
Funeral July 8, 1:00 pm

+Donald Finn
Funeral July 17, 11:00

COMING UP

Formed.org

The papacy of St. John Paul II left an indelible mark on our homeland. Driven by the conviction to unite the Americas under the patronage of Our Lady of Guadalupe, he traveled from Argentina all the way to Alaska, shaping a generation and changing history along the way. In celebration of our country this week, enjoy this film documenting the journeys of John Paul II: **The Pilgrim Pope**. Check out *John Paul II in America: Uniting a Continent*, this week on Formed.org.

If you have an over-abundance of vegetables from your garden, drop them off in the Narthex. Anyone may take what they can use. Drop a little donation in the flower pot for the needy.

ADVENT CHRISTMAS FAIR

November 20, 2021

If you have a great idea for a raffle basket or a terrific item to donate, contact Marie Allen at 784-5189. Your homemade pickled or canned goods are a hit. Put some aside (and **don't forget about them in Nov**).

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

Meeting on Mon, July 19, 6 pm
Conference Room
The committee is heading up "Helping Moms in Need," an initiative that speaks for itself, offering a helping hand to our sister parish in Tanzania, among other timely out-reach activities. All are invited to attend.

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

AROUND TOWN

THE STORY OF PATRICK PEYTON

Wednesday, July 7, 3:00 & 6:30 pm

Thursday, July 8, 9:00 am, 1:30 and 6:30 pm

St. Patrick Parish Hall, Onalaska

This is a wonderful family movie emphasizing the power of prayer.

Pop and popcorn provided.

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

Ages 18-35

Thursdays during the summer

5:30-6:30 Eucharistic Adoration

6:45 Dinner & discussion

Stay afterward for fellowship.

LAY FORMATION INSTITUTE

Two-year program; one weekend a month with summers off. Draw closer to Christ and His Church.

Deepen your knowledge of the Faith in a vibrant community of leaders. Become a joyful disciple in the parish.

Visit diolc.org/lay formation for all information or call 608-791-0161 or email ministries@diolc.org.

KNOW YOUR FAITH SERIES

The Social Justice Teachings of the Church

St. Anthony Retreat Center, Marathon

4th Thursday of the month, 6:30-8 pm

(in person or via zoom)

Register at 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 July 22: Call to Family, Community & Participation. Leo & Janet Jacoby will frame their remarks with the social encyclical by Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti* (October 4, 2020) and share family stories that help form the social conscience of their 2 children.

CATHOLIC HOME STUDY COURSE FOR ADULTS

Monthly facilitated study group through the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Call 782-0011 for information.

AQUINAS SCHOOLS ENROLLMENT OPEN

Aquinas helps students become their best selves, to be leaders in and out of school, and to make a difference in the community. Learn more by calling 784-8585 or visit www.aquinasatholicschools.org.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION RETREAT

July 10 at Mary, Mother of the Church

If you know a couple who are planning to be married within the next few months, have them contact Mari

Erickson at 518-7655 or email

mnerickson95@gmail.com

MARTHA'S MEALS

Would you be able to reach out a helping hand to a household where home-cooked meals would be appreciated for a temporary time due to illness, new baby, etc? Contact Natalie Bennett at 608-385-5078

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.

May God shower His blessings on the newly ordained priests for our Diocese:
Father Arturo Viguera
Father Eric Mashak
Father Timothy Reither