



Blessed Sacrament Parish

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12th Sunday in Ordinary Times June 21, 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

June 21, 2020

BLESSING OF FATHERS

*God, our Father,
in Your wisdom and love
You made all things.
Bless these men,
that they may be strengthened
as Christian fathers.
Let the example of their faith
and love shine forth.
Grant that we, their sons and daughters,
may honor them always
with a spirit of profound respect.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

PLANTING AND GROWING

If you plant honesty, you will reap trust.
If you plant goodness, you will reap friends.
If you plant humility, you will reap greatness.
If you plant perseverance, you will reap contentment.
If you plant consideration, you will reap perspective.
If you plant hard work, you will reap success.
If you plant forgiveness, you will reap reconciliation.
If you plant faith in Christ, you will reap a harvest.
So, be careful what you plant now;
it will determine what you will reap later.
Author unknown

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.

CHRISM MASS

This Mass, usually attended by all the priests and deacons of the Diocese and celebrated during Holy Week, will be live streamed on Fri, June 26, 10:00. Go to diolc.org/live. During this Mass all the oils used to administer the sacraments are blessed and consecrated.

June 22 - 28, 2020

MONDAY through FRIDAY MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED PRIVATELY

MASS INTENTIONS FOR June 22 - 28, 2020

MON 6/22 Weekday; Paulinus; John Fisher & Thomas More
+Donald Finn
TUES 6/23 Weekday
+Don Gallagher
WED 6/24 Nativity of John the Baptist
+Joe & Elaine Steingraeber
THU 6/25 Weekday
+Bob Kachel
FRI 6/26 Weekday
+Sylvester Schaub
SAT 6/27 Weekday; Cyril of Alexandria; BVM

13th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

SAT 6/27 4:30 *Living & deceased members
of the Dan & Tucky Skemp family*
SUN 6/28 8:00 *For the People of the Parish*
10:00 *+Terry Tomsen*

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, FATHER RAJ Tuesday, June 23

MEMORY STONES

We are getting ready to have additional stones etched in our Memory Garden.

This is such a special way to memorialize someone, remember an event of importance in the family, or honor a loved one. Call the office for prices and details.

FORMED.ORG

Did you know that Formed.org has lots of great programming for kids? The latest addition to their collection is the adventures of Lukas Storyteller. Lukas and his old friend Noah, a turtle survivor of Noah's ark, gather and tell the greatest stories of Jesus and the saints that Lukas met throughout the ages. To see the full collection, click on Movies ->Kids.

Use our parish code: K2768J

REST IN PEACE

Gene Borreson
brother of Jerry

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.

In early spring we ordered a large number of cards for ACE hardware. Don't hesitate to get that yardwork done, the garage cleaned out, or that room painted – use \$scrip from **Ace** for your needs.

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.

PARISH SUPPORT

BUDGET

July 1, 2019- June 30, 2020

Needed Weekly	\$13,000
Received June 14	6,696

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

Is your garden producing some beautiful flowers? If you would like to offer their use in church, give Bernice Lansing a call. 793-1972

Drop off your empty aluminum cans in the bin in the Aquinas parking lot. Proceeds help fund Booster Club activities.

COMING UP

June 23	Fr. Raj's birthday
July 4	10:00 Mass at Skemp farm
July 8	Confirmation Mass, 6:30
July 12	Confirmation Mass, 2:00

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.

4th of JULY MASS AT THE SKEMP FARM, 10:00 AM

There will be limited seating. Please call the parish office at 782-2953, ext. 2, to reserve your spot.

CONFIRMATION

Father Raj has been given permission to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation here at the parish. There will be 2 Masses at which this will occur:

July 8, 6:30 pm
July 12, 2:00 pm

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.

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

August 29

The Conference will be VIRTUAL. Watch for details.

SILENT DIRECTED RETREATS

at the Franciscan Spirituality Center
These times offer a quiet time to be alone with God.
The Spiritual Directors are compassionate, nonjudgmental, trained listeners who will guide you through this experience.
Dates and details at www.FSCenter.org.

BIRTHRIGHT OF LA CROSSE

The baby bottle fund-raiser this year totaled \$688. This is Birthright's principle fundraising mechanism. These gifts help make everything work for the unborn children and their mothers who need a helping hand.
Birthright provides support, financially and emotionally, during a time when it is needed by anyone affected by an unplanned or troubling pregnancy. Volunteers are always needed to answer the phone. Training is provided. Call 782-0373.

ORDINATIONS

These Masses will be celebrated at the Cathedral and can be viewed live online at diolc.org/live

Diaconate Ordination: Tues, June 23, 10:00

Men to be ordained to permanent diaconate:

Michael Kamrowski

Martin Kulak

John McDonnell

Gordan Ruplinger

Kurt Zakrzewski

Priestly Ordination: Sat, June 27, 10:00

Men to be ordained to priesthood:

Samuel McCarthy

Joseph Richards

Levi Schmitt

Daniel Williams III

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.*