



# Blessed Sacrament Parish

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## 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time June 27, 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*

**ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD**

It is my hope and prayer that each of you has seen by now my announcement that the general dispensation from attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation will end the weekend of June 26-27. There remain, of course, some among the faithful for whom particular circumstances – illness, advanced age, or other serious reasons – may continue to excuse them from Sunday Mass. But for the majority of Catholics in the Diocese of La Crosse, the time has come to return in earnest to the gift of the sacred liturgy, our birthright as Catholics and the purpose for which we were born: the work of glorifying God and redeeming our corner of the world to God through Christ.

Christians are the soul of the world – not because of anything we’ve done through our own power or position in the world, but because we have been chosen by the Father, redeemed by the Son, and animated by the Spirit to restore all things in Christ (Ephesians 1:10). It is an awesome calling, one which brings both great graces and serious obligations.

The sacraments empower us for this life-saving mission. As I’ve written to you in recent blogs, the Sacrament of the Lord’s Body and Blood transforms worthy recipients into the Body of Jesus – *Corpus Christi*. The Holy Oils used in the Church’s various sacraments and sacramentals continue to conform us to Jesus, whom the Holy Spirit anointed with power. The sacrament of Holy Orders represents another of Jesus’ seven-fold gifts. And the ordination of priests, which is celebrated this weekend, is an especially great grace as we emerge out of darkness and into the light.

The ordination of three men - Deacons Arturo Viguera, Timothy Reither, and Eric Mashak – on the morning of June 26 coincides with the lifting of the dispensation from Mass beginning with Saturday evening Mass on the same day. Moreover, the ordination of these three men stands as a true *bridge* into a new life for all Catholics of the Diocese. For a priest is a *bridge*, one who mediates our relationships with the Father and allows passage from a fallen and wounded world into a place of joy, peace, and communion with God. Please pray with me that the ordination of these men to the presbyterate of the Diocese will usher in a new period of post-pandemic faith among us.

Even though ordained priests stand in the place of Christ the High Priest, they cannot do their work alone. The Church expects the laity to assist them. Indeed, it’s Christ’s will that all the baptized do so. You, the laity, are, in the words of Pope Pius XII, “on the front lines of Church life.” You live and work in the world’s households, schools, businesses, government, and industries in a way that priests do not. And you, the baptized, are especially equipped to redeem these arenas for Christ: by proclaiming the truths of faith, by

**MASS INTENTIONS**

- MON 6/28** 7:15 Irenaeus  
+Julie Pitot  
10:00 Funeral for Virginia Larkin
- TUES 6/29** 7:15 Peter & Paul  
+Mary Ellen Robertson
- WED 6/30** 7:15 Weekday; First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church  
+Elizabeth Karlton
- THUR 7/1** 7:15 Weekday; Junipero Serra  
+Mike Knothe
- FRI 7/2** 7:15 Weekday  
+Bob Saphner
- SAT 7/3** 10:00 Thomas (Mass at Skemp farm)  
+Tom & +Beulah Skemp;  
+Ted & +Frances Perry

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

Celebrant: Father Peter Raj

Assisting: Deacon Allen and MC

- SAT 7/3** 4:30 pm *Living & deceased members of the Schaub family*

*Servers: Maria & Michael Johnson*

*Readers: Dave & Mary Jo Reinders*

*Rosary leaders: Dave & Mary Jo Reinders:*

- SUN 7/4** 8:00 + Edward Capper

*Server: Teddy Uehling*

*Readers: Dan Skemp, Donna Levi*

*Rosary leader: Irm White-Drier*

10:00 **For the People of the Parish**

*Servers: Charlee & Jack Gauger*

*Readers: Dave Weinberger, Kris Gerke*

*Rosary leader: Steve Flottmeyer*

**CONFESSIONS**

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

...serving in Christ’s name those He loves, and – as sharers in the priesthood of Jesus by your baptism – reconciling and restoring all things to Christ by prayer and sacrifice. Servant of God, Sister Thea Bowman, FSPA, who grew rich in her faith during her time here in the Diocese of La Crosse, put it nicely when she expressed the relationship between the ordained priest and the laity: “The work of the ordained minister, of the professional minister, is to enable the people of God to do the work of the Church.”

We are a priestly people, whether we share Jesus’ priestly mission through our common baptism in Christ or, as the three men ordained, by the laying on of hands at sacred ordination. In either case, we are called to animate God’s world – now more than ever! As we return to Mass, let us live by the Eucharist, receive the Holy Spirit with open hearts, and work with our pastors to bring all in our influence to God the Father. That’s what we were born – and re-born – to do! I’ll see you at Sunday Mass! +Bishop Callahan

## 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.*

**Best way to get back on your feet:**  
miss 2 car payments

### WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS

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

Mark your calendar: Tues, Aug 10, 11:30, at Schmidty's. Questions? Call Barb Schmitz, 788-1667, or Loretta Clarkin, 784-7106.

### 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY MASS Saturday, July 3, 10:00 The Skemp Farm

Our parish's almost 50-year tradition of celebrating our nation's birthday by joining together at Mass outdoors atop the beautiful bluffs, returns this year. Bob Skemp and family offer the beautiful setting as a back-drop as we pray for our country and relish its rich heritage and benefits. You will find the farm by taking Bliss Road (Main St.) up the bluff. Turn left at the fork (Alpine), and proceed 2 miles.

Turn left at Three Town Road. The farm is on the right about ¼ mile. Or take Hwy. 33 up Irish Hill and turn left onto Co Rd F. Your turn onto Three Town Rd is about ¾ mile.

Bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on.

Donuts and refreshments will be served after Mass.

### WELCOME BACK, SERVERS

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

### 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.

### BAPTISM on June 27

Francis David Dorman  
son of David & Jamie

### MILESTONES

50<sup>th</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES  
Ron & Pam Quillin, July 26  
Pat & Debbie Gantert, July 3

## PARISH SUPPORT

### BUDGET

July 1, 2020- June 30, 2021

Needed Weekly	\$13,000
Received June 20	9,052

### COMING UP

June 26 Priestly Ordinations, 10:00  
July 3 Parish Mass at Skemp farm to celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July  
July 19 Social Justice Committee meeting, 6 pm  
Aug 10 Widows & Widowers lunch at Schmidty's, 11:30  
Nov 20 Advent/Christmas Fair

### REST IN PEACE

+Gwen Shanighan  
Funeral: June 26, 11:00

+Virginia Larkin  
Funeral June 28, 10:00

## COMING UP

### Formed.org

It is no stretch to say that Peter and Paul set the world afire with the Gospel message. In honor of these apostles, whose feast day we celebrate this week, enjoy this one-of-a-kind presentation that includes seven segments covering some of the most important topics in the Church today. Taken from many of our most powerful talks, these segments are sure to inspire you to set all afire for Christ and His Church. Watch *Set All Afire*, 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](mailto: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.

### FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION AT THE SHRINE

Sat, July 3 at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church

11:15 meditation on the Rosary; 11:45 pray the Rosary; 12:15 Mass; Confession opportunity before and after Mass.

### 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 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](http://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](mailto: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