



# Blessed Sacrament Parish

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**Blessed Sacrament Parish**

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## 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Times June 28, 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 28, 2020

This week's Feast Days

**Saint Junipero Serra  
July 1**

At a time when the United States was being "born" on the east coast, another part of our country was being "born" in California. In 1774 Father Junipero Serra, 37 years old from Spain, had landed in Mexico City with the intention of taking the Catholic Faith to the natives in the "new world." He had been inspired by the work of Saint Francis Solanus in South America. At the behest of Charles III of Spain, Father Serra set out for California. 900 miles later he founded the first of many Missions at San Diego. His powerful preaching and devout prayer brought thousands to the Faith. To nourish and protect this Faith he and the Friars were made legal guardians; they housed the Natives at the Missions and worked tirelessly to improve their economic life and grow their knowledge and love of the Faith. The Missions he founded bear recognizable names: Carmel (1770), San Antonio & San Gabriel (1771), San Luis Obispo (1772), San Francisco & San Juan Capistrano (1776), Santa Clara (1777), San Buenaventura (1782). Twelve more were founded after his death. Saint Junipero Serra was canonized by Pope Francis in 2015. His grave is at Mission San Carlo Borromeo in Carmel, California.

**Saint Thomas the Apostle  
July 3**

As is true of most of the Apostles, we know very little about Thomas' life, called "the twin." Best known is his expression of unbelief after Jesus' death, giving rise to the phrase "doubting Thomas." After seeing the risen Savior, his exclamation "My Lord and my God" acknowledged his belief in Christ as our Divine Redeemer. This phrase has been taught to countless children to be used at the time of the elevation of the Host during the Consecration at Mass. It is known that Thomas traveled East to preach the Gospel, probably to Persia, and as far as India, where he was martyred. He is honored there as a local patron saint. Ask Father Raj about Saint Thomas.

**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.**

June 29 – July 5, 2020

**MONDAY through FRIDAY MASSES  
WILL BE CELEBRATED PRIVATELY**

MASS INTENTIONS FOR June 29 – July 5, 2020

- MON 6/29** Peter and Paul  
*Intention of Sue & Al Bill – Wedding Anniversary*
- TUES 6/30** Weekday; First martyrs of the Holy Roman Church  
*Intention of Katie Clements*
- WED 7/1** Weekday; Junipero Serra  
*+Mary & Fritz Mergen*
- THU 7/2** Weekday  
*Intention of Sandy Reinhart*
- FRI 7/3** Thomas the Apostle  
*+Dr. Charles (Chuck) Skemp*
- SAT 7/4** Weekday; BVM  
10:00 Mass at Skemp Farm  
*+Tom & Beulah Skemp & Ted and Frances Perry*

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

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

- SAT 7/4** 4:30 *Intention of George and Kim (Servais) Skemp family*
- SUN 7/5** 8:00 *Eileen Knothe*  
10:00 *For the People of the Parish*

**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

### 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

This week we celebrate the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles.

Formed.org has many resources for studying the lives and writings of these two important followers of Christ. The movie *St. Peter* portrays how Peter, as a dedicated follower of Christ spreads the Gospel message across the land.

It also shows how Peter and Paul eventually meet and join together in preaching the good news of freedom that is found in Christ's message of love and redemption.

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](mailto:thomaskratt@DOT.WI.gov).

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

### MILESTONE

**25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ordination to the priesthood**  
**Monsignor Steve Kachel**  
**son of Mary (and +Bob)**  
**June 17**

### 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 21	18,343

### 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

### CALENDAR

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](mailto:jkulzer@bsplacrosse.org).

### **4<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Sign the petition

More than ever, grace is needed to protect our state and our preborn from evil. Who better than the Mother of God to help us? Find the petition and learn more by going to:

ConsecrationWI.org/petition  
Sponsored by Pro-Life Wisconsin

### 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

#### Diaconate Ordination: Tuesday, June 23

Men ordained to the diaconate:

Michael Kamrowski

Martin Kulak

John McDonnell

Gordan Ruplinger

Kurt Zakrzewski

Arturo Viguera Estrada

#### Priestly Ordination: Saturday, June 27

Men ordained to the 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.*