



Blessed Sacrament Parish

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First Sunday of Lent March 1, 2020

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening 4:30 pm
Sunday Morning 8:00 & 10:00 am
Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 7:30 am
Wed 9:00 am

CONFESSION

Saturday 3:30-4:00 pm
Other times by appointment

BENEDICTION

First Friday 8:00 am

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays, 5:15 pm, during Lent

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

Masters of Ceremonies:
Mike Vanderploeg
William Arnold
Gabe Trussoni

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

Parish Office Ass't Dir: Elizabeth Skemp

Finances: *Steve McGovern*,
Eenie Francksen

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*

March 1, 2020

Lent should be more than a time of fasting.
It should be a joyous season of feasting.
Lent is a time to fast from certain things
and to feast on others.

- Fast from judging others;
feast on Christ dwelling in them.
- Fast from emphasis on differences;
feast on the unity of all life.
- Fast from discontent;
feast on gratitude.
- Fast from anger;
feast on patience.
- Fast from pessimism;
feast on optimism.
- Fast from worry;
feast on hope.
- Fast from complaining;
feast on appreciation.
- Fast from negatives;
feast on affirmatives.
- Fast from bitterness;
feast on forgiveness.
- Fast from self-concern;
feast on compassion for others.
- Fast from discouragement;
feast on hope.
- Fast from
feast on

+STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays during Lent

2:25 led by the school children

5:15 Stations & Benediction

Soup supper follows in Parish Center

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.

March 2 – 8, 2020

EUCHARIST: Mary Frohnauer

READER: Earl Newton

MON 3/2 Lenten Weekday

7:30 **+Bob Saphner**

Servers: Don Flynn, Mike Vanderploeg

TUES 3/3 Lenten Weekday; Katharine Drexel

7:30 **+Bryan Antony**

Server: Andy Nordeen

WED 3/4 Lenten Weekday; Casimir

9:00 **+Roy Schlickman**

THU 3/5 Lenten Weekday

7:30 **+Bernadine Drozdowicz**

Servers:

FRI 3/6 Lenten Weekday

7:30 **+Jean Susdorf**

Servers:

8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament; Benediction

11:00 *Funeral for John Leinfelder*

5:15 Stations of the Cross & Benediction

SAT 3/7 Lenten Weekday; Perpetua & Felicity

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

(Anointing of the Sick after Masses)

SAT 3/7 *For the People of the Parish*

Celebrant: Father Peter Raj

MC: Gabe Trussoni

Servers: Craig, Gorman, M. Johnson

Reader: Paulette Drozdowicz; Mary Saphner

Petitions:

Eucharist: Holly Gorman, Loretta Clarkin, Susan Fukuda,

Mary Schuttenhelm, Luci Johnson

Ushers: Wayne Levi, Allan Fukuda, Dave Sweeney

Offering family: Donna Cramer, Pauline Jagodzinski

Rosary Leaders: Mary Schuttenhelm

SUN 3/8 8:00 **+Arthur Gomez**

Celebrant: Father Peter Raj

MC: Mike Vanderploeg

Servers: Skemps

Readers: Steve McGovern; Ruth Vanderploeg

Petitions: Aubrey Strittmater

Eucharist: Florence Koenig, Marie Allen, Maggie Leon,

Mary Beth Vach, Sandy Borreson

Ushers: LuAnn Kratt, Steve Flottmeyer, Mike Watunya,

John Gallagher

Offering Family: Erin & Tad Strittmater family

Rosary Leader: Dave & Marie Allen

10:00 **+Marianne Pittman**

Celebrant: Father Peter Raj

MC: William Arnold

Servers: Gaugers

Reader: Scott Doberstein; Mark Steingraeber

Petitions:

Eucharist: Betty Roth, Kathy Curti, Caryl Doberstein,

Carol Steingraeber, Chris Sans Crainte

Ushers: Bob Roth, John Sullivan, Terry Gauger, Kevin

Campbell

Offering Family: Katie & Paul Matl family

Rosary Leaders: Les & Terry Lachine

AROUND THE PARISH

THE SAINT JOSEPH TABLE

March 19, 5:30 PM, Parish Center

In the long-standing tradition in Italy of honoring St. Joseph near his feast day, we are again planning an evening meal that day. If you would like to make a Minestrone soup or provide fruit or cream puffs or bread for the meal contact Barb Swieciak at 784-6974 or email scwjoy@gmail.com.

WIDOWS & WIDOWERS

Tuesday, March 3, 11:30
Schmidty's
See you there!

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

If you are celebrating your 50th wedding anniversary this year, please let the office know. Call Elizabeth at 782-2953, ext. 2, or email her at office@bsplacrosse.org

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

This wonderful sacrament of healing and comfort will be administered after all Masses on the weekend of March 7 & 8. Those wishing to receive the sacrament should sit in the front of church.

MARCH MARKET

HANDICRAFTS SALE

**Saturday, March 7, 8:00-2:00
Parish Center**

Hosted by BSP Women's Club
Free admission
Vendors/handi-crafters:
\$25/table

Check out this new event. Info in the Narthex, Parish Office, or on Parish Website

A list of vendors is on the last page.

www.bsplacrosse.org or call Barb Swieciak, 784-6974.

VOLUNTEER RECEPTION

**Sun, March 15, 11:00 am
Parish Center**

Are you a singer, cleaner, server, reader, money counter, teacher, sewer, cloth washer, vacuumer, garbage collector, repair person, purchaser, floral arranger...? Please come to YOUR reception and enjoy a thank you from the parish by enjoying some time together with good food and good company.

MUSIC NEWS & NOTES

The Rejoice choir will sing at 4:30 Mass on March 7 and at 10:00 Mass on March 15. The March practice will be Thurs, Mar 5, 5:30-6:30. If you like to sing, come join us. Questions? Call Pauline Connell, 782-2953, ext. 3.

\$CRIP NEWS

Phone orders: 782-2953, ext. 6.
Email orders: SCRIP@bsplacrosse.org
Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

Kwik Trip is again offering its semi-annual 10% rebate on \$crip profits. We will be carrying a boat-load of cards through mid-March so you can stock up and gain that extra money toward your Aquinas School tuition.

FORMED.ORG

This week on Formed.org Dr. Christopher Blum has selected 50 remarkably powerful meditations from Bishop Bossuet's works that accompany the daily readings at Mass during the Lenten season. They offer a perfect companion for a thoughtful and fruitful Lent. Check out this ebook on Formed.org and get your Lent off to a good start.
Use our code: K2768J

PARISH SUPPORT

BUDGET

July 1, 2019- June 30, 2020

Needed Weekly	\$13,000
Received Feb 16	8,710

WARMING CENTER

Our parish will supply the people power at the Warming Center on Saturday, March 7, through the night time. There are several open positions. Check the info in the Narthex and sign up to help.

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.

BIRTHRIGHT BABY BOTTLES

Please return your bottle and donation to the Narthex or Parish Office.

COMING UP

SAFE HAVEN SUNDAY

Bishop Callahan and the Office of Family Life asks us to focus some time today on the potential misuse of the internet by young folks and what parents can do to give them the help they need to avoid this threat. Parents, please take a copy of the book CONFIDENT: HELPING PARENTS NAVIGATE ONLINE EXPOSURE
Copies are in the Narthex.

SOUP SUPPERS IN LENT

On Fridays, following Stations of the Cross, we offer a soup and bread supper. If you would like to help prepare one of these suppers, call the office to sign up: 782-2953, ext. 2. It works very well if 2 families sign up together.

Mar 1 Safe Haven Sunday
Mar 3 Widows & Widowers lunch, 11:30 Schmidty's
Mar 3 Social Justice meeting, 6:00
Mar 5 Choir practice, 5:30-6:30
Mar 7 Choir sings at 4:30 Mass
Mar 7 Our parish's night to man the Warming Center
Mar 7 Handicraft sale in Parish Center
Mar 7 & 8 Anointing of the Sick after all Masses
Mar 8 Daylight Savings Time begins
Mar 10 Building & Grounds meeting 6:30
Mar 14 First Reconciliation, 9 am
Mar 15 Choir sings at 10:00 Mass
Mar 15 Volunteer Reception, 11:00
Mar 16-22 Our week for Mobile Meals
Mar 18 Rosary Support Group, 10 am
Mar 19 St. Joseph Table event
Mar 21 Women's Morning of Reflection
Mar 28 Aquinas Booster Club live and silent auction event
Apr 15 Confirmation, 6:30, Cathedral
Apr 26 First Communion, 10:00 Mass

AROUND TOWN

We welcome these vendors to the march market,
being held Saturday, March 7, 8:00-2:00

Parish Center
Free admission

- *Connie Thompson (bird houses & jewelry)
- *Erin Strittmater (crochet and quilted items)
Irish Hill Studio (miscellaneous items)
*Stemper (religious items)
- *Renee Orth (crochet items & wood items)
*Mary Duh (Young Living Essentials Oils)
- *Pat Hansen (miscellaneous handmade items)
*Paul Swieczak (yard mushrooms)
- *Maria Johnson (Girl Scout cookies)
*Kristin Johnson (nails)
- *Pat Carpenter (crafts)
- *Wills Wood & Honey Farm
*Kathy Curti (Jewelry)
- *BSP Women's Club (muffins and more)
- *Upcoming events/information table

U.S. CENSUS TAKERS NEEDED

Great pay, flexible hour
ApplyOnline: 2020census.gov/jobs

LENTEN FISH FRYs

March 6 and March 27, St. Bartholomew,
Trempealeau, 4-7 pm
Fridays in Lent, St. Pat's, Onalaska, 5-7 pm

AQUINAS BOOSTER CLUB AUCTION

Saturday, March 28
5:00 Silent Auction; 7:30 Live Auction; food stations
Don't miss it this year!

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2020

Friday, March 6, Our Redeemer Lutheran,
2136 Weston
9:30 brunch, \$5 donation
10:30 Prayer: "Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk"
Written by the women of Zimbabwe, Africa
RSVP by March 2 to Evelyne, 715-838-9290

MORNING OF REFLECTION

Sat, March 21, here at BSP
8:30 Mass; breakfast; presentation "Blessed are You,
Beautitudes Revisited" by Sandy Setterlund
Hosted by the Catholic Daughters. No reservations
required.

SEMINARIANS TO PRAY FOR THIS WEEK

Sun	Deacon Samuel McCarthy
Mon	Deacon Joseph Richards
Tues	Deacon Levi Schmitt
Wed	Deacon Daniel Williams
Thurs	Eric Mashak
Fri	Timothy Reither
Sat	Arturo Viguera

CONFESSION OPPORTUNITIES AT BSP DURING LENT

Saturdays, 3:30-4:00
Sundays, Mar 15, 22, 29, 7:00 am
Wednesday, March 18, 6:30 pm

FIRST SATURDAY AT THE SHRINE

March 7
11:15 talk on one of the mysteries of the Rosary
11:45 Rosary prayed; 12:15 Mass.
Confessions available before and after Mass.

CABIN FEVER FEST

Euchre Tournament & luncheon
Sunday, March 1, doors open at noon
St. Peter Parish, Middle Ridge
\$10/person; includes soups, snacks, & beverages

20/20 VISION OF FAITH: SEEING HOW GOD IS PRESENT AND ACTIVE IN OUR LIVES

Spiritual Renewal Days
Mary, Mother of the Church
March 9-11, 6:30 pm
Presenters: Father Dennis Lynch (Aquinas graduate)
and Sandy Setterlund

GROUP SPIRITUAL DIRECTION FOR WOMEN

Tuesdays, through May 26, 5:30-7:30
\$125 for the 5 monthly sessions
Facilitators: Rose Elsbernd and Sarah Hennessey, FSPA
Franciscan Spirituality Center
Register at FSCenter.org or call 791-5295

Enrollment is now open for all the Aquinas Schools. The schools are open to families of all faiths, and there are several tuition assistance programs. If you would like to see firsthand how the schools operate, consider coming to a SHADOW DAY. Info at: aquinascatholicsschools.org/visit-our-school
Questions? Call Nancy Pederson, 784-8585, ext. 23

LECTIO EUCHARIST

This week the program delves into the "Eucharistic Miracles." Jesus performed these miracles as a way to point toward the Last Supper, where the greatest miracle would happen. Discussion/presentations are held at these locations:
Mon: Murphy Hall at St. James, 8:45-10:15
Tues: here at BSP, 8:15-9:45 in Parish Center
Crucifixion, La Crescent, 6:30-8:00
St. Patrick, Onalaska, 6:30-8:00, parish basement
Wed: Holy Trinity Leo Hall, 1:00-2:30
Thurs: St. Patrick, 9:15-10:45
Viterbo, 3:00-4:30 in Murphy Center
MMOC, 6:30-8:00 in Parish Hall
Newman, 7:00-8:30 in church basement
Fri: Cathedral, 10:00-11:30 undercroft
To register call Amy, 783-0847 or dcapelli@charter.net
This is a super program! Jump on board.