



Blessed Sacrament Parish

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT March 14, 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*

Offering Families: *Call the office to volunteer*

Rosary Leader Schedule:

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

March 14, 2021

March 15 - 21, 2021

Weekday Mass time: 7:15 am

While Father was visiting his family in India, Father Becker celebrated our weekday Masses at 7:15 because of his commitment at Aquinas at 8:00. We found that time to be convenient for many folks who must be at work by 8:00, so we will change our Mass time permanently to 7:15.

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**STATIONS OF THE CROSS
AND BENEDICTION**
Fridays in Lent, 5:30 pm.
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Please check our parish website to access a communication from Bishop Callahan's Office regarding the vaccines for COVID-19.

LENTEN CONFESSION TIME
Wednesday, March 24, 6:30 pm
Several priests will be available

HOLY WEEK MASSES

Palm Sunday: 4:30 pm Sat.
8:00 & 10:00 Sunday

We will gather IN CHURCH not the Parish Center

Holy Thursday: 7:00 pm
The church will remain open until 10:00 pm after Mass for private prayer.

Good Friday Service: 12:15 pm
Veneration of the cross by bowing or genuflecting (no kissing or touching of the cross)
The church will remain open until 4:00 pm for private prayer.

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil: 8:30 pm

Easter Sunday: 8:00 & 10:00 am

The Diocese gives parishes permission to accommodate 50% of its church's capacity for Masses. The Parish Center (with live streaming of Masses) will be used for over-flow during Holy Week. Holy Communion will be distributed there.

If you would like to be a reader, Eucharistic Minister, or usher for any of these Masses, please call Pauline at 782-2953, ext. 4.

MASS INTENTIONS

FACE MASKS ARE REQUIRED IN CHURCH

- MON 3/15** 7:15 Lenten Weekday
+William Mishler
- TUES 3/16** 7:15 Lenten Weekday
+Eunice O'Connor
- WED 3/17** 7:15 Lenten Weekday; Patrick
+Marlowe Watunya
2:20 *+Mary Ann Melvin*

*Grade School children will be attending Mass
Wednesdays at 2:20 & Thursdays at 8:15.
These Masses ARE NOT OPEN to others.*

- THU 3/18** 7:15 Lenten Weekday; Cyril of Jerusalem
+Sherry Brown
8:15 *+Richard & +Diane Franke*
- FRI 3/19** 7:15 Joseph
*Living & deceased members of the
Neal & Megan Murphy family*
5:30 Stations of the Cross & Benediction
- SAT 3/20** Lenten Weekday
NO 7:15 Mass

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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

- SAT 3/20** 4:30 *+Tim McCarthy*
- SUN 3/21** 8:00 *+Donald Schreier*
10:00 *For the People of the Parish*

The Rosary is prayed before our weekend Masses beginning about 20 minutes before Mass starts.
The leaders on March 20 & 21:

- 4:30 The Quillins
- 8:00 Melissa Vach
- 10:00 The Roops

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays, 3:30-4:15 pm
During Lent, Sundays, 7:15-7:45 am
or call 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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

Facemasks must be worn in the parish office and church.

BSP CONFIRMANDI 2021

Elizabeth Bagniefski Kaitlin Groth
Jacob Hillebrand Gregory Kusmitch
Damien Lee Aaron Lepak
Zachary Morgan Jack Murphy
Alexandra Roupe Robert Skemp
Henry Suttie Esmeralda Valera
Estella Weisse

Please keep them in your prayers.

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.

SPRING CHURCH CLEANING
Saturday, March 20, 8:00-noon
Join other parishioners under the direction of Marie Allen in cleaning the church for Easter. Many volunteers make for lighter work. Bring rags and buckets. Families, teens, all are welcome. Stay for an hour or longer. Donuts and juice will be available for fortification. Questions?
Call Marie at 785-5189.

Dear Father Raj and Blessed Sacrament Parishioners,
Thank you for your generous donation of gift cards for families and for our Christmas Program. Your attentiveness to the needs of our struggling brothers and sisters is greatly appreciated. It will help the staff and volunteers of Catholic Charities to meet some of the most pressing needs immediately. We are honored to have you join us as we work to serve Christ in those who most need help! God bless you. Roberto Partarrieu
Executive Dir., Catholic Charities

SCRIP NEWS

Masks are required face-wear.
Stop in to place your order or call the Scrip office at 782-2953, **ext. 1**, or email orders: SCRIP@bsplacrosse.org so your order is ready when you stop by. Thanks to our volunteer Scrip sellers. Aquinas families, remember that the full 100% of the rebate can be applied to your tuition bill.

NEW VIDEO ON PADRE JOSE(WALIJEWski)

Wednesday, March 24, 7:00 pm
To join this virtual 45-minute program send your request for the link by March 22 to: ssceery@frjoesguild.org. This month marks the 35th anniversary of the founding of Casa Hogar.

REST IN PEACE

+Eugene Gerke
Father of Sharon Embke
Brother of Betty Roth and Paul, Greg, Kenneth, and Mary Lu Gerke

PARISH SUPPORT

BUDGET

July 1, 2020- June 30, 2021

Needed Weekly \$13,000
Received Mar 7 16,268

COMING UP

Mar 17 Religious Ed class
Mar 20 Church cleaning
Mar 24 Confessions, 6:30 pm
Mar 24 Religious Ed class
Mar 31 NO religious Ed class
Apr 7 Confirmation, 6:30 pm here at BSP

HELP US PLEASE

If you have recently moved and have a new address..OR your email or phone number has changed, let the parish office know so our records and contact info are up to date. Call 782-2953, ext. 2, or email us at office@bsplacrosse.org

COMING UP

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays in Lent, 5:30
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction
(No soup supper following)

Formed.org

St. Joseph, the holiest of the patriarchs, serves as a model of fatherhood, obedience, chastity, and so many other virtues. Join Dr. Mark Miravalle as he shares incredible lessons found in the hidden life of Joseph. Find **St. Joseph: Patron of the Universal Church** and many more resources on St. Joseph this week on Formed.org.

Just once I want a user name and password prompt to say, "close enough."

INTENTIONS FOR MASSES IN 2021

There are many open dates available for Mass intentions for 2021.

Call the parish office at 782-2953, ext. 2, or stop in to schedule Masses. DO NOT leave your requests on voice mail; you must contact Elizabeth Skemp. One person may request 3 Masses for someone during the next year, one on the weekend, a holyday or a holiday, and 2 during the week. The dates must be a minimum of 6 weeks apart. The stipend is \$10 per Mass. There is a difference in giving the Parish a **Memorial donation** in someone's honor, and money for **Mass intentions**. Please specify what your wishes for your donation are.

AROUND TOWN

MARDI GRAS

We are blessed to have a quality Catholic school system such as Aquinas in the La Crosse area. Coulee Region Mardi Gras has staunchly supported faith-based education in Aquinas Catholic Schools since 1991. In the grip of a COVID19 pandemic the need for fundraising has not diminished.

In lieu of in-person celebrations we have set up an online donation portal to continue our support of Catholic education. Your generous donation will provide tuition assistance and classroom grants, channeling resources to students and families in need at ACS.

Donation campaign began on February 16, 2021, and ends on March 31, 2021. Please visit

<https://www.lacrossemardigras.com/tickets/> or send to P.O. Box 1433, La Crosse, WI 435601-1433.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 839
Wed, March 24, 12:30-5:30

Undercroft at the Cathedral

To donate: redcross.org & enter sponsor code KC
Or call 1-800-733-2767

To volunteer: call 612-760-6192 or 608-526-4937
or go to: cjpeters2011@gmail.com.

GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE!

Courage/EnCourage

Are you or a loved one experiencing same-sex attraction and looking for answers?

***Courage** is a ministry dedicated to the spiritual needs of persons with same-sex attraction.

***EnCourage** is a ministry dedicated to the spiritual needs of parents, siblings, children, and other relatives and friends of persons who deal with same-sex attractions.

For all information contact Ann Lankford at 791-2658 or alankford@diolc.org.

GOD'S SACRAMENT OF HEALING FOR OUR WOUNDED WORLD

A presentation by Msgr. Joseph Hirsch.

A timely topic for Lent that deals with some common questions and struggles surrounding this Sacrament.

Go to: diolc.org/lent

LENTEN FISH FRY

St. Patrick's, Onalaska

Fridays, 5-7:30 pm

Drive through pick up only

FREE WORKSHOP:

Celebrating the Easter Mystery

The Liturgical Institute at the University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary has just published a series of classes on Celebrating the Easter Mystery, presented by Christopher Carstens, Director of the Office of Sacred Worship for our Diocese. These five, one-hour classes uncover the spiritual treasures of Lent, Holy Week and the Easter Season by focusing on the liturgy's prayers, readings, and ceremonies. The Liturgical Institute offers the course for \$97, but it can be viewed **free of charge** by clergy and laity in the Diocese of La Crosse. Follow this link: <http://bit.ly/3dg5rIz>.

This offer ends on Easter Sunday.

SEMINARIANS TO PRAY FOR THIS WEEK

Mon	Deacon Arturo Viguera
Tues	Deacon Eric Mashak
Wed	Deacon Timothy Reither
Thurs	Matthew Bowe
Fri	Steven Weller
Sat	Jared Clements
Sun	Alex Kren

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

LEADER OF PRAYER CLASS

Beginning in July, 2021

Applications are open to men and women who wish to serve as Leaders of Prayer in our Diocese.

This is a 3-part course of study to prepare folks to serve their parish by taking Holy Communion to the

Sick, conducting Liturgy of the Word on weekdays when a priest is not available (and on Sundays in care facilities or jails), and leading parishioners in prayer at other times. All information is available at

diolc.org/ministries/leader_of_prayer.

CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH CLASS

Hundreds of folks in our area have already been enriched by taking this 4-week course. It is being offered again beginning March 28. There are flyers in the Narthex with all the details. This can be done in a group or as a home study.