



Blessed Sacrament Parish

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Third Sunday of Lent March 15, 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 15, 2020

From Bishop Callahan

The Church has given us Lent as a time to awaken our God-given Gift of Faith. Faith is a gift that only God can give. Faith is a precious gift and needs to be cared for each day. We ask God to strengthen our Faith – especially during Lent – through prayer, fasting, and alms-giving. These pious practices are done to open ourselves up to a heightened awareness of God’s presence in our lives.

When we pray, we come to Jesus “as we are” and lay before Him all our thoughts, our desires, and our failings. We come in humility, begging for the King of Kings to enter more fully into our hearts with His boundless Love and Mercy. It is through prayer that we come to a deeper understanding and awareness of how, through our Baptism, we are called to carry out the Will of God on earth.

Lent is also a time to make a good confession. Make time to examine your life. Be honest about your failings and shortcomings. Approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation with a repentant heart and willingly receive the peace and joy of His merciful love. God will not spurn a contrite heart.

Take advantage of the many spiritual practices that are talked about during Lent. Strive to incorporate just one practice into your daily routine. You, and those around you, will notice a difference!

Blessed Lent to you. Let us pray together as we journey to Easter.

**CONFESSION OPPORTUNITIES AT BSP
DURING LENT**

Saturdays, 3:30-4:00

Sundays, March 15, 22, 29 at 7:00 am

Wednesday, March 18, 6:15 pm

(several priests will be here on the 18th)

+STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays during Lent

2:25 led by the school children

5:15 Stations & Benediction

Soup supper follows in Parish Center

March 16 - 22, 2020

EUCHARIST: Ruth Vanderploeg

READER: Paulette Drozdowicz

MON 3/16 Lenten Weekday

7:30 **+Harold Mashak**

Servers: Don Flynn, Mike Vanderploeg

TUES 3/17 Lenten Weekday; Patrick

7:30 **+Mary Oswald Hafner**

Server: Andy Nordeen

WED 3/18 Lenten Weekday; Cyril of Jerusalem

9:00 **+Deceased members of the Bill & Doris Skemp family**

THU 3/19 Joseph

7:30 **Intention of Eileen Knothe**

Servers: Elyse Binsfeld, Aeden David

FRI 3/20 Lenten Weekday

7:30 **+Maxine Kroner**

Servers: Ruby Gauger, AC VanRooyen, Roman Kirchner

5:15 Stations of the Cross & Benediction

SAT 3/21 Lenten Weekday (Catholic Daughters Day of Reflection)

8:30 **+Marge Simon**

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

SAT 3/21 Living & deceased members of the Galen & Marianne Pittman family

Celebrant: Father Peter Raj

MC: Gabe Trussoni

Servers: Greg Kusmitch, Craig

Reader: Gene Kolaczowski, Christy Nelson

Petitions:

Eucharist: Kay Nix, Loretta Clarkin, Susan Fukuda

Ushers: David Nelson, Allan Fukuda, Dave Sweeney

Offering family: Erna & Jane Gallagher

Rosary Leaders: Caryl & Scott Doberstein

SUN 3/22 8:00 For the People of the Parish

Celebrant: Father Peter Raj MC: Mike Vanderploeg

Srvs: Jack Clements, Peyton Strittmater, Shane Willenbring

Readers: Paul Rinzel, Bob Kelemen

Petitions:

Eucharist: Erin Strittmater, Joe Clements, Jean Kachel,

Mary Therese Rinzel, Bob Kachel

Ushers: Mark Chamberlain, David Schreier, Tad Strittmater

Offering Family: Jerry & Sandy Borreson

Rosary Leaders: Barb & Joe Clements

10:00 +John Leinfelder

Celebrant: Father Peter Raj

MC: William Arnold

Servers: Colin Sans Crainte, Bobby & Stephanie Skemp

Reader: Ann Lankford, Theresa Kivi

Petitions:

Eucharist: Mike Hartley, Larry & Donna Lee, Barb Lee

Ushers: Terry Felt, John Sullivan, Tom Franke, Tom Dolan

Offering Family: Les & Terry La Chine

Rosary Leaders: Kathy & Nick Nicks

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.

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

WELCOME TO BSP

Bruce Hrabak and
Bonnie Schmitz-Hrabak
and family

LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA

CD's and books are again available in the entry to the Adoration Chapel. Make yourself spiritually strong this Lent. And, while you're there, pop into the Chapel for some quiet refreshing minutes with Our Lord.

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.

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.

\$CRIP NEWS

Phone orders: 782-2953, ext. 6.

Email orders: SCRIP@bsplacrosse.org

HELP!

We need a co-coordinator for our running-like-a-top \$crip Program. The time involved is just a few hours a week, and it would work nicely to have a couple folks who can share the fun. Questions? Call the Parish Office or the \$crip number above. How does a chili dog and root beer sound? We have Rudy's in stock again, and they should be opening very soon. Pass the mustard.

FORMED.ORG

This week we celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph, March 19, and Formed.org has great resources to learn more about this humble saint. In the film "Joseph of Nazareth" see Joseph being inspired and led by God's messengers to trust and follow His plan along with beautiful vignettes of many of the other powerful scenes in the life of Christ and the Holy Family.

Use our code: K2768J

PARISH SUPPORT

BUDGET

July 1, 2019- June 30, 2020

Needed Weekly	\$13,000
Received March 8	7,035

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.

ROSARY SUPPORT GROUP

Wednesday, March 18, 10:00 am
Conference Room

Come for prayer and friendship and to gain strength as we share and seek wisdom with life's challenges. Questions? Call Marcia Kolaczowski, 790-5342, or Margaret Cunningham, 782-3885.

COMING UP

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
Mar 30 Women's Club potluck meeting, 6 pm
Apr 4 Our parish mens Warming Center
Apr 7 Widows & Widowers, 11:30, Radisson
Apr 15 Confirmation, 6:30, Cathedral
Apr 26 First Communion, 10:00 Mass

7th Anniversary of the opening of the cause for canonization of the Servant of God, Father Joseph Walijewski
March 15 10:30 Mass at Cathedral
Padre Jose: "How can I go home to a comfortable bed, knowing there are thousands of children that are out there in the streets, sleeping outside in the cold, hungry, with no hope in their minds?"

PARENTS:

Bishop Callahan and the Office of Family Life ask us to focus 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.

AROUND TOWN

GAME DAY AT HOLY TRINITY

Sunday, March 29, 1-3:30, Leo Hall
Bring your friends and favorite games, and a snack to share. Beverages will be provided.

LENTEN FRIDAY FISH FRY

March 27, St. Bartholomew, Trempealeau, 4-7 pm
St. Pat's, Onalaska, 5-7:30 pm
Mary, Mother of the Church, 5-7 pm

2020 VETERANS BONANZA

Thursday, March 19, 11am-6 pm
Radisson Hotel
Learn about all the services provided
by the Veterans Association

AQUINAS BOOSTER CLUB AUCTION

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

MORNING OF REFLECTION

Sat, March 21, here at BSP
8:30 Mass; 9:15 breakfast; 10-11:30 presentation
"Blessed are You, Beautitudes Revisited"
by Sandy Setterlund
Hosted by the Catholic Daughters.
No reservations required.

SEMINARIANS TO PRAY FOR THIS WEEK

Sun	Philip Grygleski
Mon	David Nowicki
Tues	John Duranso
Wed	Brian Ward
Thurs	John Culligan
Fri	Joseph Glatczak
Sat	Daniel Buchal

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Heavenly Father, bless Your Church with an abundance of holy and zealous priests, deacons, brother, 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.

CHRISM MASS, APRIL 7

The Chrism Mass is one of the diocesan highlights at which the Bishop blesses the oils for the celebration of the sacraments of Baptism and the Anointing of the Sick, and consecrates the Sacred Chrism used in the sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Orders. Priests also renew their priestly promises at this Mass, and we the faithful pray for them. It is most impressive to be in the Cathedral for this moving Mass. You will want to come early to accommodate parking and seating. Mark your calendar for April 7 at 10:30.

LAPTIVITY QUILTS

Patchwork quilts are created for folks with Alzheimer's or other related dementia problems. Help in cutting, assembling, and sewing the quilts is needed.
1st Thursday of April, May & June, 9 am – 1 pm
Good Shepherd Lutheran, 4141 Mormon Coulee Rd.
Register/Info: 775-9999
Donations of quilt materials welcome.

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

SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE

Support Group
Wed, March 18, 7-9 pm
Rose Room 141, Franciscan Spirituality Center

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

PERMANENT DIACONATE

If you are a man between 30 and 60 years of age and think God may be calling you to be a permanent deacon, there is a Disconate Discernment Retreat on Sat, April 4. The first step is to contact Deacon Kevin Ray, Director of the Office for the Diaconate at 791-2665, or email: kray@diocl.org.

DIVORCE RECOVERY

Tuesdays, March 24-May 12, 6:30-8:00
Franciscan Spirituality Center, \$25 for 8 sessions
Call 791-5295, or email: FSCenter.org

LECTIO EUCHARIST

This week the focus is on the Last Supper, when Jesus instituted the Eucharist. Bet you didn't know that to prepare for the Passover meals celebrated in Jesus' time, hundreds of lambs were slaughtered. Connecting the Last Supper to the Jewish Feast of Passover opens so many doors in understanding what a gift Eucharist is for us!
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
If you have questions, call Amy, 783-0847 or dcapelli@charter.net