



Blessed Sacrament Parish

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT March 21, 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 21, 2021

March 22 - 28, 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 3/22** 7:15 Lenten Weekday
+Maureen Kratt
- TUES 3/23** 7:15 Lenten Weekday; Turibus
+Steve Black
- WED 3/24** 7:15 Lenten Weekday
+Howard A. Bradley
2:20 *+Tucky Skemp*

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

- THU 3/25** 7:15 Annunciation of the Lord
+Arlene Schmidt
8:15 *+George Allen*
- FRI 3/26** 7:15 Lenten Weekday
Living & deceased members of the Clements family
5:30 Stations of the Cross & Benediction
- SAT 3/27** Lenten Weekday
NO 7:15 Mass

PALM SUNDAY

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

- SAT 3/27** 4:30 *+Terri Levi*
- SUN 3/28** 8:00 *+William & Maureen Kratt*
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 27 & 28:

- 4:30 The Dobersteins
- 8:00 The Clements
- 10:00 Galen Pittman

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays, 3:30-4:15 pm
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.

EASTER FLOWERS

If you would like to sponsor a lily for use in church during the Easter season, please call the office. Cost is \$35.

Help us by spelling the name you wish to honor. We will also be accepting flowering plants (all colors and varieties). Drop them off inside the Losey Blvd. side chapel door before 10:00 on Holy Saturday, April 3.

WISCONSIN PARENTAL CHOICE PROGRAM

is open for applications through April 15 for the 2021-22 school year. The program covers 100% of the base tuition to attend the Aquinas Schools. To learn more visit the Aquinas website or contact Nancy Pederson at nancypederson@aquinasschools.org

*I will never be over the hill.
I am too tired to climb it.*

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. Let your relatives, friends, and neighbors know they may purchase Scrip and designate your family to receive the rebate. An order form can be found on our Parish Website.

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.

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/len

PARISH SUPPORT

BUDGET

July 1, 2020- June 30, 2021

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

COMING UP

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
Apr 11 Divine Mercy Sunday
April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

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

This week we celebrate the Feast of the Annunciation where Mary says "YES" to God's will for her life. This week on Formed.org check out "Say Yes to Christ: Allowing Jesus to be the Lord of Your Whole Life," by Scott Hahn. Mary conformed the entirety of her life to the Divine Will. In doing so she became the model of perfect discipleship. In this talk Dr. Scott Hahn discusses why we should surrender our lives to the Lord. Formed.org.

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

AQUINAS SUPPORT

In lieu of the in-person celebration of Mardi Gras 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 ends on March 31. Please visit <https://www.lacrossemaidigras.com/tickets/> or send to P.O. Box 1433, La Crosse, WI 435601-1433.

Mark your calendar for the **HUGE BOOSTER CLUB AUCTION on April 24.** The in-person event starts at 5:30 or participate online via the Greater Giving platform. New this year is the **GOLDEN TICKET** (100 raffle tickets at \$100 each). The winner selects from 10 designated live auction items.

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!

PREGNANCY SUPPORT

Pregnancy? Confused? Need someone to talk to? Catholic Charities provides a **FREE & CONFIDENTIAL** Pregnancy hotline. Call 888-212-4357 or text our 24/7 helpline at 715-600-6391. Social workers are available to talk you through your life options. We will listen and help you make the best decision for you and your child. We'll also provide information, support, and referrals to help you deal with other concerns or crises in your life. Info at:

<https://cclse.org/pregnancy-support-2/>

MARRIAGE PREPARATION RETREAT

April 24 and July 10 at Mary, Mother of the Church. To register email Mari at mnerickson95@gmail.com or call 608-518-7655. You must register one month prior.

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.

Registration is also open for participation in the **LAY FORMATION INSTITUTE** at diolc.org/lay-formation.

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.

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	Isaac Pecha
Tues	John Zweber
Wed	David Nowicki
Thurs	Joseph Glatczak
Fri	Brian Ward
Sat	John Duranso

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

FRANCISCAN CORE YOUTH THEOLOGY INSTITUTE

June 13-18, Viterbo University

Students entering 10-12th grades in the Fall.

Hybrid gatherings with one-day on-campus immersion into Catholic Social teaching to help discern a calling to leadership and service. Website: viterbo.edu/Franciscan-core.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

The Promise: Our Lord's words to St. Faustina, "On that day (Divine Mercy Sunday), the very depths of My tender mercy are open. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment" (Diary #699). "I am giving them the last hope of salvation: that is, the Feast of my mercy" (Diary #965). For more information on Divine Mercy, go to: thedivinemercy.org.

Divine Mercy Sunday Devotions will take place on Sunday, April 11, at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral, from noon to 3:15 pm. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin at noon. Confessions will be heard throughout the afternoon with hourly recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. A Divine Mercy video will be shown at 12:20 and at 1:30 pm. Devotions will conclude with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction at 3:00. Come when you can; leave when you must.