



Blessed Sacrament Parish

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Fourth Sunday of Lent March 22, 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 22, 2020

A Message from Bishop William Patrick Callahan

In light of the continued concern surrounding spreading the coronavirus COVID-19, and the advice of medical experts across the country and especially in our state, all public Masses in the Diocese of La Crosse will be canceled beginning March 20, 2020, until further notice. All fish fries, parish gatherings, etc. are also canceled.

Please note, however: churches will remain open for private prayer. I am urging the faithful to remember in their prayers all of our brothers and sisters whose personal lives and the lives of their families have been affected by this disease. Visit diolc.org/pray to send me your personal prayer intentions.

At this point we are hopeful to resume public Mass by May 1. As you know, these plans and regulations change every day. Nothing would give me greater pleasure than to shorten this time frame or any of these regulations. This, of course, is unprecedented in our lives, and we rely on the providence of Almighty God and His Holy Mother. Please stay well and take every precaution to do so. Be aware of my prayers and my confidence in our protection under the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

When we are asked to wash our hands for 20 seconds – the time it takes to sing “Happy Birthday” twice...

Did you know that is also the time it takes to pray the Hail Mary?

Make the substitution and ask Mary’s help.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Canceled at church**

The Stations are beautifully depicted in grottos at the Catholic Cemetery for a walking-prayer experience. Nice bike outing for your family.

CONFESSION
Saturday, March 28, 3:30-4:30
or call Father to arrange

782-2953, ext. 4 or 5

March 23 - 29, 2020

ALL MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED PRIVATELY.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR March 23-29

- MON 3/23** Lenten Weekday; Turibius of Mogrovejo
+Donald and Rita Weber
- TUES 3/24** Lenten Weekday
+Joe Manning
- WED 3/25** Annunciation of the Lord
+Eileen Sutton
- THU 3/26** Lenten Weekday
+Michael Pihaniuk
- FRI 3/27** Lenten Weekday
+Maxine Kroner
- SAT 3/28** Lenten Weekday

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

- SAT 3/28** *+Lee Jay Olness*
- SUN 3/29** *For the People of the Parish*

**WATCH MASS ON TV AND PRAY ALONG
SUNDAY MASS
Channel 19 9:30 am**

Rebroadcast on the Diocesan website, diolc.org; the Diocesan YouTube Channel; Facebook at your convenience.

Roncalli Newman and St. Patrick Parish plan to record a weekend Mass and offer it on their YouTube Channels

**WEEKDAYS & SUNDAYS
EWTN**

7:00 and 11:00 am; 6:00 pm

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MASSES

Go to: USCCB.org
(That stands for United States Conference of Catholic Bishops)

HOLY COMMUNION TO HOSPITALS
A priest is allowed to visit only in case of an emergency.

*Cast all your worries on Jesus
because He cares for you.
1 Peter 5:7*

AROUND THE PARISH

CAUSES TO CELEBRATE

These parishioners have been selected to receive deserved recognition:

***Kay Berra**, Principal of Blessed Sacrament School

IN MY NAME award from Catholic Charities for her tireless work in promoting the cause of the Missions especially in the school.

***Kevin Roop**

THE 2020 THOMAS AQUINAS AWARD
Kevin has been a faithful, driving force in promoting Aquinas education.

***Mark Schneider '86**

BISHOP JOHN PAUL DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD

This award honors a distinguished community member, supporter of Aquinas, and faithful Catholic.

***Marie Allen**

ACTIVIST OF THE YEAR

La Crosse Life League honors her fine work in promoting the culture of life and protection of the unborn.

VOLUNTEERS

Your service to our Parish is profoundly appreciated. Please know you are held in my prayers.
Father Raj

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.

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

REST IN PEACE

Patricia Gotz
Sister of Mary Schuttenhelm

\$SCRIP NEWS

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

\$SCRIP SALES ARE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

We need a co-coordinator for our running-like-a-top \$scrip 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 \$scrip number above.

Choir practice will not be scheduled in April.

FORMED.ORG

The story of salvation began with Creation itself – and a decision that affects all of us to this present day. How did the events of an ancient past set into motion God's rescue operation to save us from eternal death? Find out this week in the series Symbolon Episode 4: The Story of Salvation.

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.

CHURCH SUPPORT

During these weeks when we cannot attend Mass, please don't forget your financial support of our parish and its importance in keeping the ship on course. Please mail in your envelope. Or, in the coming weeks, check out the online giving information on the website. It's such an easy way to keep up to date on this important matter.

COMING UP

Mar 28 Aquinas Booster Club auction
Postponed – will be rescheduled
Mar 30 BSP Women's Club meeting
Canceled
Apr 4 Our parish mens Warming Center
Apr 7 Widows & Widowers lunch
Canceled
June 14 Rescheduled date for First Communion, 10:00 Mass

CHURCH CLEANERS

Lots of hands make light work. Since our church and Adoration Chapel will be open for private prayer, we are looking for folks who can give an hour or so to wipe down those areas a few times a day. Please go to the Parish Website and look for the button on the home page to sign up.

Thanks you to all who volunteered to prepare soup and host the suppers after Stations of the Cross this Lent. We'll look forward to your help next year.

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.

How God Guides Us
"Relationship Comes First"
Find this resource at
<https://diolc.org/evangelization/questions/>

AROUND TOWN

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Will be live streamed from the Cathedral

Go to diolc.org/live to watch

CHRISM MASS, APRIL 7, 10:30

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 9

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 10

EASTER VIGIL HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 11

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 12

PRAYER FOR TODAY

As people in the world today, we trust in good medicine and community health science. But more importantly, we trust our loving God, Who is close to all His children, but most especially when we are afraid. We have great confidence in the One Who loves us more than we can ever imagine.

In this confidence we call out to the Lord and His Blessed Mother...

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas, we fly to you today as your beloved children. We ask you to intercede for us with your Son, as you did at the wedding in Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation and world, and for all our families and loved ones, the protection of your holy angels, that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted, ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance. Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful, wipe away their tears and help them to trust.

In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind. Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our lands and to our hearts.

We come to you with confidence, knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother, health of the sick and cause of our joy.

Shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us in the embrace of your arms, help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus.

Amen.

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

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:

aquinascatholicschools.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, contact Deacon Kevin Ray, Director of the Office for the Diaconate at 791-2665, or email: kray@diocl.org.

DIVORCE RECOVERY

Tuesdays, 6:30-8:00

Franciscan Spirituality Center, \$25 for 8 sessions

Call 791-5295, or email: FSCenter.org

Contact them for beginning date.

LECTIO EUCHARIST

Jesus celebrated the Last Supper with His disciples, but did you realize He also celebrated the first Mass after His resurrection? This week's Lectio Eucharist shows us how He taught His disciples about the necessity for His death and resurrection on the Road to Emmaus. He ended that encounter by celebrating Mass with them. It was at that Mass that their eyes were open and they realized it was Jesus. Do you see Jesus in the Eucharist as they did?

You can delve into these beautiful teachings on Formed.org.

Everyone who has participated in the discussion/video series has come away with their hearts enlivened and their understanding of the Eucharist deepened.
