



Blessed Sacrament Parish

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PALM SUNDAY March 28, 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 28, 2021

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.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Jesus appeared to St. Faustina in the early 1930s. He told her that He would make her a missionary of His Divine Mercy to the world. As part of that mission, He gave her the prayers for the Divine Mercy Novena, a nine-day prayer that begins on Good Friday of each year and ends on the Sunday after Easter Sunday (Divine Mercy Sunday). What makes this Novena unique is that Jesus Himself composed it, and each day a prayer can be offered for one specific group of souls, such as children, priests and religious, luke-warm souls, fallen-away Catholics, and so on. Pray the Divine Mercy Novena starting on Good Friday in preparation for this feast. 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.

March 29 – April 4, 2021

MASS INTENTIONS

FACE MASKS ARE REQUIRED IN CHURCH

MON 3/29 7:15 Monday of Holy Week
+Mary Mashak

TUES 3/30 7:15 Tuesday of Holy Week
+Don Gallagher

WED 3/31 7:15 Wednesday of Holy Week
+Eugene Gerke

THE TRIDUUM

THU 4/1

Holy Thursday

NO 7:15 am Mass

7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
+Robert & Leona Welsh

FRI 4/2

Good Friday

NO 7:15 am Mass

12:15 pm Good Friday Service

5:30 NO Stations of the Cross & Benediction

SAT 4/3

Holy Saturday

NO 7:15 am Mass

8:30 pm Easter Vigil
+Todd Gerleman

EASTER SUNDAY

Celebrant: Father Peter Raj

Assisting: Deacon Allen and MC

SUN 4/4

8:00 *For the People of the Parish*
10:00 *Intention of Dan & Sharon Weinberger*

**NO CONFESSIONS
on Holy Saturday**

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.

Do you happen to have a piano light you no longer need?
Call Pauline at 782-2953, ext. 4. The instruments in the choir
loft need light.

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.
Confirmation is April 7 here at our parish.*

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 \$25.

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, or on Good Friday

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

*Feel like this?
A kid at heart.*

A senior citizen at knees and back.

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.

WELCOME TO BSP

Benjamin & Christina Thompson
Children: Augustine & Elizabeth

APRIL MEN'S GATHERING Saturday, April 17

8:00 am Mass at Cathedral
Then come to our Parish Center for a one-hour reflection, prayer, and discussion on the Seven Joys and Sorrows of Saint Joseph. There will be time for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament afterward. David Schreier will facilitate the talk and discussion.

Mark your calendar.
Invite your friends.

PARISH SUPPORT

BUDGET

July 1, 2020- June 30, 2021

Needed Weekly	\$13,000
Received Mar 14	5,330
Mar 21	6,620

COMING UP

Mar 31 NO religious ed class
Apr 2 Office & Scrip CLOSED
Apr 7 Confirmation, 6:30 pm here at BSP
Apr 11 Divine Mercy Sunday
Apr 17 Men's Gathering, 9-10:00 am.
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

DIVINE MERCY

The Novena for Divine Mercy begins on Good Friday. The sheet in today's bulletin has all the prayers.

Formed.org

This week is Holy Week, and there is so much rich history in our celebrations of these most Holy Days of the year! Join Dr. Brant Petrie, author and scripture scholar, as he walks us through the events of Holy Week. His insights and clarity allow the listener to enter into a deeper appreciation of the most important events of Christ's earthly ministry. Make this part of your Holy Week observance this week on Formed.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

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.

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.

CLERGY TO PRAY FOR THIS WEEK

Sun	Fr. Sam McCarthy – recently ordained
Mon	Fr. Joseph Richards – recently ordained
Tues	Fr. Levi Schmitt- recently ordained
Wed	Fr. Daniel Williams – recently ordained
Thurs	Deacon Arturo Viguera – ordination June 26, 2021
Fri	Deacon Eric Mashak – ordination June 26, 2021
Sat	Deacon Timothy Reither – ordination June 26, 2021

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.

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.

A HOLY WEEK REFLECTION

How many wounds did Jesus have? Besides the well-known five wounds in His hands, feet and side, there's another wound that's hidden and forgotten – the wound on His shoulder.

While in prayer Saint Bernard of Clairvaux asked Jesus which of His wounds was the most painful. Jesus answered that there was a wound on His shoulder, three fingers deep exposing three bones due to carrying His cross. Jesus asked Saint Bernard to honor the wound. He promised to grant every grace asked of Him in virtue of His wound. Whoever says DAILY three Our Fathers, three Hail Marys, and three Glory Be prayers in honor of that wound would have their venial and mortal sins forgiven, and, at the point of death, they would be visited by the Blessed Mother.

Saint Padre Pio, who received the stigmata (the wounds of Christ), also suffered the same pain on his shoulder, a wound no one knew about. After his death Friar Modestino discovered that the undershirt that Padre Pio wore had a blood stain nearly 4 inches long on the right shoulder. He asked Padre Pio for a sign that it was the shoulder wound suffered by Christ. That same night he woke up unexpectedly with a sharp pain in his right shoulder. He heard a voice saying, "This is how I suffered." And then he smelled a strong perfume: a sign of the spiritual presence of Padre Pio.

During Holy Week we can meditate on the suffering of Christ. Many of us are bearing a cross also – a family member or friend who is ill with cancer, dealing with addiction, a loved one having left the Church. We can offer these sufferings as a mortification for those who need Divine assistance. Lent is a time to die to oneself and become closer to Christ through prayer, sacrifice, and fasting. We can become a better version of ourselves. Let us use this opportunity wisely. Let us live with gratitude for everything we have and know that the sufferings of Jesus – all of them – were for our own good out of His love.

+We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.

+Because by Your holy cross You have redeemed the world