



Blessed Sacrament Parish

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Fifth Sunday of Lent March 29, 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 29, 2020

From Bishop Callahan's Blog, March 20, 2020

Given our present state of affairs, I'll be celebrating Mass privately this Sunday at 9:30 at the Cathedral. I hope you will join me at diolc.org/live. If you can't make 9:30, the Mass may be viewed on demand at the same link throughout the day. It grieves me to be physically separated from you during this prudent effort to stop the spread of the virus by temporarily limited gatherings. I'm fervently praying for a resolution to this spread, and begging God to bring us back together once again.

Several days ago I had the opportunity to speak with a friend concerning "private Masses" and the Catholic notion of "Spiritual Communion." As we talked about "private Masses" I took the opportunity to remind my friend about the fact that through the practice of Spiritual Communion, many of our brothers and sisters who are unable to receive sacramentally (for one reason or another) can have a moment of deep and sincere communion with our Blessed Lord spiritually.

In his encyclical "Ecclesia de Eucharistia" (A Eucharistic Church), in April, 2003, Pope Saint John Paul the Great encouraged the practice of Spiritual Communion, "which has been a wonderful part of Catholic life for centuries and recommended by saints who were masters of the spiritual life." These days of the dreadful coronavirus pandemic, when our priests are limited to the private celebration of the holy Mass, demonstrate the wisdom of the Church as She shares this great spiritual gift for us in these extraordinary and difficult times.

It is important for us to keep in mind that the current situation regarding "health warnings" and "social distancing" are not being forced on society – and especially on the Church – in some sort of atheistic or secular closure of the Church. This current health crisis and its governmental intervention is a temporary difficulty and sadness that for us, as Catholics in particular, affects our spiritual life.

We will recover from this pandemic and its dreadful effects with the help of God. In the meantime, the Church in Her ever inspired and wonderful love of Almighty God for His children, provides us with abundant grace and proximate care for us to be with Him and receive Him spiritually in our hearts and souls until we are able, once again to receive sacramental absolution as necessary and to attend holy Mass and receive our Blessed Lord, the Source and Summit of our lives in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

**O Sacrament most Holy, O Sacrament Divine,
All praise and all thanksgiving
Be every moment thine!**

March 30 – April 5, 2020

ALL MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED PRIVATELY.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR March 30 – April 5

- MON 3/30** Lenten Weekday
+John Reiland
- TUES 3/31** Lenten Weekday
+Phil Knothe
- WED 4/1** Lenten Weekday
+Marianne Pittman
- THU 4/2** Lenten Weekday; Francis of Paola
+Daniel Chamberlain
- FRI 4/3** Lenten Weekday
+Bob Saphner
- SAT 4/4** Lenten Weekday; Isidore

PALM SUNDAY

- SAT 4/4** *+Donald Gallagher*
- SUN 4/5** *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)

**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, April 4, 3:30-4:30
or call Father to arrange
782-2953, ext. 4 or 5**

*Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction,
persevere in prayer.
Romans 12:12*

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

Found in school parking lot: key with purple plastic identifier.

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.

REST IN PEACE

+Patricia Gotz
sister of Mary Schuttenhelm

+Bishop Soundara Raju SDB
Bishop of Vellore, India
Father Raj's Bishop
Father Raj says he passed away suddenly.

\$CRIP NEWS

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

\$CRIP SALES ARE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

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.

FORMED.ORG

As a parish we have been promoting Formed.org for use in various ways to grow your faith at home. Now, more than ever, we are grateful for these resources. Formed has structured their website to help you continue "Living Out Mission at Home." They have collected resources for "Faith at Home," "School at Home," "Prayer at Home," and so much more. Sign up today!

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
NO CHOIR PRACTICE IN APRIL
Apr 4 Our parish mens Warming Center
Apr 7 Widows & Widowers lunch
Canceled
Apr 15 Date for Confirmation will be rescheduled
June 14 Rescheduled date for First Communion, 10:00 Mass

The Adoration Chapel may accommodate just 2 people at a time.

Wondering why the main door of church is boarded? It, like the 2 side doors, was desperately in need of refinishing. So this is a good time for that. Thank you, Carl Francksen, for taking on this project.

Thank 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.

*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.*

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

COVID-19: A PRAYER FOR SOLIDARITY

For all who have contracted coronavirus,
We pray for care and healing,
For those who are particularly vulnerable,
We pray for safety and protection.
For all who experience fear or anxiety,
We pray for peace of mind and spirit.
For families who are facing difficult decisions
between food on the table or public safety,
We pray for policies that recognize their plight.
For those who do not have adequate health
insurance,
We pray that no family will face financial burdens
alone.
For those who are afraid to access care due to
immigration status,
We pray for recognition of the God-given dignity of
all.
For our brothers and sisters around the world,
We pray for shared solidarity.
For public officials and decision makers,
We pray for wisdom and guidance.
Father, during this time may Your Church be a sign of
hope, comfort and love to all.
Grant peace.
Grant comfort.
Grant healing.
Be with us, Lord.
Amen.

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WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED: a Year of Service

March 25, 2020, March 25, 2021

Our nation's Bishops ask that we take this year to assess what we can do to support mothers who may be struggling. Whether that be through a difficult or unplanned pregnancy, the challenges of raising children without a father's or family's support, or perhaps financial or emotional security, we are asked to reach out in love. Note that the year is book-ended by the special Feast of the Annunciation. Mary, Mother of God, be with us in this noble endeavor.

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

Have you ever wondered what worship in heaven looks like? To find out you can go to the Book of Revelation, chapters 4 and 5. Reading Revelation, you will notice a throne, elders wearing white garments, torches of fire, angels singing "Holy, Holy, Holy," incense, hymns of praise to God, and the great Amen. Any of this sound familiar? We as Catholics don't have to wait until we die to go to heaven. We experience heaven every time we go to Mass. Join us watching Lectio Eucharist Session 10 entitled "Revelation: Heavenly Worship and the End of Time" 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.

April is Child Abuse Awareness Month.
Wear blue on April 2 to show your support.