



# Blessed Sacrament Parish

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## March 6, 2022 First Sunday of Lent

### 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*  
  
*tomkratt@charter.net*

Offering Families: *Call the office to volunteer*

Rosary Leader Schedule: *Mary Schuttenhelm & Barb Clements*

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*

March 6, 2022

**DAY OF PRAYER & PENANCE  
FOR DIOCESAN AND UNIVERSAL CHURCH  
Friday, March 11**

**THE SEARCH  
Answering often-asked questions about our Faith**

**Mondays, Feb 21-Apr 4, 6:00-7:30  
Blessed Sacrament Parish Center  
Led by Deacon Allen**

**Tuesdays, Feb 22-Apr 5, 6:30-8 pm  
St. Patrick Parish, Onalaska  
Led by Fr. Aaron Becker**

**Fridays, Feb 25-Apr 8, 9:00-10:30  
Cathedral Undercroft  
Led by Msgr. Gilles**

**Fridays via ZOOM, Feb 25-Apr 8, 5:30-7 pm  
Access at:  
<http://www.roncallinewmancenter.com/>**

Each session includes a video and open Q & A session  
with the priest/deacon.

This week's topic: Why a God?  
Today we seem to think we've moved beyond the idea  
of God, but this secular view of life is a very new and  
unusual idea of humanity. All through human history  
man has looked to something outside himself for the  
answers to life. Why have we given up on God? Do we  
think science has disproven Him? Do we think society is  
better off without Him? We talk with astrophysicists,  
chemists, Harvard professors, and more make the case  
that it's not only reasonable to believe in God; it's  
essential if you want to have truly amazing life. Our souls  
seek their creator, and we'll never be truly happy unless  
we seek Him out. As St. Augustine famously said, "You  
have made us for Yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are  
restless until they rest in Thee."

No registration or fee required

**RCIA NEWS  
The Rite of Election  
and the Call to Continuing Conversion  
Sunday, March 6, 2 pm, Cathedral**

This Rite is an occasion that marks entry into the period  
of Purification and Enlightenment that coincides with  
Lent. It is a wonderful opportunity for candidates and  
catechumens to see the larger Church, be introduced  
to their new Cathedral, and receive the grace of the  
Rite.

**ST. JOSEPH TABLE  
Saturday, March 19, 5:30 pm, Parish Center  
Flyer in today's bulletin with all information**

March 7 - 13, 2022

**MASS INTENTIONS**

This week's reader: Mark Steingraeber

- MON 3/7** Lenten Weekday; Perpetua & Felicity  
**7:15 +Marianne Pittman**
- TUES 3/8** Lenten Weekday; John of God  
**7:15 +Ralph Schwanbeck**
- WED 3/9** Lenten Weekday; Frances of Rome  
**7:15 +Pat Crowley**  
**8:15 +Deacon Richard Sage**
- THUR 3/10** Lenten Weekday  
**7:15 +Elizabeth Schafer**
- FRI 3/11** Lenten Weekday  
**7:15 +Jean Noelke**  
**5:30 pm Stations of the Cross; Benediction**
- SAT 3/12** Lenten Weekday  
**NO 7:15 Mass**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

Celebrant: Father Raj

- SAT 3/12 4:30 pm +Mary Marlene Grabon**  
Server: Kyle C.  
Readers: Paulette Drozdowicz, Mary Saphner  
Rosary Leader: Mary Schuttenhelm
- SUN 3/13 8:00 Living & deceased members of the Bill  
& Marge Chamberlain family**  
Servers: Bobby S., Matthew B.  
Readers: Steve McGovern, Ruth Vanderploeg  
Rosary Leaders: Dave & Marie Allen  
**10:00 For the People of the Parish**  
Server: Rylan S.  
Readers: LuAnn Kratt, Bobbi Schamberger  
Rosary Leaders: Les & Terry Lachine

*CONFESSIONS  
Saturdays, 3:30-4:15  
or by appointment.*

**THURSDAY ROSARY, 6:30 PM**

Do you have a special intention and need Our Lady's  
intercession? Join us as we pray the Rosary Thursday  
evenings at 6:30 in the main church. Please use the alley  
handicap door.

**PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS**

Father Raj and all our priests are an amazing help in our  
spiritual growth. Without them we would not have the  
sacraments to help us on our journey to Heaven. Every  
Wednesday at 1:30 you are invited to join us as we pray for  
priests. Call Barb Clements at 608-782-5777 to get the  
details. We would love to have you!

## AROUND THE PARISH

### THANK YOU

To the guys and gals who provided such an enjoyable and delicious Parish Breakfast last Sunday. It was a fine way to welcome new parishioners to BSP.

### MEN'S GATHERING

Tues, March 8, 6-7:30, Parish Center

Time for prayers for each other's needs and the needs of our country. Bring your rosary. We will take a closer look at Saint Patrick and discuss an event in Church history to be announced at the gathering.

All men are welcome.

Questions? Call Dave at 790-3631 after 5 pm.

### ANGELS OF MERCY PRAYER GOUP

If you or someone you know is seriously ill, facing surgery, or needs prayers, please contact the Parish Office so our ANGELS OF MERCY Prayer Group can be notified.

### FRIDAYS IN LENT

5:30 Stations of the Cross and Benediction

Soup supper in the Parish Center following

Everyone is invited. If you can help prepare a soup, serve, or host, please call 782-2953, ext. 4 or email: [music@bsplacrosse.org](mailto:music@bsplacrosse.org).

### WARMING CENTER

3rd Street Catholic Charities site

Our parish is joining with Roncalli Newman to provide food & volunteers on Saturdays nights.

\*10-12 volunteers; 2 for food

\*guests will be quarantined if they exhibit COVID symptoms; other health safety precautions will be in place

\*limited to 30 guests/night

To sign up contact:

[anthonyweisse@gmail.com](mailto:anthonyweisse@gmail.com) or check the parish website

### BABY BOTTLES FOR BIRTHRIGHT

Your baby bottle with a donation may be returned to the basket in the Narthex now. Thanks for your support.

### Formed.org

If you are looking for a program to go through Lent this year, *Lectio: the case for Christ* might be just what you're looking for. Dr. Brant Pitre answers the key question of faith:

Who is Jesus? Dr. Pitre presents evidence from early Christian and non-Christian writings to attest to the authenticity of the Gospels. Timed to lead up to the Triduum, Dr. Pitre looks in-depth at the accounts of Jesus' Crucifixion and Resurrection and His proclamation of divinity.

Check it out on Formed.org.

### WAR IN UKRAINE

Presentation by Valentyna Pavsukova  
Mon, Mar 7, 7 pm

St. Mary's Parish, Altoona or live streamed at [diolc.org/live](http://diolc.org/live)  
Valentyna, member of our Diocese and founder of the Chalice of Mercy missionary effort, will describe the situation in Ukraine, the darkness of evil and light of courage. Learn about the humanitarian work of the Chalice of Mercy and how you can help.

## PARISH SUPPORT

### BUDGET

July 1, 2021- June 30, 2022

Needed Weekly	\$13,000
Received Feb 27	\$6,867

*Faith does not make things easy.  
It makes them possible.*

### COMING UP

Mar 6 Rite of Election and the Call to

Continuing Conversion, 2 pm

Mar 8 Men's Gathering, 6:00-7:30

Mar 9 Religious Ed classes

Mar 11 Stations of the Cross, 5:30;

Benediction; Soup supper

Mar 13 Daylight Saving time begins

Mar 13 Little Flowers moms & daughters, 11:30

Mar 15 Filming Masses for TV

Mar 19 St. Joseph Table, 5:30

Mar 26 First Confession, 9:00

Mar 29 Catholic Daughters Spirituality Day, 9:30-2:30, Marathon

Apr 20 Confirmation, 6:30 pm

May 1 First Communion, 10:00

## COMING UP

### FILMING MASSES

March 15, starting at 1 pm  
Diocesan Center Chapel

Our parish has been asked to assist with filming 4 Masses to be shown on TV beginning on Palm Sunday. If you can help by being a reader or part of the congregation, call 782-2953, ext. 4.

### DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS

Be sure to set your clocks ahead one hour next Saturday night, or you will be an hour late for Mass on Sunday.

### CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS SPIRITUALITY DAY

Tuesday, March 29, St. Anthony's, Marathon; 9:30-2:30

Prayer and reflection by Father Sam Martin, pastor of Holy Name Parish, Wausau

All women are invited to spend time in prayer and reflection; \$15 with lunch  
Flyer in today's bulletin

Tribute to Sister Thea Bowman  
Look for information on Sister's life coming soon from the Education Department at Viterbo.

Our school was blessed to have Sister's presence in the classroom many years ago. Her students remember her zest for life and deep spirituality.

A week of celebration will be March 27 through April 1. Sister Thea, Servant of God, pray for us.

### REST IN PEACE

+Mary Ann Brownell  
mother of Katie Matl and Kim Thurk

## AROUND TOWN

### LIGHTHOUSE MEDIA BOOKS & CDs

There is a need for books and CDs on saints, apologetics, Biblical truths, Church teaching and theologians, etc. for the Lighthouse Media display in the entry to the Adoration Chapel. If you wish to donate, just drop off your items in the parish office and designate them for the Lighthouse.

### AQUINAS CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Enrollment and re-enrollment for the 2022-23 school year is now open. If you are interested in exploring your options when it comes to education, we would be happy to show you what Aquinas has to offer. We have options for financial aid beginning in 5K, after school care options, and wide-reaching bus routes throughout the area. Aquinas Catholic Schools is a Christ-centered family devoted to nurturing students of all faiths through educational excellence in its vibrant Catholic tradition. Contact [info@aquinasschools.org](mailto:info@aquinasschools.org) with any questions or visit [www.aquinascatholic schools.org/enrollment](http://www.aquinascatholic schools.org/enrollment). Follow @AquinasCatholicSchools on Facebook.

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**SEMINARIANS TO PRAY FOR THIS WEEK**

Mon	David Nowicki
Tues	John Duranso
Wed	Joseph Glatczak
Thurs	Matthew Szymanski
Fri	Brian Ward
Sat	Kyle Lang
Sun	Alex Radtke

### 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.*

Consider offering an Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be for the seminarians on their special day, along with the Prayer for Vocations

If you or someone you know is interested in discovering more about a call to the priesthood, please contact me: Father Nate Kuhn, Director of Vocational Recruitment for the Diocese of La Crosse, 3710 East Ave. S, PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004; or phone 608-791-2667.

### FRANCISCAN CORE

June 19-24 at Viterbo

Resident experience for late teens

Service Camp includes time for prayer, education on Church social teachings, direct service, meditation with counselors.

Apply online at [www.viterbo.edu/franciscan-core](http://www.viterbo.edu/franciscan-core)

### WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

Weekly dialogue in person or virtual using Pope Francis' 'Fratelli Tutti' (*On Fraternity and Social Friendship*, the study guide.)

Thursdays, 9:30-11 am or 6:30-8 pm

Coordinator: Adele DiNatale-Svetnicka

She has had 12 years of experience in parish ministry and is an FSPA affiliate.

Reserve your spot at [www.sarcenter.com](http://www.sarcenter.com) or call 715-443-2236. Free will offering.

Mar 10: Ch 3 & 4: An Open World & An Open Heart

Mar 17: Ch 5: A Better Kind of Politics

Mar 24: Ch 6: Dialogue & Friendship in Society

Mar 31: Ch 7 & 8: Paths of Renewed Encounter & Religion at the Service of Fraternity in our World

### SPIRITUAL DIRECTION PREPARATION

Do you wish to help others discover a personal, intimate relationship with God? Are you interested in preparing for retreat ministry? Are you looking to hone your deep, compassionate listening skills? Franciscan Spirituality Center is offering a 3-year program to prepare for these steps. The new cycle begins in September, 2022, with application deadline of June 1. Go to [www.FSCenter.org](http://www.FSCenter.org) to download a brochure and application.

### ADVENTURE CAMP: June 26-July 1 Grades 6-12

Mark your calendar; information coming

### LIFE TEEN CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY CONVENTION

June 12-15, Scottsdale, Arizona

Get your batteries recharged to inspire your work with youth. Scholarship monies available.

Contact Andrew Brueggen: [youthdir@stpatsonalaska.com](mailto:youthdir@stpatsonalaska.com).

### CABIN FEVER FEST EUCHRE TOURNAMENT & LUNCHEON

Sunday, March 6, starting at noon; \$10/person

St. Peters Parish, Rockland

Questions? Call Melissa @ 486-2180

### MISSION TRIP TO LOUISIANA, JULY 24-31

Those who have finished Freshman year in High School to help Catholic Charities there help to rebuild following the damage from hurricane Ida of Aug, 2021. Dorm-style accommodations, meals and transportation provided.

Cost of trip is \$400; deposit of \$200 by March 15.

Contact Holy Family Parish, Prairie du Chien: 563-329-0149 or email: [mstoeffler64@gmail.com](mailto:mstoeffler64@gmail.com).

### BUS TRIP TO FIRESIDE THEATER, FT. ATKINSON, April 20

"A Mighty Fortress is our Basement"

\$100/person; lunch choices

Contact Arlene Young, 608-788-3440

Other trips and shows coming later.