



Blessed Sacrament Parish

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Feast of the Ascension

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ASCENSION OF THE LORD May 16, 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

May 16, 2021

Consecration to St. Joseph Class

Pope Francis has declared that this year is dedicated to St. Joseph for the whole world. If you have been on Amazon lately you have seen that the book Consecration to St. Joseph is a #1 Best Seller. Over 500,000 copies of the book have been sold since it was published Jan 1, 2020. People from Turkey, India, Canada, Japan, Poland, Mexico, and the Philippines, and many other places are learning about St. Joseph. Now YOU have a chance to learn about St. Joseph here in the La Crosse area. Join us as we learn about Joseph and Jesus through the Consecration to St. Joseph by Fr. Donald Calloway.

We will meet once a week for 6 weeks starting May 20.

Thursdays 9:30 - 11:00 am OR 6:30 - 8:00 pm
Blessed Sacrament Parish Center

This class can also be done as a self-study at home.

The cost per participant will be \$9.00 for the book. Already own a book? Join us for free.

To register contact the parish office or Amy Capelli at 608-783-0847 or dcapelli@charter.net.

CORPUS CHRISTI

**Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ
June 6**

This is our parish's Feast Day.

Following the 10:00 Mass we will once again have a Eucharistic Procession around the block of our parish campus. Processions are meant to remind us that we a "pilgrim people," making our way to our eternal home, Heaven. By making this procession *public*, we also demonstrate to all who see us that we truly believe that Christ is our Guide and Help on this journey. We know He is truly present in the Consecrated Bread giving us the spiritual nourishment we need along the way. Plan to be part of this wonderful experience. We conclude with Benediction in church.

This year the "icing on the cake" will be a 2:00 Mass on that day at which our young folks will be receiving their First Holy Communion. There will be ample room in church for all who wish to attend.

May 17 - 23, 2021

MASS INTENTIONS

FACE MASKS ARE REQUIRED IN CHURCH

- MON 5/17 7:15 Easter Weekday
+Howard Bradley
- TUES 5/18 7:15 Easter Weekday; John I
+Schams Family
- WED 5/19 7:15 Easter Weekday
+Arlene Schmidt
- THUR 5/20 7:15 Easter Weekday; Bernadine of Siena
+Bernardine Drozdowicz
8:15 *Intention of Kay Berra*

The Masses at 2:20 Wednesday pm and 8:15 Thursday morning are attended by the grade schoolers. They are not open to others.

- FRI 5/21 7:15 Easter Weekday; Christopher Magallanes & Companions
+Bob Berg
- SAT 5/22 Easter Weekday; Rita of Cascia
NO 7:15 Mass

PENTECOST

Celebrant: Father Peter Raj
Assisting: Deacon Allen and MC

- SAT 5/22 4:30 pm *+David Skemp*
Readers: Gene Kolaczkowski, Chris Nelson
- SUN 5/23 8:00 *+Frank & Doreen Schuh*
Readers: Ed Noelke, Bob Kelemen
10:00 *For the People of the Parish*
Readers: Ann Lankford, Theresa Kivi

ROSARY LEADERS

- May 22 4:30 Scott & Caryl Doberstein
- May 23 8:00 Joe & Barb 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

Please note: The parish office phone is not answered when the office is closed. Messages that are left will be answered. Facemasks must be worn in the parish office and church.

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.

A woman was trying hard to get the ketchup out of the bottle. The phone rang, and her 4-year-old answered it. "Mommy can't come to the phone to talk right now. She's hitting the bottle."

Thank you

**to David Schreier who is organizing the Men's study/prayer group
*to the members of the St. Cecilia Choir who dusted off their vocal cords and sang so beautifully at Nancy Padesky's funeral
to Sheila Steele who has volunteered to help keep the office and Parish Center areas tidy

WELCOME BACK, READERS

We are so blessed to have a good number of folks who proclaim the readings at Masses. On weekends we will again have 2 readers when possible to read the Scriptures for us. Thanks, Mary Jo Reinders, for coordinating.

Those Boxtops for Education from various grocery containers may be dropped off in the Narthex. Our school uses the proceeds to fund special events.

SCRIP NEWS

We have \$crip cards available for many local businesses. In addition, if you are travelling away, check out the hundreds of businesses which provide these discounts – hotels, restaurants, even cruise lines. Thinking of something for your child's teacher as the close of the school year approaches? \$crip gift cards are ideal. We have a boat-load in stock.

Call the \$crip office for details:
782-2953, ext. 1.

ADORATION CHAPEL

The Chapel is open during the day. If you'd like to come for prayer during the nighttime hours, call the parish office to receive the code for the door lock. It's a nice destination for your spring bike ride.

HELP NEEDED

Occasionally our Assistant Office Director, Elizabeth, needs someone to occupy her chair in the office and answer the phone. Give her a call if you can help out.
782-2953, ext. 2

PARISH SUPPORT

BUDGET

July 1, 2020- June 30, 2021

Needed Weekly	\$13,000
Received May 9	12,056

COMING UP

May 26 6:00 Mass graduation and awards for 6th graders
June 6 Corpus Christi Procession after 10:00 Mass
June 6 First Communion, 2pm Mass
June 26 Priestly Ordinations, 10:00

REST IN PEACE

+Franz Fredricks,
father of Gretchen Myre

HYMNAL REMINDER

Please return the hymnal you use at church to the tote in the back of church or side door entry. Each Mass has its own group of hymnals.
Thanks

COMING UP

Formed.org

This week as we celebrate Jesus' Ascension into Heaven, we are offered an in-depth look at *The Four Last Things: Death, Judgement, Heaven and Hell* on Formed.org. Fr. Mike Schmitz is one of the leading Catholic speakers in the Church today. In this exceptional presentation, Fr. Mike tackles these four topics that many of us understandably struggle with. As you listen to his talk, you'll be reminded that God wants to welcome you into Heaven, your true home!

As your garden starts to blossom, consider bringing a bouquet to church for sanctuary decoration. Call Pauline Connell at 782-2953, ext. 4, for drop off information.

WELCOME BACK TO SERVERS

You will be contacted soon about returning to the altar to assist Father Raj at Mass. You have been missed! To all youth in Middle and High School, if you would like to minister as a server, a training session will be forth-coming. Let Gabe Trussoni know you are interested; his phone number is 608-796-4324 or email: trussonic950@gmail.com.

BAPTISM ON MAY 23

Arlo Gerald Campbell
son of Andrew and Jessica
Campbell

May is the month devoted to honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary. A daily rosary is an excellent way to spend 15 minutes.

AROUND TOWN

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Sponsored by KC Council 839

Thurs, May 27, 12:30-5:30

Undercroft at the Cathedral

To donate visit: redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: KC or call 1-800-733-2767

To volunteer contact Charlie Peters, 612-760-6192 or cjpeters2011@gmail.com.

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.

CHICKEN-QUE

***Thursday, May 27, 11:00 until gone**

Holy Trinity Parish

\$10/dinner

Presale tickets from Parish Office; 608-782-2028, ext. 2.

CONVERSATIONS THAT MATTER

Men's discussion group

Zoom videoconferencing

7-9 pm on the first & third Thursdays of the month or on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays

Contact Vince Hatt at vjhatt@gmail.com

CATHEDRAL YOUNG ADULT READING GROUP (ages 18-35)

Thursdays, June 10-August 12

5:30-6:30 Eucharistic Adoration

6:45 Dinner/discussion

Stay afterward for conversations, cards, etc.

Topics for discussion: Pain & suffering from the Christian tradition; the Eucharist; dating & friendship.

Please contact Kyle Lang at

lang.kyle315@gmail.com if you plan to attend.

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY

Unlocking the Meaning of Our Humanity

Virtual Presentation

Sat, June 5, 10am-3:30 pm

Presenter: Brian Butler

\$10/person; register at diolc.org/tob

Today's teens face so many pressures; this program offers a message of hope and solid material to help navigate the troubling waters of today. Teens and parents, all are invited.

HOLY SPIRIT NOVENA OF LIFE from Priests for Life

Holy Spirit, at the dawn of creation, You brought order out of chaos, light out of darkness, life out of nothingness.

Breath on us again, and change this culture of death into a Culture of Life. Inspire in Your people a spirit of generous welcome for each and every life, no matter how unexpected or dependent that life may be.

Holy Spirit, You are the Advocate.

As You fill us with Yourself,

make us advocates for the unborn and all the vulnerable, until we are all united in the endless life and joy of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Amen

KNOW YOUR FAITH SERIES

The Social Justice Teachings of the Church

St. Anthony Retreat Center, Marathon

4th Thursday of the month, 6:30-8 pm

(in person or via zoom)

Register at sarcenter.com or call 715-443-2236

Social justice teachings are integral to our faith. Jesus taught that every person is invaluable and worthy of respect as a member of God's family. Human dignity comes from God, not from any human quality or accomplishment.

Topic for May 27: Life and dignity of the Human Person using the teachings of Pope Francis and Cardinal Bernadin. Fr. Tom Lindner, facilitator.

CATHOLIC HOME STUDY COURSE FOR ADULTS

Monthly facilitated study group through the Shrine of

Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Call 782-0011 for information.

SEMINARIANS TO PRAY FOR THIS WEEK

Sat Deacon Arturo Viguera

Sun Deacon Eric Mashak

Mon Deacon Timothy Reither

Tues Deacon Matthew Bowe

Wed Deacon Steven Weller

Thurs Jared Clements

Fri Alex Kren

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 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.