



# Blessed Sacrament Parish

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## May 22, 2022 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### 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: *Mike Vanderploeg*  
*William Arnold*

Weekend Servers  
(Middle and High Schoolers)

Readers: *Mary Jo Reinders*

Extraordinary Ministers of the  
Eucharistic: *Carolyn Steingraeber*

Petition Readers: *Barb Clements*

Ushers: *Tom Kratt*  
[tomkratt@charter.net](mailto: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:

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*

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*

May 22, 2022

Saying goodbye is never easy. Parting among friends, family, and people dear to us is truly kind of sorrowful and painful.

Before I start, let me thank God for the gift of the priesthood and for the great opportunity He gave me to serve you as your pastor for the last 9 years. I never imagined in my life that I would be here with you to serve as your pastor. Some of you know that I didn't like to go to school when I was in 7<sup>th</sup> grade. And after my 8<sup>th</sup> grade my parents struggled to send me to school because of poverty, but somehow with the help of my then pastor, I studied and then joined the seminary and became a priest. May his soul rest in peace. I believe all this is God's providence.

Dear parents, brothers, sisters, friends, when I was appointed to be your pastor in the year 2013 I had some anxieties, but I was hopeful. As the days and years went by, we are witness to how we blended together.

For 9 years, it has been pure joy and fulfillment to have served as your pastor. My life here at Blessed Sacrament, I can tell you without hesitation, has been very, very enriching and edifying. It has kept me grounded to my priestly promises. You gifted me with so much respect, love, care and assurances of prayers for my well-being and my parents in India, too. You trusted me to help you in your spiritual and emotional well-being, as well. We discovered each other's gifts and weaknesses which made us mature in our dealings with one another. In our journey of faith, we prayed together and found comfort in each other and in the love and goodness of God.

Now I feel sad because we will not be seeing each other as often as we used to. Yet, I am consoled because I am going to take a piece of all of you with me, and we will remain connected through our prayers, letters, emails and phone calls.

These past few days I have been receiving from many of you heartwarming messages of appreciation, of thanks, and assurances of prayers in my new assignment. Many of you came to say "thank you" for the good things that have happened. As you thank me for the things I may have done for you, let me thank you even more. God is good! Thank you for your friendship. Thank you for allowing me to enter into your lives. Thank you for welcoming me into your homes where we shared happy moments of fellowship.

Thank you for your support and encouragement in times of difficulties and failures in my work. Thank you, my dear parents, brothers, sisters and children, for your cards, donations for the poor children and people in India. They will not forget you. I sincerely thank you for what you were to me all these years from the bottom of my heart with my folded hands.

May I take this opportunity to extend my deepest gratitude and appreciation to the entire staff of

May 23 - 29, 2022

## MASS INTENTIONS

This week's reader: Mark Steingraeber

- MON 5/23** Easter Weekday  
**7:15 +Robert A. Burg**
- TUES 5/24** Easter Weekday  
**7:15 +Dale & +Priscilla Reinhart**
- WED 5/25** Easter Weekday; Bede the Venerable;  
Gregory VII; Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi  
**7:15 +Mary Crowley**  
**8:15 NO Mass today**
- THUR 5/26** Philip Neri  
**7:15 Intention of Tina Peckham**  
**8:15 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation: Intention of the Graduates**
- FRI 5/27** Easter Weekday; Augustine of Canterbury  
**7:15 +Paul Poehling**
- SAT 5/28** Easter Weekday  
NO 7:15 Mass  
**2:00 Nuptials**  
**Kayla Lippe & Henry Sayner**

## ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Celebrant: Father Raj

- SAT 5/28** **4:30 pm +Periyannayagi Ammal**  
Servers: Mike & Elizabeth H.  
Reader: Paulette Drozdowicz  
Rosary leaders: Gene & Mary Ann Roesler
- SUN 5/29** **8:00 Intention of Rick & Theresa Jeric**  
Server: Bobby S.  
Readers: Barb Swieciak, Mark Steingraeber  
Rosary Leader: Ken Hanson  
**10:00 For the People of the Parish**  
Server: Matthew B.  
Readers: Ted Riley, Natalie Bennett  
Rosary Leaders: Natalie & Joe Bennett

Blessed Sacrament for your dedication to work, zeal, and honesty. My sincere thanks to the Parish Council, Finance Council for their advice, cooperation, selfless service, and for putting up with me all these years. How can I forget the Music Director, CCD teachers, ushers, servers, Eucharistic ministers, RCIA Director, sacristan and altar decorators? Please continue your great work for the greater glory of God. I especially thank and appreciate Deacon David Allen for his great support, friendship, wonderful job, and service.

I called my family the other day; my dad expressed his heartfelt thanks for everything you did for me. At this time I also beg your pardon if I wounded any of you in any way. I am extremely sorry for that.

Goodbyes are not forever. Goodbyes are not the end. They simply mean I will miss you 'til we meet again. Let us all stay happy and healthy for the greater glory of God! May God, our eternal Shepherd through the intercession of our mother Mary bless us constantly in all our undertakings. You are always welcome to New Lisbon; it's on the way to Madison and Chicago, and you can stop by any time to take a break from your long drive and have a cup of coffee. I will be very happy to see you. I love you all!

## AROUND THE PARISH

### From Father Raj's desk:

In a few weeks I will be leaving you to go to New Lisbon and pass on to Father Dodge this parish. I offer my prayers for him and wish him good luck. Let me leave you this wish and prayer:

***Christian life is dynamic and therefore must be nurtured, cared, and shared. Whatever lessons you have learned, let these be your legacy to the next generation. Continue discovering God, loving Him, and praying to Him.***

God bless you and your family. Love you all!

### LOST AND FOUND

We have a wooden cane in the parish office. It is black with some red markings and looks like it has a lot of miles on it. Come to claim.

Winter items – scarves, mittens, etc- look over the collection in the Narthex for your lost items and take home. Rosaries, prayer books, etc. - they all need a "home."

### SECRETARY POSITION AVAILABLE

Our parish is looking for someone to fill the position of secretary.

The hours are: M-F, 9:00-noon, and M-Th, 1:00-4:00 pm.

This person greets visitors, handles correspondence and record-keeping, schedules Mass intentions, manages the office, and works closely with the pastor in providing a welcoming, cheerful environment. Please send inquiries and resume to the Parish Office. Call Father Raj for an application or with questions. 608-782-2953, ext. 3.

### FORMED.ORG

This week on Formed.org join Drs. Tim Gray and Ben Akers as they discuss the feast of the Ascension. In this video these two scholars provide powerful insights about the significance of the number 40, Jesus' conquest as the new Joshua, and the Kingship of Christ. Find it this week on Formed.org.

### \$CRIP NEWS

You're going to need some \$crip cards in your glove box for emergencies: Rudy's, Arby's, Culvers, McDonalds, Papa Murphy's, Subway, Wendy's, plus many others.

Graduates love gift cards. Nice thank you's for teachers, too.

**NEEDED NOW: \$crip sellers during office hours.** Call 782-2953, ext. 1, to learn all about this low stress volunteer opportunity.

### FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR

When the blossoms are ready, we'd love to have them to decorate the sanctuary. Give Bernice Lansing a call for drop off directions. 608-793-1972.

### Milestone

50<sup>TH</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
on May 27  
Bill & Char Noelke

### CONFESSIONS

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

## PARISH SUPPORT

### BUDGET

July 1, 2021- June 30, 2022

Needed Weekly	\$13,000
Received May 15	10,491

*There's no such thing as bad weather,  
only bad clothes.*

### COMING UP

May 26 6<sup>th</sup> grade graduation

May 28 Wedding, 2 pm: Lippe & Sayner

June 13-19 Our week for Mobile Meals

June 19 Corpus Christi, Parish Feast Day

We will have one Sunday Mass at 9:00 with a solemn Eucharistic Procession following and breakfast afterward. (No 8:00 or 10:00 Masses)

June 29 Send off picnic for Fr. Raj

July 4 10:00 Mass at the Skemp farm

### Rest in Peace +Andrew Roth

son of Betty; brother of Robert & Mark

## COMING UP

### HOSPITALITY AFTER MASS

We're looking forward to having time to share a treat, cup of coffee, and conversation after Mass again. Watch for dates coming up. To lend a hand, call Jennifer Kulzer at 608-385-3459 or email [kulzerj@gmail.com](mailto:kulzerj@gmail.com). It's easy- just a little planning and setting up.

### SERVERS AND USHERS

We have many open spots in our schedule for guys and gals to be altar servers and for men and women to be ushers at weekend Masses. If you'd like more information contact the ministry "captains" listed on the front of the bulletin.

### MEMORIAL DAY MASS

A Mass for the Dead will be celebrated at the altar in the Veterans' section of the Catholic Cemetery on Memorial Day, May 30, 2022, beginning at 11:15 am. Msgr. Robert Hundt will be the principal celebrant. All are welcome. Bring your own chair.

### PARISH LIBRARY

Need something good to read while in the hammock? Check out the many Lives of the Saints, Church history, and spiritual guidance books in our parish library. It's in the hallway along Losey Blvd.

## AROUND TOWN

### SEMINARIANS TO PRAY FOR THIS WEEK

Sun	John Duranso
Mon	Joseph Glatczak
Tues	Matthew Szymanski
Wed	Brian Ward
Thurs	Kyle Lang
Fri	Alex Radtke
Sat	Someone God is calling

### 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.*

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.

### BE STILL AND KNOW

#### A retreat on the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist

Saturday, June 18, 9:30-2:30

Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Presenter, Father Paul Check, Director of the Shrine  
\$30; register at [Dioc.org/still](http://Dioc.org/still) by May 31

### WHEN BAD THINGS HAPPEN:

#### THE BOOK OF JOB FOR TROUBLED TIMES

June 3-4, Franciscan Spirituality Center

Facilitator: Peter Watkins

\$95, includes retreat with lunch on Sat.

Help in discovering where God is in times of suffering.

### JOB OPENINGS AT THE CATHOLIC CEMETERY

Part and full time positions available. Outside work at multiple locations; no driver's license needed

To apply: [JReinhart1@yahoo.com](mailto:JReinhart1@yahoo.com).

### FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY

Your donations of the essentials, non-perishables, paper products, etc. are so appreciated by Catholic Charities. Drop them off in the grocery cart in the Narthex.

Paper bags and egg cartons are needed at Wafer. Bring them along, as well. We will deliver them.

## AQUINAS NEWS

### 2022-2023 ENROLLMENT

Enrollment and re-enrollment for the 2022-23 school year is now open. 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.

### GRADUATION CEREMONIES

Middle School: Wed, May 25, 12:30 pm  
Blessed Sacrament Grade School: Thurs, May 26, 8:15 am

### SPIRITUS MISSIONARY OPPORTUNITY

Young Catholic adults, ages 20-29  
After training, teams will lead retreats for young people throughout Wisconsin. Lodging, food, a monthly allowance, health insurance, and \$3000 stipend are offered. Find out more: [sahrdudd@spiritusministries.org](mailto:sahrdudd@spiritusministries.org).

### SILENT DIRECTED RETREAT

June 3-5, Franciscan Spirituality Center  
Directed by the staff and Sister Rose Elsbernd  
\$225 includes 2 nights' stay, meals, and retreat  
Financial assistance available  
Registration deadline: May 31  
Call 608-791-5295

### SERENITY 12-STEP RETREAT

June 3-5, St. Anthony Retreat Center  
Presenter: Ruth Hoenick  
Cost: \$210; go to [sarcenter.com](http://sarcenter.com) or call 715-443-2236

### ADVENTURE CAMP

June 26 – July 1  
Students in grades 6-12  
\$440 for the week: meals, lodging, activities  
All information and registration at [dioc.org/youth](http://dioc.org/youth)

### BUS TRIP TO THE FIRESIDE, FT. ATKINSON

June 18 "What Happens in Vegas"  
\$100 includes travel, performance, and lunch  
Contact Arlene Young, 608-788-3440, for all information/sign up.

### GOLF OUTING & DINNER FOR VOCATIONS

June 13, Fox Hollow in Barre Mills  
Reservations: [dioc.org/vocations](http://dioc.org/vocations)

*There will be a Parish Picnic to say thanks and goodbye to Father Raj on Wed, June 29, at Bluffview Park (28<sup>th</sup> and Jackson Sts.). Watch for details.*