



Blessed Sacrament Parish

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Ascension of the Lord May 24, 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,*
Luci Johnson

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

May 24, 2020

**PUBLIC MASSES WILL RESUME
NEXT WEEKEND, May 30 & 31**

4:30 pm Sat; 8:00 & 10:00 am Sunday

*Here's what you'll see as we stay within the
guidelines of government regulations and
Diocesan direction:*

*Because we may welcome 25% of the church's capacity -130 maximum- at one time, doors will be open at the handicap entrance on Losey to the side chapel and the main doors on King St. The ushers can then count the number of attendees.

Come a bit early.

We suggest you bring along and wear a mask during Mass.

In order to have contact tracing, if necessary, we ask you to sign an attendance card and drop it in the box in the Narthex as you leave.

*Seating will be available in every other pew. Folks from one household may sit together. Others need to maintain 6 feet of distance from each other.

*One-use worship aids will be provided. They are to be discarded after Mass.

*Ushers will take up the collection as usual, but there will be no Offertory presentation of the bread and wine.

*The sign of peace is omitted.

*In coming to receive Holy Communion you will be directed to form a single-file line keeping distance from one another. We encourage reception of the Consecrated Host in your hand rather than on the tongue. Consecrated Wine will not be offered. Father Raj and Deacon Allen will be the only Communion distributors.

*After Mass, in leaving church, maintain the 6 foot distance from other folks. Please do not gather in close groups inside or outside church. For now, Scrip sales will not be available after Mass. The Rosary will not be prayed before Mass at this time.

Be aware that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains dispensed until further notice. **DO NOT COME TO CHURCH IF YOU ARE SICK!**

May 25 - 31, 2020

**MONDAY - FRIDAY MASSES WILL BE
CELEBRATED PRIVATELY**

MASS INTENTIONS FOR May 25 - 31, 2020

- MON 5/25** Easter Weekday; Bede the Venerable;
Gregory VII; Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi; Memorial Day
+Daniel Chamberlain
- TUES 5/26** Philip Neri
Intention of Jack Clements
- WED 5/27** Easter Weekday; Augustine of Canterbury
+Sylvester Schaub
- THU 5/28** Easter Weekday
+Marge Simon
- FRI 5/29** Easter Weekday
+Fra Carl Noelke
- SAT 5/30** Easter Weekday

PENTECOST

Celebrant: Father Raj

Assisting: Deacon Allen and MC

No altar servers

No Eucharistic Ministers

SAT 5/30 4:30 *+Bernadine Drozdowicz*

SUN 5/31 8:00 *+Dr. George & Mrs. Mary Skemp*

10:00 For the People of the Parish

WATCH MASS ON TV OR YOUR COMPUTER

Sundays: Channel 19 9:30 am

Also at diolc.org, the Diocesan YouTube channel, Facebook

These Masses were pre-recorded

EWTN

7:00 & 11:00 am; 6:00 pm

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays, 3:30-4:30

Or call Father Raj 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

SCOUTING AWARDS

Light of Christ Award
Evan Fukuda

Ad Altare Dei Award
Thomas Gorman

FORMED.ORG

Are you looking for a way to prepare for Pentecost? Check out the series "The Wild Goose" on Formed.org. The Wild Goose is a work of the Holy Spirit, which is awakening in the hearts of all those participating in God's love and transforming power. As you walk through this series, pray for the Spirit to breathe life into your heart. Use our parish code: K2768J

A beautiful illuminated statue of the Blessed Virgin is located inside the glass doors to the Parish Center along Losey Blvd.

Stop for a prayer or two. The U.S. Bishops have rededicated our country to Mother Mary's care for the next year.

PRAYER FROM THE BISHOPS OF THE UNITED STATES

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas.

We fly to you today as your beloved children.

We ask you to intercede for us with your Son, as you did at the wedding in Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation and world, and for all our families and loved ones, the protection of your holy angels, that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance.

Hear the cry of those who are vulnerable and fearful, wipe away their tears and help them to trust.

In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind. Help us bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.

We come to you with confidence, knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother, health of the sick and cause of our joy.

\$CRIP NEWS

Phone orders: 782-2953, ext. 6.

Email orders: SCRIP@

bsplacrosse.org

\$CRIP orders will now be filled.

You **must** place your order either by phone, leaving your name, to whom the allocation is directed, and your phone number, or by email to the \$crip office (info above). Your order will be filled within 48 hours, you will be notified by phone or email, and you may pick the cards up in the parish office during business hours (9:00-1 pm Mon-Fri). Place your check or money in an envelope marked with your name, and bring it with you when picking up your order. A \$crip order form is available on the parish website: bsplacrosse.org. Blank forms are also in the office mailbox and in the Narthex of church.

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(cont. of prayer)

Shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us in the embrace of your arms, help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus.

Amen

PARISH SUPPORT

BUDGET

July 1, 2019- June 30, 2020

Needed Weekly	\$13,000
Received May 17	6,095

8 weeks of home schooling my 7,9, and 12 year olds went surprisingly well! They have all graduated High School and are now ready to move out and get jobs when the quarantine is over.

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

Congratulations to these high school 2020 graduates from our parish

Clay Berra
Jack Clements
Jack Coleman
Taylor Fox
Samuel Franke
Emma Gerke
Gracie Gerke
Samuel Harkness
Anna Koblitz
Zachary Kratt
Ethan Roupe
Taylor Servais
Mason Viner

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

YOUR EMAIL IS NEEDED

To receive almost weekly updates from the parish, please email your address to: bsacparish@gmail.com.

REST IN PEACE

+Donald Finn
Husband of Marilyn

+Father John Beckfelt
Former Associate here at BSP

MUSIC NOTES

The REJOICE CHOIR will not practice in June or sing for Masses. Keep a song in your heart!

AROUND TOWN

RESTARTING MASS GUIDE BLESSED SACRAMENT

MASS DISPENSATION

The parish members and all the faithful should be aware that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains dispensed until further notice.

ALL WEEDAY PUBLIC MASSES REMAIN SUSPENDED – CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

The parish church will be open 7:30 AM - 4 PM for private prayer every day of the week.

CONFESSION

Saturday 3:30 to 4:30 PM or by appointment call office

RETURN OF PUBLIC CELEBRATION OF SUNDAY MASS

We are looking forward to the Sunday celebration of the Mass again at Blessed Sacrament and we welcome you. Please review the attached information as we resume weekend liturgy.

If you are sick, have a fever, or have flu like symptoms, please stay home.

Parish members who, defined by the health department as more vulnerable (i.e., 60+ years of age, those with compromised immune systems, those with underlying health conditions, those who are especially anxious about being in a large group, etc.) are encouraged to stay at home.

Blessed Sacrament Parish will commence Sunday and Saturday vigil Masses starting May 30 and 31, 2020. Attendance in the church will be limited to a total of 130 persons per Mass. Ushers will be monitoring and limiting access if excess numbers arrive to attend.

AT MASS

Mask coverings the face are not required but are strongly recommended. Please bring a mask from home as we are unable to supply them for everyone due to shortages.

We will be using a minimum distancing of every other pew. Intervening pews are cordoned off, not only for the sake of social distancing, but to reduce the areas in need of sanitizing between Masses.

The Sign of Peace is omitted from Mass.

Communion is to be distributed only by the priest and deacon.

Please observe the 6-foot distance while in line to receive Holy Communion. Only one, single-file line is permitted to approach the priest or deacon, rather than two parallel lines. Communion line and markings are placed on the floor to preserve social distancing.

BSP encourages Communion to be received only in the hand for the health and safety of both the priest and faithful, but can be received on the tongue. Any communicant wearing gloves must remove them prior to receiving.

Directions for dismissal after Mass should be offered by the celebrant to provide an orderly exit with proper social distancing. Please do not gather in the narthex or outside church once Mass is completed.

Frequently touched surfaces in the church (pews/pew tops, door handles, microphones, bathrooms etc.) shall be cleaned and sanitized per CDC recommendations after every liturgy. In order to have necessary information for the possibility of contact tracing (only if required) you must fill out an attendance card located in the pew and deposit it designated box on your way out of church.

There still will be a risk for anyone who attends a public Mass to contract the coronavirus. There is no pre-determined timeline for how long restrictions will be in place; further developments may allow for the loosening of restrictions or call for the tightening of restrictions.

ADVENTURE CAMP AND SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMS through the Diocese of La Crosse

For the latest information on programs please visit:
diolc.org/yya/youth-opportunities or
<https://www.facebook.com/events/2278171182482792>

SILENT DIRECTED RETREATS

at the Franciscan Spirituality Center
These times offer a quiet time to be alone with God.
The Spiritual Directors are compassionate, nonjudgmental, trained listeners who will guide you through this experience.
Dates and details at www.FSCenter.org.

FATHER JOSEPH WALIJEWSKI LEGACY GUILD

Father Joseph Walijewski's heroic and priestly zeal impacted all those he encountered. As a missionary within the Diocese of La Crosse, Bolivia, and Peru, he established parish churches, soup kitchens, and the Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II Orphanage. Today his spirit lives on in the children who call Casa Hogar home, inspires missionary acts near and far, and calls us to action. In 2013 a beatification process formally began, and today the Congregation for the Causes of the Saints in Rome continues to study Servant of God, Fr. Joe Walijewski's rich life and uncover associated miracles. Our journey to live out his mission continues. Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II and the works of Fr. Joe's Legacy Guild are made possible and enriched solely through donor support like yours. To make a gift and for more information on sponsoring our children go to: HOMEAJPM.ORG

CAUSEWAY INTERFAITH CAREGIVERS

(from WAFER FOOD PANTRY NEWSLETTER)

When our lives return to some form of "normal," will you have some free time on your hands? Do you want to be part of life changing work? If yes, then WAFER is your place! One hour, one day a month, one day a week, etc, we will take all of it! Call or email to schedule. 608-782-6003 or info@waferlacrosse.org.

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.