



# Blessed Sacrament Parish

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## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER May 9, 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 9, 2021

May 10 - 16, 2021

Dear Parishioners,

Sometimes you come to appreciate something or someone only after it is over. So it is with two great men who provided dedicated service to our parish for 30+ years: Paul Poehling (Endowment, Building and Grounds, \$crip), and Earl Newton (Building and Grounds, Finance Council, money counting).

We have been so fortunate to benefit from their commitment to our parish, talented people who are a joy to work with. On May 3 at the meeting of the Pastoral and Finance Councils, their contributions to our parish were recognized. Paul and Earl, if we didn't thank you before, we want to be sure you know our appreciation now. We are grateful for your service. God bless you both.

This is also a good time to express my appreciation for all who serve in different levels/ways to make our parish what it is. You are the reason Blessed Sacrament Parish is successful.

Father Peter Raj

### 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 (first day 5/20) 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](mailto:dcapelli@charter.net).

Registration deadline is Thursday, May 13, 2021.

### MASS INTENTIONS

FACE MASKS ARE REQUIRED IN CHURCH

- MON 5/10 7:15 Easter Weekday; Damien de Veuster  
+Lucille Stecker
- TUES 5/11 7:15 Easter Weekday  
+Jean Collins
- WED 5/12 7:15 Easter Weekday; Nereus & Achilleus:  
Pancras  
Intention of Henry Pitot  
2:20 pm +Mike Kearns
- THUR 5/13 7:15 Easter Weekday  
+Richard Coaty  
8:15 +Heather Ward Hardy

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 5/14 7:15 Matthias  
+John & Helen Pavela
- SAT 5/15 Easter Weekday; Isadore  
NO 7:15 Mass  
2:00 Nuptials Cody Key & Cassondra Firari

### ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Celebrant: Father Peter Raj  
Assisting: Deacon Allen and MC

- SAT 5/15 4:30 pm Intention of Jeff & Sandy Reinhart –  
40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary  
Readers: Paulette Drozdowicz
- SUN 5/16 8:00 +Terri Levi  
Readers: Steve McGovern, Ruth Vanderploeg  
10:00 For the People of the Parish  
Readers: LuAnne Kratt

### ROSARY LEADERS

- May 15 4:30 Ken & Grainne Quillin
- May 16 8:00 Melissa Vach  
10:00 Kevin & Helen Roop

### 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.*

### PARISH CENTER HELP NEEDED

Could you spare an hour or so a week to help with a little light housekeeping – vacuuming, etc? Call the office for details: 782-2953, ext. 2

*Bumper sticker:*

*I don't care what your religion or political beliefs are.  
Just use your turn signal.*

### MEN'S GATHERING

Saturday, May 15, 9-10 am  
Parish Center

All men of our parish and friends, join us for a fascinating topic:  
**Mary at the Crossroads of History**  
Learn how often Our Lady influenced what we might call coincidences and turns in the road. You might start by attending 8:00 Mass at the Cathedral that day. Questions? Call Dave Schreier, 790-3631.

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

Call the \$scrip 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.

### MILESTONE

**40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
on May 16  
Jeff & Sandy Reinhart**

## PARISH SUPPORT

### BUDGET

July 1, 2020- June 30, 2021

Needed Weekly	\$13,000
Received May 2	8,239

### COMING UP

May 15 Men's Gathering, 9-10 am  
May 15 Wedding: Cody Key & Cassandra Firari, 2:00  
June 6 First Communion, 2pm Mass  
June 26 Priestly Ordinations, 10:00

### REST IN PEACE

#### +Nancy Padesky

Nancy's funeral will be Tuesday, May 11, 10:00, with visitation an hour before. Funeral choir members, call Pauline about singing. 782-2953, ext. 4.

+Mike Knothe, grandson of Eileen

## COMING UP

### Formed.org

This week on Formed.org, as we approach the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, check out *Fatima Gems*, hosted by Fr. Andrew Apostoli. It focuses on the beauty of Our Lady's messages to the three young children in 1917. This series demonstrates ways to apply the Fatima teachings to our everyday lives, showcasing that this apparition is just as relevant to our culture today as it was 100 years ago.

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](mailto:trussonic950@gmail.com).

### 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

## AROUND TOWN

### FRANCISCAN CORE YOUTH THEOLOGY INSTITUTE

June 13-18, Viterbo University

Students entering 10-12<sup>th</sup> 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](http://viterbo.edu/Franciscan-core).

### CHICKEN-QUES

**\*Thursday, May 13, starting at 11:00**

Mary, Mother of the Church

\$10/dinner

Purchase tickets beforehand by calling 608-518-6145.

**\*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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays

Contact Vince Hatt at [vjhatter@gmail.com](mailto:vjhatter@gmail.com)

Birthright of La Crosse acknowledges the donation of over \$100 from our parish given through the Baby Bottle collection. Birthright offers a loving helpful hand to anyone affected by a troubling or unplanned pregnancy. Life is precious! Birthright phone volunteers are always needed. Call 782-0373.

### AQUINAS SCHOOLS ENROLLMENT OPEN

Aquinas helps students become their best selves, to be leaders in and out of school, and to make a difference in the community. Learn more by calling 784-8585 or visit [www.aquinasatholicschools.org](http://www.aquinasatholicschools.org).

### 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](http://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

4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month, 6:30-8 pm

(in person or via zoom)

Register at [sarcenter.com](http://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

Mon David Nowicki

Tues Joseph Glatczak

Wed Brian Ward

Thurs John Duranso

Fri 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 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.