



# Blessed Sacrament Parish

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## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE November 22, 2020

### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening 4:30 pm  
Sunday Morning 8:00 & 10:00 am  
Monday - Friday 7:30 am

### CONFESSION

Saturday 3:30-4:15 pm  
Other times by appointment

### BENEDICTION

First Friday 8:00 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):  
*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:

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 Coordinators: 782.2953 ext. 1  
*Paul Poehling, 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*

**THANKSGIVING IN THE NEW WORLD**

In 1621, after only one-third of the Pilgrims of Plymouth had survived the severe New England winter, the Wampanoag Indians under Chief Massasoit taught the settlers how to plant corn. As a result, they were blessed with a bountiful harvest. A great celebration ensued, supplied primarily by Wampanoag gifts of turkeys, ducks, geese, and several deer. Two years later when Massasoit fell ill, the Pilgrim families helped nurse him back to health.

Over a century later, while American General George Washington was camping at Valley Forge, he got down on his knees in the snow to pray for help. When he saw God answer his prayer by sending military assistance from France, Washington called for a day of thanksgiving among his troops.

Later still in 1789 President Washington proclaimed the first National Day of Thanksgiving as a "day of public thanksgiving and prayer" in gratitude to God for allowing this new nation to establish a form of government so conducive to their safety and happiness."

The Day of Thanksgiving continued through the presidencies of Washington and John Adams. However, when Thomas Jefferson opposed such a day, the national observance fell into disuse until Abraham Lincoln reactivated it in 1863.

**THANKSGIVING AND THE EUCHARIST**

Jesus Himself offers us a model of gratitude to God for all the gifts that God has bestowed on us. He models an attitude of thankfulness and praise both in His prayers and in His actions by accepting whatever comes from God – even suffering – trusting that God has given it out of loving care and not anger.

It is with this sense of thanksgiving that we should come to every Eucharist. Indeed, if we have participated fully in the Eucharist and understood the grace it offers us, then the attitude of thanksgiving will permeate our whole lives. We will find ourselves becoming ever more aware and ever more grateful for all the good things God gives us every day, thereby allowing our whole lives to become a symphony of praise and thanksgiving to our God.

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**FACE MASKS ARE REQUIRED IN CHURCH**

- MON 11/23 7:30** Weekday; Clement I; Columban; Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro  
**+Deceased members of the Dr. George & Mrs. Mary Skemp family**
- TUES 11/24 7:30** Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions  
**Living & deceased members of the Flottmeyer family**
- WED 11/25 7:30** Weekday; Catherine of Alexandria  
**+Bob Safner**  
**NO 2:20 pm Mass today**

**THU 11/26 9:00** Weekday; Thanksgiving Day  
**+Leonard & +Margaret Degenhardt**

**Thanksgiving Day Mass is at 9:00**

**FRI 11/27 7:30** Weekday  
**+Dan Crowley**

**SAT 11/28** Weekday; BVM  
**NO 7:30 Mass**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Celebrant: Father Raj  
Assisting: Deacon Allen and MC  
No altar servers; No Eucharistic Ministers

- SAT 11/28 4:30** **+Anna & +Otto Schroeder**
- SUN 11/29 8:00** **+Sylvester Schaub**
- 10:00** **People of the Parish**

**The Rosary is prayed before our weekend Masses beginning about 20 minutes before Mass starts.**

**The leaders Nov 28 & 29:**

- 4:30** **Gene & Mary Ann Roesler**
- 8:00**
- 10:00** **Barb Felt**

**CONFESSIONS**

**Saturdays, 3:30-4:15**

**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

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday  
9am – noon and 1-4 pm  
Friday  
9am-noon

### ADVENT CHRISTMAS JAR UPDATE

Did you miss bringing your Advent/Christmas jar in on the collection date? You may bring your donation for this Women's Club project to the parish office. It can also be mailed in check form. Thank you for supporting the many worthwhile programs our Women's Club sponsors.

### MARTHA'S MEALS

A wonderful dedicated group of meal-providers lend a hand to households where, due to illness, new baby, or other events, meal preparation is a problem. Natalie Bennett is the contact person for folks who can provide a nice meal when needed. Her phone number is 608-385-5078.

### WARMING CENTER UPDATE

Our parish has joined forces with Roncalli Newman to man the Warming Center. Our date is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month. Names of those who have volunteered or expressed interest in helping were forwarded to Newman; they will handle the scheduling. Part of the ministry is providing a meal, and we will be doing that 3 of the 4 Saturdays each month. To jump on board, contact Tony Weisse at [anthonyweisse@gmail.com](mailto:anthonyweisse@gmail.com).

### MEMORY STONES

A lovely way to remember a loved one, or honor someone or event is with a memory stone on our church's East plaza. There are 2 sizes:  
12' X 12" \$350  
6" X 12" \$175  
Call the parish office to order your stone. Etching occurs during the warm month

### REST IN PEACE

Mary Ann Melvin

### SCRIP NEWS

There are volunteer Scrip sellers in the office daily 9:00-noon.

**Masks are required face-wear.**

Stop in to place your order or call the Scrip office at 782-2953, ext. 1, or email orders: [SCRIP@bsplacrosse.org](mailto:SCRIP@bsplacrosse.org) so your order is ready when you stop by. Thanks to our volunteer Scrip sellers. Aquinas families, remember that the full 100% of the rebate can be applied to your tuition bill.

### INTENTIONS FOR MASSES IN 2021

We are now scheduling intentions for Masses for 2021.

Call the parish office at 782-2953, ext. 2, or stop in to schedule Masses.

DO NOT leave your requests on voice mail; you must contact Elizabeth Skemp. One person may request 3 Masses for someone during the next year, one on the weekend, a holyday or a holiday, and 2 during the week. The dates must be a minimum of 6 weeks apart.

The stipend is \$10 per Mass.

## PARISH SUPPORT

### BUDGET

July 1, 2020- June 30, 2021

Needed Weekly	\$13,000
Received Nov 15	11,873

### COMING UP

Nov 25 NO Religious Education class  
Nov 26 Thanksgiving Day Mass, 9 am  
Nov 28/29 Anniversary Blessing for Oct & Nov wedding anniversaries  
Dec 12/13 Collection for Retired Religious

### THE GIVING TREE

Our parish committee and Catholic Charities, who distributes the gifts, decided the safest way to reach out to families in need this year is with gift cards. Take a tag from the tree, purchase a gift card for the item requested (we have just about any business and amount you need through our Scrip program). Return the envelope with your gift card donation to the parish office or the box in the Narthex on weekends by Dec. 6.

## COMING UP

### USHERS NEEDED

We welcome men and women high school age and older to help out at Mass by serving as ushers. Sign up on our parish website: [bsplacrosse.org](http://bsplacrosse.org).

### FORMED.ORG

This week we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King of the Universe. Since Jesus is our King, how amazing it is that He also desires a relationship with each of us. This week on Formed.org, Dr. Brant Pitre examines what it really means to have a "personal relationship" with Jesus Christ as Lord, Savior, and Bridegroom. Check out this great talk is "Jesus the Bridegroom: The Greatest Love Story Ever Told."  
Use our parish code: K2768J

Children are often spoiled because  
no one will spank Grandma.

### ADVENT VIRTUAL PARISH MISSION

"Preparing for the Birth of the Christ Child through the Eyes of St. Joseph" There will be 4 presentations, 30-40 minutes each. Each presentation will be available on the Friday preceding that Advent Sunday:  
[diolc.org/advent](http://diolc.org/advent)

**Week 1:** St Joseph: The Man Selected by God to be Closest to Mary & Jesus  
Msgr. Joseph Diermeier, presenter

**Week 2:** Joseph and Mary: A Holy Love Story  
Msgr. Joseph Hirsch, presenter

**Week 3:** That Holy Night, through Joseph's Eyes  
Father Woodrow Pace, presenter

**Week 4:** Joseph, Son of David... You are to Give Him the Name Jesus  
Bishop William Callahan, presenter

## AROUND TOWN

### ADVENT: AN INVITATION TO STILLNESS

Fri-Sun, Dec 11-13, Franciscan Spirituality Center  
Silent directed weekend via Zoom  
Daily spiritual direction sessions through  
videoconferencing.  
Deb Hanson, facilitator  
Register by Dec 7 – limited to 5 participants  
Call 608-791-5295 or go to: [FSCenter.org](http://FSCenter.org).

### THE CHRISTMAS STORY IN THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

Tuesday, December 15, 7-8 pm  
Franciscan Spirituality Center or via Zoom  
John McHugh, Presenter  
Limited seating; register by Dec 10; \$10

### ADVENT DAY OF PRAYER

Sunday, December 6, 9am-4pm  
St. Anthony Retreat Center, Marathon  
\$65; register at [sarcenter.com](http://sarcenter.com) or call 715-443-2236

### DEPRESSED ANONYMOUS

Free meetings Mondays, 5:30-6:30,  
by conference call  
A 12-step program for those dealing with depression  
and needing to generate positive energy, form  
friendships and find support.  
Call Gayle, 608-406-7990.  
Sponsored by Franciscan Spirituality Center

At Aquinas, students explore their passions, give  
back to their communities, grow in faith, and  
prepare for a successful future. Our schools are open  
to families of all faiths, and we offer several tuition  
assistance programs. We offer in person face to face  
learning or virtual learning. Visit us at  
[www.aquinascatholicschools.org](http://www.aquinascatholicschools.org), or call us at  
(608)784-8585. Follow us on social media pages  
Facebook and Instagram.

The Knights of Columbus Council 839, in the spirit of  
Fraternity, Unity, Charity, and Patriotism, through its  
service to the Church, families, and communities of  
the La Crosse region, wish to invite Catholic men 18  
years of age and older to prayerfully consider joining  
them. You will be warmly welcomed and afforded a  
variety of ways to live out the call to perform  
corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Contact  
Grand Knight Chris Schlegel at 608-792-4705 or  
email: [cj\\_1996@hotmail.com](mailto:cj_1996@hotmail.com).

### DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Update: November 9, 2020

Goal	\$55,635
Total Pledged & received	\$61,117
Amount received	\$56,582 (101.7%)
Number of donors:	142
Number of donors (2019)	196

### ST. PATRICK PARISH

#### Adesse Raffle

St. Patrick's is again offering their calendar raffle for  
\$25 each. There is no limit on how many times an  
individual can win. Checks are mailed monthly to  
winners with the prize amount at \$16,580. These  
calendars make great Christmas gifts.  
Contact the St. Patrick office at 783-5535.

### JOB OPENING

The Cathedral is in need of an Office  
Assistant/Secretary. 32 hrs/wk; days and times  
negotiable. Qualifications: proficient in computer,  
telephone, reception, and clerical skills and  
experience; excellent organizational and  
interpersonal skills, and work independently. Full job  
description can be found on Cathedral's homepage.  
Requirements: resume, 2 letters of recommendation, 2  
past job references. Submit to Monsignor Richard  
Gilles, Rector, [msgr.gilles@gmail.com](mailto:msgr.gilles@gmail.com) or 530 Main St,  
La Crosse 54601 by November 27

### BIRTHRIGHT

is a non-profit, non-political, interdenominational  
emergency pregnancy service offering alternatives to  
abortion. The trained volunteers are able to offer  
emotional, financial, and supportive aid to anyone  
affected by an unplanned or troubling pregnancy.  
The La Crosse office has been offering a helping hand  
since 1976. If you need help or would like to learn  
more about becoming a volunteer contact Birthright  
at 608-782-0373.

### FIRST SATURDAY AT THE SHRINE

Sat, Dec 5: 10:45 reflection on a mystery of the Rosary;  
11:15 pray the Rosary; 12:15 Mass. Confession  
opportunity before & after Mass.

### Seminarians to pray for this week

Sunday	Isaac Pecha
Monday	John Zweber
Tuesday	David Nowicki
Wednesday	Joseph Glatczak
Thursday	Brian Ward
Friday	John Duranso
Saturday	Father Daniel Williams III (recently ordained)