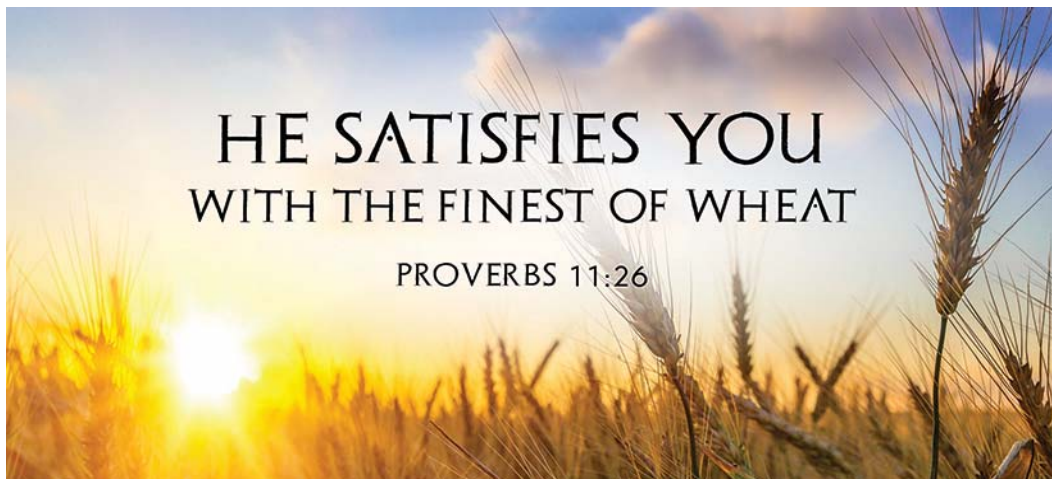




Blessed Sacrament Parish

Pastor
Rev. Peter Raj

Deacon
David Allen



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PROVERBS 11:26

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Christ the King November 24, 2019

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

EVENING PRAYER

Daily 5:15 pm in Adoration Chapel

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

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,*
Eenie Francksen

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

November 24, 2019

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

10:00 am

**Start the day with your family at Mass.
"Eucharist" means "Thanksgiving."**

November 22 Memorial of St. Cecilia

Catholic musicians have honored St. Cecilia for decades as the patroness of musicians. Since she died when Urban I was Pope (222-230), exact information about she and her life is scarce. We do know she was martyred, along with her husband, Valerian, and his brother, Tiburtius. Accounts of their faithfulness to Christ in their last hours read like a novel. The brothers led their executioners and families to embrace the faith through baptism on the eve of their own deaths. Cecilia herself survived several attempts to take her life, including being beheaded. Her suffering in her last hours led many to embrace the Faith. Her early life was one of prayer and meditation, even as the persecution of Christians was rampant. Read about St. Cecilia to understand why she was so highly venerated by the early Church that her name was placed in the Canon of the Mass. Her body was found incorrupt in 1599 in the catacombs of St. Callistus; it was later moved to St. Cecilia in Trastevere in Rome.

***Thanks to the many
who provide music leadership in our parish***

Pauline Connell, Director of music
Jennifer Kulzer
Michelle and Alyssa Johnson
Christine Nelson
Lisa Hammes
Annie Rinzel
Pat Thompson
John Pearse
Olivia Kusmitch
Rose Wettstein
Stephanie Skemp
Kent Stein
Holly and Suzanne Gorman
Estella Weisse

All members of the REJOICE CHOIR
and the ST CECILIA FUNERAL CHOIRS

Nov 25 – Dec 1, 2019

EUCCHARIST: Carolyn Steingraeber

READER: Caryl Doberstein

- MON 11/25** Weekday; Catherine of Alexandria
7:30 **+Dan Crowley**
Servers: Don Flynn, Mike Vanderploeg
- TUES 11/26** Weekday
7:30 **+Leonard & Margaret Degenhardt**
Server: Andy Nordeen
- WED 11/27** Weekday
9:00 **+Dan Crowley**
- THU 11/28** Weekday; Thanksgiving Day
10:00 **+Teri Levi**
Server: Mike Vanderploeg
- FRI 11/29** Weekday
7:30 **+Ed Trussoni**
- SAT 11/30** Andrew

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- SAT 11/30 4:30 +Ed Nix**
Celebrant: Fr. Peter Raj MC: Gabe Trussoni
Servers: Thomas Gorman, Michael Johnson, Craig
Readers: Dave & Mary Jo Reinders
Petitions:
Eucharist: Cheryl & Tom Horvath, Anne & Tom Gees,
Christi Nelson
Ushers: Dick Stelmach, Tony Flottmeyer, Kay Nix,
Dave Sweeney
Offering family: Carey & Bill Kroner
Rosary Leaders: Mary Jo & Dave Reinders
- SUN 12/1 8:00 +Sylvester Schaub**
Celebrant: Fr. Peter Raj MC: Mike Vanderploeg
Servers: Jake Hillebrand, Ken Mikshowsky, Rylan Schneider
Readers: Dan Skemp, Donna Levi
Petitions:
Eucharist: Helen Flynn, Jean Kachel, Kathleen Hanson,
Erin & Tad Strittmater
Ushers: Bill Chamberlain, Mike Watunya, Bruce Simones,
Tom Keil
Offering Family: Erin & Tad Strittmater & family
Rosary Leader: Irm White-Drier
- 10:00 For the People of the Parish**
Celebrant: Fr. Peter Raj MC: William Arnold
Servers: Will Cambio, Parks Tobin, Jackson Woolever
Readers: Dave Weinberger, Kris Gerke
Petitions: Livia Tobin
Eucharist: Fran Sauer, Mary Kay Richert, Kathy Hancock,
Brian Fukuda, Bud Lee
Ushers: Terry Felt, Tom Richert, LuAnn Kratt, Mark Hyde
Offering Family: Michelle & Tom Dolan
Rosary Leaders: Fran & Greg Sauer

AROUND THE PARISH

HARVEST CONCERT

Monday, Nov 25, 1:00 & 6:00

School gym

The orchestra and grades 3 & 4 vocal
Everyone is invited

If you have moved, are going south for the winter, or changed your email or phone contact information, please let us know in the parish office.
Email: office@BSPLaCrosse.org

GIVING TREE

The Christmas tree in the Narthex is covered with tags on decorations noting a family or person who has requested a specific item as a gift. Take several tags and go shopping for the items. Attach the tag to the front of your wrapped gift and return it to the tree by Dec. 8. The gifts will be distributed by Catholic Charities. Let's be sure all those folks are remembered with their gift of choice to brighten their Christmas.

The calendar for Mass intentions for 2020 is now open. Stop in at the Parish Office to schedule your Mass intentions.

BSP WOMEN'S CLUB

Christmas party

Monday, Dec 2, 6 pm

Dinner provided by
officers

Come for some fun!

LECTIO: EUCHARIST

We will again offer the wonderful DVD/discussion series focusing on the Eucharist beginning in late January. Those who enjoyed attending previously gave it very high marks. It's worth attending a second time! If you are new to this format of learning and praying, put this on your radar. The 10-week series digs deep into this central mystery of our Catholic Faith with rich insights and thought. Consider bringing a friend and watch for more details to come. Besides here at BSP, the program will be offered at other parishes at different times & days.

\$SCRIP NEWS

Phone orders: 782-2953, ext. 6.

Email orders: [SCRIP@](mailto:SCRIP@bsplacrosse.org)

bsplacrosse.org

100% of the rebate earned on \$SCRIP cards can now be applied as tuition credits to the Aquinas Catholic Schools.

MyScripWallet.com enables you to order gift cards online and store them in your smart phone. To sign up go to MyScripWallet.com. You will need to email the scrip office here at the parish at scrip@bsplacrosse.org and request our enrollment code.

WOMEN'S CLUB NEWS

Our premier Women's Club is looking for 2 new officers for next year: a president and a treasurer. Terms are 2 years in length. Contact Helen Roop if you are interested.
796-2644

LIGHTHOUSE TALKS MEDIA

We are offering some new Catholic media to aid your Advent and Christmas meditations. Check out the display in the Narthex. Enjoy and pass along to others.

PARISH SUPPORT

BUDGET

July 1, 2019- June 30, 2020

Needed Weekly	\$13,000
Received Nov 10	5,838
Nov 17	10,083

Some call it nitpicking.
I call it great attention to detail.

HOLIDAY FOOD NEEDED

*Jellied cranberry sauce for the Community Thanksgiving Dinner on Nov 28. Drop your cans off in the Narthex. They appreciate all donations but especially the large institutional size cans.

*White and chocolate cake mixes for the Salvation Army Christmas food baskets. Can we make our 500 box goal this year? Narthex drop-off.

COMING UP

Nov 23 & 24 Anniversary Weekend
Nov 25 Harvest Concert at school, 1:00 and 6:00 pm
Nov 28 & 29 Office and \$scrip closed for Thanksgiving
Dec 2 BSP Women's Club social/dinner meeting, 6:00
Dec 3 Widows/Widowers, Radisson, 11:30
Dec 9 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception 7:30 am Mass
Dec 11 Catholic Daughters at 9:00 Mass; meeting & meal to follow
Dec 16-22 Our week for Mobile Meals
Christmas Masses: **Dec 24** Masses at 4:00 pm in church and 4:15 in Parish Center; **Dec 25** Mass at 10:00 am

MUSIC NOTES

REJOICE CHOIR will practice on
Thurs, Dec 5, 5:30-6:30
Sing for 4:30 Mass on Dec 7
10:00 Mass on Dec 15
If you enjoy singing,
give the choir a try.
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FORMED.ORG

Is Jesus more than a moral teacher? No one has ever had a greater impact on the world than Jesus of Nazareth – and the question of who Jesus is, the Son of the Living God, is central to our faith. Want a refresher on who Jesus is? This week on Formed.org check out the Symbolon Series, Episode 5. Use this code to sign up: K2768J

POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS

If you would like to remember a loved one or honor someone with a beautiful poinsettia in our sanctuary at Christmastime, call the office to place your order.
6 ½ inch pots: \$14.50
8 inch pots: \$26.99

AROUND TOWN

FIRST SATURDAY AT THE SHRINE December 7

10:00 A meditation on a mystery of the rosary by one of the Friars; Rosary prayed at 10:30; Mass at 11:00; Confessions available before and after Mass

PILGRIMAGE FOR LIFE Jan 22-26, 2020 Ages 13 and older

Consider joining young folks from around the country in traveling to Washington DC for this pro-life rally. Chaperones are needed, as well. All info at diolc.org/yya/youth-opportunities

MASS ON TV Channel 19

Sundays at 9:30 am

Also available any time of day throughout the week on the Diocesan Facebook page and website: www.diolc.org

HELPERS AT THANKSGIVING DINNER

If you would like to help out at the Community Thanksgiving Dinner at the La Crosse Center, contact the committee: laxthanksgivingdinner.com/dinner. The community dinner is open to everyone, and there is no charge. There will be entertainment all day and football on TV. (Just like home without the dirty dishes.)

ADVENT DAY OF PRAYER Sun, Dec 8, 9:00-4 pm

St. Anthony Retreat Center, Marathon
Guided reflection, journaling, sharing
\$55 includes light breakfast, noon meal, Mass
Call 715-443-2236 or www.sarcenter.com

MEDITATION FOR EMOTIONAL HEALTH

This group is open to anyone experiencing anxiety or depression; it offers meditation as a coping skill. Gatherings are the second Thursday of the month. Next session: Dec 12, 6:30-7:30 pm
Franciscan Spirituality Center
Free will offering

ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE as of November 15, 2019

Goal	\$56,510
Amount pledged & received	\$72,761
Average amount of gift	\$430
Number of donors	169
Number of donors in 2018	216

You may still participate in the Annual Appeal. Drop off your donation or pledge in the parish office. It will be forwarded to the Diocese. Any money collected over the target amount is returned to our parish.

Drop off your empty aluminum cans in the bin in the Aquinas parking lot. Proceeds support the Booster Club.

SPIRITUAL RETREAT

Sat & Sun, Dec 7 & 8, 7 pm
Cathedral Undercroft

Presenter: Raymond de Souza

Sat: How is Jesus' Presence in the Eucharist: Real? Or just symbolic?

Sun: The Twelve Promises of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
No charge; all are welcome

CRAFT SHOW

ST. MARY'S, COON VALLEY

Sat, Dec 7, 8:00-1:30, Village Hall
Free admission; lunch available
More info: stmarycv.org

COOKIE WALK AND CRAFT SALE

Mary, Mother of the Church
Sat, Dec 14, 7:30-1 pm
Cookies by the pound, dollhouse raffle, hourly door prizes, lunch with homemade soup

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR & BAKE SALE

Cathedral undercroft
Sat, Dec 7, 8:00-1 pm
Free parking all day in the lot

SILENT NIGHT: AN ADVENT SINGING BOWLS EXPERIENCE

Sat, Dec 7, 6-8 pm, San Damiano Chapel, Viterbo
Taize-style prayer, music, reflection
Register: 791-5295 or www.FSCenter.org

COPING WITH GRIEF DURING THE HOLIDAYS SUPPORT CIRCLE

Sundays, 4-6 pm, Franciscan Spirituality Center
Dec 1 – Jan 5; \$25
www.FSCenter.org; 791-5295

CALENDAR RAFFLE AT ST. PATRICK PARISH

Daily prizes ranging from \$30 to \$500
Winning tickets are returned to the drawing, so there are multiply chances to win.
Each calendar is \$25 and available in the St. Patrick Parish Office or by calling 783-5535.

STUFF THE BUS

Aquinas Middle School gladly accepts your food donations to help them reach their goal of 3000 lbs of food for WAFER. Drop off at the School Office. Thanks.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Heavenly Father,
Bless Your Church with an abundance of holy and zealous priests, deacons, brother, 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.