



Blessed Sacrament Parish

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November 28, 2021 First Sunday of Advent

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*
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: *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

November 28, 2021

November 29 – December 5, 2021

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Update: November 24, 2021

Goal	\$58,405
Total Pledged & received	\$60,018
Number of donors:	131
Number of donors (2020)	197

This Sunday is "Amen Sunday" for the Diocesan Annual Appeal. Pledge cards are available in church. If you did not respond to the Appeal as yet, please consider doing so. The funds collected help pay the bills for all the good work done at the Diocese, plus the charitable giving our Diocese engages in. Disbursements fall into these categories: 37% Parish Ministries Services Support; 20% Seminarian, Deacons, and Religious; 11% Catholic Education; 5% Diocesan Facilities; 22% Charity, Missions & the Wider Church; 5% Diocesan Annual Appeal cost. It is an added incentive that any money given over the target set by the Diocese for our parish, \$58,405 this year, is returned to us for our own use here. In a previous week's bulletin, you may have noticed in the financial report that our parish's Aquinas Schools subsidy is \$378,718, among many other expenses. That's substantial. Please consider a gift to the Annual Appeal this year, if you have not done so in the past. Both the Diocese and our Parish will benefit. Thank you most sincerely to all who yearly open their hearts and checkbooks, as well.

Drop your pledge in the collection basket at Mass or mail it to Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004.

PRAY FOR JUSTICE

The Social Justice Committee asks for your prayers for a pro-life result to the Dobbs v Jackson case that will be heard in front of the US Supreme Court beginning December 1, 2021. Please consider praying in the Adoration Chapel at some time during the 48 hour period beginning at 12:01 on November 30 and ending midnight December 1. We will also have a Holy Hour for this cause at 7 PM on November 30 in the Adoration Chapel. Dobbs v Jackson is a case that might do away with Roe v Wade, the 1973 case that allowed abortion. Since that time over 62 million abortions have taken the lives of humans in the US. In this case, the state of Mississippi passed a law banning most abortions after 15 weeks of pregnancy. The Jackson Women's Health Organization was able to have this law blocked in the lower courts, but now it has reached the docket of the Supreme Court with oral arguments to begin on December 1. It is one of the most important cases before the Supreme Court this year.

MASS INTENTIONS

This week's reader: Jim Thompson

- MON 11/29 Advent Weekday
7:15 +Ed Trussoni
- TUES 11/30 Andrew
7:15 +Eunice O'Connor
- WED 12/1 Advent Weekday
7:15 +Nancy Hruska
8:15 +Paul Hefti
- THUR 12/2 Advent Weekday
7:15 +Anne & +Larry Lennarson (Anniversary)
- FRI 12/3 Francis Xavier
7:15 Living & deceased members of the Paul & Pat Poehling family
- SAT 12/4 Advent Weekday; John Damascene

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Celebrant: Father Peter Raj

Assisting: Deacon Allen and MC

- SAT 12/4 4:30 pm +Denis Kuennen
Server: Kyle C.
Readers: Dave & Mary Jo Reinders
Rosary leaders: Dave & Mary Jo Reinders
- SUN 12/5 8:00 For the People of the Parish
Servers: Matthew B. & Bobby S.
Readers: Dan Skemp, Donna Levi
Rosary leaders: Irm White-Drier; Barb Swieciak
10:00 +Dorothy Kelsey & +Mary Galligan
Server: Rylan S.
Readers: Dave Weinberger, Kris Gerke
Rosary leader: Steve Flottmeyer

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

GIVING TREE

Catholic Charities is again asking us to reach out to families who might not have much this Christmas. On the tree in the Narthex are envelopes for your gift card donations. It's easiest to purchase these cards from our Parish's Scrip program, available during office hours. The cards need to be back in the parish office by Dec. 8.

CAKE, FROSTING, AND BROWNIE MIXES

Let's help the Salvation Army fill Christmas food boxes. Drop off your donated boxes in the Narthex by this Friday. All flavors accepted.

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND

Owen Peter Neukirch,
son of Jesse Neukirch
& Christine Schwartz

Isla Marie Francksen,
daughter of Phillip & Janelle

HYMNALS ARE ON THE WAY

The publisher experienced a paper shortage, but assures us the new hymnals will be here soon. We have permission to continue to use the old hymnals.

THURSDAY ROSARY, 6:30 PM

Do you have a special intention and need Our Lady's intercession? Join us as we pray the Rosary Thursday evenings at 6:30 in the main church. Please use the alley handicap door.

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

Thomas Kraus

CONTACT UPDATE INFORMATION

If you have changed address, email, phone number, etc. recently, please call the Parish Office: 782-2953, x. 2, or email Office@bsplacrosse.org.

WARMING CENTER

3rd Street Catholic Charities site

Our parish will again team with Newman to provide food & volunteers on Saturdays Nov through April.

*10-12 volunteers; 2 for food

*guests will be quarantined if they exhibit COVID symptoms; other health safety precautions will be in place

*limited to 30 guests/night

To sign up contact:

anthonyweisse@gmail.com or check the parish website

REST IN PEACE

Ralph Schwanbeck

founding parishioner
Funeral: December 4, 10:30

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

A new schedule for adoration times is in the entry to the Adoration Chapel. Please indicate when you will come to pray using your name or initials. The chapel is open at all times; however a code is used to gain entry during the night hours. It can be obtained by calling the parish office. The Adoration Chapel entrance is off the alley between King and Main streets. *He's waiting for you!*

CHRISTMAS DECORATING HELPERS

December 22

Many hands are needed as we prepare the church for His birthday.

Call the parish office to sign up.
782-2953, ext. 2, or email
office@bsplacrosse.org.

CHAMPION OF THE POOR: FATHER JOE WALIJEWSKI

We have 8 copies of this wonderful informative comic book for you to check out from our Parish Library.

PARISH SUPPORT

BUDGET

July 1, 2021- June 30, 2022

Needed Weekly \$13,000
Received November 21 9,428

Trail mix = M&Ms with obstacles

COMING UP

Nov 30 Pro-life Holy Hour, 7 pm
Dec 1 Religious Ed classes
Dec 6-12 Our week for Mobile Meals
Dec 8 Immaculate Conception;
Mass times: 7:15 & 8:15 am; 5:30 pm
Dec 8 NO religious Ed classes
Dec 15 Confessions 6-8:00 pm at BSP
Dec 20 All day Confessions, Cathedral
Dec 22 Decorating church for
Christmas
Dec 24 & 31 Office closed
Jan 1 NOT a holy day of obligation
Jan 8 Women's Club Holy Hour, 10:00
Jan 19-23 Pilgrimage for Life
Mar 26 First Confession, 9:00
Apr 20 Confirmation, 6:30 pm
May 1 First Communion, 10:00

COMING UP

HOLY DAYS MASS SCHEDULE

Dec. 8 Immaculate Conception

7:15 and 8:15 am; 5:30 pm

Christmas Eve: Dec 24

4:00 pm – this Mass will be streamed into our Parish Center (There will NOT be a separate 4:15 Mass). Attending Mass in the Center will include the reception of Holy Communion
6:00 pm – Mass in church

Christmas Day: Dec 25

8:00 and 10:00 am Masses – in church

4:30 Mass for the Feast of the Holy Family

(Attending the 4:30 Mass does not satisfy the requirement for both Christmas and for Sunday)

Feast of the Holy Family: Dec 26

8:00 and 10:00 Mass as usual

Formed.org

This weekend, as we enter the season of Advent, let Formed.org help you prepare well. "Prepare the Way of the King," by Dr. Scott Hahn is a talk that will help your Advent journey take on new meaning.

Check out this illuminating presentation on the Greatest Gift ever given to mankind – Jesus Christ - this week on Formed.org.

Jan 1 – NOT a holy day of obligation

Dec 31

5:00 pm Mass

6:00 pm: cocoa party & fireworks

Jan 1

9:00 am Mass – for the Feast of Mary, Mother of God

Epiphany Masses

Jan 1: 4:30 pm

Jan 2: 8:00 & 10:00 as usual

AROUND TOWN

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR/BAKE SALE

Sat, Dec 4, 8 am-2pm
Cathedral Undercroft
Elevator access/free parking

ST. MARY'S CRAFT SHOW

Sat, Dec 4, 8am – 1:30 pm
Coon Valley Village Hall, 108 Roosevelt St.
Baked goods, too
Lunch counter opens at 8:00
If you wish to reserve a craft table for \$25, contact
Nancy Peters, 608-790-6034.

COOKIE WALK/CRAFT SALE

Sat, Dec 11, 7:30am-1 pm
Mary, Mother of the Church Parish Hall
Continental breakfast & lunch
Raffles/hourly door prizes

COOKIE WALK AND BAKE SALE

Sat, Dec 11, 8:00-noon
Holy Trinity Leo Hall
Loads of edible treats! No crafts.

CALENDAR RAFFLE

St. Patrick Parish, Onalaska
\$25 each, from their parish office
Nice Christmas gifts; 365 chances to win

FATHER JOSEPH WALIJEWSKI LEGACY GUILD

Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II

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 all into 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. Jose

Walijewski's rich life and uncover associated miracles. Our journey to live out his mission continues. The Father Joseph Walijewski Legacy Guild serves as the guiding organization of Fr. Joe's Legacy, anchored by Casa Hogar Juan Pablo.

To learn more about Fr. Joe's Cause, contributing to the Guild and transitions, please visit
FRJOESGUILD.ORG

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS AT THE SHRINE

December 4

11:15 Meditation on a mystery of the Rosary by one of the Friars; 11:45 Pray the Rosary; 12:15 Mass; Confession opportunity before and after Mass.

SEMINARIANS TO PRAY FOR THIS WEEK

Mon	Someone God is calling to priesthood or diaconate
Tues	Intentions of Bishop Callahan
Wed	Deacon Matthew Bowe
Thurs	Deacon Steven Weller
Fri	Jared Clements
Sat	Alex Kren

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.

Consider offering an Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be for the seminarians on their special day, along with the Prayer for Vocations.

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.

COURAGE AND ENCOURAGE APOSTOLATE

Do you know someone who is struggling with same-sex attraction? Or are you or someone you know ministering or dealing with someone experiencing same-sex attraction? Contact Ann Lankford at 608-791-2658 to learn about support groups.

MEMORY CAFÉ sponsored by Causeway

4th Tuesday of month, 9:30-11:00

Black River Beach House

Those living with dementia or Alzheimer's and their care givers: time for sharing and caring.

BEFORE AND AFTER PLANNING SESSION

Help in making plans for one's final wishes

Monday, December 6, 10:00-noon

Good Shepherd, 4141 Mormon Coulee Rd

Conducted by Causeway Caregivers

Donations accepted

Register online: causewayivc@gmail.com; 608-775-9999