



**Blessed Sacrament Parish**

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**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
November 29, 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*

**November 29, 2020**

## **ADVENT VIRTUAL PARISH MISSION**

**Preparing for the Birth of the Christ Child  
Through the Eyes of St. Joseph**

There will be 4 presentations, one for each week of Advent, and each 30-40 minutes with discussion questions available at the end of each presentation and also available to print from the website.

There are 2 ways to participate in the Mission that starts November 30 and runs for 4 consecutive weeks of Advent.

1. A person can simply go to the diocese website Year of Saint Joseph/ Diocese of La Crosse (diolc.org) and watch the recorded video. Then look over the questions for discussions and reflect on them during the week.
2. You can go to the diocese website and watch the recorded video and then participate in a zoom discussion with other parish members on the topic of the week.

If you select this method, you need to forward your email so you can be invited to the Zoom conference. Please register on the parish website bsplacrosse.org. Look for the link to sign up on the BSP website.

The discussion times will be 9 AM and 6:30 PM on each of the Mondays of Advent: Nov 30, Dec 7, 14, and 21.

The times were chosen to accommodate those at home during the day and those who have time in the evening.

9 AM Zoom Discussion

Join Zoom meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81105145631?pwd=TW9aWXpmUF10ZTNCKzYyV0FDUnlrZz09>

Meeting ID: 811 0514 5631

Passcode: 895165

6:30 PM Zoom Discussion

Join Zoom meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89052947401?pwd=aTRXcWNUa0tLU0VXL242UEUxWmY3QT09>

Meeting ID: 890 5294 7401

Passcode: 539091

If you have any questions please contact Deacon David Allen, [dallen6905@gmail.com](mailto:dallen6905@gmail.com), or 608-784-5189.

**November 30 – December 6, 2020**

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

**FACE MASKS ARE REQUIRED IN CHURCH**

**MON 11/30 7:30** Andrew  
+Ed Trussoni  
**TUES 12/1 7:30** Advent Weekday  
+Edgar & +Cleo Kroner  
**WED 12/2 7:30** Advent Weekday  
+Luella Clark  
**2:20 pm Intention of Richard Maher & Family**

**Grade School children will be attending the Mass on Wednesday afternoons. These Masses ARE NOT OPEN to others.**

**THU 12/3 7:30** Francis Xavier  
+Ed Nix  
**FRI 12/4 7:30** Advent Weekday; John Damascene  
+Therese & +Gordon W. Smith  
**SAT 12/5** Advent Weekday  
**NO 7:30 Mass**

## **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Celebrant: Father Raj

Assisting: Deacon Allen and MC

No altar servers; No Eucharistic Ministers

**SAT 12/5 4:30** +Nancy Hruska  
**SUN 12/6 8:00** People of the Parish  
**10:00** +Denis Kuennen

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

**The leaders Dec 5 & 6:**

**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

### HYMNAL UPDATE

Our parish Council decided to have our hymnals available for use in church beginning this weekend. However, further communication from the Diocese reinforces the need to refrain from having any printed material which can be handled by multiple people. So we will have Hymnals available when it is appropriate down the road.

### 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

### MILESTONE

**Marge Straight 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
December 6**

### 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)

### 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.

### 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.

## PARISH SUPPORT

### BUDGET

**July 1, 2020- June 30, 2021**

Needed Weekly	\$13,000
Received Nov 22	8,480

### COMING UP

Nov 28/29 Anniversary Blessing for Oct & Nov wedding anniversaries  
Dec 12/13 Collection for Retired Religious  
Dec 14-20 Our week for Mobile Meals

### 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 by Dec 8.

## 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 Advent begins and with it, a new Church year. If you're ready to go deeper this year, check out the 4 episode series **Advent** on Formed.org. This series explores the mystery of the Incarnation, the Virgin Birth, and the events surrounding the arrival of Jesus and with it offers an opportunity to experience the joy of the true meaning of Christmas. Use our parish code: K2768J

**Before I go into 2021 I want to see the terms and conditions for the year.**

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas, we fly to you today as your beloved children.

We ask that you 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 cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful, wipe away their tears and help them to trust. In this time of trial and testing, teach us all in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind. Help us to 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. 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.

## 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).

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### 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

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### 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

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### 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

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### 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.

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### Seminarians to pray for this week

Sunday	Father Joseph Richards (recently ordained)
Monday	Father Levi Schmitt (recently ordained)
Tuesday	Deacon Arturo Viguera
Wednesday	Deacon Eric Mashak
Thursday	Deacon Timothy Reither
Friday	Matthew Bowe
Saturday	Steven Weller (recently ordained)

Dear Blessed Sacrament Parish Family,

May 21, 2020, a mailing was sent to the women  
of the parish from the "Chairs" of the Advent  
Christmas Fair to substitute a 'Jar Project', a 'safer  
at home' project for our annual traditional fair.  
November 21 was the drop-off day. There are  
some photos on the parish website. We are very  
pleased to report your generosity of \$7,180.83 has  
far surpassed our imagined hopes. Donation-  
filled jars, dropped or mailed checks were filled  
with your Christ-like charity for which we are  
grateful. Your donations have fulfilled the mission  
statement of our Parish Council of Catholic  
Women reaching the needs of others near and  
far and have continued the grand tradition of  
our parish family – sacrificial giving. May God  
bless and reward all of you!

Planning ahead...Thinking outside the  
Covid.. **Blessed Sacrament 2021 Advent Christmas  
Fair Projects.** With an uncertain health status, we  
are already thinking ahead as how we may best  
serve our parish and celebrate the beautiful  
community we are as Blessed Sacrament Parish  
family. We ask that you save the date:  
November 20, 2021 AND save your jar! We will  
continue our Advent Christmas Project and are  
pondering "safer ways" for all to enjoy. Marie  
Allen is willing to head up the Raffle Baskets and  
needs your donated items for the baskets. Joan  
Gazeley and her daughters, Christie and Kelly, as  
co-chairs of Grandma's Pantry, will work up a  
possible outside Grandma's Picnic Basket to  
make the traditional delights from your kitchens  
available for order and purchase. As we plan for  
next year, please pray for wisdom and prudence  
keeping the health and safety of others always in  
mind and heart.

Thank you again, and may your Advent be a  
time of grace for you and your families as you  
prepare for His coming at Christmas.

Gratefully, in the heart of Jesus, Mary and St.  
Joseph,  
The Chairs of the Advent Christmas Fair  
and Barb Swieciak