



Blessed Sacrament Parish

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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 11, 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 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

October 11, 2020

Dear Parishioners,

You have received the mailing from the Diocese regarding the Annual Appeal. Please pray about this and return your pledge/donation soon. Help us to reach our parish's target of \$56,510. All money received over our target is returned to our parish to be used for our own programs and needs. Thank you.

Father Raj

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2020-2021

Here are just a few of the programs which the Appeal helps to fund:

OFFICE FOR EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS

This office serves our clergy, parish, and school staffs, as well as the laity, in our life-long formation as disciples of Christ. Education programs, in-services, certification for Catholic school teachers and catechists, faith enrichment opportunities, outreach to those with special needs, etc. are just a smattering of all this office does, along with the RCIA process and adult faith formation.

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Presently we cannot gather for the many events this office plans, such as World Youth Day, Adventure Camps, Immersion Retreat, Mission trips, and national conferences. This office assists parishes with growing their own youth programs so the new generation of Catholics feeds the Church with their enthusiasm and energy rooted in Jesus!

COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

Many enjoy reading *CATHOLIC LIFE*, a great communication tool between the Diocese and our own homes. We all know communication is essential in any organization, and this office makes that its daily focus, keeping all the Curia offices up to date with one another, and helping us all know what's happening. It is important, as well, that our Diocese is in close contact with the other Wisconsin (arch) dioceses. It all can happen only with knowledgeable folks who handle the technical and data-based aspects.

CHANCERY AND ARCHIVES

The Chancellor is responsible for safeguarding official documents, for consulting about Church (canon) law, processing prenuptial files for marriage, and preparing data for official communications, such as the *Wisconsin Pastoral Handbook* and *Official Catholic Directory*. The Archives, maintaining a history of the parishes and institutions within the Diocese, is also the source for sacramental registrations. This is an on-going and technical process.

October 12 - 18, 2020

MASS INTENTIONS

FACE MASKS ARE REQUIRED IN CHURCH

- MON 10/12 7:30 Weekday
+Bill & +Doris Skemp & Family
- TUES 10/13 7:30 Weekday
+Dick Meyer
- WED 10/14 7:30 Weekday; Callistus
+George & +Margaret Allen
2:20 pm Intention of Merek Anderson

Grade school students will be attending the Masses on Wednesday afternoons. These Masses ARE NOT OPEN to others.

- THU 10/15 7:30 Teresa of Jesus (Teresa of Avila)
+Marianne Pittman
- FRI 10/16 7:30 Weekday; Hedwig; Margaret Mary Alacoque
+Ralph Jagodzinski
- SAT 10/17 Ignatius of Antioch
NO 7:30 Mass

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

- SAT 10/17 4:30 +Howard & +Mary Larson (Anniversary)
- SUN 10/18 8:00 For the People of the Parish
10:00 +George Edwin Skemp, Jr.

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

The leaders this weekend:

- 4:30 The Quillins
- 8:00
- 10:00 Kevin & Helen Roop

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

Dear Parishioners,
Last Sunday many of you found a flyer on your windshield comparing the stance of the presidential candidates on various issues. That flyer was distributed without my knowledge or approval.

Father Raj, your pastor

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.

ROSARY FOR LIFE

The Bishops of our Wisconsin Dioceses are leading the Rosary via internet on the Sundays in October at 7:30 pm. Join them online (use the Diocesan Website) or come to the Parish Center to join with others there to pray together.

Do you ever feel like this? Today I feel as useless as the "G" in lazagna

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Thurs: 9am – noon;
and 1-4 pm
Fri: 9am-noon

USHERS NEEDED

As we return to congregating in church for Mass, the role of our ushers takes on many new dimensions. Several of our faithful ushers are choosing to "retire" at least for now, due to age. We would be so happy to hear from men AND women, high school age and older, who can fill this role on a once-a-month basis. Sign up on our parish website: bsplacrosse.org.

INDOOR GARDENER NEEDED

If you have a few minutes to spare, the dozen or so plants in the hallway of church/parish center need watering and tending. If you'd like to volunteer for this once or twice a week horticulture job, call the parish office, 782-2953, ext. 2. Office hours: M-Thurs: 9-noon & 1-4 pm; Fri: 9-noon.

SCRIP NEWS

There are volunteer \$crip sellers in the office daily 9:00-noon.

Masks are required face-wear.

Stop in to place your order or call the \$crip office at 782-2953, ext. 6, or email orders: SCRIP@bsplacrosse.org so your order is ready when you stop by. Thanks to our volunteers for hopping on board. Aquinas families, remember that the full 100% of the rebate can be applied to your tuition bill. Orders may also be picked up after weekend Masses from a \$crip volunteer at church. Those orders must have been completed via phone or email before noon on Friday.

INTENTIONS FOR MASSES

Beginning on Nov 2 the office will be scheduling intentions for Masses for the coming year.

Just call the parish office at 782-2953, ext. 2, to find out what dates are open and schedule your intentions. 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 stipend is \$10 per Mass.

PARISH SUPPORT

BUDGET

July 1, 2020- June 30, 2021

Needed Weekly \$13,000
Received Oct 4 10,573

If you are making a donation to the Parish Endowment or sending in your dues for the Men's or Women's Clubs here (\$5.00), please make those checks out to each group separately. Thanks.

COMING UP

Oct 11 Prolife Rosary, 7:30 pm, Parish Center
Oct 12-18 Our week for Meals on Wheels
Oct 14 Religious Ed Class
Oct 18 Mission Sunday to benefit the Society for the Propagation of Faith
Oct 18 Prolife Rosary, 7:30 pm, Parish Ctr.

BAPTISM on Oct 17

Lailah Gerianne Collins
Daughter of Ty & Delaney

COMING UP

UPDATE FROM THE BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

*The ramp off the alley side of the church will be complete when the railings are installed by early Nov.
*The committee is investigating a number of solutions to the railing that is rusting badly; they have received several proposals. The work will be done next spring.
*The parish now has a high tech electrostatic sprayer for use after weekend Masses. The device provides better coverage and is more effective in reducing virus and other pathogens. It is similar to devices used in schools, daycare centers & hospitals.
*We continue to work to install WIFI in the church that will allow for the streaming of Masses. Target: late Oct if parts can be obtained.
*A new phone system will be installed in the office and rectory to replace the outdated and non-repairable one.

HAPPY 10TH ANNIVERSARY
TO THE DIACONATE OCT. 16
Deacon David Allen

FORMED.ORG

This week we celebrate the feast day of St. Teresa of Avila, one of the great spiritual masters of our Church. In his audio presentation on Formed.org entitled "The Three Stages of the Interior Life," Matthew Leonard walks through the stages of the interior life helping you progress toward union with God and enter the interior castle written about by St. Teresa. With humor and concrete examples, this presentation is sure to aid you in your journey to becoming a saint.

Use our parish code: K2768J

AROUND TOWN

From Bishop Callahan
September 28, 2020

Once again we find ourselves in the spectacular month of October – crisp, clean air and the hints of autumn color. My earliest remembrances of October focus on Saint Francis of Assisi. From 1964, when I began my seminary education with the Franciscans at our minor seminary in Chrystal Lake, Illinois, October 3-4 were clearly marked out as “high holy days” for me since they were so spiritually and emotionally charged with the celebration of the life and death of Francis. It has stayed that way ever since. October took on some special significance as I started to gather up devotion to beloved Saint Theresa of Lisieux (whose hometown and shrine I visited on pilgrimage with many other Wisconsinites last year). Her feast day is October 1, and she is patron saint of the Little Way – the patron saint of the Love of God. Another great saint of October is Saint Teresa of Avila, a fiery Carmelite nun who reformed the Order and wrote seriously about the interior and mystical life. Her feast day of October 15 was made even more significant for me because it was the day in 2007, while living in Romce, that I received notification of Pope Benedict’s call for me to become a bishop. Of course, October 22 is the feast of Pope Saint John Paul the Great, and there is so much of interest and note about him that has had great impact on my life!

In October, however, the Church takes special time to direct our attention to the sanctity and respect of human life. The cause of respect for human life has, of course, taken on enormous proportion over the years since the encyclical “Humanae Vitae” of Pope Saint Paul VI, published July 15, 1968. The encyclical was the epicenter of the sexual revolution of the sixties and the sillpoint of the disobedience in the Church regarding contraception and the growth of the misunderstanding of abortion as “just another form of birth control.” The objectification and abuse of women and the ignorance and brutality of men toward them continues to this very day. All of this was, of course, foretold by our prophetic Pope Paul VI and expounded upon by every pope since. The wisdom and spiritual direction of the church has been silenced over the years since 1968 unto our day as men and women battle for “equility.” In 1973 the ultimate ignorance was served in announcing that abortion was legal and was sanctioned by the United States Constitution. Over the years the “legal” murder of children has continued into the millions. Women’s “reproductive rights” and the “control over their bodies” have become political platforms and slogans defined by political parties of every stripe. Very few people – religious and non-religious – seem to offer pro-life opinions for the children. It seems as though they are the true remnant of the struggle and the true victims whose “rights” are being trampled! I still find myself reminding people of a bumper sticker I once saw years ago: “It’s easy to be ‘pro-choice’ – after you’ve been born.”

I have been a priest for 42 years, and I have been Catholic – that is pro-life – every one of those years. I’ve had talks with folks who have had abortions and those who promote them for others. It’s never an easy discussion, and it often makes us uncomfortable – people get a little upset with my

Pro-life belief. Nevertheless, I try to avoid getting entrapped in the politics and side of the issue. I try to stay clearly on the spiritual side. Too many people have reduced the life issue to a division of political parties, and then, once they’ve decided if you’re pro-life or not, they determine the political party with which you may be affiliated. God does not belong to a political party.

Abortion in our society is terrible evil. Our family structures have been incredibly violated, and all society is being damaged. This is a sad reflection on our ability to form authentic and loving relationships as men and women in the sacrament of marriage. Children are gifts from God who are to be born into loving families with fathers and mothers who are committed to each other in genuine and lifelong relationships. The highest honor and privilege of being a woman is the joy of motherhood. Thus, being “reproductive machines” with rights over their own bodies must yield to the consideration of the rights of motherhood and the lives of the children only they can bear. Children must be seen as part of loving unions of husbands and wives – not simply the by-products of indiscriminate sexual romps. Abortions kill children – millions of children since the Court has given permission for such vile and destructive behavior.

October is Pro-Life Month. Pray for pregnant mothers. Pray for fathers. Pray for babies. Pray that babies may be born and live in a world of genuine love and care.

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KURBSIDE (homemade) KRAUT & SAUSAGE

Oct 14, 3:30-7 pm

St. Peter’s in Middle Ridge

\$5/dinner (qts. of sauerkraut also available)

Drive thru only; preordering see

<http://saintpeterparish.net>

AQUINAS BOOSTER CLUB CHICKEN-QUE

Wed, Oct 14

This year the event will take place in our school parking lot due to street reconstruction around Aquinas.

FROM DEPLETION TO RENEWAL

A Resilience-building Workshop for Caregivers

Sunday, October 25, 9-4:00

St. Anthony Retreat Center, Marathon

Includes continental breakfast & lunch

Mass is not included on this day

Call 715-443-2236 or go to: sacenter.com

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