



Blessed Sacrament Parish

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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 18, 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 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 18, 2020

October 19 - 25, 2020

September 14, 2020
Exaltation of the Cross
Year of St. Joseph

Dear Father Raj,

May the Lord give you peace.

As I write to you in preparation for World Mission Sunday, October 18, 2020, let me begin by thanking you again for your good work in navigating the changes that COVID-19 has brought to our lives. I am personally grateful for the pastoral care you are diligently offering the good people of our diocese and beyond.

Even as you continue your efforts of recovery in our parishes and schools, the world-wide pandemic is challenging the mission of the Church in so many ways. Business and travel shut downs in India are causing hunger, and illnesses are going untreated in rural states. Education in much of Africa has come to a basic standstill crippling forward development. Therefore, in this infamous year of Our Lord, 2020, World Mission Sunday is more vital than ever.

I write to you on the day we lift high the Cross of Jesus Christ. Exalting in this instrument of death as the Tree of Life, we proclaim the victory Our Savior has won over sin and death itself. I encourage you to celebrate **World Mission Sunday, 2020**, with the extra fervor this year requires. Your efforts will benefit the faith of your parishioners who are encouraged to respond to God's call, "**Here am I, Lord. Send me.**"

As I did in my letter to them, I encourage you as a priest serving the same faithful in the diocese to turn to St. Joseph in this year honoring him as the **Patron and Protector of the Universal Church**. His sacrifices and provisions for our salvation make him an ideal intercessor for these times of struggle and fear. The gifts you inspire will fortify the work of missionaries who serve people in remote and poverty stricken territories whose economies are even more drastically affected than our own.

I remain fraternally yours in Christ.

+William Patrick Callahan
Bishop of La Crosse

MASS INTENTIONS

FACE MASKS ARE REQUIRED IN CHURCH

MON 10/19 7:30 John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues & Companions
+Bill & +Lyda DeGise

TUES 10/20 7:30 Weekday; Paul of the Cross
+Mike Schneider

WED 10/21 7:30 Weekday
Intention of Mary & Kelly Maher
2:20 pm *+Syl & +Blanche Gallagher*

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

THU 10/22 7:30 Weekday; John Paul II
+John & +Laura Levi

FRI 10/23 7:30 Weekday; John of Capistrano
Intention of Sara Clements

SAT 10/24 Weekday; Anthony Mary Claret; BVM
NO 7:30 Mass

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Celebrant: Father Raj

Assisting: Deacon Allen and MC

No altar servers; No Eucharistic Ministers

SAT 10/24 4:30 *Intention of James Bahr*

SUN 10/25 8:00 *For the People of the Parish*
10:00 *+Diane Franke*

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

The leaders Oct 24 & 25:

4:30 Dobersteins

8:00 Clements

10:00

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

Advent/Christmas Jar

How is your jar filling up?
Drop-off date is Nov 21.

Watch for Giving Tree information

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.

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 months.

REST IN PEACE

Philomena Doran (in Florida)
Long-time former parishioner

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 \$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 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 \$scrip 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 11	5,006

God only gives three answers to prayers:

1. Yes.
2. Not yet.
3. I have something better in mind.

COMING UP

Oct 18 Mission Sunday to benefit the Society for the Propagation of Faith
Oct 18 Prolife Rosary, 7:30 pm, Parish Ctr.
Oct 21 Religious Ed Class
Nov 7 Our parish mens Warming Ctr.
Nov 21 Drop off for Advent/Christmas jars

BAPTISM on Oct 17

Lailah Gerianne Collins
Daughter of Ty & Delaney

COMING UP

WARMING CENTER NEWS

Our parish offers the "man-power" at the Warming Center once/month. The Center provides shelter, a place to rest overnight, a nice warm meal, and support for those who are homeless in our community.

Our first date is Saturday, Nov. 7.

Look for sign-up sheets in the Narthex with times needed & duties. Training sessions: Oct 20 & 22, 6:30
"When I was homeless you opened your door."

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.

FORMED.ORG

Use our parish code: K2768J
This week is the feast day of St. Pope John Paul II. Formed.org has many great resources surrounding the life and work of this great saint and Pope of the Church. From films depicting his life to series on the Feast of Divine Mercy which he promulgated to audio talks about his writings, there is something for everyone. Be inspired anew by his courage and witness to the Gospel of Life.

MILESTONE

Happy 90th Birthday on Oct. 11
Kay Nix

MISSION SUNDAY DONATIONS

Your generous donation to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith may be dropped off next Sunday or mailed to the parish office.

AROUND TOWN

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL Update: October 9, 2020

Goal	\$55,635
Total Pledged & received	\$32,905
Number of donors:	77
Number of donors (2019)	196

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2020-2021

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

OFFICE FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE

*Retreats for married couples "Married Love: Two Becoming one"

*FOCCUS helps prepare couples for marriage

*Natural Family Planning instruction

*"Teaching the Way of Love" series helps equip parents to discuss issues such as human dignity, sexuality, dating, chastity

*Baptism preparation, men's and women's ministries, separate and divorced ministry

OFFICE FOR BUILDING AND GROUNDS

The professionals in this office assist parishes and schools with staying in compliance with regulations regarding construction, asbestos, and environmental issues, and guiding remodeling and construction contracts.

LAY EMPLOYMENT RETIREMENT

The Appeal helps support the modest retirement benefits to over 1,700 eligible participants.

OFFICE FOR MINISTRIES AND SOCIAL CONCERNS

This office directs the formation for the permanent diaconate, as well as programs of formation for the laity, including the Lay Formation Institute (over 800 commissioned since 1973) and Leader of Prayer Program (over 300 commissioned since 1989). In addition, this office coordinates pastoral care to the Hispanic community, and it collaborates with the US Bishop programs for national and international relief and development. Catholic Charities, the Diocesan Mission Office, and the diocesan Social Ministry Advisory Committee benefit from the direction of this office.

OFFICE OF SACRED WORSHIP

When attending celebrations at the Cathedral, such as Ordinations, the Chrism Mass, Confirmations, etc. the liturgical guidance from this office is very evident. The staff here also help to deepen our understanding of the Rites and how the manner of the liturgical celebrations impacts our daily lives.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2020-2021 PRAYER

Heavenly Father, together in humility, we thank You for the gifts of our time, our talents, and for the treasures You so generously bestow upon one and all.

We pray, Lord, for You to strengthen our love of neighbor, so we may serve as a contagion of hope for those who are weakened by a world of sadness and discouragement.

Holy St. Joseph, our patron, we implore you, in your example of faithful stewardship, to guide us as we care for what has been lovingly entrusted to us for the good of the other. We ask that you intercede for us, raising our needs before our Lord Jesus Christ, to bolster our hope, strengthen our faith, as we unite in the charity of neighbor. We make our prayer through Christ, our Lord. Amen

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

ST. MARY'S PARISH, CALEDONIA HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Sunday, October 25

Online auction; raffle drawing at 5 pm; roast beef drive-through dinner starting at 11:00
507-725-3804 or: STMARYSCHURCH@ACEGROUP.CC

ALL SOULS' DAY MASS

Monday, November 2, 5:15 pm

St. Francis of Assisi Mausoleum Chapel
at the Catholic Cemetery, 519 Losey Blvd. S.

A plenary indulgence, under the usual circumstances, can be gained for the souls in purgatory by Catholics who devoutly visit a cemetery and pray for the dead.

For Mass, masks are required along with physical distancing.