



Blessed Sacrament Parish

Pastor
Rev. Peter Raj

Deacon
David Allen

October 2021

RESPECT LIFE MONTH

St. Joseph, defender of life, pray for us!

respectlife.org/celebrate



Blessed Sacrament Parish

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October 24, 2021 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

October 24, 2021

Dear Parishioners,

Again we are prayerfully beginning the Diocesan Annual Appeal. The number and variety of programs and offices it funds is too long to list here. You can access the complete list at: diolc.org/stewardship/appeal-portal. However, some of the various programs are of special interest, so over the next few weeks they will be listed here. It is amazing how broad the scope of Diocesan involvement is! When you receive the pledge card in the mail, keep in mind all the people you are helping with your generous donation. I must, of course, mention that all money received over our target of \$58,405, which is set by the Diocese, is returned to our parish to be used for our own programs and needs. Please say a prayer as you make your pledge. Thank you.

Father Raj

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2021-2022

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

SEMINARIAN EDUCATION & RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Currently we have 13 seminarians with additional young men discerning their path in life with an eye to the priesthood.

The Office of Vocations also offers discernment retreats for all ages, continuing education for ordained priests, and regular spiritual enrichment. There are several men in Deacon Formation. Vocation recruitment (headed by Father Nate Kuhn), the training and support of our international priests, assistance with healthcare costs for clergy, and the Office of Consecrated Life are also funded.

TELEVISED MASS

"Attending" Mass on TV was such a blessing when we could not be in church in person! How many who are home-bound or in nursing home care and find Mass on TV a real comfort? It is a Life-line! And it is costly to produce! The Appeal makes it happen. Close-captioned, as well.

MARY OF GOOD HELP HMONG MINISTRY

This new parish assists the many Hmong Catholics who live in our Diocese and brings the good news of Christ to those who haven't heard it yet. Some of our basic Catholic resources are being translated to make this happen. And our brothers and sisters in Christ are led by a full-time pastor and dedicated priest chaplains.

October 25 - 31, 2021

MASS INTENTIONS

MON 10/25	Weekday 7:15 +Lucille Newton
TUES 10/26	Weekday 7:15 +Karl Zenk
WED 10/27	Weekday 7:15 +Larry Lennarson 8:15 +Vincent Sweeney
THUR 10/28	Simon & Jude 7:15 +Richard Coaty
FRI 10/29	Weekday 7:15 Living & deceased members of the Dr. Robert Flynn family
SAT 10/30	Weekday; BVM NO 7:15 Mass

31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Celebrant: Father Peter Raj
Assisting: Deacon Allen and MC

SAT 10/30	4:30 pm +Danielle Connell Servers: Michael & Elizabeth H. Reader: Paulette Drozdowicz Rosary leaders: Gene & Mary Ann Roesler
SUN 10/31	8:00 For the People of the Parish Servers: Jackson & Jonny W. Readers: Barb Swieciak, Mark Steingraeber Rosary leader: Ken Hanson 10:00 +Ron Hammes Server: Matthew B. Readers: Ted Riley, Natalie Bennett Rosary leaders: Joe & Natalie Bennett

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

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Through Oct 31

Daily 7 am – 7 pm

7th Street and South Avenue

Sign up for prayer times at

www.40daysforlife.com/lacrosse

ENDING RALLY: Sat, Nov 6, 5:30

Our Parish Center

Free soup supper and talk by Steve Karlen, National Campaign Director for 40 Days for Life.

If you could help with the supper by serving or clean-up, or perhaps bake 2 dozen cookies /bars, please sign up in the Narthex or call Marie Allen, 784-5189.

ALL SOULS' DAY MASS, Nov 2

5:15, Mausoleum, Catholic Cemetery
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 Nov 1-8.

REST IN PEACE

+Mary Webb

Funeral, November 6

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
Volunteer by signing up in the Narthex.

Questions:

anthonyweisse@gmail.com

ADVENT CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION MAILING

Gals, watch your mailbox for information on the Nov 20 event

CONTACT UPDATE INFORMATION

If you have changed address, email, phone number, etc. recently, please let the Parish Office know. 782-2953, ext. 2.

Or email Office@bsplacrosse.org.

Thanks to Don & Helen Flynn for the lovely flowers for the altar.

NATIVITY SETS & HOLIDAY DÉCOR SALE

Sat, Oct 30, 1-5:00, Parish Center

Sponsored by the Catholic

Daughters to support our seminarians.

Silent auction & bake sale, too

WHO AM I TO JUDGE?

In his letter to the Ephesians, St. Paul reminds us that we are to speak the truth in love. If we try to share the truth without love, we are very likely to do more harm than good. The goal of engaging with moral relativism is to share a beautiful message of hope and healing, not just to win an argument. We can do this by leading with mercy and to contrast the classical and relativistic worldviews so that each can be seen for what it is.

Join us for class, or do it yourself by following the program on the Formed.org website. Look for flyers with class locations on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Questions? Contact Amy Capelli at 608-783-0847/ dcapelli@charter.net.

PARISH SUPPORT

BUDGET

July 1, 2021- June 30, 2022

Needed Weekly	\$13,000
Received October 17	6,102

Faith is not knowing what the future holds, but knowing Who holds the future.

COMING UP

Oct 23/24 World Mission Sunday
Oct 27 NO religious ed classes
Oct 30 Nativity set sale, 1-5 pm
Nov 1 Feast of All Saints – not a holy day this year because it is on Monday.
Mass with grade schoolers: 8:15
Nov 3 NO 8:15 Mass today
Nov 6 Soup Supper to cap off 40 DAYS FOR LIFE, 5:30, Parish Center
Nov 8-14 Our week for Mobile Meals
Nov 8 Social Justice Committee meeting, 6 pm, Conference Room
Nov 20 Advent/Christmas Event
Jan 19-23, 2022 Pilgrimage for Life

COMING UP

Formed.org

This week on Formed.org hear the as yet widely unknown story of Jesuit priest Fr. Walter Ciszek. *With God in Russia* chronicles the heroic story of surviving 24 years in Russian prison camps and traces his incredible endurance and struggle for survival. It highlights his tremendous faith in God and the remarkable impact his life has had on the resurgence of Catholicism in Russia, as seen with on location footage from around the world.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

This weekend, Oct 23, 24
There are envelopes in the pews for your donations to this most worthy cause.

BAPTISM

Brayden Anthony Houlihan
son of Sam and Alyssa

LOURDES VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE

Nov 10, 6 pm, Cathedral
Learn more about Lourdes, pray the Rosary, receive Lourdes water, receive a plenary indulgence
Free will offering accepted.

MASS INTENTIONS

All Mass intentions for 2021 are spoken for. Beginning Nov 1 you may contact the parish office to arrange for Masses for 2022.

LOST ROSARY

A lovely rosary was found recently. It has "Our Lady of Lepanto" inscribed on the back of the medallion. Come to the parish office to claim.

MARTHA'S MEALS

If you can provide a meal for a family experiencing illness, new baby, etc., contact Natalie Bennett, 385-5078.

AROUND TOWN

DOMESTIC CHURCH EVANGELIZATION RETREAT

October 30 & 31, Notre Dame Goldsmith Education Center, 117 Allen St, Chippewa Falls
Married couples gather to strengthen their spousal union and lead them to experience harmony and joy in their marriage by intentionally placing Christ in the center.
Cost: \$300, includes lodging
Contact Notre Dame Parish for registration information.

FATHER JOSE WALIJEWSKI GUILD DINNER

to benefit Casa Hogar
Nov 5, 5:30, our Parish Center
Cocktails, dinner, speaker
RSVP: homeajpm.org/events
Or call Noel Furger, 715-297-5139

NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE

November 20
Join together at Pacelli High School, Stevens Point, to experience the Indianapolis Conference through simulcast.
Music, prayer time, community-building.
Go to: fb.me/e/whODbZBc

DISASTER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Red Cross responds with help when house fires or other tragedies occur. Training for volunteers is free.
Go to: www.redcross.org/volunteer.
Questions? Contact Sarah.luth@redcross.org.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Oct 31, 11:00-5:00, St. Mary's, Caledonia
Roast beef dinner, raffles, bake sale, 3:00 live auction

ROAST BEEF DINNER

Sat, Nov 6, 3:30-7:30
Crucifixion School, La Crescent
Drive-through; \$12.50; tickets at the school, Kaddy's Kafe, & Quillins in La Crescent

ST. PATRICK CALENDAR RAFFLE

The calendars are for sale in their parish office at \$25. Each is eligible for 365 drawings in 2022; there is no limit on how many times a particular ticket can win. Annual prize amounts to over \$16,000. These make great Christmas gifts.

FIRST SATURDAY AT THE SHRINE

November 6, Shrine church
11:15 meditation on the Rosary; 11:45 Rosary prayer; 12:15 Mass; Confession opportunity before and after Mass

DEEPEN YOUR FAITH: READ THE CATECHISM

15 minutes/day; about 15 paragraphs (roughly 3 pages); 5 days/week for 38 weeks
To receive a schedule every two weeks send an email to Ann Lankford at alankford@diolc.org with "Catechism" in the subject line.

KNOW YOUR FAITH SERIES

The Social Justice Teachings of the Church

St. Anthony Retreat Center, Marathon
4th Thursday of the month, 6:30-8 pm
(in person or via zoom)
Topic for October 28: Rights and Responsibilities.
Presenter: Fr. Al Burkhardt.

STUDENTS FOR LIFE SPEAKER

Mon, Oct 25, 8 pm, Centennial Hall, Room 1404
(north of Morris Hall, 16th & State)
Speaker: Clare Ruff
Topic: The conversion of Dr. Bernard Nathanson ("America's Abortion King")

SEMINARIANS TO PRAY FOR THIS WEEK

Sun	Matthew Szymanski
Mon	Brian Ward
Tues	Kyle Lang
Wed	Alex Radke
Thurs	Deacon candidates
Fri	Someone God is calling

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.

GOLD GALA AT AQUINAS

Saturday, November 13: 5:00 doors open, silent auction; 6:15 dinner by Mary Cody's; 7:00 live auction; raffle winners announced at 8:00.
In person or virtual silent & live auctions to support educational opportunities at Aquinas. To bid remotely go to AquinasCatholicSchools.org/gold-gala. Click on Greater Giving logo.
Here's a dandy: \$100 raffle tickets (only 250 available)

CAUSEWAY CAREGIVERS VOLUN-PEER MENTORS

Volunteer mentors are matched with someone who is providing care for a dementia or Alzheimer's patient. Mentors will give support and encouragement, promoting hope, courage and confidence because they've "been there; done that."
Can you help? Call 608-775-9999.