



# Blessed Sacrament Parish

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## 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 25, 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 xt 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*

October 25, 2020

October 26 – November 1, 2020

Dear Parishioners,

In today's bulletin you will find the financial statement for July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020. My sincere thanks to those folks who helped prepare this statement: Mark Chamberlain, and Steve McGovern. And my heartfelt thanks to all you parishioners who "keep the lights on" here at Blessed Sacrament. Your on-going financial support is remarkable and so appreciated!

We have joyfully welcomed several new families to our parish. It is a blessing to know that especially young families feel at home here. Let us continue to be a welcoming community.

As was reported by the Building and Grounds Committee, there are several needed projects in the works, approved by the Finance Council of our parish. The ramp to the west door of church, off the alley, will certainly be a boon to folks who need easy access to church, especially when the drop-off and special needs parking along Losey Blvd. is full. Our sound system update in church and the ability to live-stream Masses are being studied. It is through your generosity that we can accomplish these tasks.

The challenges of these days could bring discouragement; we are all tired of restrictions on our activities, even on Mass attendance. However, we know that Our Lord walks beside us each and every day. Lean on Him when the going gets tough. He promised, "I am with you always."

It was suggested to me that we have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Election Day, November 3. You may stop in at church during that day, 8:00 am to 8:00 pm, to pray for our country and all voters. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. The Adoration Chapel is always open, as well.

My prayers are with each of you. We are acknowledging the needs of different groups at the end of weekend Masses, from the medical community to folks in nursing homes, our families, our clergy, etc. by together praying 3 Hail Marys. Your own needs and those of your family are not far from my heart.

In Christ,  
Father Raj

## MASS INTENTIONS

### FACE MASKS ARE REQUIRED IN CHURCH

- MON 10/26 7:30 Weekday  
+Lucille Newton
- TUES 10/27 7:30 Weekday  
+Donald "Porky" Finn
- WED 10/28 7:30 Simon & Jude  
+Jim Nagle  
2:20 pm +Alvara Weinberger
- THU 10/29 7:30 Weekday  
+James & +Betty Callan
- FRI 10/30 7:30 Weekday  
+John & +Laura Levi
- SAT 10/31 Weekday: BVM  
NO 7:30 Mass

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

### 31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

- SAT 10/31 4:30 *Living & deceased members of the Pedretti Family*
- SUN 11/1 8:00 *For the People of the Parish*  
10:00 +Mike Schneider

The Rosary is prayed before our weekend Masses beginning about 20 minutes before Mass starts.  
The leaders Oct 31 & Nov 1:

- 4:30 Dave & Mary Jo Reinders
- 8:00 Irm White-Drier
- 10:00 Greg and Fran Sauer

### 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 BSP Parishioners,  
I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who expressed their warm congratulations on the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of my ordination. It has been a joy to be assigned to Blessed Sacrament Parish during the majority of those 10 years. As Deacons, we serve as Christ, the Icon of servant. Please know that it has been a privilege and a pleasure to serve this affirming and supportive faith-filled community. Thank you for letting me grow in this ministry.

Deacon David Allen

### THE GIVING TREE

The tree will be in place starting on Nov. 21.

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. Watch for details to come.

### 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.

### 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](http://bsplacrosse.org).

### 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.

### Advent/Christmas Jar

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

### 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) so your order is ready when you stop by. Thanks to our volunteer Scrip sellers. Aquinas families, remember that the full 100% of the rebate can be applied to your tuition bill.

### INTENTIONS FOR MASSES IN 2021

Beginning Nov 2 the office will begin 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.

## PARISH SUPPORT

### BUDGET

July 1, 2020- June 30, 2021

Needed Weekly	\$13,000
Received Oct 18	12,689

*You know that little thing in your head that keeps you from saying things you shouldn't? Some folks don't have it.*

### COMING UP

Oct 25 Prolife Rosary, 7:30 pm, Parish Ctr.  
Oct 28 Religious Ed Class  
Nov 3 Election Day; Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 8am – 8pm, in church  
Nov 7 Our parish mans Warming Ctr.  
Nov 8 AMEN Sunday for Diocesan Appeal  
Nov 21 Drop off for Advent/Christmas Jars  
Nov 21 Giving Tree available

## 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. The Center is in need of TV trays. If you have any, please let Ellen Smith know by contacting her at 608-780-8012, or [Ellensmi@charter.net](mailto:Ellensmi@charter.net). She can even pick them up. Thanks a lot.

### 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 at [diolc.org/live](http://diolc.org/live) or come to the Parish Center to join with others there to pray together.

### FORMED.ORG

Use our parish code: K2768J  
This week on Formed.org check out the talk "Put Not Your Trust in Princes" by Christopher Check. Speaking from his perspective as an historian, Check reminds us that the crisis of our age is cultural and, in the end, spiritual. He explains that a flourishing society is not achieved through legislation or at the ballot box (though we have an obligation to faithful citizenship) but instead radiates from the family out.

### MISSION SUNDAY DONATIONS

Your generous donation to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith may be dropped off next Sunday in the collection or mailed to the parish office. Check to: Blessed Sacrament Parish noting Mission.

# AROUND TOWN

## DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL Update: October 19, 2020

Goal	\$55,635
Total Pledged & received	\$45,482 (74.5% of our goal)
Amount received	\$41,447
Number of donors:	105
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 STEWARDSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT

This office works to ensure our parish communities have the necessary understanding, strategic planning, and tools necessary to cultivate the Time, Talent, and Treasure required to walk as the people of God. The "nuts and bolts" of this Appeal and others fall to this office.

#### OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral, our Mother church for the Diocese, hosts Diocesan celebrations and liturgies, so a portion of its upkeep comes from the Diocese's pocketbook.

Holy Cross Diocesan Center, built in the 1950's a "minor" seminary for young men of High School age, now houses all the offices of the Curia, resident rooms for retired priests, offices of Catholic Charities, and soon the Center for Veterans Affairs for the State of Wisconsin.

Mater Redemptoris Center is home to the men in priestly discernment and formation, plus those participating in the Regency and Journey Programs. The Bishop's Residence is on the Holy Cross campus, as well.

Christ the King Chapel provides a beautiful backdrop for TV Mass filming. Masses for the Hmong, Hispanic, and Special Needs communities are held there, as well. Special events occurs in this lovely chapel; commissioning Masses and Golden Wedding Anniversary celebrations are among them. Daily Mass is celebrated for members of the Diocesan Curia team. Additionally, meeting rooms, large and small, ball fields, a full gym and dining room accommodate gatherings, games, and so much more. It's a big and diverse campus to maintain. The Appeal helps pay the bills.

On November 8, AMEN SUNDAY, there will be pledge cards available in church in case you mislaid the card and information mailed to you from the Diocese a few weeks ago. If you wish to have a card now, just let the parish know. One can be mailed, or you may pick it up in the parish office.

## 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

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#### FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP

For a reflection on "Voting as a Christian," a comparison of Republican and Democratic Party platforms, and a wealth of resources from the US Bishops and the Wisconsin Bishops, visit [ciolc.org/faithful-citizenship](http://ciolc.org/faithful-citizenship).

#### 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](mailto: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.

At Aquinas students explore their passions, give back to their communities, grow in faith, and prepare for a successful future. Our schools are open to families of all faiths, and we offer several tuition assistance programs. We offer in person face to face learning or virtual learning. Visit us at [www.aquinascatholicschools.org](http://www.aquinascatholicschools.org), or call us at (608)784-8585. Follow us on social media pages Facebook and Instagram.

#### 2020 GOLD GALA

Nov 14, live streamed virtual event to support STEM initiatives.