



# Blessed Sacrament Parish

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## 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 4, 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 4, 2020

October 5 - 11, 2020

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 \$56,510, 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 2020-2021**

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**

How many Catholics in our Diocese participated in Mass, and may continue to do so, by tuning in on Sunday during this most unusual time? 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.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**FACE MASKS ARE REQUIRED IN CHURCH**

- MON 10/5 7:30** Weekday, Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos  
*Intention of Jeanne Pavela*
  - TUES 10/6 7:30** Weekday; Bruno; Bl. Marie Rose Durocher  
*Intention of Mary Larson (Birthday)*
  - WED 10/7 7:30** Our Lady of the Rosary  
*+ Robert & Dorothy Opitz*  
*2:20 pm +Thomas Allen*
- Grade school students will be attending the Masses on Wednesday afternoons. These Masses ARE NOT OPEN to others.*
- THU 10/8 7:30** Weekday  
*+Maxine Garvalia*
  - FRI 10/9 7:30** Weekday; Denis & companions; John Leonardi  
*+Joe Flottmeyer*
  - SAT 10/10** Weekday; BVM  
**NO 7:30 Mass**

**28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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

- SAT 10/10 4:30** *+Luella Clark*
- SUN 10/11 8:00** *For the People of the Parish*
- 10:00** *Intention of Elizabeth Skemp*

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

- 4:30** Mary Schuttenhelm
- 8:00** Marie and Dave Allen
- 10:00** Terry & Les Lachine

**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

### FIRST SATURDAY AT THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

October 3

11:15 meditation on the Rosary

11:45 Holy Rosary

12:15 Mass

Confession opportunity before and after Mass

### 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.

### BAPTISM October 3

**Lauren Bryant Burtrram**

daughter of Robert and Lindsay

The adult version of "head, shoulders, knees and toes" is "wallet, glasses, keys and phone"

### 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. Contact Tom Kratt, 792-2536.

Email: [tomkratt@charter.net](mailto:tomkratt@charter.net)

### 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. 6, or email orders: [SCRIP@bsplacrosse.org](mailto: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.

### RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults offers the opportunity for folks who are interested in becoming Catholic or completing their Sacraments of Initiation to study and pray together in preparation. Do you know someone who has expressed an interest in our Faith, learning more about the Catholic Church, or becoming Catholic? We will be offering the RCIA program. Got questions? Call Jennifer Kulzer, 385-3459.

## PARISH SUPPORT

### BUDGET

July 1, 2020- June 30, 2021

Needed Weekly \$13,000

Received Sept 27 6,509

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.

### SINGING AT MASS

Our Diocesan guidelines for participating at Mass continue to call for as little speaking and singing as possible to avoid the spread of the coronavirus through the air, something the medical community tells us is vital. We heartily thank our cantors for providing sung music to lift our spirits and call to mind the connection we have with the Divine during Mass.

## COMING UP

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Oct 4 Life Chain, 2-3

Oct 7 Religious Education classes begin

Oct 18 Mission Sunday to benefit the Society for the Propagation of Faith

### 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.

Our church is open daily for prayer until 4 pm. The Adoration Chapel is open at all times.

### FORMED.ORG

This weekend we celebrate the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. If you think you know him, you may be in for a bit of a surprise when you check out the audio drama "Brother Francis: The Barefoot Saint of Assisi" this week on Formed.org. In this radio drama-come-to-life you will meet the fun-loving son of wealth and privilege who gave everything for the sake of Christ. In doing so he transformed, not only his world, but also reaches down to the present and challenges us to respond to God's call in our lives. Use our parish code: K2768J

### REST IN PEACE

Alvara Weinberger  
sister-in-law of Dan Weinberger

## 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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### LIFE CHAIN 2020

Sunday, October 4

2:00-3:00 pm, along Losey Blvd.

Bring your family.

This is a silent peaceful witness of our Church’s dedication to the sanctity of all life from conception to natural death.

Sponsored by the Life League.

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### HOLY TRINITY CHICKEN-QUE

Thurs, Oct 8, starting at 11:00

Drive through and delivery ONLY; No bake sale.

\$10/dinner

Pre-sale tickets from the rectory or call 608-406-5339

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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>

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### 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.