



Blessed Sacrament Parish

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David Allen



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Palm Sunday April 5, 2020

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening 4:30 pm
Sunday Morning 8:00 & 10:00 am
Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 7:30 am
Wed 9:00 am

CONFESSION

Saturday 3:30-4:00 pm
Other times by appointment

BENEDICTION

First Friday 8:00 am

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays, 5:15 pm, during Lent

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

Masters of Ceremonies:
Mike Vanderploeg
William Arnold
Gabe Trussoni

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:
Kathy Nicks

Weekday Servers (Grade Schoolers):
Stephanie Gauger

Weekday Readers: *Caryl Doberstein*

Weekday Eucharistic Ministers:
Carolyn Steingraeber

PARISH CONTACTS

Parish Office Ass't Dir: Elizabeth Skemp

Finances: *Steve McGovern,*
Eenie Francksen

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

April 5, 2020

April 6 - 12, 2020

**BLESSED PALMS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED
ON PALM SUNDAY
1:00-2:00 PM
In front of church
Drive up to receive your palms
and a blessing**

**PRAYER FROM THE BISHOPS
OF THE UNITED STATES**

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, Queen of the Angels
and Mother of the Americas,
We fly to you today as your beloved children.

We ask that you intercede for us with Your Son, as
you did at the wedding in Cana.
Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation
and world, and for all our families and loved ones
the protection of your holy angels, that we may
be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain
the grace of healing and deliverance.
Hear the cry of those who are vulnerable and
fearful, wipe away their tears and help them to
trust.

In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us in the
Church to love one another and to be patient
and kind.
Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land
and to our hearts.

We come to you with confidence, knowing that
you truly are our compassionate mother, health of
the sick, and cause of our joy.
Shelter us under the mantle of your protection,
keep us in the embrace of your arms, help us
always to know the love of your Son, Jesus.

Amen.

*THE DIVINE MERCY NOVENA
BEGINS ON GOOD FRIDAY.
IT ENDS ON DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY,
APRIL 19.*

ALL MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED PRIVATELY

MASS INTENTIONS FOR April 6 – 12, 2020

- MON 4/6** Monday of Holy Week
Intention of Rosa Wittenberg & family
- TUES 4/7** Tuesday of Holy Week
+Gary Quillin
- WED 4/8** Wednesday of Holy Week
Intention of Mike & Joan Gazeley family

TRIDUUM

- THU 4/9** Holy Thursday
+Maxine Kroner
- FRI 4/10** Good Friday
- SAT 4/11** Holy Saturday
+Frances Skemp

RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

- SAT 4/11** *+Donald Gallagher*
- SUN 4/12** *For the People of the Parish*

**WATCH MASS ON TV AND PRAY ALONG
SUNDAY MASS
Channel 19 9:30 am**

HOLY WEEK MASSES & SERVICES

Live streamed from the Cathedral
Bishop Callahan, Celebrant
Go to: diolc.org/live

PALM SUNDAY, 9:30 am
HOLY THURSDAY, 5:00 pm
GOOD FRIDAY, noon
HOLY SATURDAY, 7:00 pm
EASTER SUNDAY, 9:30 am

**WEEKDAYS & SUNDAYS
EWTN**

7:00 and 11:00 am; 6:00 pm

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MASSES

Go to: USCCB.org

(That stands for United States Conference
of Catholic Bishops)

*On the day I called, You answered me;
You increased the strength of my soul.
You give me life though I walk amid affliction.
Psalm 138: 1,3,7*

AROUND THE PARISH

CAUSES TO CELEBRATE

These parishioners have been selected to receive deserved recognition:

***Kay Berra**, Principal of Blessed Sacrament School
IN MY NAME award from Catholic Charities for her tireless work in promoting the cause of the Missions especially in the school.

***Kevin Roop**
THE 2020 THOMAS AQUINAS AWARD
Kevin has been a faithful, driving force in promoting Aquinas education.

***Mark Schneider '86**
BISHOP JOHN PAUL DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD
This award honors a distinguished community member, supporter of Aquinas, and faithful Catholic.

***Marie Allen**
ACTIVIST OF THE YEAR
La Crosse Life League honors her fine work in promoting the culture of life and protection of the unborn.

VOLUNTEERS

Your service to our Parish is profoundly appreciated. Please know you are held in my prayers.
Father Raj

Found in school parking lot: key with purple plastic identifier.

Questions about your faith or the liturgy? Visit our parish website or the questionnaire box in the back of church to fill out a form to get the answer you need. The answers by Father can be provided privately or during Mass. Please take advantage of this opportunity to increase the faithfulness in your life.

REST IN PEACE

+Gary Quillin
brother of Ron and Ken

+Bishop Soundara Raju SDB
Bishop of Vellore, India
Father Raj's Bishop
Father Raj says he passed away suddenly.

+Tammy Reigel
former choir director

\$CRIP NEWS

Phone orders: 782-2953, ext. 6.
Email orders: SC RIP@
bsplacrosse.org

\$CRIP SALES ARE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

We need a co-coordinator for our running-like-a-top \$crip Program. The time involved is just a few hours a week, and it would work nicely to have a couple folks who can share the fun. Questions? Call the Parish Office or the \$crip number above.

FORMED.ORG

As a parish we have been promoting Formed.org for use in various ways to grow your faith at home. Now, more than ever, we are grateful for these resources. Formed has structured their website to help you continue "Living Out Mission at Home." They have collected resources for "Faith at Home," "School at Home," "Prayer at Home," and so much more. Sign up today!

Use our code: K2768J

PARISH SUPPORT

BUDGET

July 1, 2019- June 30, 2020

Needed Weekly	\$13,000
Received March 8	7,035

If you or someone you know is seriously ill, facing surgery, or needs prayers, please call the parish office so our ANGELS OF MERCY PRAYER GROUP can be notified.

CHURCH SUPPORT

During these weeks when we cannot attend Mass, please don't forget your financial support of our parish and its importance in keeping the ship on course. Please mail in your envelope. Or, in the coming weeks, check out the online giving information on the website. It's such an easy way to keep up to date on this important matter.

COMING UP

NO CHOIR PRACTICE IN APRIL

Apr 10 Divine Mercy Novena starts
Apr 7 Widows & Widowers lunch
Canceled
Apr 15 Date for Confirmation will be Rescheduled
Apr 19 Divine Mercy Sunday
June 14 Rescheduled date for First Communion, 10:00 Mass

The Adoration Chapel may accommodate just 2 people at a time.

Wondering why the main door of church is boarded? It, like the 2 side doors, was desperately in need of refinishing. So this is a good time for that. Thank you, Carl Francksen, for taking on this project.

Thank you to all who volunteered to prepare soup and host the suppers after Stations of the Cross this Lent.
We'll look forward to your help next year.

LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA

CD's and books are again available in the entry to the Adoration Chapel. Make yourself spiritually strong this Lent.
And, while you're there, pop into the Chapel for some quiet refreshing minutes with Our Lord.

*When we are asked to wash our hands for 20 seconds - the time it takes to sing "Happy Birthday" twice...
Did you know that is also the time it takes to pray the Hail Mary?
Make the substitution and ask Mary's help.*

AROUND TOWN

QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

Phone 608-782-2953 Website www.bsplacrosse.org

ALL MASSES PARISH GATHERINGS SUSPENDED— OPTIONS FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

The parish church will be open 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. for private prayer.

The Adoration Chapel will be open daily, and overnight starting at 8:00 p.m. - Enter code for access. Please respect the restriction of only 2 people in the chapel at one time. The Adoration Chapel and the church are cleaned daily with disinfectant.

CONFESSION

Saturday 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. or by appointment. Call parish office: 608-782-2953

SUNDAY MASS AND HOLY WEEK

The Diocese of La Crosse will be streaming all Sunday and Holy Week Masses at <https://diolc.org/live>

You can also watch daily Holy Week Masses (8:00 a.m.-English/8:30 a.m.-Spanish) and Easter Sunday Mass at 9:30 a.m. (10:30 a.m.-Spanish) on your local WXOW television station (ABC network affiliate).

DAILY MASS OPTIONS

Relevant Radio daily Mass <https://relevantradio.com/faith/daily-mass-video/>

Word on Fire daily Mass <https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass/> EWTN broadcasts the daily Mass LIVE at 7:00 a.m. It is re-aired at 11:00 a.m., and again at 6:00 p.m. CT.

You can watch via TV or online via streaming at ewtn.com/tv/watch-live.

Check our parish website or local TV listings, as well as the Diocese of La Crosse website at <https://www.diolc.org>

PARISH OFFICE

The Blessed Sacrament office is closed to visitors. The office is staffed from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to address your individual needs. Please contact the parish by telephone: 608-782-2953 or email: office@bsplacrosse.org

RESOURCES FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

FORMED.ORG – Formed has Bible studies, daily reflections, full-length movies, kids' programs, e-books, audio books, spiritual talks and much more.

Registering for FORMED is easier than ever:

1. Go to formed.org/signup
2. Select your parish (enter Blessed Sacrament La Crosse to find us, and follow directions)

WORDONFIRE.ORG – The Word on Fire on the web is Bishop Robert Barron's outreach and has many excellent resources, including a blog. [St. Thecla: Model of Prayer in a time of Plague](#)

STEWARDSHIP

There are two ways whereby you can support our parish:

1. Continue to mail your weekly envelope to the office: Blessed Sacrament Parish, 130 Losey Boulevard South, La Crosse, WI 54601

2. Contribute online via a special diocesan website linked to our homepage on our website. <https://diolc.org/blessed-sacrament-parish-la-crosse/> Your donations will be forwarded to Blessed Sacrament, and a record will be made in our parish register. Thank you for your generosity.

LAPTIVITY QUILTS

Patchwork quilts are created for folks with Alzheimer's or other related dementia problems. Help in cutting, assembling, and sewing the quilts is needed.

1st Thursday of April, May & June, 9 am – 1 pm

Good Shepherd Lutheran, 4141 Mormon Coulee Rd.

Register/Info: 775-9999

Donations of quilt materials welcome.

GROUP SPIRITUAL DIRECTION FOR WOMEN

Tuesdays, through May 26, 5:30-7:30

\$125 for the 5 monthly sessions

Facilitators: Rose Elsbernd and Sarah Hennessey, FSPA
Franciscan Spirituality Center

Register at FSCenter.org or call 791-5295

PERMANENT DIACONATE

If you are a man between 30 and 60 years of age and think God may be calling you to be a permanent deacon, contact Deacon Kevin Ray, Director of the Office for the Diaconate at 791-2665, or email:

kray@diocl.org.

DIVORCE RECOVERY

Tuesdays, 6:30-8:00

Franciscan Spirituality Center, \$25 for 8 sessions

Call 791-5295, or email:FSCenter.org

Contact them for beginning date.

WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED: a Year of Service

March 25, 2020 to March 25, 2021

Our nation's Bishops ask that we take this year to assess what we can do to support mothers who may be struggling. Whether that be through a difficult or unplanned pregnancy, the challenges of raising children without a father's or family's support, or perhaps financial or emotional security, we are asked to reach out in love. Note that the year is book-ended by the special Feast of the Annunciation. Mary, Mother of God, be with us in this noble endeavor.

LECTIO EUCHARIST

Have you ever wondered what worship in heaven looks like? To find out you can go to the Book of Revelation, chapters 4 and 5. Reading Revelation, you will notice a throne, elders wearing white garments, torches of fire, angels singing "Holy, Holy, Holy," incense, hymns of praise to God, and the great Amen. Any of this sound familiar? We as Catholics don't have to wait until we die to go to heaven. We experience heaven every time we go to Mass. Join us watching Lectio Eucharist Session 10 entitled "Revelation: Heavenly Worship and the End of Time" on Formed.org.

Everyone who has participated in the discussion/video series has come away with their hearts enlivened and their understanding of the Eucharist deepened.