



Blessed Sacrament Parish

Pastor
Rev. Peter Raj

Deacon
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Blessed Sacrament Parish

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Pentecost Sunday May 31, 2020

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening 4:30 pm
Sunday Morning 8:00 & 10:00 am
Monday - Friday 7:30 am

CONFESSION

Saturday 3:30-4:00 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:
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,*
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

May 31, 2020

June 1 – 7, 2020

THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Everyone is called to be holy. The Gifts of the Holy Spirit (based on Isaiah 11:1-3) help us grow in holiness and live lives of virtue. These are seven permanent, spiritual gifts as named in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. (The terms used in the *Rite of Confirmation* are in parentheses.)

- +Wisdom
- +Understanding
- +Counsel (right judgement)
- +Knowledge
- +Fortitude (courage)
- +Piety (reverence)
- +Fear of the Lord (wonder and awe)

We receive these gifts at Baptism, and they are strengthened at Confirmation. Through these gifts the Holy Spirit increases our ability to believe in Christ, to love and serve God and others, and to avoid sin.

Saints and good Christians in every age have witnessed to Christ by living lives of outstanding faith and charity. They have shown us how the Gifts of the Holy Spirit can lead us to become holy.

(from CHRIST OUR LIFE, Loyola Press, 2007)

Read about the saints to see how each received and used the gifts of the Holy Spirit in their lives:

- +St. Thomas More – Wisdom
- +St. Solonus Casey – Understanding
- +St. Catherine of Siena – Right Judgement
- +St. Angela Merici – Knowledge
- +St. Miguel Pro – Courage
- +St. John Chrysostom – Reverence
- +St. Francis of Assisi – Wonder and Awe

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful and kindle in them the fire of Your love.

Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created, and You will renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray:

*Lord, by the light of the Holy Spirit
You have taught the hearts of Your faithful.
In the same Spirit, help us to relish what is right
and always rejoice in Your consolation.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

MONDAY through FRIDAY MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED PRIVATELY

MASS INTENTIONS FOR June 1 - 7, 2020

- MON 6/1** Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
+Ron Hammes
- TUES 6/2** Weekday; Marcellinus & Peter
+Marie Lombardo
- WED 6/3** Charles Lwanga & Companions
+Lloyd Herlitzke
- THU 6/4** Weekday
+Terri Levi
- FRI 6/5** Boniface
+Marianne Pittman
- SAT 6/6** Weekday; Norbert; BVM

MOST HOLY TRINITY

Celebrant: Father Raj

Assisting: Deacon Allen and MC

No altar servers

No Eucharistic Ministers

- SAT 6/6 4:30** *+Edgar & Cleo Kroner*
- SUN 6/7 8:00** *For the People of the Parish*
- 10:00** Intention of Donna & Larry Lee
50th Wedding Anniversary

WATCH MASS ON TV OR YOUR COMPUTER

Sundays: Channel 19 9:30 am

Also at diolc.org, the Diocesan YouTube channel, Facebook
These Masses were pre-recorded

EWTN

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

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays, 3:30-4:30

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

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 you to 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 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

MEMORY STONES

We are getting ready to have additional stones etched in our Memory Garden.

This is such a special way to memorialize someone, remember an event of importance in the family, or honor a loved one. Call the office for prices and details.

FORMED.ORG

On June 1st we celebrate the Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church. In the Old Testament, throughout the line of the Davidic kings, the queen was not the wife of the king, but rather the king's mother. Jesus rules as the King of heaven and earth with His mother, Mary as the queen mother. In the New Testament on the cross Jesus gave us His mother as our own. This week on Formed.org learn new insights on Mary as our mother in the series **Lectio: Mary: Episode 4: The Queen Mother**. Use our parish code: K2768J

\$CRIP NEWS

Phone orders: 782-2953, ext. 6.

Email orders: SCRIp@
bsplacrosse.org

\$CRIP orders will now be filled.

You **must** place your order either by phone, leaving your name, to whom the allocation is directed, and your phone number, or by email to the \$crip office (info above). Your order will be filled within 48 hours, you will be notified by phone or email, and you may pick the cards up in the parish office during business hours (9:00-1 pm Mon-Fri). Place your check or money in an envelope marked with your name, and bring it with you when picking up your order. A \$crip order form is available on the parish website: bsplacrosse.org. Blank forms are also in the office mailbox and in the Narthex of church.

ENROLL TODAY

Aquinas has a long tradition of promoting excellence in academics, encouraging spiritual growth, and assisting in the formation of a student's mind, heart, and spirit. For enrollment information contact Nancy Pederson, 608-784-8585.

PARISH SUPPORT

BUDGET

July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020

Needed Weekly	\$13,000
Received June 24	2,273

CHURCH SUPPORT

Thanks to all who have continued to support our parish financially during this time when we could not gather for Mass in church. If you are not yet attending Mass, you may drop your offering in the mail. Thank you.

Father Raj

HOME SCHOOLING UPDATE:

My child just said, "I hope I don't have the same teacher next year."

Thank you, once again this year, to the "Green Thumb Squad" who filled the planters at the doorways of church with beautiful blossoming plants.

COMING UP

THE ADORATION CHAPEL

The directive that only 2 people may be in the chapel at one time has been lifted.

Please, however, be aware that the 6-foot social distancing suggestion remains in effect.

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, 796-2716.
Email: thomaskratt@DOT.WI.gov.

REJOICE CHOIR

The choir will NOT practice in June or sing for any Masses.

Got a bit of time on your hands?
Make a list of your favorite hymns.

Your email is needed
To receive almost weekly
updates from the parish, please
email your address to:
bsacparish@gmail.com.

Drop off your empty aluminum cans
in the bin in the Aquinas parking lot.
Proceeds help fund Booster Club
activities.

*"My past, O Lord, to Your mercy;
My present, to Your love;
My future, to Your providence."
-Padre Pio*

AROUND TOWN

RESTARTING MASS GUIDE BLESSED SACRAMENT

MASS DISPENSATION

The parish members and all the faithful should be aware that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains dispensed until further notice.

ALL WEEDAY PUBLIC MASSES REMAIN SUSPENDED – CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

The parish church will be open 7:30 AM - 4 PM for private prayer every day of the week.

CONFESSION

Saturday 3:30 to 4:00 PM or by appointment call office

RETURN OF PUBLIC CELEBRATION OF SUNDAY MASS

We are looking forward to the Sunday celebration of the Mass again at Blessed Sacrament and we welcome you. Please review the attached information as we resume weekend liturgy.

If you are sick, have a fever, or have flu like symptoms, please stay home.

Parish members who, defined by the health department as more vulnerable (i.e., 60+ years of age, those with compromised immune systems, those with underlying health conditions, those who are especially anxious about being in a large group, etc.) are encouraged to stay at home.

Blessed Sacrament Parish will commence Sunday and Saturday vigil Masses starting May 30 and 31, 2020. Attendance in the church will be limited to a total of 130 persons per Mass. Ushers will be monitoring and limiting access if excess numbers arrive to attend.

AT MASS

Mask coverings the face are not required but are strongly recommended. Please bring a mask from home as we are unable to supply them for everyone due to shortages.

We will be using a minimum distancing of every other pew. Intervening pews are cordoned off, not only for the sake of social distancing, but to reduce the areas in need of sanitizing between Masses.

The Sign of Peace is omitted from Mass.

Communion is to be distributed only by the priest and deacon.

Please observe the 6-foot distance while in line to receive Holy Communion. Only one, single-file line is permitted to approach the priest or deacon, rather than two parallel lines. Communion line and markings are placed on the floor to preserve social distancing.

BSP encourages Communion to be received only in the hand for the health and safety of both the priest and faithful, but can be received on the tongue. Any communicant wearing gloves must remove them prior to receiving.

Directions for dismissal after Mass should be offered by the celebrant to provide an orderly exit with proper social distancing. Please do not gather in the narthex or outside church once Mass is completed.

Frequently touched surfaces in the church (pews/pew tops, door handles, microphones, bathrooms etc.) shall be cleaned and sanitized per CDC recommendations after every liturgy.

In order to have necessary information for the possibility of contact tracing (only if required) you must fill out an attendance card located in the pew and deposit it designated box on your way out of church.

There still will be a risk for anyone who attends a public Mass to contract the coronavirus. There is no pre-determined timeline for how long restrictions will be in place; further developments may allow for the loosening of restrictions or call for the tightening of restrictions.

ADVENTURE CAMP AND SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMS through the Diocese of La Crosse

For the latest information on programs please visit:
diolc.org/yya/youth-opportunities or
<https://www.facebook.com/events/2278171182482792>

SILENT DIRECTED RETREATS

at the Franciscan Spirituality Center
These times offer a quiet time to be alone with God.
The Spiritual Directors are compassionate, nonjudgmental, trained listeners who will guide you through this experience.
Dates and details at www.FSCenter.org.

FATHER JOSEPH WALIJEWSKI LEGACY GUILD

Father Joseph Walijewski's heroic and priestly zeal impacted all those he encountered. As a missionary within the Diocese of La Crosse, Bolivia, and Peru, he established parish churches, soup kitchens, and the Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II Orphanage. Today his spirit lives on in the children who call Casa Hogar home, inspires missionary acts near and far, and calls us to action. In 2013 a beatification process formally began, and today the Congregation for the Causes of the Saints in Rome continues to study Servant of God, Fr. Joe Walijewski's rich life and uncover associated miracles. Our journey to live out his mission continues. Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II and the works of Fr. Joe's Legacy Guild are made possible and enriched solely through donor support like yours. To make a gift and for more information on sponsoring our children go to: HOMEAJPM.ORG

CAUSEWAY INTERFAITH CAREGIVERS

(from *WAFER FOOD PANTRY NEWSLETTER*)

When our lives return to some form of "normal," will you have some free time on your hands? Do you want to be part of life changing work? If yes, then WAFER is your place! One hour, one day a month, one day a week, etc, we will take all of it! Call or email to schedule. 608-782-6003 or info@waferlacrosse.org.

WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED: a Year of Service

March 25, 2020 - 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.