



Blessed Sacrament Parish

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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 13, 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:
Kathy Nicks

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

September 13, 2020

FALL ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

LECTIO PETER

September 21 – November 22

In our "COVID world" with churches everywhere closing down because of a virus, many of us have started to question why we need the church. We can stay home and watch Mass on TV now and no longer need to go to the church on Sundays. But is this the way that God meant it to be? To answer this question we would have to go to God's word, the Bible. When God created His Church on earth He left Peter, our first pope, in charge. So what can we learn from Jesus' interactions with Peter? Join us as we explore the Church Jesus began in a Bible study called "Lectio Peter." Did you realize that God's Kingdom on earth in the Catholic Church? See what Jesus taught through the eyes of Saint Peter, and you will understand why we need the Catholic Church today.

CONSECRATION TO SAINT JOSEPH

September 22 for 6 weeks

Of all the people who walked on the face of the earth, only one had the Son of God call him "father." That person was Saint Joseph. What would it have taken to be a "father-figure" to Jesus? What qualities must Joseph have had to be the person God entrusted to raise His Son along with Mary? This is a very timely program as we dedicate a whole year of getting to know Saint Joseph.

*Both programs meet weekly
and preregistration is required.*

*All information on meeting times and places,
registration forms, and fees, etc.
is on the parish website.*

ANNUAL APPEAL

Near the end of September we will kick off the Annual Appeal, our once-a-year program to support the works of our Diocese, its offices and charitable works. Watch for more details to come.

TIME FOR PRAYER

Stop in at church during the day or in the Adoration Chapel, 24-7.

SEPT 14 - 20, 2020

MASS INTENTIONS

You are again invited to participate
in the Mass on weekdays
FACE MASKS ARE REQUIRED IN CHURCH

MON 9/14 7:30 Exaltation of the Holy Cross
+David Kulzer
TUES 9/15 7:30 Our Lady of Sorrows
+Joesan Gabarda
WED 9/16 7:30 Cornelius & Cyprian
+Holy Souls in Purgatory
2:20 pm Intention of Karen Martin

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

THU 9/17 7:30 Weekday; Robert Bellarmine
Intention of Bonnie Newburg
FRI 9/18 7:30 Weekday
+Therese & +Gordon W. Smith
SAT 9/19 Weekday; Januarius; BVM
NO 7:30 Mass

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Celebrant: Father Raj

Assisting: Deacon Allen and MC

No altar servers; No Eucharistic Ministers

SAT 9/19 4:30 *Intention of George Allen*
SUN 9/20 8:00 *+Donald "Porky" Finn*
10:00 *For the People of the Parish*

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, 3:30-4:15

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

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS FAIR 2020

Dear Parishioners,
Because of the directives we are following as a nation and a parish, this year's Advent/Christmas Fair has taken on a new look. **We will not be collecting/receiving your donated items this year. So please do not drop off your treasures at the parish office/conference room or Barb's home.** Please save them for another year at your home since we do not have the storage space.

We are asking you to participate in our Advent/Christmas Jar Project – putting your change in a jar at your home to be brought to the Parish Center on November 21.

For more information about this project call Barb, 784-6974 or scwjoy@gmail.com. You may also contact any of the Advent/Christmas Fair 'Chairs', or check the Women's Club page on our parish website. We are counting on your support. Watch the bulletin for updates on the Giving Tree which will be available November 21 for your participation.

Thank you.
Barb Swieczak

PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Mon-Thurs: 9am – noon; and
1-4:00 pm
Fri: 9am-noon

WELCOME TO BSP

Timothy Pepin
and wife Melissa and children,
Joseph, Grace, & Joshua

Dan & Betsy Murphy
Children: Jack & Madeline

Dr. Sunny & Christy Onyeabor
Children: David, Helen, & Adiel

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

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 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. 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 6 10,584

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.

CHURCH SUPORT

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

Father Raj

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR

Thanks, Helen and Don Flynn, for the lovely flowers for our sanctuary.

COMING UP

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS IS COMING

Presently we are planning to offer classes for children in grades 1-5 on Wednesday evenings, 6:00-7:00, in our school, as we have in the past. Middle and High School programs will be offered virtually. All classes will convene in October. Watch your mailbox.

INTENTIONS FOR MASSES

Beginning on Nov 2 the office will be accepting 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.

The stipend is \$10.

REST IN PEACE

Catherine Cooper

FORMED.ORG

Mary: Handmaid of the Lord.
St. Teresa of Kolkata (Mother Teresa) is known throughout the world as a woman who was totally committed to the Gospel. In this inspiring talk, she shares her insights on the Blessed Virgin Mary as a model of womanhood and perfect discipleship. She shows us that we, too, can do the will of God by saying "YES" to the Lord in the big and little things in our lives.
Use our parish code: K2768J

CASA HOGAR

The 72 children living at Casa Hogar in Peru celebrate Mass outdoors daily and take your intentions to the altar at each Mass. To request their prayers for your intentions go to:
frjoesguild.org/prayerrequest/.

AROUND TOWN

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

Sirach 27:30 -28:7

Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner
hugs them tight.

The vengeful will suffer the Lord's vengeance,
For he remembers their sins in detail.

Forgive your neighbor's injustice;

Then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven.

Could anyone nourish anger against another
and expect forgiveness from the Lord?

Could anyone refuse mercy to another like himself,
can he seek pardon for his own sins?

If one who is but flesh cherishes wrath,
who will forgive his sins?

Remember your last days, set enmity aside;
remember death and decay, and cease from sins!
Think of the commandments, hate not your neighbor;
remember the Most High's covenant, and overlook
faults.

Romans 14:7-9

Brothers and sisters: None of us lives for oneself, and
no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the
Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then,
whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For this is
why Christ died and came to life, that he might be
Lord of both the dead and the living.

Matthew 18:21-35

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my
brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As
many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you,
not seven times but seventy-seven times. That is why
the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king
who decided to settle accounts with his servants.
When he began the accounting, a debtor was
brought before him who owed a huge amount.
Since he had no way of paying it back, his master
ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his
children, and all his property, in payment of the debt.
At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and
said, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in
full.' Moved with compassion the Master of that
servant let him go and forgave him the loan. When
that servant had left, he found one of his fellow
servants who owed him a much smaller amount. He
seized him and started to choke him, demanding,
'Pay back what you owe me.' Falling to his knees, his
fellow servant begged him, 'Be patient with me, and
I will pay you back.' But he refused. Instead, he had
the fellow servant put in prison until he paid back the
debt. Now when his fellow servants saw what
happened, they were deeply disturbed, and went to
their master and reported the whole affair. His master
summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked
servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you
begged me to. Should you not have had pity on

Your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?' Then in anger his
master had him handed over to the torturers until he should
pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to
you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your
heart.

LIFE CHAIN 2020 will be Sunday, Oct 4

2:00-3:00 along Losey Blvd.

Bring your family.

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

Sponsored by the Life League.

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

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>

THE AQUINAS SCHOOLS

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 tuition assistance programs. We
offer in person face to face learning or virtual learning.

Visit us at www.aquinasschools.org

or call 608-784-8585.

REMEMBER THESE SEMINARIANS IN YOUR PRAYERS

Mon. recently ordained Father Joseph Richards

Tues. Deacon Arturo Viguera

Fri. Matthew Bowe

Wed. Deacon Eric Mashak

Sat. Steven Weller

Thurs. Deacon Timothy Reither

Sun. Jared Clements

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Heavenly Father,

*Bless Your Church with an abundance of holy and zealous
priests, deacons, brothers, and sisters. Give those You have
called to the married state and those You have chosen to
live as single persons in the world, the special graces that
their lives require. Form us all in the likeness of Your Son, so
that in Him, with Him, and through Him, we may love You
more deeply and serve You more faithfully, always and
everywhere. With Mary we ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.*