



Blessed Sacrament Parish

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Deacon
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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 20, 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 20, 2020

SEPT 21 - 27, 2020

From the Office of the Bishop of La Crosse

September 1, 2020

Dear Reverend Peter Raj,

I write to you with sincere appreciation of your efforts and willingness to shepherd God's people through the most challenging of times. It is through your dedication and hard work to promote and teach the joy of the Gospel that encourages a life that Christ calls us to, a life of stewardship for which we were created. Thank you for your efforts and for your willingness to give witnesses through prayer, time, and talent to make our efforts fruitful.

As you know, our Diocesan Annual Appeal is the lifeblood of the charitable and good works our diocesan community so gallantly provides. Today as we see the pandemic, unrest, and chaos spread across the globe, a growing sense of hopelessness is infecting many parts of our communities. There never has been in our lifetime a greater need for the Church to hold fast to the Hope in Jesus Christ and provide the healing comfort of His mercy through our 38 ministries supported by our Diocesan Annual Appeal. The world needs His Church. The world needs us to fulfill our mission, a mission given to us through the Church. His Church is you and me, and we, His Church, must still provide.

After much prayer, deliberation, and difficult administrative decisions, we will hold the target steady for an unprecedented third year in a row: the overall target for the 2020-21 Appeal remains at \$5,675,035. Individual parish goals will see either an increase or decrease due to changes in the parish's portion of the aggregate figures reported in the June 30, 2019, Bishop's Annual Report.

Your parish allocation for the 2020-2021 Appeal is \$55,635.00. This number is our best ability to adhere to the Catholic principles of subsidiary and solidarity.

I am, as ever, grateful for your ministry. Our Annual Appeal funds the significant investment to carry out the many hope-filled ministries in our diocesan and global community. I am hopeful and confident that Mary Our Mother and her ever-faithful spouse, St. Joseph, will bless all our efforts to make this year's Appeal successful.

With personal good wishes and prayer, I am

Bishop William Patrick Callahan
Bishop of La Crosse

MASS INTENTIONS

FACE MASKS ARE REQUIRED IN CHURCH

- MON 9/21 7:30 Matthew
+Ray & Florence Mashak
- TUES 9/22 7:30 Weekday
+Larry Clark
- WED 9/23 7:30 Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)
+Joan Curran
2:20 pm Maxine Kroner

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

- THU 9/24 7:30 Weekday
+Patrick Connelly
- FRI 9/25 7:30 Weekday
+Liselotte Berg
- SAT 9/26 Weekday: Cosmus & Damian; BVM
NO 7:30 Mass

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

- SAT 9/26 4:30 +Bob Saphner
- SUN 9/27 8:00 +Mary Cunningham
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 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 13	6,705

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.

WEARING FACE MASKS AT CHURCH

We continue to do all we can to protect our fellow parishioners by wearing face masks when at Mass. This is a small act of charity we, as followers of Christ, can do. For 'when, two or more are gathered in My name, I am with them,' said Jesus. Let us in love do all we can to help their days be happy and safe.

BAPTISM ON SEPT 20

Wyatt Allen Wieland
son of Mitch and Britney

COMING UP

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Sept 19-20 Catechetical Sunday
Sept 26-27 Diocesan Annual Appeal
Kick-off weekend
Oct 2 NO Benediction after 7:30 Mass
Oct 4 Life Chain, 2-3
Oct 7 Religious Education classes begin

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

Diane Franke
mother of parishioners Paul & Tom

FORMED.ORG

This coming week we celebrate the Feast Day of St. Padre Pio. On Formed.org you may view the film "Padre Pio: Between Heaven and Earth." Based on the historical records and personal testimony of his fellow Friars, this is the amazing true story of the life of the famous stigmatic monk, St. Padre Pio, a contemporary saint who died in 1968. Blessed with incredible spiritual gifts, including healing, bi-location, reading of souls, and the stigmatic wounds, Padre Pio was a powerful witness for Christ, and a great spiritual guide to countless souls for over fifty years.

Use our parish code: K2768J

MILESTONE

Ev Gallagher
99th birthday Sept 10

AROUND TOWN

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.*

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

TIME FOR PRAYER

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

For entrance to the Chapel during the night hours,
call the office, 782-2953, ext. 2

*THANKS FOR THE FLOWERS FOR CHURCH
Donna and Wayne Levi*

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.

CHICKEN-Q AT ST. JOSEPH RIDGE

Sunday, October 27, 11-2:00

Carry-outs only, \$10.00

Pre-orders, call 452-3646 or 780-7710

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. Alex Kren

Tues. Isaac Pecha

Fri. Joseph Glatczak

Wed. John Zweber

Sat. Brian Ward

Thurs. David Nowicki

Sun. John Duranso

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.