



Blessed Sacrament Parish

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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 27, 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 27, 2020

SEPT 28 – Oct 4, 2020

From the Office of the Bishop of La Crosse

September 18, 2020

Dear Brother Priests and Deacons
and my dear People of God:

I extend my sincere thanks to you all for the fidelity with which you have been returning to the Sunday celebrations of the Mass across the Diocese. It gives me great hope that the yearning of our hearts truly is for the loving presence of our Lord and Savior, and that "our hearts are restless till they rest in You." The increasing number of faithful who are returning to our churches continues to help us all understand more deeply the true meaning of our responsibility to worship God together and remain in Communion with Him.

After a great deal of consultation among the leadership of the priests and inquiry among a number of God's people, I have decided to NOT reimpose the obligation to attend Mass throughout the Diocese at this time. This is not to minimize the importance of the communal celebration of the Holy Eucharist. While this is a departure from the decision of my brother bishops in Wisconsin, it is not mean spirited. I am considering the high number of new COVID cases in our area and the growing number of congregants, and the ability we have of safely social-distancing in our churches. These factors create a large number of situations that bring us back to the very reason why we lifted the obligation in the first place.

We will monitor the number of COVID cases in the Diocese, the progress towards a vaccine, and the amount of people returning to the celebration of the Mass, as we make our future decisions regarding the lifting of the dispensation for the obligation to attend Mass. Know that while the obligation remains dispensed, the commandment to keep holy the Sabbath remains: if you are unable to attend Mass or join one of the live stream Masses then please keep the day holy through the reading of Scripture, recitation of the Rosary and other activities. Please continue to follow the instructions for the return to Mass as earlier issued, use common sense, and continue to pray for one another as we make our way through this.

God be with you.

+ William Patrick Callahan
Bishop of La Crosse

MASS INTENTIONS

FACE MASKS ARE REQUIRED IN CHURCH

- MON 9/28 7:30** Weekday, Wenceslaus,
Lawrence Ruiz & Companions
+Leonard & Paula Frohnauer
- TUES 9/29 7:30** Archangels Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael
+Jim & Marilyn Vallez
- WED 9/30 7:30** Jerome
+Deceased members of the Lansing family
2:20 pm +Eileen Sutton
- Grade school students will be attending the Masses
on Wednesday afternoons.
These Masses ARE NOT OPEN to others.*
- THU 10/1 7:30** Therese of the Child Jesus
+Stanley & Mary Batker
- FRI 10/2 7:30** Holy Guardian Angels
+Howard Larson (birthday)
- SAT 10/3** Weekday; BVM
NO 7:30 Mass

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Celebrant: Father Raj

Assisting: Deacon Allen and MC

No altar servers; No Eucharistic Ministers

- SAT 10/3 4:30** *Living & deceased members of the
Flottmeyer family*
- SUN 10/4 8:00** *Intention of Kathy Nicks*
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 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

REST IN PEACE

+Elizabeth Keppel
mother of Kory
+Leonard Ambrose
husband of Elizabeth

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

September 26, 4:00 Mass
Charlie Dickson
son of Mark and Stephanie

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 20 7,662

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.

2019: *Avoid negative people*
2020: *Avoid positive people*

COMING UP

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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
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, one on the weekend, a holyday or a holiday, and 2 during the week. The stipend is \$10 per Mass.

FORMED.ORG

The prayer to St. Michael, often said at the end of Mass, or the Rosary, have become familiar. But what do we know about the Archangels Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael? This week we remember them on their feast day, and Formed.org offers us a book by Dr. Peter Kreeft, [Angels and Demons: What Do We Really Know About Them?](#) In it he responds to actual questions many people have asked him over the years. Here are some examples:

"What are angels made of?",
"How Do Angels Communicate With God?",
"How Do Angels Communicate With Us?" There are many more.

Use our parish code: K2768J

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.

It's not too late to join either program if you missed the first week. Find out how by contacting Amy Capelli, 783-0847 or dcapelli@charter.net. Check our parish website for all information about these 2 great faith-growing opportunities.

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

LIFE CHAIN 2020

Sunday, Oct 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.

CHICKEN-Q AT ST. JOSEPH RIDGE

Sunday, September 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.

PROGRAMS AT THE FRANCISCAN SPIRITUALITY CENTER

Find out all the info by going to www.FSCenter.org

*Meditation for Emotional Health, Thurs, Oct 1, 6:30-7:30.

Register by Sept 30. Guided meditation with discussion following. Free-will offering

*Sheltered Day of Solitude, Oct 13, 9:00-4:30. Register by Oct 12. \$25 includes optional spiritual direction session. A booklet will be mailed to help guide you through the day.

*Cheering for the Good: Leading When it Matters, Thursdays in Oct, 6:30-8:00, \$50 for the sessions. Sister Karen Luech has authored a book by this title and will lead these sessions.

*Brother Sun: A Collage-making experience celebrating St. Francis, Sat, Oct 10. 9:00 videoconferencing for instructions & reflection, Zoom check-ins, with closing session at 1:30. \$50 if supplies are needed; \$40 if not. Supply pickup at FSC.