



Blessed Sacrament Parish

Pastor
Rev. Peter Raj

Deacon
David Allen

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WITH THE FINEST OF WHEAT

PROVERBS 11:26

Blessed Sacrament Parish

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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 29, 2019

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

EVENING PRAYER

Daily 5:15 pm in Adoration Chapel

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: *Pete Fiorini*
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,*
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

September 29, 2019

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2019-20

*Here are just a few of the programs & offices
which the Appeal helps to fund.
A complete list can be found at
diolc.org/stewardship/appeal-portal*

OFFICE OF MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

- *Retreat for couples "Married Love: Two Becoming One"
- *FOCCUS helps prepare couples for marriage
- *Natural Family Planning instruction
- *Parent education series to equip them to discuss issues such as human dignity, sexuality, dating, chastity: "Teaching the Way of Love" Series
- *Baptism preparation, men's and women's ministries, separate and divorced ministry
(250 couples were married in our Diocese last year)

OFFICE FOR BUILDING & GROUNDS

The professionals in this office assist parishes and schools with staying in compliance with regulations regarding construction, asbestos, and environmental issues and guiding remodeling and construction contracts.

LAY EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT

The Appeal helps support the modest retirement benefits given to the over 1,7000 eligible participants.

OFFICE FOR MINISTRIES & SOCIAL CONCERNS

This office directs the formation for the permanent diaconate, as well as programs of formation for the laity, including the Lay Formation Institute (over 800 commissioned since 1973) and Leader of Prayer Program (over 300 commissioned since 1989). In addition, this office coordinates pastoral care to the Hispanic community, and it collaborates with the US Bishop programs for national and international relief and development. Catholic Charities, the Diocesan Mission Office, and the diocesan Social Ministry Advisory Committee benefit from the direction of this office.

OFFICE OF SACRED WORSHIP

When attending celebrations at the Cathedral, such as ordination, the Chrism Mass, Confirmations, etc. the liturgical guidance from this Office is very evident. The professionals here also help to deepen our understanding of the Rites and how the manner of the liturgical celebrations impacts our daily lives.

The packet with your donation or pledge card was sent a few weeks ago. With your generous help the good work of our Diocesan offices can continue. And remember, all money given over our target is returned to our parish to help with our own programs and needs.

Sept 30 – Oct 6, 2019

EUCHARIST: Bill Chamberlain

READER: Dr. Steve Pavela

MON 9/30 Jerome

7:30 **+Albert & Pat Shedesky**

Servers: Don Flynn, Mike Vanderploeg

TUES 10/1 Therese of the Child Jesus

7:30 **+Marianne Pittman**

Server: Pete Fiorini; Mike Vanderploeg

WED 10/2 Holy Guardian Angels

9:00 **+Robert & Dorothy Opitz**

THU 10/3 Weekday

7:30 **+Carlos Vargas**

Servers: Teagan Saffaroni, Ben Spears

FRI 10/4 Francis of Assisi

7:30 **+William & Florence Koenig**

Servers: Jackson & Johnny Woolever

8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament; Benediction

SAT 10/5 Weekday; Francis Xavier Seelos; BVM

27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SAT 10/5 4:30 +Stewart Laird

Celebrant: Fr. Peter Raj

MC: Pete Fiorini

Servers: Craig, Michael Johnson, Greg Kusmitch

Readers: Dave & Mary Jo Reinders

Petitions:

Eucharist: Cheryl & Tom Horvath, Anne & Tom Gees, Christi Nelson

Ushers: Dick Stelmach, Tony Flottmeyer, Kay Nix, Dave Sweeney

Offering family: Mary & Mark Schuttenhelm

Rosary Leaders: Mary Jo & Dave Reinders

**SUN 10/6 8:00 Intention of Jim & Kathleen Donskey
60th Wedding Anniversary**

Celebrant: Fr. Peter Raj MC: Mike Vanderploeg

Servers: Skemp, Skemp, Peyton Strittmater

Readers: Dan Skemp, Donna Levi

Petitions:

Eucharist: Helen Flynn, Jean Kachel, Kathleen Hanson, Tad & Erin Strittmater

Ushers: Bill Chamberlain, Mike Watunya, Bruce Simones, Thomas Keil

Offering Family: Pat & Jack Scheidt

Rosary Leader: Irm White-Drier

10:00 For the People of the Parish

Celebrant: Fr. Peter Raj MC: William Arnold

Servers: Colin Sans Crainte, Parks Tobin, Teddy Uehling

Readers: Dave Weinberger, Kris Gerke

Petitions: Livia Tobin

Eucharist: Fran Sauer, Mary Kay Richert, Kathy Hancock, Brian Fukuda, Bud Lee

Ushers: Terry Felt, Tom Richert, LuAnn Kratt, Mark Hyde

Offering Family: Terry & Les LaChine

Rosary Leaders: Fran & Greg Sauer

FIRST FRIDAY, October 4, 8 am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction

AROUND THE PARISH

LECTIO: ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

The Bible Study began last week, but there's still time to join in this enriching and informative program.

Contact Amy Capelli, 783-0847, or email dcapelli@charter.net to sign up.

Times and places:

Tuesdays: here at BSP, 8:15-9:45 am

St Pat's & MMOC, 6:30-8:00 pm

Thursdays: St. Pat's, 9:15-10:45 am

Cathedral, 6-7:30 pm

The same class is offered at each location.

There are 10 classes. Cost is just \$10.

BSP AT WARMING CENTER

Our parish will again provide volunteers for overnight duties at the Warming Center on the first Saturday of the month. Training

Session dates: Oct 8, 9, 10

Times: 1-2 pm, and 6-7 pm

It is recommended that you attend one of the sessions to learn about the procedures and meet other volunteers.

"When I was homeless you opened your door."

Our thanks to the gardeners who supplied fresh flowers for the sanctuary through that all-too-short summer:

Fran Smith Alberta Gund

The Levis The Flynn's

The Garbisches Charlie Brendel

LIFE CHAIN

Sunday, October 6, 2-3 pm

This is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life individuals standing for one hour praying for our nation for an end to abortion and promoting the sanctity of life from conception to natural death.

Gather along Losey Blvd. starting at La Crosse street and continuing south. Bring your family. Signs will be provided (\$1 donation/family). Water, lawn chairs, umbrellas & strollers are welcome and encouraged. Rain or shine.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE Sept 28 & 29

The Knights are the strong right arm of the Catholic Church serving the Church, families, and the community. Councils are open to and welcome men 18 years of age and older. After Masses this weekend Knights will be on hand to answer any questions. Or you may contact Grand Knight Charlie Peters at 612-760-6192 or email: cjpeters2011@gmail.com

BLESSING OF PETS

Sun, Oct 6, noon

Outside the front door of church
(St. Francis's feast day: Oct 4)

MUSIC NOTES

The Rejoice Choir will practice on Thurs, Oct 3, 5:30-6:30 pm.

The choir will sing at 4:30 Mass on Sat, Oct 5, and at 10:00 Mass on Sun, Oct 13. If you like to sing, come give the choir a try. All ages welcome.

SCRIP NEWS

Phone orders: 782-2953, ext. 6.

Email orders: [SCRIP@](mailto:SCRIP@bsplacrosse.org)

bsplacrosse.org

Kwik Trip is again offering a 10% profit on their Scrip cards for a limited time. We will take advantage of this generous offer and have a huge supply on hand for a few weeks. Thanks, K.T.

WIDOWS & WIDOWERS

Lunch at the Barre Country Diner
(outside West Salem)

Tues, Oct 1, 11:30

Questions? Call Barb Schmitz,

788-1667, or

Loretta Clarkin, 784-9917

PARISH SUPPORT

BUDGET

July 1, 2019- June 30, 2020

Needed Weekly \$13,000

Received Sept 22 5,770

We cannot direct the wind,
but we can adjust our sails.

ANNUAL APPEAL

Did you receive the mailing from the Diocese? Prayerfully consider your support of this most worthwhile campaign.

The Annual Appeal is a yearly drive to fund the various offices and initiatives of our Diocese. It is vital to supporting seminarians' education, to the work of the Missions, outreach to the needy, catechetical and evangelization programs, communication, youth programs, marriage preparation, and the upkeep of the Diocesan Center building.

COMING UP

Sept 28, 29 Anniversary Weekend

Sept 28 & 29 KC Membership Drive

Oct 1 Widows/Widowers, 11:30

Barre Country Diner

Oct 1 Bible Study continues; 8:15-9:45

Oct 2 NO Religious Ed classes today

Oct 5 Catholic Daughters luncheon
& program

Oct 6 Blessing of Pets, noon

Oct 6 Life Chain along Losey, 2-3 pm

Oct 8-10 Training for Warming Center
volunteers

Oct 14-20 Our week for Mobile Meals

Oct 15 Gospel of Life Mass & Banquet,
MMOC

Oct 16 Rosary Support Group, 10:00

Oct 26-27 Mission Appeal Sunday

Oct 26 Men of the Cross Conference,
Aquinas

Nov 2 Our parish "mans" Warming
Center

Nov 16 Christmas Fair

Advent/Christmas Fair

Only 6 weeks away.

FORMED.ORG

This coming week we celebrate the Feast day of St. Francis of Assisi. You may think you know all about this beloved saint, but he was more than a lover of animals and champion of the poor. St. Francis worked tirelessly to reform the Church of his day, reminding us now, as he did the people of his own time, what it means to live a life of holiness. This week on Formed.org check out the audio drama *Brother Francis: The Barefoot Saint of Assisi* to get a better understanding of this extraordinary man of God. Use this code to sign up: K2768J

Do you have questions about our Faith, about the Mass, or anything "Catholic?" Jot your queries down and drop in the box in the Narthex or email to the office. Father Raj is glad to answer your question or put you on the path to an answer.

AROUND TOWN

THANK YOU, BSP PARISH!

The Women's Club 26th Apple Pie fund-raiser was a delicious success! Thanks to everyone who helped – from peelers and crust-makers to sellers and buyers. All the apples were donated by 2 orchards in La Crescent: Van Lin Orchard (open weekends, noon-8pm), and Hoch Orchard (open Sat. 11-4pm). Check them out on Facebook. If you'd be interested in lending a hand next Fall, contact chief pie coordinator, Helen Roop, hmroop5@aol.com.

MEN OF THE CROSS CONFERENCE

Saturday, October 26, at Aquinas
8:50 am through 4:30 Mass with Bishop Callahan
Inspirational speakers to help men of all ages (and their sons) recharge their batteries.
Register today at: menofthecross.org.

AGING CAFÉ Tues, Oct 1, 6-8 pm

Franciscan Spirituality Center
\$10 donation; call 791-5295 or go to: FSCenter.org
Community members of all ages may gather for open-ended conversations about the aging process, explore topics such as quality of life issues, hopes, fears, caregiving, and spirituality.

RUMMAGE SALE AT MMOC

Fri, Oct 4, 11-5 pm, \$6/bag
Sat, Oct 5, 8-11 am, \$3/bag

MARY COREDEMPTRIX: WHY THE DOGMA?

A Marian Symposium Oct 11-12, at the Shrine
Sponsored by the Franciscan Friars of the Immaculate.
Register: guadalupeshrine.org/events/marian-symposium

COAST TO COAST ROSARY led by the KC's

Sunday, Oct 13, 3 pm
Corner of King St and Losey Blvd.
Join the countless pray-ers across the country praying the Rosary at that hour for our country.
To learn how you can receive daily reflections go to:
RosaryCoastToCoast.com.

YOUTH GATHERINGS COMING UP

*Immersion Retreat: Nov 8-10, Chula Vista Resort in the Dells. Grades 9-12
*National Catholic Youth Conference: Nov 21-24
3-day experience in Indianapolis of prayer, community, and empowerment for Catholic teens & their adult chaperones.
*Pilgrimage for Life: Jan 22-26, 2020.
Ages 13 and older
All info at diolc.org/yya/youth-opportunities

FATHER JOSEPH WALIJEWSKI LEGACY GUILD DINNER

Friday, October 25, here at our Parish
To benefit Casa Hogar Orphanage in Peru
Contact Sarah Sceery at: ssceery@frjoesguild.org
Or call 401-714-7743

FUND-RAISERS FOR THE AQUINAS MUSIC DEPT.

Mon, Sept 30, 4-8:00 pm

Burrachos Fresh Mexican Grill in Onalaska
25% of sales will be donated. Wear Aquinas attire to make sure your purchase is recognized as a donation. Or pick up a coupon in the Narthex.

Sat, Oct 12, 5 pm, Aquinas Main Gym

BEANBAG TOURNAMENT

Student Division \$10/2-person team
Blind-draw Double Elimination Tournament; \$10/person
*Raffles & games; refreshments & food
Let's support Aquinas's great music tradition! Proceeds will help send the band to Disney in Nov.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

SALAD LUNCHEON & BLACK DRESS SKIT

Sat, Oct 5, 11-1:00, BSP Parish Center
Tickets \$15; in Parish Office or call Sandra Borreson, 787-6482.
Table for 8 with advance payment.

FALL FUN AND FOOD

SAINT PATRICK FUN RUN OCTOBER 5

Family-centered games and refreshments
Funding for first aid supplies/kits for theExChange

SAUERKRAUT SUPPER

Wed, Oct 9, 4-8:30 pm, St. Peter's, Middle Ridge
\$12/adult dinner; \$6/ children

CHICKEN-QUE & BAKE SALE

Thurs, Oct 10, 11:00 'til gone, Holy Trinity Parish
\$9/dinner

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sun, Oct 13, 7:30-noon; St. Mary's in Coon Valley
\$7 ages 11 and up; \$4 ages 6-10; free for littles

FALL FESTIVAL

Oct 13, 11-1:00, St. Bartholomew, Trempealeau
Broasted Chicken & Meatball Dinner; games, raffles

SACRISTAN NEEDED AT THE CATHEDRAL

Email: office@cathedralsjworkman.org
Or call 782-0322, ext. 0

MINDFUL SELF-CARE FOR THE CAREGIVER

Oct 11-12, Franciscan Spirituality Center
Presentations are led by professionals in the field.
\$150 includes overnight stay and meals.
\$115 for commuters
Register at FSCenter.org; 791-5295

GOSPEL OF LIFE EVENING

Tuesday, October 15,
at Mary, Mother of the Church Parish
6:00 pm White Mass (medical personnel honored)
7:00 catered dinner
7:30 Presentation: "Connecting the Dots: Tracing Man's Broken Image"
Fr. Sean Kilcawley, presenter
This talk will explore the common roots of violence, abortion, human trafficking, racism and oppression.
\$18 adults/\$9 students
Go to: diolc.org/GospelofLife, or call 791-0161.