



# Blessed Sacrament Parish

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## 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time September 6, 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*

**MISSION APPEAL UPDATE**

If you would like to respond to Father Nathan's appeal last weekend and help support the missionary causes of his Order, you may drop a check in the mail and send it to the parish office. Make it payable to our parish and note it is for the Mission Appeal.

**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 insert in the bulletin and on the parish website.*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

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

- MON 9/7 7:30** Weekday; Labor Day  
*+Therese Rose Smith*
- TUES 9/8 7:30** Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
*+Beth Berns*
- WED 9/9 7:30** Peter Claver  
*Intention of Paul Poehling*  
*2:20 pm +Donald "Porky" Finn*

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

- THU 9/10 7:30** Weekday  
*Living & deceased members of the Richard & Sheila Steele Family*
- FRI 9/11 7:30** Weekday  
*+ Arlene Johnson*
- SAT 9/12** Weekday; Most Holy Name of Mary; BVM  
**NO 7:30 Mass**

**24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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

- SAT 9/12 4:30** *+Michael Imgrund*
- SUN 9/13 8:00** *For the People of the Parish*
- 10:00** *+Peter & +Gertrude Rebhahn & +William & +Paula Smith*

**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](mailto: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

### WOMEN'S CLUB UPDATE

A letter from our president is on the BSP website for all to read. It states that all our activities have been suspended for the 2020-2021 year. Please participate in the Christmas Jar Project, as well as sending in your \$5 dues. Look for fliers in the Narthex on the Year of St. Joseph. Please take one.

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**  
**Mon-Thurs: 9am – noon; and**  
**1-4:00 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](mailto:tomkratt@charter.net)

### SCRIP NEWS

**There are volunteer \$crip sellers in the office daily 9:00-noon.**

**Masks are required face-wear.**

You may stop in using the service door off the alley. It is marked for you. Or call the \$crip office at 782-2953, ext. 6, or email orders: [SCRIP@bsplacrosse.org](mailto: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.

### 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 August 30	7,010

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 SUPPORT

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

## 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 NEEDED

There are dates coming up when we have openings for Mass intentions. It is so special to remember loved ones in this way. 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.

### 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/](http://frjoesguild.org/prayerrequest/).

## AROUND TOWN

### READINGS FOR THE 23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ezekiel 33:7-9

Thus says the Lord: You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel; when you hear me say anything, you shall warn them for me. If I tell the wicked, "O wicked one, you shall surely die," and you do not speak out to dissuade the wicked from his way, the wicked shall die for his guilt, but I will hold you responsible for his death. But if you warn the wicked, trying to turn him from his way, and he refuses to turn from his way, he shall die for his guilt, but you shall save yourself.

Romans 13: 8-10

Brothers and sisters: Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not kill; you shall not steal; you shall not covet" and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law.

Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples: "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that 'every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.' If he refuses to listen to them, tell the church. If he refuses to listen even to the church, then treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector. Amen, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

### NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ABORTED CHILDREN

Saturday, September 12, 11:00

Memorial for the Unborn

at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe

A solemn vigil will be held on this day for the more than 60 million children whose lives have been lost to legal abortion in our country since 1973.

Mass will follow at 12:15, and the opportunity for Confession will be available before and after Mass.

Sponsored by the La Crosse Life League in cooperation with Father Elias from the Shrine

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 839

During these difficult times, meetings and events have had to be cancelled. Yet, the Knights continue to quietly support so many worthy causes donating \$1500 to each of our local parishes, \$2000 to Catholic Charities, \$1000 to the La Crosse Area Emergency Fund, \$500 to Aquinas Catholic Schools, Providence Academy, Hosea Initiative, WAFER Food Pantry, and our seminarians. In addition the Knights have teamed with our pastors to contact those who are feeling isolated. Men 18 years and older, if you'd like to join this robustly active organization to further their mission (1. Provide a means by which Catholic men could support the Catholic Church; 2. Provide financial protection for their families; 3. Engage in works of charity to benefit the less fortunate), go to <http://www.kofc839.com> for all information.

### PROGRAMS FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH & ENRICHMENT

Go to: [FSCenter.org](http://FSCenter.org)

for a complete listing of all the programs and activities at the Franciscan Spirituality Center planned for the coming months.

### REMEMBER THESE SEMINARIANS IN YOUR PRAYERS

Mon: Alex Kren

Tues: Isaac Pecha

Wed: John Zweber

Thurs: David Nowicki

Fri: Joseph Glatczak

Sat: Brian Ward

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.*