

# Sunday Bulletin

Blessed Sacrament & Roncalli Newman Parishes  
January 1st, 2023 | Solemnity of Mary, Mother God



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## RNP Office Hours:

Mon - Thurs 9am - 12pm, 1pm - 4pm  
Fri 9am - 12pm

## BSP Office Hours:

Mon - Thurs 9am - 12pm, 1pm - 4pm  
Fri 9am - 12pm

## Sunday Mass Times

Sat. 4:30pm @ BSP  
Sun. 9am (BSP), 11:15am (RNP), & 8:30pm (RNP)

## Daily Mass Times

BSP Mon - Fri 8:00am  
RNP Tues 5:15pm  
RNP Wed & Fri Noon  
RNP Thurs 7pm

## Confession Times

Saturday evening @ 3:30pm or by appt.

## Around the Parish

### 2023 Mass Intentions

Call or stop into the parish office to arrange for Mass Intentions for 2023

### Thank you Joan and John Mueller!

Thank you to Joan and John Mueller for their generous gift of the Matthew Kelly books entitled Holy Moments

### Women's Club Holy Hour - Jan. 7th

Women's Club Holy Hour Saturday January 7th  
10:00 – 11:00am in the Blessed Sacrament Church. Start the year off right!

### Prayers for Fr. Raj

Prayers for safe travel for Father Raj, former Pastor at Blessed Sacrament, as he heads to India next week to visit his family.

### RNP - Volunteers Needed

Looking for volunteers - Roncalli Newman will take Christmas Decorations down January 8th after the 11:15am Mass. Many hands make light work. Thank you!

### Families Forming Disciples

FFD resumes on Wednesday January 4th at Mary Mother of the Church from 5:45pm-6:45pm and Sunday January 8th at Blessed Sacrament from 10:10am-11:10am. We will begin Lesson 5 Week 1: The Epiphany and Baptism of our Lord.

### Temporary daily Mass pause @ RNP

With the college students on break and Father Sam traveling for the SEEK conference, we will have a temporary break from daily Masses at Newman. Public daily masses will be postponed from December 26th - January 6th. Mass intentions will be prayed for privately. Blessed Sacrament daily Masses will continue as normal. The Sunday 8:30pm Mass at RNP will also be postponed until the students return January 22nd.

### Thank you to BSP Volunteers!

Many thanks to those who helped decorate the Blessed Sacrament church for the Christmas Season. Your hard work is truly appreciated:

Deacon Dave Allen. Rob and Kathy Hancock  
Carl and Eenie Francksen. Ken and Kathleen Hanson  
Jim Fowler. Bernice Lansing  
Mary Frohnauer. Wayne and Donna Levi  
Mark and Sam Steingraeber

### High School Faith Formation

High School Faith Formation meets this Wednesday January 4th from 7:00pm-8:30pm at Blessed Sacrament.

### Thank you Fuchsel family!

Many thanks to the Paul and Abby Fuchsel family for donating the beautiful Christmas tree for Newman's Christmas decor. It is their wonderful generosity that keeps a real tree in Newman, for over the last 10 years!

### Parish Offices Closed January 2

BSP and RNC offices closed on Mon, January 2nd.

# Liturgical Ministers Schedule

## January 7/8

### Saturday, Jan 7, 4:30 PM (Mass at BSP)

Paulette Drozdowicz	Reader (1)
Mary E Saphner	Reader (2)
Michelle Skemp	Cantor
Mary Blaha-DeBoer	Accompanist
Hunter J.	Server
Kyle C.	Server
Sandra Johnston	Min of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Michele Cook	Min of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Mark Schuttenhelm	Min of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Mary Schuttenhelm	Min of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Mike Vanderploeg	Sacristan/MC
Christine Nelson	Extraordinary Min of Holy Communion
Kathi Hancock	Extraordinary Min of Holy Communi..

### Sunday, Jan 8, 9:00 AM (Mass at BSP)

Mark Steingraeber	Reader (1)
Tony Weisse	Reader (2)
Kent Stein	Cantor
Mary Blaha-DeBoer	Accompanist
Jonny W.	Server
Jackson W.	Server
Bruce Simones	Min of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Sunny Onyeabor	Min of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
NOT FILLED	Min of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Roger Korger	Min of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
William Arnold	Sacristan/MC
Donna Lee	Extraordinary Min of Holy Communi..
Larry Lee	Extraordinary Min of Holy Communi..

### Sunday, Jan 8, 11:15 AM (Mass at RNP)

Tom Hench	Reader (1)
Kathleen Hench	Reader (2)
Joshua Kaiser	Cantor
Mary Blaha-DeBoer	Accompanist
Gabe Berendes	Minister of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Annie Berendes	Minister of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Ressano Machado	Minister of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Vanessa Machado	Minister of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Alice Mcquire Backlund	Gift Bearer
Mike Mader	Gift Bearer
Kathy Running	Sacristan/MC

## January 14/15

### Saturday, Jan 14, 4:30 PM (Mass at BSP)

Michael J Porter	Reader (1)
Michele Thorman	Reader (2)
Kent Stein	Cantor
Jennifer Kulzer	Accompanist
Maria J.	Server
Michael J.	Server
Michele Cook	Min of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Annie Berendes	Min of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Gabe Berendes	Min of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Leigh Running	Min of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Mike Vanderploeg	Sacristan/MC
Caryl Doberstein	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communi..
Luci Johnson	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communi...

### SSunday, Jan 15, 9:00 AM (Mass at BSP)

Bobbi Schamberger	Reader (1)
John Gallagher	Reader (2)
Michelle Johnson	Cantor
Mary Blaha-DeBoer	Accompanist
Dave Schreier	Server
Matthew B.	Server
Mark Hyde	Min of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
LuAnne Kratt	Min of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Steve Flottmeyer	Min of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Bob Roth	Min of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
William Arnold	Sacristan/MC
Maggie Leon	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion
Sandra Borreson	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communi...

### Sunday, Jan 15, 11:15 AM (Mass at RNP)

Greg Wegner	Reader (1)
Paul Thompson	Reader (2)
Andy Manson	Cantor
Mary Blaha-DeBoer	Accompanist
Tim Fuss	Min of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Kathy Fuss	Min of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Sandy Sieck	Min of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Karen Lange	Min of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Aaron Zivney	Gift Bearer
Mary O'Mara	Gift Bearer
Sandra Johnston	Sacristan/MC

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, December 31

4:30pm BSP +Raymond and Laretta Jahimiak

### Sunday, January 1

9:00am BSP For the Living and Deceased  
Members of the Burg Family

11:15am RNP +Tom Strange

### Monday, January 2

8am BSP +Wilfred and Victoria Lansing

### Tuesday, January 3

8am BSP + Leonard Degenhardt Jr

### Wednesday, January 4

8am BSP + Don "Porky" Finn - SCHOOL MASS

### Thursday, January 5

8am BSP +Phil and Mike Knothe

### Friday, January 6

8am BSP +Lewis Bauer

### Saturday, January 7

4:30pm BSP +Margaret Skemp Gavahan

### Sunday, January 8

9am BSP +Annette Niederkorn

11:15am RNP +Norma Thiele

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## This Week

### Saturday, December 31

- Confessions, 3:30pm @ BSP
- Rosary, 4:05pm (led by Natalie Schwinn-Weaver)

### Sunday, January 1

- Rosary, 8:35am (led by Irm Drier and Barb Swieczak)

### Monday, January 2

- Salvation Army Service, 4:15pm

### Tuesday, January 3

### Wednesday, January 4

- Dogma and Donuts Men's Group, 8:45am BSP
- Families Forming Disciples, 5:45 - 6:45pm MMOC
- High School Faith Formation, 7-8:30pm BSP

### Thursday, January 5

- Salvation Army Service, 4:15pm

### Friday, January 6

### Saturday, January 7

- Women's Club Holy Hour, 10am - 11am BSP
- Confessions, 3:30pm @ BSP
- Rosary, 4:05pm (led by Mary Schuttenhelm)

### Sunday, January 8

- Rosary, 8:35am (led by Deacon Dave and Mary Allen)
- Families Forming Disciples, 10:10am BSP

## Weekend Collection 12/25

BSP \$19,676 // RNP \$15,555

# Around the Parish | Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

## Giving Tree Gratitude

Thank you to all who pulled a tag from the Roncalli Newman Giving Tree and shopped for someone in need. Social Justice collected and delivered many car loads to The Exchange, The Boys and Girls Club and New Horizons. Thank you for thinking of others at this time of year.

## Liturgy Committee Mtg - Jan. 10th

Our next Liturgy Committee meeting will be Tuesday, January 10th @ 5:45 PM at Newman. We'll recap the Christmas season, discuss Winter Ordinary Time and the next MSP cycle, Eucharistic Minister recruiting and commissioning, and begin discussions regarding Lent and Easter.

## Associate Pastoral Notes

From the desk of Father Sam McCarty

Hi All,

This next week I will be joining a big group of our students in St. Louis for what's called the SEEK conference. This is a week of talks, fellowship, and prayer and can be a really powerful moment for many of those who come. I've been twice before to these conferences and they are very powerful - I'm looking forward to going for the first time as a priest! Please remember the students in your prayers this week. Here's a little introduction about the conference from Izzy Dick, one of our FOCUS missionaries.

-Fr. Sam

*"What do you seek?" John 1:38. Jesus asked this question to the disciples that were curiously following Him. We are all searching, yearning for something more in this life; trying to discover what will satisfy the ache in our hearts for something divine. The SEEK conference is taking place this year in St. Louis, MO, on January 2-6th. The intention is to provide an encounter with God, a space where college students get to wrestle with the question- "What do I seek?". For the past few months, the team of missionaries at La Crosse has met with nearly everyone we know on campus making personal invitations to SEEK. I am motivated by the way God sought me out. His persistent pursuit of my heart has ignited a flame in my heart to love others in the same way. Please pray for the students on campus that the Holy Spirit would prompt them to say yes to this invitation. The witness and impact of their yes will have ripples that affect eternity.*

## Thank you to all who donated poinsettias to adorn our sanctuary for the Christmas Season.



In Memory and In Honor of:	Donated By:
Ray and Lauretta Jahimiak	Laura and Jason Hutzler
Ann Jahimimak Simonson	Laura and Jason Hutzler
Steve Jahimiak	Laura and Jason Hutzler
Jess and Dolores Hutzler	Laura and Jason Hutzler
Leonard and Margaret Degenhardt	Dave and Rita Hertlitzke
Lloyd Hertlitzke	Dave and Rita Hertlitzke
Taylor Vanderploeg	Mike and Ruth Vanderploeg
Mary and Harold Mashak	Mike and Ruth Vanderploeg
Lucille and Steve Vanderploeg	Mike and Ruth Vanderploeg
Mary Sue Finn	Marilyn Finn
Don "Porky" Finn	Marilyn Finn
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Bill and Lyda DeGise	Wayne and Donna Levi
Marianne Pittman	Galen Pittman Family

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Dorothy and Paul Weigel	Pauline Connell
In Honor of Father Billy and Father Sam	Melinda Wishon
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Ralph Jagodzinski	Pauline Jagodzinski
Earl and Lucille Gees	Tom and Anne Gees
Steve and Marian Pavela	Tom and Anne Gees
Martin and Georgina Roesler	Gene and Mary Ann Roesler
Paul and Gertrude Link	Gene and Mary Ann Roesler
William and Florence Koenig	Florence and Lloyd Koenig
For the Families of Thomas Ryan	
and Vincent Sans Crainte	Chuck and Patti Sans Crainte
In Honor of Bob and Fran Skemp	Fran and Greg Sauer
Virgil Grabinski	Vonnie Grabinski
Don Gallagher	Erna Gallagher
Blanche and Sylvester Gallagher	Erna Gallagher
Genevieve and Ray Kelzer	Erna Gallagher
In Honor of Bob and Fran Skemp	Mark and Carol Steingraeber
Joe and Elaine Steingraeber	Mark and Carol Steingraeber
Denis Kuennen	Bernice Lansing

## Music & Liturgy

From the desk of Mary Blaha-DeBoer

### Happy New Year!!

As I welcome in the new year and get some much-needed rest, Christmas remains in my heart. Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Masses, as well as those who sang their hearts out in the pews!

I started teaming up with Mary Ellen Hauptert at the beginning of December, but we have been involved in music at RNP since she started her position with us many years ago. I was thrilled when she became our director. I have cherished her ability to bring out the best in people who come together to worship in song.

Her abilities at the piano are extraordinary! It has been a blessing and I look forward to our continued partnership at RNP/BSP.

Many of you already know me, but I would like to share something information about myself and my background. I grew up in Ettrick and was a member of the choir at St. Bridget's since second grade (organ, guitar, singing). Our young people led the singing every week. In my teen years, I started providing music for weddings and funerals in the area, which I still do when available. After moving to La Crosse, I often cantored at the Cathedral, but found my home at the Newman Center in 1986 and helped with the music until assuming the part-time position of Director of Music Ministry from 1991-1996. I then continued to be a member of Newman as a regular Cantor, choir member, and back up accompanist. I also provided music at area churches when there was a need. My other musical involvement in the community was as guest music director for many shows at LCT.

As for my life outside of church, I have a husband, Don, and two daughters, Amanda and Avery, Don is a resident of Hillview Health Care Center. Amanda is soon to graduate with a Master of Nursing at MSOE in Milwaukee and plans to continue with her schooling to be a nurse practitioner in the Mental Health field. Avery is a recent graduate of UW-Milwaukee and continues to work for Oakes Consulting Co. and has also started a consulting business of her own. I really enjoy my getaways to Milwaukee and appreciate my time with them. I am the Administrative Assistant at Hintgen Elementary and truly enjoy working with the staff, students, and parents there.

I am hoping to grow the choir program at BSP. Since Covid hit, there hasn't been a large musical presence at the Masses. Do you sing or play an instrument? Would you like to share your abilities with others? Would you like to be involved weekly/monthly/special times? We practice together at the Newman Center on Wednesdays at 5:00 PM (starting again on January 7th). Practices are an hour or less (a little longer before Easter/Christmas) and we meet 45 minutes before the Masses. I am looking for singers and musicians from age 12 and up. Please stop in the choir loft after 4:30 or 9:00 Mass, email me at [marybdmusic@gmail.com](mailto:marybdmusic@gmail.com) or call/text 608-780-5780. I would love to hear from you!

**Mary Blaha-DeBoer**

**Director of Music-RNP/BSP**



# Christmas Memories

## **My Stroke of Genius** by Mary Ann Roesler

It was summertime and approaching the annual season for all the Link cousins to meet at the farm. Since I lived the closest to Alma Center, Wisconsin my presence was often requested. Someone was needed to carry the sugar-laden orange Kool-aid out to the thrashers and help Grandma Link do all the dishes such a crew can produce.

Next to arrive were the Stodola's with my Aunt Alice. Joseph, who was my age, and John about five years younger. They stayed most of the summer.

The last to arrive, and with the shortest stay, were the Lonergan's from Milwaukee. All nine of them, including a baby-sitter lined up in their station wagon with seats assigned by age. Their mother, my Aunt Florence, was the youngest of the Links and her husband, Nelson, came with his wife and children to the farm.

The dozen of us, all born within a 15 year span, were found competing for the best jobs the farm had to offer since "helping out" was expected. Feeding the pigs was not one of the cherished positions! We all knew everyone's choice was driving the tractor. It was a Ford utility, small by today's standards, but I remember the wheels were over my head!

It was during one of these treks to "the farm", before the arrival of all the other cousins that I needed to prove my superior position in the pecking order so to be chosen for the job of tracker driver. I decided intelligence probably played an important part in securing this position. So, to prove this point, I undertook a serious discussion with Uncle Louie.

It started out with my ability, since Christmas, to be able to figure out that he was Santa Claus. Late afternoon, on Christmas Eve, we would arrive and Uncle Louie would produce an old wooden box in which he inserted a scrub pine tree. The few ornaments and thinning garland were hung from this tree causing the malnourished limbs to bend. Today we would call this a Charlie Brown tree! To me, it was beautiful.

Immediately after supper Uncle Louie went to the barn to milk his cows. Not long after he left, I could hear Santa with the bells on his reindeer ringing in the orchard. Soon a loud thump, thump, thump, stamping the snow off Santa's boots was heard. Entering the kitchen door a clamorous "Ho, Ho, Ho and a Merry Christmas to all" was his greeting.

My eyes and mouth opened as wide as possible, not quite believing Santa was really here. It didn't take him long to march over to the large grate inserted into the gathering room floor which provided the heat. "Is there a Mary Ann here? I have a package for here and I can't find her in La Crosse."

"My name is Mary Ann", I timidly answered. Before this treasure was passed to me, it was my responsibility to kneel down and say the Our Father. This was proof that I had been saying my nightly prayers, I guess. Santa soon left after a cookie or two and I remained breathless telling Uncle Louie what he had missed just to milk his cows.

This particular Christmas I had entered the closed off parlor to get something and saw a small metal toy that happened to match the one I later received from Santa. The wrapping paper also was like other presents under the tree. Of course, the ever absent Uncle Louie gave me the final clever clue in solving this puzzle.

Now someone with such intelligence could surely be ready to drive the tractor, in my estimation. I proceeded to explain my discovery to Uncle Louie. He denied any involvement, stating that my facts were coincidental. My greatest disappointment was in realizing that this mystery solving had nothing to do with driving the tractor.

How long your legs were, which were needed to step on the clutch and brake while still remaining on the gray metal seat with holes in it, was the deciding factor.

The only thing I had accomplished that summer of "legs still-to-short" was having enough genius to keep Santa from ever coming again!

