

Sunday Bulletin

Blessed Sacrament & Roncalli Newman Parishes
January 15th, 2023 | Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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 in the parish office to arrange for Mass intentions for 2023.

Loaves and Fishes Gathering

Please join Gathering Loaves & Fishes on Sunday, January 29th at 12:30 p.m. at Ciatti's for some delicious Italian cuisine. Please call Colleen at 608-787-1120 to make a reservation.

Thank you volunteers!

Many hands made for quick work taking down the Christmas trees and other decorations this past week at BSP. Thank you to the very efficient group of:

Ken Hanson	Joe Clements
Mark Steingraeber	Barb McGovern
Joe Francksen	Rob and Kathy Hancock
Phil Francksen	Melinda Wishon
Jim Fowler	John Reiman
Peter and Paulette Drozdowicz	

Gluten-Free Food Drive

The People's Food Co-op will be hosting a Gluten-Free Food Drive from January 18-31, 2023, to address the need of those who are food insecure and gluten sensitive (Celiac Disease & Non-Celiac Gluten Sensitivity). This is a coordinated effort between the People's Food Co-op and the Hunger Task Force, and all donations will go to local food banks. The People's Food Co-op will match all donations. Please consider purchasing a couple of items for this food drive.

Thank you,
Ginger Horth - La Crosse Area Celiac Support Group

High School Faith Formation

High School Faith Formation meets this **Wednesday January 18th from 7:00pm-8:30pm at Blessed Sacrament.**

Families Forming Disciples

FFD does not meet TODAY Sunday January 15th at Blessed Sacrament Families should be completing their Lesson 5 Week 2 at Home Mission.

FFD meets in person **January 18th from 5:45pm-6:45pm Mary Mother of the Church and January 22nd from 10:10am-11:10am at Blessed Sacrament.** Families will be sharing their experience completing their At Home Mission, the Epiphany Blessing of the Home as well as discussing Baptism and sharing their Baptismal Sacramentals.

Funeral workers needed at Roncalli Newman

Funeral luncheons have resumed at Roncalli Newman after a COVID hiatus. If you are interested in helping with baking desserts and/or helping with set up, serving or clean up please let Pat know at (608) 406-0635. Thank you.

Respect Life Novena

Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual Respect Life novena, 9 Days for Life, January 19-27th. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more. Sign up at www.9daysforlife.com

St. Camillus Mtg - Jan 16th

St Camillus Meeting BSP Conference Room Monday **January 16, 2023, at 6 PM.**

Music & Liturgy

From the desk of Mary Ellen Hauptert

INTO THE WILD

Mike and I are back from our trip to Patagonia where we visited our youngest daughter, Louise, while being accompanied by our third daughter, Madeline. Neither of us expected the Patagonia Frontiers ranch to be so remote. (It was a 1.5-hour boat ride after leaving the last road.) Louise and the crew live in tents in small field outside of the "long drop" (their outhouse) and the Palacio (kitchen and storage area). There is no running water, and all electricity is collected and stored via solar panels. The crew is hired for the summer months (October 15, 2022 – April 15, 2023) to support study and recreational treks; they act as farm hands, cooks, and help lead horse or foot treks into the wilderness.

Here is a short excerpt from my journal (December 29, 2022):

The first hike began at the edge of Lago Plumo, on land that belongs to one of the Patagonia Frontiers' neighbors. We were granted permission to hike the 10-mile ridge from our drop-off beach access back to the ranch. When Louise described the hike on the boat ride the day before, I didn't think then it looked challenging, but I wasn't prepared for the overgrown brush, wild and thorny rosebushes, and rigorous uphill/downhill slopes. The hike was challenging on many levels and stretched our physical capabilities. We didn't see another human being on the trail (or any traces of humanity), which was surprising at first. I may not have been prepared for the rugged wilderness but was taken aback by the raw beauty of high vistas overlooking lakes, valleys, and glacial capped peaks. While we were losing our breath climbing/descending the slopes, we had our breath taken away by the grandeur of God's nature.

NEED FOR MORE BLESSED SACRAMENT MUSICIANS

Mary Blaha-DeBoer and I are interested in developing the music programs at both parishes. If you have any interest in music, please consider coming to choir practices at Roncalli Newman each Wednesday at 5:00 PM. This is especially important for Blessed Sacrament parishioners who are encountering new music for the first time. You don't have to sing on Sunday to enjoy singing together, meeting new people, and supporting assembly singing at Mass.

NEED FOR MORE HOSPITALITY MINISTERS

We have several ministers of hospitality at both parishes, but less at Blessed Sacrament who are willing to commit to getting registered on the MSP schedule. I know that BS hasn't scheduled ushers in the past, but the blending of parishes requires a better system for organizing volunteers. We have twice as many volunteers in MSP at RNP for half the services. Some of our RNP Hospitality Ministers are willing to serve at BSP, but we're running into the problem of scheduling the same volunteers over and over, which isn't fair.

If you attend the 4:30 PM or 9:00 AM Masses at BSP, have been an usher in the past, OR would be willing to come 20 minutes prior to Mass to serve in this capacity, please contact me at your earliest convenience:

mehauptert@viterbo.edu. We will have a short training session after the BS Masses the third weekend of January and hope to have a larger roster of Hospitality Ministers for the next scheduling period (February-May).

NEED FOR MORE EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

We currently schedule Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at Blessed Sacrament but use a medallion system at Roncalli Newman Parish. Liturgy Committee (which is made up of parishioners from both parishes) advised that we continue scheduling at BSP. We are running into the same issue for communion ministers that we have encountered with hospitality ministers: the roster needs to grow so that the same people aren't called upon over and over. If you feel called to serve in this capacity, please contact me (mehauptert@viterbo.edu) so that I can put you into the system. There will be training the third weekend of January (21st and 22nd), followed by a commissioning the last weekend of January (28th and 29th). Father Billy will send our updated list of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (from both parishes) to the bishop before the next schedule comes out! Thanks for prayerfully considering your participation in this ministry!

Associate Pastoral Notes

Hi All,

From the desk of Father Sam McCarty

I want to give a brief reflection on the SEEK conference that I and about 70 students from our Newman ministry attended the first week of January (along with 17 thousand from around the country). The Monday to Friday conference included talks from an all-star line up, daily Mass and prayer and confessions, social time, and even a concert. I was really moved as the students were sharing their testimonies on the way home about how the Lord had worked in their lives; I heard stories about powerful confessions, many examples of students meeting Jesus in adoration, reflections on talks that were insightful and compelling, and almost every student mentioned something about the community we went with and how important it is to share these experiences with those around them. There's really too much to go into detail here: the next few weeks I'll have some student testimonies so you can hear from their perspective about the week and how they'll bring these gifts back to La Crosse. I'll just say the best part for me was being able to spend some more time with the good young people and our excellent team at UWL. I appreciated being able to spend time with them and hang out and hear about what God's doing in their lives. It was a fun concert also, I hadn't really listened to him before but I'm more a fan of Ben Rector now than I was before!

Peace,
Fr. Sam

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

January 21/22

Saturday, Jan 21, 4:30 PM (Mass at Blessed Sacrament)

Tom Kieffer	Reader (1)
Joan Mueller	Reader (2)
Christine Nelson	Cantor
Mary Blaha-DeBoer	Accompanist
Mike H.	Server
Elizabeth H.	Server
Gabe Berendes	Min of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Suzanne Verdoliva	Min of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Kathy Running	Min of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Annie Berendes	Min of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Leigh Running	Min of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Mike Vanderploeg	Sacristan/MC
Caryl Doberstein	Extraordinary Min of Holy Communi (EMHC)
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Sunday, Jan 22, 9:00 AM (Mass at Blessed Sacrament)

Dave Reinders	Reader (1)
Mary Jo Reinders	Reader (2)
Andrea Fritts	Cantor
Mary Blaha-DeBoer	Accompanist
Charlee G.	Server
Ruby G.	Server
Pat Cavadini	Min of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Kathie Hanna	Min of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Scott Smerud	Min of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Karen Gamoke	Min of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
William Arnold	Sacristan/MC
Bernice Lansing	EMHC
Sandra Borreson	EMHC

Sunday, Jan 22, 11:15 AM (Mass at Roncalli Newman)

Meredith Houge	Reader (1)
John Houge	Reader (2)
Calvin Douglas	Cantor
Mary Ellen Hauptert	Accompanist
Sherwin Toribio	Min of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Alie Toribio	Min of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Peggy Jirsa	Min of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Mary Mundt Reckase	Min of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Mike Mader	Gift Bearer
Carol Mader	Gift Bearer
Debbie Clarkin	Sacristan/MC

January 28/29

Saturday, Jan 28, 4:30 PM (Mass at Blessed Sacrament)

Caryl Doberstein	Reader (1)
Mark Steingraeber	Reader (2)
Kristin Johnson	Cantor
Mary Blaha-DeBoer	Accompanist
Hunter J.	Server
Kyle C.	Server
Mary Schuttenhelm	Min of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Mark Schuttenhelm	Min of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Thomas Miller	Min of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Michael J Porter	Min of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Mike Vanderploeg	Sacristan/MC
Dave Schreier	Extraordinary Min of Holy Communi (EMHC)
Christine Nelson	EMHC

Sunday, Jan 29, 9:00 AM (Mass at Blessed Sacrament)

LuAnne Kratt	Reader (1)
Steve McGovern	Reader (2)
Michelle Skemp	Cantor
Mary Blaha-DeBoer	Accompanist
Matthew B.	Server
Bernice Lansing	Min of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Jim Bagniewski	Min of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Michele Cook	Min of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Kathie Hanna	Min of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
William Arnold	Sacristan/MC
Joe Clements	EMHC
Betty Roth	EMHC

Sunday, Jan 29, 11:15 AM (Mass at Roncalli Newman)

Grace Nicholson-Maly	Reader (1)
Margaret Bluske	Reader (2)
Julia Kreitzer	Cantor
Mary Ellen Hauptert	Accompanist
Sean O'Flaherty	Min of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Mark Neuville	Min of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Maureen Neuville	Min of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Carol Knox	Min of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Trish Harkness	Gift Bearer
Don Harkness	Gift Bearer
Kathy Running	Sacristan/MC

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 14

4:30pm BSP +Matt Haug

Sunday, January 15

9am BSP +Terri Levi

11:15am RNP The Parish Family

Monday, January 16

8am BSP People of the Parish

Tuesday, January 17

8am BSP +Bill McGowen

5:15pm RNP Benefactors of Campus Ministry and their families

Wednesday, January 18

8am BSP +Dean Peterson - SCHOOL MASS

Noon RNP David Reckase and Mental Health Healing

Thursday, January 19

8am BSP + Mary Brennan

Friday, January 20

8am BSP + Ann Simonson

Noon RNP + Tom Strange

Saturday, January 21

4:30pm BSP +Karen Leppert

Sunday, January 22

9am BSP +Rossi Weber

11:15am RNP +Oscar Peterslie

This Week

Saturday, January 14

- Confessions, 3:30pm @ BSP
- Rosary, 4:05pm (led by Gene and Mary Ann Roesler)

Sunday, January 15

- Rosary, 8:35am (led by Melissa Vach)

Monday, January 16

- Salvation Army Service, 4:15pm
- St Camilus Mtg, 6pm

Tuesday, January 17

Wednesday, January 18

- Dogma and Donuts Men's Group, 8:45am BSP
- High School Faith Formation, 7-8:30pm BSP

Thursday, January 19

- Salvation Army Service, 4:15pm

Friday, January 20

Saturday, January 21

- Confessions, 3:30pm @ BSP
- Rosary, 4:05pm(led by Scott and Carol Doberstein)

Sunday, January 22

- Rosary, 8:35am (led by Galen Pittman)

Weekend Collection 01/08

BSP \$12,721.00 // RNP \$13,295.98

If you have an article you'd like to submit to the bulletin, please email Adele at media@bsplacrosse.org. Thank you!



Gluten-Free Food Drive

Every item purchased matched by the Co-op (Use Hunger Task Force Box)






JANUARY 18-31, 2023

PEOPLE'S FOOD CO-OP, 315 5TH AVE. S, LA CROSSE, WI

- Celiac Disease is a serious genetic autoimmune disease that affects 1% of the population, or 3 million people.
- Non-Celiac Gluten Sensitivity affects about 6% of population
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Reflection on Baptism

Author: Pope Francis



.... [In] the General Audience in Saint Peter's Square on Wednesday, 25 April [2018].... [the Pope] continued his reflections on the Sacrament of Baptism The following is a translation of the Holy Father's catechesis, which he delivered in Italian.

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good morning!

Let us continue our reflection on Baptism, always in the light of the Word of God.

The Gospel enlightens the candidates and elicits the response of faith: "Indeed Baptism is 'the sacrament of faith' in a particular way, since it is the sacramental entry into the life of faith" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, n. 1236). And faith is the delivery of oneself to the Lord Jesus, recognized as "a spring of water ... to eternal life" (Jn 4:14), "the light of the world" (Jn 9:5), "the resurrection and the life" (Jn 11:25), as taught by the path that catechumens approaching Christian initiation still take today. Instructed by listening to Jesus, his teachings and his work, the catechumens relive the experience of the Samaritan woman who thirsts for living water, the man born blind who opens his eyes to the light, Lazarus who walks out from the tomb. The Gospel has within it the power to transform those who accept it with faith, tearing them away from the control of the evil one so that they may learn to serve the Lord with joy and newness of life.

One never goes alone to the Baptismal font, but is accompanied by the prayers of the entire Church, as recalled in the litanies of the Saints which precede the Prayer of Exorcism and the Anointing Before Baptism, with which the catechumens are anointed with oil. These are gestures which, from antiquity, assure those who are preparing to be reborn as children of God that the prayers of the Church assist them in the battle against evil, accompany them on the path of good, help them elude the power of sin in order to enter into the kingdom of divine grace. The prayers of the Church. The Church prays, and prays for everyone, for all of us! We, the Church, pray for others. It is a beautiful thing to pray for others. Often, we have no urgent need and we do not pray. United to the Church, we must pray for others: "Lord I ask of you on behalf of those who are in need, on behalf of those who have no faith...". Do not forget: the Church's prayers are always in action. But we must enter into this prayer and pray for all the People of God and for those who need prayers. For this reason, the path of adult catechumens is marked by repeated exorcisms pronounced by the priest (cf. Catechism of the Catholic Church, n. 1237), that is, prayers which invoke liberation from sin and from everything which separates us from Christ and prevents intimate union with him. For children too, we ask God to free them from original sin and to consecrate their dwelling in the Holy Spirit (cf. Rite of Baptism for Children, n. 49). Children. Praying for children, for spiritual and corporeal health. It is a means of protecting children with prayer. As the Gospels attest, Jesus himself fought and cast out the demons to manifest the advent of the Kingdom of God (cf. Mt 12:28): his victory over the power of the evil one leaves room for the Lordship of God who brings joy and reconciles with life.

Baptism is not a magical formula but a gift of the Holy Spirit who enables those who receive him to 'fight against the spirit of evil', believing that God has sent his son into the world to destroy the power of Satan and to transfer mankind from darkness into the Kingdom of infinite light (cf. Rite of Baptism for Children, n. 49). We know from experience that Christian life is always subject to temptation, especially to the temptation to separate oneself from God, from his will, from communion with him, to fall again into the snares of worldly seductions. And Baptism prepares us. It gives us strength for this daily struggle, even for the battle against the devil who, as Saint Peter says, tries to devour us, to destroy us like a lion.

In addition to prayer, there is also the anointing of the breast of catechumens with oil: "it strengthens the candidates with the power to renounce the devil and sin before they go to the font of life for rebirth" (Blessing of Oils and Chrism, Introduction n. 2). Due to the ability of oil to penetrate and benefit bodily tissues, combatants in ancient times would spread oil over their bodies to tone their muscles and to escape more easily from the grip of their adversary. In light of this symbolism, Christians in the early centuries adopted the use of anointing the bodies of Baptismal candidates with oil blessed by the Bishop¹ to show through this "sign of salvation" that the power of Christ the Saviour strengthens us to fight against evil and defeat it" (Rite of Baptism for Children, n. 87).

It is tiring to fight against evil, to escape its deceit, to regain strength after an exhausting battle, but we must know that all of Christian life is a battle. We must also know, however, that we are not alone, that Mother Church prays so that her children, reborn in Baptism, do not succumb to the snares of the evil one but overcome them through the power of the Paschal Christ. Fortified by the Risen Christ who defeated the prince of this world (cf. Jn 12:31), we too can repeat with the faith of Saint Paul: "I can do all things in him who strengthens me" (Phil 4:13). We all can overcome, overcome anything, but with the strength that comes from Jesus.

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