

# Sunday Bulletin

Blessed Sacrament & Roncalli Newman Parishes  
January 22nd, 2023 | Third 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.

### Knights of Columbus Mass - Jan 29

The Knights of Columbus Council 839 will be participating in the 5th Sunday mass at Blessed Sacrament as part of their 5th Sunday Corporal Communion tradition. Prior to mass a knight from the Council will lead the rosary and the Council will sponsor coffee and donuts after mass. To find out more about the Knights and Council 839 please go to [kofc839.org](http://kofc839.org) and consider joining! God Bless.

### Birthright Fundraiser starting today!

The annual fundraiser for Birthright of La Crosse is here. Birthright is an international volunteer organization with a La Crosse chapter since 1976. Birthright is available to those with an unintended pregnancy to provide information, a listening space, and love, along with referrals and emotional and spiritual support when needed. Both bottles and envelopes at both Blessed Sacrament and Roncalli Newman are available to take home starting Saturday January 21st and Sunday January 22nd. Please read the insert and return at your earliest convenience or by Sunday February 26, 2023. Thank you and know your pro-life support will be appreciated by moms, dads, and babies to be.

### High School Faith Formation

High School Faith Formation meets this Wednesday **January 25th from 7:00pm-8:30pm at Blessed Sacrament.**

### Families Forming Disciples

FFD meets **THIS Sunday January 22nd 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. FFD will also meet on **Sunday January 29th at Blessed Sacrament** to begin Week 1 of Lesson 6: Preparing for Lent. FFD does **NOT meet on Wednesday January 25th at Mary Mother of the Church.** We will see you again on February 1st for Week 1 of Lesson 6: Preparing for Lent.

### 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.

### 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

## Music & Liturgy

From the desk of Mary Ellen Hauptert

### CHOIR PRACTICES FOR SPRING

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.

Father Billy is still working with Mary Ellen and Liturgy Committee on Mass times and places for the Easter Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil). Regardless of the outcome of that discussion, RNP and BSP musicians will continue to have choir practices together on Wednesdays, which will be divided between Mary Blaha-DeBoer (Liturgical Choir) and me (Triduum Choir).

Triduum Choir practices will start early this year because I will have total hip replacement surgery on February 20th. The following Wednesday rehearsals have been updated in the Newman Parish Calendar:

January 25 – Liturgical Choir @ 5:00 PM

February 1 – Liturgical Choir @ 5:00 PM

February 8 – Liturgical Choir @ 5:00 PM; Triduum Choir @ 5:30 PM

February 15 – Liturgical Choir @ 5:00 PM; Triduum Choir @ 5:30 PM

February 22 – ASH WEDNESDAY

March 1 – Liturgical Choir @ 5:00 PM

March 8 – Liturgical Choir @ 5:00 PM

March 15 – Liturgical Choir @ 5:00 PM

March 22 – Liturgical Choir @ 5:00 PM; Triduum Choir @ 5:30 PM

March 29 – Liturgical Choir @ 5:00 PM; Triduum Choir @ 5:30 PM

April 5 – Triduum Choir @ 5:00 – 7:00 PM

### NEED FOR MORE HOSPITALITY MINISTERS

We have several ministers of hospitality at both parishes, but less who are willing to get registered on the MSP schedule. I know that BS hasn't scheduled ushers in the past, but the blending of parishes requires a more comprehensive system for organizing volunteers. Right now, we have twice as many volunteers in MSP at RNP for half the number of 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, or 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](mailto:mehauptert@viterbo.edu). **We will have a short training session after the 4:30 PM and 9:00 AM Masses this weekend, in hopes of having 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](mailto:mehauptert@viterbo.edu)) so that I can put you into the system. **There will be training the third weekend of January (21st and 22nd) after the 4:30 PM and 9:00 AM Masses, with 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!

## Congrats Mark and Stephanie Dickson!

Coulee Region Mardi Gras congratulates the newly revealed **Rex and Queen of Mardi Gras 2023, Mark and Stephanie Dickson** of Blessed Sacrament parish in La Crosse! Mark and Stephanie will officially begin their reign at the **2023 Mardi Gras Ball** which will be held on **Saturday, February 11th, from 4:30pm** until midnight at the Radisson hotel ballroom in La Crosse. **Tickets for the ball are on sale online until January 27th** and can be purchased at [www.lacrossemaidgras.com](http://www.lacrossemaidgras.com). See the website for more information on all the Mardi Gras fun, including the **Fat Tuesday party on February 21** at the La Crosse Bierhaus in downtown La Crosse. All are invited to these events in support Aquinas Catholic Schools with funds raised going toward classroom needs, tuition assistance, technology, and fine arts programs.

## Tuesday Night Dinners Returning

Our college students are back and will beginning classes this week! Tuesday dinners start up this week on the 24th. If you would like to participate in this ministry for our college students, you can sign up on the Roncalli Newman website. Thank you!

## BSP Thursday Evening Rosary

Join us for Thursday evening Rosary in the main church at 6:30pm. Please use the side alley entrance. Your intentions written in the notebooks in the entrance of the Adoration Chapel and the side chapel near the Sacred Heart Statue are included each Thursday. "Among all the devotions approved by the Church, none has been so favored by so many miracles as the Rosary devotion." Bl. Pope Pius IX

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## Associate Pastoral Notes

From the desk of Father Sam McCarty

Hi All,

Here's a testimony about the SEEK conference from one of our students, Connor. One of many stories of the Lord working that week!

-Fr. Sam

*I was really nervous about going to SEEK. Just the thought of there being so many people and events, I felt like I was going to end up missing something and not have a good time. However, within a few moments of being there, all that went out the window. Between daily Mass, amazing speakers (especially the men's speakers!) and fun events, I frequently found myself in awe of just how good and beautiful Jesus is. This past semester, between school and other things, I was really bogged down and drifted away from our Newman community. I was able to lay all of that at the foot of the Cross at SEEK, and really reconnect with all those who helped me through my conversion and make some amazing new friends along the way! It truly was a great experience, and I look forward to taking what I learned at SEEK and trying to bring that joy, that peace, and the love of Jesus Christ to our Newman community and, more importantly, to fellow students at UWL.*

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## Pastoral Notes

From the desk of Father Billy Dodge

I want to highlight three items commemorated this Sunday. First, Christian Unity Week lasts from Wednesday, January 18 - Wednesday, January 25. During the 2015 Christian Unity Week I remember Pope Francis highlighting the Christians being martyred by ISIS. He said, "[These Christians] are witnesses to Jesus Christ, and they are persecuted and killed because they are Christians. Those who persecute them make no distinction between the religious communities to which they belong. They are Christians and for that they are persecuted. This, brothers and sisters, is the ecumenism of blood."

Second, this Third Sunday of Ordinary time is annually dedicated to celebration, study, and dissemination of the Word of God - the Bible. All Catholics are to have a greater knowledge and understanding of the scriptures. With that in mind I recommend the "Bible in a Year" podcast with Fr. Mike Schmitz. Each episode consists of Fr. Mike reading and unpacking the meaning of three chapters of scripture all under 25 minutes. I highly recommend this podcast. You can start anytime, and it is free!

Finally, January 22 is the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade. Though this case was recently overturned by the Supreme Court, the debate about abortion continues. Mother Teresa once said, "How can there be too many children? That is like saying there are too many flowers." Let's pray and work for the day when humans - at every stage of their development - are seen as flowers and not as weeds.

For those considering an abortion there are other options and resources (e.g. Birthright), and for those who had an abortion there are places of healing (e.g. Rachel's Vineyard retreats). This is a sensitive topic, and I promise to treat with the utmost respect and confidentiality anyone who reaches out to me in this regard.

# Liturgical Ministers Schedule

## 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	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

### The new MSP schedule begins February

**1st.** Please enter your conflicts for February-  
May at your earliest convenience, or email  
Mary Ellen for assistance.

**There will be training sessions for  
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy  
Communion and Ministers of Hospitality  
after the BSP 4:30pm and 9am Masses  
this weekend. This is a great way to get  
involved in our parish and serve our  
community. Hope to see you there!**

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

# Mass Intentions

## Saturday, January 21

4:30pm BSP +Karen Leppert

## Sunday, January 22

9am BSP +Rossi Weber

11:15am RNP +Oscar Peterslie

## Monday, January 23

8am BSP No intention scheduled

## Tuesday, January 24

8am BSP + Mary Marcou

5:15pm RNP + Virginia Larson

## Wednesday, January 25

8am BSP + Robert and Dorothy Opitz

Noon RNP + Vera Cawley

## Thursday, January 26

8am BSP People of the Parish

7pm RNP No intention scheduled

## Friday, January 27

8am BSP No intention scheduled

Noon RNP + Tom Strange

## Saturday, January 28

4:30pm BSP + Clifford Lansing

## Sunday, January 29

9am BSP +Ronald Hess

11:15am RNP For the Parish Family

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## This Week

### 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)
- FFD, 10:10am @ BSP

### Monday, January 23

- Salvation Army Service, 4:15pm

### Tuesday, January 24

### Wednesday, January 25

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

### Thursday, January 26

- Salvation Army Service, 4:15pm
- Evening Rosary, 6:30pm BSP

### Friday, January 27

### Saturday, January 28

- Confessions, 3:30pm @ BSP
- Rosary, 4:05pm (led by Mary Schuttenhelm)

### Sunday, January 29

- Rosary, 8:35am (led by Joe and Natalie Bennett)
- FFD, 10:10am @ BSP

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**Weekend Collection 01/15**  
**BSP \$9,248.00 // RNP \$9,821.00**

Check out this article from this month's Catholic Life, featuring parishioner Marie Allen!

# THE HOSPITABLE EDUCATOR

STORY BY MARCY STENSTROM

**A**s a lifelong learner, Marie Allen was an elementary school teacher in various roles for 40 years. She has a master's degree in guidance and counseling, and took courses in drawing, auto maintenance and wood-working for women, to name a few. At the age of 40, she learned how to scuba dive. When her husband, David, studied to become a deacon, she also completed the basic and advanced Marian Catechist courses on her own. "It's essential that we continue learning about our Faith and prayer as adults because we have such a different perspective on life as we grow into adulthood, middle and old age. Just as your relationship with your spouse grows deeper over the years you are married, your relationship with God can grow deeper, too, if you nourish it," Marie explains.

The Allens have opened their home for many years to people from across the globe through various international programs. Throughout all her hosting, Marie has experienced not only innumerable learning opportunities but also plenty of humorous moments. "I remember when one of the Russian doctors who stayed with us held out a pair of shorts from his laundry and said, 'This is not my umbrella.'"

Marie and Dave have also hosted Muslim doctors from the country of Tajikistan. "Hospitality is a way of prac-

ticing my Faith. We glorify God when we make others feel welcome in our home." Marie admits, at that time, "I knew very little about the Muslim faith." For example, Marie would prepare dinner every night and call her guests down to eat. But the doctors would say that they couldn't eat. Not yet. They would first go up to their rooms, unfold a mat and proceed to pray at sunset for about 10 to 15 minutes. Only then would they come down to the dinner table and share the meal. Marie found it remarkable that two very busy adult men would stop what they were doing at very specific times in their day to take time to pray. "Dedication to daily prayer ... this was a priority in their lives," says Marie. "I also need to make prayer a priority in my life."

## BUILDING BRIDGES

In turn, the Allens were invited to a Muslim dinner at a community center in La Crosse where other Muslims gathered for fellowship. "We experienced the men and women being separated for their prayer time. They also brought in so many wonderful food dishes; things I had never tasted before," says





◀ The Franciscan sisters at the convent of the Sisters of Mary Immaculate are allowed to choose between European or traditional habits. This photo was taken at their convent in Puducherry, India.

▶ In a 2019 trip to India, Dave and Marie were taken shopping in Coimbatore to buy traditional Indian clothing. Marie is wearing a sari and Dave is wearing a dhoti.



Marie. "It was a true feast. It was a connection, and it was learning on both sides." These same guests also expressed their interest in pipe organ music. So Marie took them to Sunday Mass at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse. "He asked if it was OK to video [record the Mass] and I said, 'Yes.' But he seemed to know at the time of the consecration it was not a good time to record." Marie felt he inherently knew this was a time of great reverence. "They learned about our culture. We learned about their culture. I'll never forget it."

The Allens' hospitality also extends to service. For example, Marie and Dave helped to purchase and donate boxes of very specific light bulbs for otoscopes for a pediatric

doctor because he was unable to purchase them in his own country.

This love of education, learning and hospitality also translates well into her love of travel and immersing herself in other cultures and peoples. As part of a group whose purpose is to promote relationships with their sister parish in Ifakara, Tanzania, Marie was able to travel to St. Andrew Parish and experience their culture. "In Tanzania, one thing that struck me was the number of children running around playing outside. It could have been my neighborhood in Minneapolis, where I grew up, because of all the children there. When I came back (from Tanzania), I looked around and I thought 'Where are our children?' It's a sadness in our culture," she laments.

### EARLY LIFE

Marie grew up the oldest of nine siblings. She attended

Catholic schools all her formative years and said a decade of the rosary with her mother and siblings many nights before bedtime. She developed a devotion to Mary, along with a devotion to working with and teaching children. When they were first married, Marie and Dave experienced a year of infertility. They consulted infertility specialists but also sought the intercession of St. Joseph by praying a novena under his protection. "That month, our daughter Laura was conceived," shares Marie. In the coming years, the Allens added two sons to their family, Christopher and Nathan.

Marie is active in pro-life events in the area. "My next-door neighbor and good friend, Marianne Pittman, started a 40 Days for Life campaign in La Crosse in 2009. She brought in people of different faiths. Marianne died a few years ago, but I honor her and her life by continuing to be involved with the pro-life movement." Marie and others have since branched out into more pro-life events and ministries, forming a group called the La Crosse Life League. For more than 10 years, they've hosted a Ladies for Life Tea and, this year, they are organizing a benefit for the Education Task Force of Pro-Life Wisconsin. She is also part of a group to renew Project Rachel within the diocese. "Prayer is an important part of our group," says Marie. So what does one do when friends or family do not share the same beliefs? "Sometimes it's been difficult because I do have friends who think abortion is OK," said

Marie. When it comes to handling situations such as these, she simply answers, "I pray for the conversion of people to a culture of life."

### PARISH SERVICE

All her works do not stop there. For her love of the Eucharist, she has resumed her duties as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion and also leads the rosary before Sunday Mass. She is active in the parish's women's club, as well as the Catholic Daughters of America. "I see my own personal education as being important, not only educating myself with the material world but the spiritual world as well," she says. And when she travels, she always seeks out a Catholic church to attend Sunday Mass. "Even though I may not understand the language, I am comforted by the tradition of the liturgy and by the reception of the Eucharist, wherever I may be in the world."

Marie's gentle understanding without judgment is what is evident for her faith motivation. "God loves me and I share that love with others. Isn't that how it's supposed to work? I am so grateful for all God has given me."

Although her life may seem like one of globetrotting bliss and carefree selfless service, she's also had many difficulties and challenges. Loved ones have died, and others have experienced addiction and mental illness. "It's sometimes hard to understand why God throws these roadblocks in our way, but He has a way of turning even hardships around to bring us closer to Himself." †



# 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 5<sup>TH</sup> 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
- Food Insecurity also affects those with gluten sensitivity and the high cost of GF foods can be a major barrier for many individuals.

**This food -Drive is meant to lessen this burden for those in need.**

**Gluten-Free Certification Organizations to look for on Products:**

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# The Gaze and the Call of Jesus

Jesus' gaze when he walked the earth, would cause a profound awakening in others. When he passed by, the eyes of the blind were opened. Paralytics threw away their crutches. Those who were sick sprang from their beds completely cured. Jesus had a divine attraction about him which tore at hearts that were thirsting for love and truth. He satisfied their longing because he himself was love, truth and life.

Jesus always looks at us with infinite kindness. He watches over us. He never tires of knocking at the door of our hearts. Nor does he tire of waiting for us to open to him, because he loves us. He will take our mortal life into his own divine hands so that he might give us eternal life. He will close our eyes here on earth, that he might open them to the true light. He will always be our consolation and our happiness. He will not allow us to weep like those who have no hope.

The Father looks with a glance that gives. By means of that eternal and infinite gaze, the Father communicated his essence to the divine Word. That gaze is life-giving, since it is the gaze of God himself. Let us ask Jesus to look at us ... with this life-giving gaze that produces saints. Let us beg for those divine glances that open the soul to holy expansiveness. And let us allow ourselves to be bathed in those most holy glances that purify, sanctify, unite, and intimately bind the divine heart to our own. Jesus wishes that his eternal gaze at his Father pass on through our souls and our eyes. His is a gaze of purity, tenderness, and adoration. Let us always keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, that we may know him, discern his desires, better understand his teachings, and penetrate into his heart.

*Blessed Concepcion Cabrera de Armida*

*Blessed Concepcion (+1937), also known as "Conchita," was a wife, mother, widow, and mystical writer. She was the first Mexican laywoman to be beatified.*