

Blessed Sacrament Parish & Roncalli Newman Parish

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time // July 31, 2022

BSP: (608) 782-2953. bsplacrosse.org // RNP: (608) 860-6001. www.roncallinewmancenter.com

RNP Office Hours:

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

BSP Office Hours:

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

Sunday Mass Times

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

Daily Mass Times

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

Confession Times

Saturday evening @ 3:30pm
Available also by appt.

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Pre-Mass Sunday Rosary

Join us for the Sunday Rosary 25 minutes before the 4:30pm and 9am Masses at BSP - a 10 year tradition! Contact Barb Clements if interested in leading - 608-782-5777

Party for Pauline

There will be an Appreciation / Thank-You party for Pauline on August 4th from 5:30 - 8:30 pm at Schmidy's. Due to space constraints and to plan for food, please RSVP as soon as possible using the link provided in the weekly BSP Email or by contacting Jennifer at kulzerj@gmail.com or 608-385-3459

Visit the BSP Library

Check out a book or two at the BSP library on the Losey Blvd side of the parish, named in honor of Terry Levi.

Food Drive Aug 6th & 7th Both parishes, all Masses

Our first joint food drive will be Aug 6-7. This will benefit food shelves at WAFER, UWL, Western Tech, and Place of Grace. Bring non-perishable food items, cleaning supplies, and cash/check donations to Mass at both parishes. There will be volunteers at the entrances after all Masses accepting cash / check donations. **Checks should be made out to WAFER where each \$1 donated provides 4 meals.** Your generosity is appreciated by those in need.

Thursday Rosary

Do you have a special intention and need Our Lady's intercession? Join us as we pray the rosary Thursday evenings at 6:30 in the main church at BSP. Please use the alley handicap door. The Rosary is also prayed before BSP weekend Masses

Pray for Priests

Wednesdays, 1:30 pm @ BSP
Join your prayers with others for all our priests. Call Barb Clements at 608-782-5777 to get the details.

See more online!

Hear more about upcoming community events and hear from other staff members by checking out the bulletin online, found on both parish websites.

MASS INTENTIONS

- MON 8/01** BSP 7:15am For the living and deceased members of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas
- TUES 8/02** BSP 7:15am +Dick Meyer
RNP 5:15pm +Mary Jenks
- WED 8/03** BSP 7:15am +Dale and Priscilla Reinhart
RNP 12pm +Souls in Purgatory
- THURS 8/04** BSP 7:15am +Elizabeth Gerke
RNP Terry Bell
- FRI 8/05** BSP 7:15am +Stephen Pavela
RNP 12PM +Liz Nutter
- SAT 8/06** BSP 4:30pm +Alan Lauermann
- SUN 8/07** BSP 9am +Alan Lauermann
RNP 11:15am +Jack Niedfeldt
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If you have an article for the bulletin, please email Adele at media@bsplacrosse.org. Thank you!

Mass Intention Correction

Last week's 7:15am Thursday Mass was offered for Nancy Pedasky. Her name was misprinted in last week's bulletin. Thank you for your prayers for Nancy!

School Supply Drive

School supply drive items can be dropped off in the BSP Narthex through July 31st. Thank you very much!

RNP Social Justice Mtg

RNP's next social justice meeting will be this Tues., Aug 2nd at 7pm. It will be completely virtual. Link can be found on the RNP Social Justice page.

Salvation Army Ministry

Roncalli Newman has been part of a longstanding tradition of serving weekly at Salvation Army. Especially during the summer months while students are away, we could use extra volunteers. Sign up on the Roncalli Newman website to help serve. Thank you very much!

Rosary in the Park

Calling young families! Join us as we pray and play. Bring a sack lunch, toys, or anything else to keep your little ones happy. Wednesdays at 11 AM Riverside Park near the fountain. Every Wednesday until the end of September, weather permitting. Text or call Christina for more info: 563-650-2606

From the desk of Fr. Dodge

When I wrote in last week's bulletin that I was going up north to see my family on Friday, July 29, some thought I was going to be gone for the weekend or several days. It was only a day trip to quickly see my family and come right back to La Crosse. Every priest tries to take one day "off" each week. When I was at Roncalli Newman alone that day was Monday. Now Father Sam and I will be alternating between Mondays and Fridays as our "off" day, so if he takes Monday I will try to take Friday. On my day off I still celebrate Mass like I do every day. What makes the day off extra special is I try to make more time to be with the Lord in prayer and be with family, friends, or my fellow priests.

Do you have day off? Do you have a day to focus on the Lord and be with the ones you love? For most people this is Sunday. Growing up my family Sunday routine was going to Mass, lunch, and a movie together. My dad, brother, and I were always on the same page regarding movie tastes, but the three of us would have to acquiescence to our mom so she could see her favorite movie genres too. If I could have added something to those family Sundays it would have been at the end of the day to sit down as a family and pray together. To be more specific, perhaps reflect on a scripture passage from one of the Sunday readings, and then praying our loud thanking God for something in our life and interceding with God for some concern on our heart. While we cannot change the past, we can make a determination today to include God - Father, Son, and Spirit - in our daily actions. Whatever you do, make Jesus part of it!

~Father Billy Dodge

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Organ Recital at Cathedral

The third in a series of three summer organ recitals will be performed at the Cathedral on Sunday August 7 at 3:30 by Samuel Holmberg, principal organist at the Basilica of St. Mary in Minneapolis. He is a graduate of the Eastman School of Music and Luther College and was formerly the director of music at St. Peter Cathedral in Marquette, Michigan. The recital will be about one hour in duration. Admission is free; a freewill offering will be accepted. Ample parking available. An opportunity to hear great organ music performed on a magnificent Noack organ!

A special opportunity for you and for our parish!!

James Cherf, owner of By James Galleries, would like to give you the opportunity to help your parish while putting artwork in your home. Between August 17th and September 17th, 75% of the sale of any piece of artwork will be donated to your parish by James as he sells off his entire inventory at 111 South 5th Street. Just let him know the name of your intended parish at the time of the purchase and he will send a check!! Store hours are Wednesday through Friday from noon to 5:00pm and Saturday from 10:00am to 2:00pm and by appointment.

Habitat for Humanity looking for new Homeowners

Habitat for Humanity La Crosse Area is looking for FIVE future homeowners for our upcoming projects in La Crosse, West Salem, Tomah, and Eitzen (MN). They are accepting applications now through September 2. Anyone interested in applying can download the full application at www.habitatlacrosse.org/how-to-apply or contact info@habitatlacrosse.org or 608-785-2373, ext. 104 to request an application. Application packets are also available Wed-Sat from 10am-6pm at the Habitat ReStore. Applications are due by Friday, September 2nd at 5 pm.

Visit by the Luxembourg Cardinal

Our La Crosse area is being honored with a visit by Cardinal Hollerich of Luxembourg on August 9th. He will be celebrating a Mass at 5 PM at Holy Trinity, a parish founded and built by Luxembourg immigrants to the La Crosse area. Our hope is the Newman and Blessed Sacrament Parishes will turn out in full force to show the continued strong Catholic faith our ancestors passed on to all of us.

Music & Liturgy

From the desk of Mary Ellen Hauptert

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SERVING ON LITURGY COMMITTEE?

The first joint Liturgy Committee meeting will be Tuesday, August 2nd @ 6:00 PM at my home (1632 Ferry Street). The lighter part of the evening will be a shared potluck meal with introductions, conversation, and a chance to get to know one another. The more serious business of the evening will be comparing protocols for reading and greeting/ushering (and many other ministries, if there's time). The blending of parishioners has already begun but we have yet to have a discussion about similarities and differences of our various ministries. We will also make decisions about whether or not we'll need subcommittees to better meet the needs of BSP and RNP. Invitations have already been sent but I don't intend to turn away any interested parishioners from either parish.

A MODERN PARABLE ABOUT "WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS"

At 34 years of age, I had a Ph.D. from Washington University in St. Louis, was teaching at Viterbo University, and was preparing to solo with the La Crosse Symphony Orchestra. I had worked hard for these accomplishments and was proud of what I had achieved. Two months after the symphony concert, the fingers in my right hand began to curl in when I typed or played: I was eventually diagnosed with focal dystonia and told it was incurable. All the years of practice and study were rendered useless, and it wasn't long before those who relied on what I could do, faded out of my life.

This period in my life came into focus after reading the passage from today's Gospel from Luke: "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." I didn't have a store of material possessions but had several accomplishments that could be described as "rich." When they disappeared from my life, I had a reckoning with myself, "In the end, what really matters, Mary Ellen?" Because the lessons of "accomplishment" were so firmly ingrained in me, it was real work reminding myself that God made me for more than what I could do. Yes, all the tools of my trade are important for sustaining life on earth, but after everything is stripped away, my ultimate "worth" will be measured in spiritual terms.

Jesus finishes today's lesson with the parable of a rich man who hoarded possessions. 'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?' Thus, will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God."

A few years back, I stumbled on Fr. Ronald Rolheiser's "Sacred Fire: A Vision for A Deeper Human and Christian Maturity." Fr. Rolheiser explains how discipleship changes throughout our lives and provides ten "invitations" for mature discipleship in Christ: 1) Live in gratitude and thank your Creator by enjoying your life; 2) Be willing to carry more and more of life's complexities with empathy; 3) Transform jealousy, anger, bitterness, and hatred rather than give them back in kind; 4) Let suffering soften your heart rather than harden your soul; 5) Forgive – those who hurt you, your own sins, the unfairness of your life, and God for not rescuing you; 6) Bless more and curse less; 7) Live in a more radical sobriety; 8) Pray, affectively and liturgically; 9) Be wide in your embrace; and 10) Stand where you are supposed to be standing, and let God provide the rest.
