

Blessed Sacrament Parish

& Roncalli Newman Parish

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time // August 14th, 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.

Food Drive update from the SJC at BSP and RNP

The parishes had a very successful joint food drive on the weekend of August 6th and 7th 2022 - over 700 lb. of food items were donated to Wafer in Lacrosse. Additionally, over \$3,300 was raised for Wafer and for the food banks/pantries at local universities and Place of Grace in our community.

A great THANK YOU to all who assisted in this joint effort. May the Loving God continue to bless our efforts to serve. Keep an eye out for our upcoming Food Drive in the Fall!

Swing Dance - Fri, Aug 26th

All are welcome to a Swing Dance in the basement of Roncalli Newman. We will begin with lessons from Fr Billy followed by a Swing Dance. Mark your calendar and watch the bulletin for more information.

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

Loaves&Fishes Gathering

Roncalli Newman's Gathering Loaves and Fishes dining group will be meeting at Pettibone Boat Club on Wednesday, August 17th at 6:00 p.m. Blessed Sacrament members are graciously invited to join us. Please call Colleen at 608-787-1120 to make a reservation.

Volunteers Needed

It's that time of year again. The Great River Folk Fest is coming up August 27 and The Roncalli Newman Social Justice Committee is doing their annual Bake Sale! We need bakers, and volunteers, if you can offer your time and talents we would greatly appreciate it. Not only do we need cookies, breads, bars, brownies and more, we also need people to help package these goodies at the Roncalli Kitchen AND we need people to sell them at the Festival that Saturday (August 27th). For questions or details, please feel free to call Deanna at 608-792-2267. See the links on the RNP Social Justice webpage for more information.

Little Flowers Group

Little Flowers Small group will begin starting next month, September 11, the second Sunday of each month, Sept - May in the Parish Center at BSP.

RCIA Classes Beginning Soon

RCIA or Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is a beautiful process where individuals seeking to become Catholic, or just to find out what we believe, come to learn and grow in their faith.

BSP and RNP both have well-run RCIA programs. BSP has been collaborating with MMOC and other local parishes to provide RCIA and RNP has been serving the student community at UWL. Because of student schedules and existing collaborations, BOTH programs will be continuing.

Deacon Belland and the RNP RCIA Team will continue to serve the student population on Wednesday nights and Jennifer Kulzer and the BSP/MMOC RCIA Team will continue to offer a program for adults on Tuesday nights. That being said, if schedules work better for individuals on one day or the other, anyone is welcome in either group.

The BSP Tuesday night RCIA sessions will begin on Tuesday September 6th. The RNP Wednesday night RCIA sessions begin with a 'Come and See' gathering on September 14 and 21, at 7pm. These are repeat informational sessions. Our first class is September 28, at 7pm. All sessions at RNP are held in the Conference Room, basement level.

If you or someone you know is interested in exploring the catholic faith, needs to receive First Communion or Confirmation or is getting married to a Catholic, think about inviting them to the RCIA process and maybe come along to support them on their journey. Please contact Jennifer at kulzerj@gmail.com or 608-385-3459 if interested in the Tuesday night session; or Dc Dave Belland at dbelland@newmanlc.org or 608-769-4423 if interested in the Wednesday night session.

More information on signing up for the students will be put out when the students return to campus in a few weeks

Liturgical Ministers Schedule 8/20-8/21

Saturday 8/20 4:30 pm

Readers - Tom Kieffer / Joan Mueller

Cantor / Accompanist - Olivia Kusmitch / Kent Stein

Servers -Elizabeth and Mike Hancock

Greeters/Ushers - Thomas Miller / Mark Schuttenhelm / Tom Kratt / Cindy Sjolander

Sunday 8/21 9:00 am

Readers - Tom Michel / John Gallagher

Cantor / Accompanist - Sam Scheidt / Pauline Connell

Servers - Jackson and Jonny Woolever

Greeters/Ushers - Mark Hyde / Dave Schreier / Paul and Sue Grant

Sunday 8/21 11:15 am

Readers - Tom and Kathleen Hench

Cantor / Accompanist - Michelle Skemp and Mary Blaha-DeBoer

Greeters/Ushers - Ken and Ginger Horth / Mike Collins / Christine Johnston



Follow our parishes on Facebook!

@RoncalliNewman

@bsplacrosse

See more online!

Read about community events and hear from staff by checking out the online bulletin, found on both parish websites. If you have an article for the bulletin, please email Adele at media@bsplacrosse.org. Thank you!

From the Pastor

From the desk of Fr. Billy Dodge

August 15 is the celebration of the Assumption into Heaven of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is typically a holy day of obligation, unless August 15 falls on a Saturday or Monday it is not obligatory. Though it is not obligatory to attend Mass this year on the Assumption, I recommend that you take the opportunity to go to Mass to praise God for the gift of Mary. There will be Mass times throughout the day at various parishes. I will host the regular Monday 7:15am Mass at Blessed Sacrament. You should check the websites and online bulletins of the following places, but I believe Cathedral will have Masses at 6:30am and 12:10pm, Mary Mother of the Church at 5:30pm, St. James at 8:00am, and the Shrine of our Lady of Guadalupe at 8:30am and 12:15am. So many opportunities to praise God for the gift of Mary in her role of salvation history. Her assumption into heaven - body and soul - gives us hope for our own reunification of body and soul in the resurrection of the dead.

Father Sam is returning this weekend from his friend's wedding in France. I am most grateful for his return. Next weekend Father Thomas Ayepa of Uganda will be conducting a mission appeal for his home diocese of Moroto. I know you will be most welcoming!

Peace in Christ,
Father Billy Dodge

Music & Liturgy

From the desk of Mary Ellen Hauptert

SOLEMNITY of the ASSUMPTION of MARY – August 15th

The Solemnity of the Assumption Mary in Heaven is August 15th. This year the feast falls on a Monday and is NOT considered a Holy Day of Obligation. The Mass on Monday morning @ 7:15 AM will be the only offering for BSP/RNP. Know that on November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII defined the Assumption of Mary to be a dogma of faith: “We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma that the immaculate Mother of God, the ever-Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory.”

de gustibus non disputandum est

Many of us have strong opinions about liturgy. We like/dislike the music, preaching, décor, or intercessions and aren't afraid to ask for changes. When RNP was immersed in renovation (which was completed in 2010), parishioners often commented on whether they liked or disliked our choices for carpeting, paint, or whatever. Fr. Mark was fond of responding with “de gustibus non disputandum est,” which translates as, “in matters of taste, there can be no rational argument.” Fr. Mark wanted all of us to understand that one person's taste wasn't necessarily better than another's, and that opinions (especially those regarding décor) were better shared in organized discussions. If you would like to offer your opinions for consideration, please consider joining Liturgy Committee. Our next meeting is August 31st @ 6:00 PM in the Gathering Space at Roncalli Newman Parish.

HOW DIFFERENT ARE WE?

This weekend, Father Billy Dodge is giving parishioners from both Blessed Sacrament and Roncalli Newman parishes the opportunity to ask questions about what is feeling more and more like a merger. Even though I have been immersed in this, I'm still questioning why two such distinctly different parishes were considered a match when the Diocesan Pastoral Plan was adopted several years ago. Yes, I continue to have questions about the decision while sorting them out against the broader backdrop of Catholic worship.

My husband, Mike, and I are experienced travelers which means we've attended Mass throughout the United States and abroad. One of the blessings of being Catholic is that the liturgy is intact, so that even if the music, preaching, language, and people change, we can experience familiar and meaningful liturgical prayer. Catholic churches in the U.S. tend to be more “traditional,” “ceremonial,” “contemporary,” or even “folksy.” We don't veer that far from our European counterparts who dress their clergy in expensive chasubles and worship in glorious spaces adorned with stained glass.

Attending Mass in Zambia was a completely different experience. Visiting my daughter, Madeline (who served in the Peace Corps from 2016-2018), opened my eyes to the depth and breadth of global Catholic worship. Here is an article of my experience St. Theresa of the Little Flower for the Solemnity of the Epiphany in Livingstone, Zambia in 2018.

FEAST of EPIPHANY in LIVINGSTONE, ZAMBIA 2018

Today was the Solemnity of the Epiphany, which we celebrated at St. Theresa of the Little Flower, a Catholic Church in Livingstone, Zambia. This was a parish that resembled home because they had a building, priest, and some resources – a far cry from the church in Madeline's village. It was quite the celebration – a choir of high school kids sang, while elementary-aged girls danced to the music. Ah, the music! They sang loud and long, often accompanying their singing with dancing. The processional included the dancers, several altar boys, liturgical ministers, the deacon, and priest. The choir sang and opening hymn, but the whole congregation erupted during the Gloria. People were ululating randomly and everyone in the congregation was swaying/dancing, even if they weren't singing. Preparation of the Gifts was especially cool because people brought their gifts forward rather than drop money in a basket. They danced their “change” up and back to their seats, followed by people who brought of material goods – flour, sugar, eggs, etc. The sermon lasted a full 45 minutes (which was long and impassioned) but the fantastic music brought everyone back into the spirit of the liturgy. I went up to the balcony during the second collection so that I could get a video of the girls dancing and all the people swaying. It was an uplifting and glorious 2 ½ hours!

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.

Chris Stefanick speaking @ Diocesan Conference

Chris Stefanick will be speaking about Living Joy at our virtual Conference on Wednesday, August 24th from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Cost is \$10 and the first 240 people who register will receive his new book "Living Joy", a \$23 value. More information can be found here: diolc.org/catechesis/witness-joy/

Fish Fry @ MMOC

Mary, Mother of the Church Parish, 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, will be holding a Chicken-Que on Thursday, September 8, from 11:00 - 6:00 p.m. for pick up and delivery only. The price is \$12 and includes a half chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, homemade beans and a dinner roll. For pre-sale tickets (guaranteed) and deliveries, call (608) 518-6145. No minimum order and no delivery charge. Enter at Weston Street driveway.

Aquinas open for enrollment!

Aquinas High School and Aquinas Middle School welcome you to enroll for the 2022-2023 school year. Aquinas is committed to providing a safe and structured learning environment for its students. There is much to be excited about with the launch of the Viterbo Education Program, NEW STEM lab, and over fifty extracurriculars to get involved with. Call (608)-784--0287 to schedule a tour! The first day of school will be Wednesday, August 24, 2022. Aquinas Catholic Schools is a Christ-centered family devoted to nurturing students of all faiths through educational excellence in its vibrant Catholic tradition. Contact info@aquinasschools.org with any questions or visit www.aquinascatholicschools.org/enrollment to get started.

Exchange Student looking for host family

A Catholic exchange high school student from Spain is looking for a host family for 10 months. She enjoys tennis and sports, comes with her own insurance and spending money. Please contact Ann Wells with Pan Atlantic if interested - 608-260-5227

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.

First Responder Mass, Sept. 11

Law enforcement officers, firefighters, emergency medical service personnel, and dispatchers are invited to attend the 4th Annual Blue Mass on Sunday, September 11, at the 10:30 am Mass at St Patrick Parish in Onalaska. The Blue Mass celebrates the men and women who serve our communities and their families. It includes prayers and a blessing for those who work to keep us safe. Participants are invited to attend in their full-dress uniforms, if applicable. Participants should arrive between 9:50 and 10:10 am. The Blue Mass is open to all. Please contact Steve Nott, Liturgical Planner, for more information: liturgyplanner@stpatsonalaska.com, (608)783-5535ext8.

Summerfest @ St. Pat's

Come out and support St. Patrick's Parish at the Eagles Club in Sparta next Saturday and Sunday, Aug 21/22. Events on Saturday begin 11am at the Eagles Club, and Sunday events will be held at St. Patrick's school. See the flyer below for more information.



SUMMER'S BEST



ST. PATRICK'S SPARTA WISCONSIN Summerfest



August 20-21 2022

At the Eagles Club ♦ 9901 WI 21 ♦ Sparta, WI

Saturday August 20th – At the Eagles Club 9901 WI-21 • Sparta WI



- ♦ Mexican Food stands: 11:00am – 8:00pm
- ♦ Ice Cream & Popcorn Stand: 11:00am – 8:00pm
- ♦ Concession Stand: 11:00am – 8:00pm (*Hotdogs, Burgers, etc.*)
- ♦ Basket Raffle: 11:00am – 5:00pm
- ♦ Silent Auction for **2 month old Angus Calf**: 11:00am – 5:00pm
(*Calf will be onsite*)
- ♦ Children/Family Activities: 11:00am – 5:00pm
(*Tug O' War, Face Painting, Bounce House, Sack Races, Archery Shoot, Miniature Golf, Water Balloons, Arts & Crafts, etc.*)
- ♦ Bake Sale: 11:00am – 5:00pm (*Inside*)
- ♦ Quilt Sale: 11:00am – 5:00pm (*Inside*)
- ♦ Bingo: 12:00 – 4:00pm (*Inside*)
- ♦ Corn hole Tournaments (*Children & Adults*): 1:00pm
- ♦ DJ Mike Harris: 1:00pm – 5:00pm
- ♦ 50/50 Raffles: All day
- ♦ Sportsman Raffle Tickets: All day (*need not be present to win*)
- ♦ Summerfest Cash Raffle Tickets: All day (*need not be present to win*)



Live Music: "Los Hiver'z"
6:00 - 9:00 PM

Sunday August 21st – At St. Patrick's School 100 South L Street • Sparta WI

DINE IN • CARRY OUT • DELIVERY **10:00 AM TIL GONE!**
Delivery Call: 608-269-4748



- ♦ Tootsie Tease: 9:00am – 1:00pm
- ♦ "Live" Specialty Auction: 12:30pm
- ♦ Sportsman Raffle Ticket Drawing: 1:00pm (*need not be present to win*)
- ♦ Summerfest Raffle Ticket Drawing: 1:00pm (*need not be present to win*)

