

Blessed Sacrament Parish

& Roncalli Newman Parish



21st Sunday in Ordinary Time // August 21st, 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.

Baking Donations Needed

The Blessed Sacrament Women's Club annual apple pie sale is September 24-25, 2022, with pie assembly on Friday, September 23. Donations of flour, sugar, butter, and shortening can now be dropped off in the bin in the Narthex. Contact Helen Roop at 608-796-2644 with any questions.



Parishioners - come learn to swing dance! This Friday, August 26th

All are welcome to our first parishioner Swing Dance in the basement of Roncalli Newman this Friday, August 26th. We will begin with lessons from Fr Billy at 6:30pm followed by a Swing Dance. Snacks and refreshments will be provided. Hope you can make it!

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

Welcoming Back the College Students

In the following weeks we will be preparing to welcome our college students back to La Crosse! To help welcome the students, we are looking for donations of chips, granola bars, candy, crackers, etc. to hand out after Mass. Donations can be dropped off at Roncalli Newman by the campus ministry office. Thank you!

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.

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.

A message from our missionary guest from Uganda, Fr. Thomas Ayepa

Moroto Diocese is situated in the North-Eastern part of Uganda, in the semi-desert region of Karamoja, bordering southern Sudan and Northern Kenya. It is the least developed and poorest region in Uganda with problems of insecurity, harsh climate conditions, famine, poverty, illiteracy, and very poor infrastructure. The diocese has a population of about 400,000 people, of which 42% are Catholics. We are seeking help from you, our sisters and brothers, so that we can carry out the work of evangelization, proclaim the good news and sanctify God's people. Your contributions will be used by my bishop in the following areas: support rural apostolate by empowering and facilitating evangelizing ministers, support to war victims, orphans, the aged, HIV/AIDs patients/families, widows and widowers, support youth ministry, support catholic education and schools, and support catholic founded hospitals. I know you are going through hard economic times and we continue to pray for God's support to us all. Whatever little you offer- \$10, \$5 or \$20, means a lot and will provide a change for the people in my diocese. We are deeply grateful for any assistance.

Envelopes will be available at both BSP and RNP if you would like to contribute.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule 8/27-28

Sat, 4:30 PM (Mass at Blessed Sacrament)

Caryl Doberstein Reader (1)

Donna Levi Reader (2)

Kyle Craig Server

Hunter Johnson Server

Annie Berendes Greeter/Usher

Gabe Berendes Greeter/Usher

Cindy Sjolander Greeter/Usher

Natalie Schwinn Weaver Greeter/Usher

Sun, 9:00 AM (Mass at Blessed Sacrament)

Carol Mader Reader (1)

Ruth Vanderploeg Reader (2)

Matthew B. Server

John Horman Greeter/Usher

Richard Kotovich Greeter/Usher

Bob Roth Greeter/Usher

Cindy Sjolander Greeter/Usher

Sun, 11:15 AM (Mass at Roncalli Newman)

Erma Hafner Reader (1)

Margaret Bluske Reader (2)

Debbie Dahl-Schultz Greeter/Usher

Becky Kreiling Greeter/Usher

Mike Kreiling Greeter/Usher

Sandy Sieck Greeter/Usher

Mass Intentions

SAT 8/20 BSP 4:30pm +Don Finn

SUN 8/21 BSP 9am For the people of the Parish
RNP 11:15am Payton and Rachel Simon on their one year wedding anniversary

MON 8/22 BSP 7:15am +Larry Weibel

TUES 8/23 BSP 7:15am +Brian Steele
RNP 5:15pm +Edna Spohn

WED 8/24 BSP 7:15am +Richard Roth
RNP 12pm +Liz Nutter

THURS 8/25 BSP 7:15am +William and Georganna Mischler
RNP +Liz Nutter

FRI 8/26 BSP 7:15am +Andrew Roth
RNP 12PM +Alice Wasniewski

SAT 8/27 BSP 4:30pm +Mary Ann Bartel

SUN 8/28 BSP 9am Robert, Alice, Larry, Patty, and Bill Silha
RNP 11:15am +Jack Niedfeldt



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Collection Totals for weekend of 8/14

BSP \$13,000.00 needed each week
\$7,194.00 collected last week

RNP \$7,973.35 collected last week

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!

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

Feast of Mary, Queen of Heaven // August 22nd



From the Associate Pastor

From the desk of Fr. Sam McCarty

Hi All,

Unfortunately, the rule is that when Father goes on vacation he comes back and tries to derive a spiritual lesson from it to share with you all. I recently came back from a trip to France and would sure hate to break from this honored tradition.

My time across the pond was spent eating, drinking, praying, and spending time in beautiful places. I especially enjoyed hanging out with an old roommate who lives over there and whose wedding was the excuse to make the journey over there. I was surprised, actually, by the faith of the French people we met over the course of the marriage celebrations and had a conversation with a wise woman who offered me some insight into this. She said that it's true that many don't practice the ancient faith of the country (the one that built spectacular cathedrals and gave birth to towering saints) but the ones who do practice the faith really live it. She told me that if you are Catholic in today's France then you almost always have a sibling or close relative who is a

priest or is a religious brother or sister. What does that show? I think the witness of those particular vocations shows the vibrancy of the living faith that exists in certain communities despite what could be considered the decay of belief in much of the old world.

So what's the point? I think we can learn from the French Catholics who are all in for the Lord. That seems to be the way to live, and in particular the way to live when the current doesn't flow towards anything holy - that is, when there are lots of incentives to live lives detached from Jesus, we need to be even more intentional about attaching ourselves to him.

Ok, that's enough spiritual lesson-ing. Here's a picture of Fr. Brandon, my traveling companion, and I outside of Chartres Cathedral which is one of the greatest examples of Gothic architecture in the world - it was beautiful! And they had some delicious pastries in town as well :)

Peace,
Fr. Sam



Music & Liturgy

From the desk of Mary Ellen Hauptert

JOIN LITURGICAL CHOIR THIS FALL!

Music Ministry is a wonderful way to meet other parishioners. The first rehearsal for LITURGICAL CHOIR will be Wednesday, September 7th @ 5:00pm in the chapel at Roncalli Newman Parish, so be sure to sign up or email Mary Ellen – mehauptert@viterbo.edu) if you're interested in being part of this joy-filled parish ministry!

HOW DIFFERENT ARE WE? – PART 2

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. My second installment of "How Different Are We?" describes the priest shortage on a global scale.

CATHOLIC CHURCH in MPUNGU, ZAMBIA 2016

As luck would have it, there was a Catholic Church in the village, albeit without a reliable clergy presence. Mass was scheduled to start at 9:30am, but like most Zambian activities, wouldn't get going until at least 10:00am. When we arrived at the small church structure (about 10:00am), there were only two other sitting outside. By 10:45am, there were a few other stragglers and no sign of a priest, so two village men announced that we would be having a service instead of Mass; they asked that men sit on the right side of the church and women on the left.

The service started at about 11:00am and didn't get over until almost 1:00pm. The two elders found a couple of albs and assumed responsibility for the readings, preaching, prayers, and intercessions. A couple of times throughout the service, they would duck down behind the altar and whisper (loudly) about what they were going to do next, then pop up and continue. One of them delivered a 30-minute sermon; he would pause, look at Madeline to translate what he said, and then continue. During the preparation of the gifts, a woman in the back grabbed a bible and had her young daughter stand up in front with it opened for offerings. The smallest bill that I had was 5 Kwacha (worth 50 cents), which Madeline said would be insulting because it was far too much.

The musicians didn't appear until about noon. They were all in their teens or early twenties; two of them had babies strapped to their backs and one was taking care of a toddler. Once they arrived, the service was more meaningful, less disorganized, and even uplifting. At least half of them used drums for accompaniment to songs that were primarily call and response (for assembly and the rest of the choir). At the end of the service, they asked us to stand in front of the group so that Madeline and Chaz could introduce us. Each and every parishioner came forward to greet us, which was followed by clapping. The sub-chief gave some announcements but spent most of his time bawling out those who came late. Madeline pointed out that he was one of the last people to arrive.

Impressed by the young music ministers, I was able to convince Madeline that it really wasn't that weird to ask them if I could record them singing something after Mass, to which they happily agreed. The two "presiders" had taken off their albs, but quickly put them on when they saw the opportunity to be captured on film.

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/

Chicken Que @ 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.

Aquinas Wall of Fame Induction Ceremony

Saturday, September 10, 2022

5:00pm - Cocktail Hour

6:00pm - Dinner & Ceremony

Aquinas High School (Cameron Street & AHS Parking Lot) Join us in honoring the Wall of Fame Class of 2022 Inductees for their exceptional athletic accomplishments at Aquinas High School. Our honorees this year are the 1997 Girls Basketball Team, Coach Joe Gaspard, Jennifer Pavela Althoff '97, Steve Kamla '70, and Pat Murphy '65!

RSVP by calling (608) 784-0707.

Aquinas Fest 2022

Friday, September 9th, 2022

3:00pm-8:00pm

The Aquinas Catholic Schools Foundation will host the 45th annual Aquinas Fest on Friday, September 9, 2022. Aquinas Fest is the Aquinas Catholic Schools Foundation's annual fundraiser for unrestricted operating income.

These funds allow the Foundation to annually support the students, staff, and mission of Aquinas Catholic Schools. Additionally, this annual festival serves as a community builder, bringing together current students, current and past parents, alumni, faculty, staff, and friends to celebrate Aquinas Catholic Schools.

Attractions:

Youth Cornhole Tournament by Coulee Region Cornhole (Mike Taggart)
Basketball Contest
Kids Games
Bounce Houses
Kiddie Train courtesy of Rotary Lights

Food:

Pig Roast courtesy of The Skemp Family & Kory Keppel '86
Brats & Hotdogs courtesy of Bakalars Sausage
Chips & Candy

Drink:

Beer Garden
Soda & Water courtesy of Pepsi of La Crosse

Entertainment:

Music by Ryan Sauter

Sweepstakes:

This year the tradition continues featuring the annual sweepstakes and block party. You are invited to join Blugolds from near and far to support and celebrate!

The annual sweepstakes is your chance to WIN BIG and show your Blugold pride, as we kick off this annual fundraiser. Please help us by participating in the Annual Aquinas Fest Sweepstakes.

Grand Prize:

\$10,000 CASH or \$15,000 MRSP Discount from Clason Buick GMC

Sweepstakes Entries:

Contact the Aquinas Catholic Schools Development Office to purchase your entries at (608) 784-0707 or stop by their office at Aquinas High School (Room 105).

Feel free to contact us at info@aquinasschools.org with any questions!