

Sunday Bulletin

Blessed Sacrament & Roncalli Newman

Roman Catholic Churches of La Crosse, WI
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time | August 20th, 2023

MASS TIMES

SATURDAY

4:30PM Blessed Sacrament (BSP)

SUNDAY

9AM Blessed Sacrament (BSP)

11AM Roncalli Newman (RNC)

DAILY MASS TIMES

Monday - Friday - 8:00AM (BSP)

Tues - 5:15PM (RNC)

Wed/Fri - Noon (RNC)

CONFESSIONS

3:30PM - 4:15PM Saturdays or by appointment

OUR PARISH IS SERVED BY:

PASTOR

Fr. Billy Dodge

608-860-6001 ext.8

ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Fr. Sam McCarty

608-860-6001 ext. 9

DEACONS

Dcn David Allen

Dcn Dave Belland

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Mon - Thurs: 9AM - 12PM, 1PM - 4PM

Fri: 9AM - 12PM

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***Are you homebound and need to be visited for Communion? Please call our parish office!**

FROM THE DESK OF FR. BILLY DODGE

I had an excellent vacation in the Upper Peninsula Michigan - despite almost sinking into Lake Superior because of a leaky kayak! Father Robert Letona of St. James the Less parish on the north side was an excellent traveling companion. Our road trip took us through Rice Lake, WI, where we spent time with my seminary classmate who is the pastor. My classmate took us out onto Rice Lake where our pontoon got stuck in the weeds. So I have not had much luck on the water!

Our parishes had an excellent volunteer recognition event at Myrick Park this past Wednesday. We estimate almost 120 people attended. More would have attended except for scheduling conflicts. The crowd at the picnic was a great visual representation of how much work goes into our efforts of worship, evangelization, and service to those in need. I want to thank our Campus Minister Maddie Stoeffel for organizing the event, Sandy Johnston for working behind the scenes, and for Ellen Smith for proposing this idea and for her work in running the event. It was a great success and I look forward to doing it again next year.

Finally, this Sunday we recognize Mary Ellen's 25 years of service to the church through her work in music, liturgy, and many other unseen acts of service. There will be a reception at Newman after the 11:00am Mass. She officially retires from her director position at the end of September, but August works for many of her family and friends to come and celebrate. I have heard from parishioners who wish they could attend but are traveling. You are welcome to drop off a card at the Newman parish office and we will make sure your card gets to Mary Ellen.

God bless,



AROUND THE PARISHES

Presentation on the Eucharist @ BSP | Monday, August 21st

Take time with others and increase your knowledge of the greatest and most incredible miracle since the time of Jesus—Jesus' True Presence in the Eucharist. On Monday, August 21, 2023 from 5:30-8:00p.m. we will gather in the BSP hall for a live, virtual conference by Mark Hart, a nationally renowned speaker. His two presentations are titled God's Masterpiece, Christ Within Us and God's Masterplan, Christ Before Us. Cost is only \$10 and includes Mark Hart's book, The Divine Encounter. Sign up information is in brochures at the back of church, or register online at: diolc.org/witness. SEE YOU THERE!

RCIA Beginning Soon!

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•Invite someone you know who may be interested and accompany them on their journey. | Get answers to all of your questions about the Catholic faith; Our "no strings" inquiry program is starting soon. Contact the office for more information.

AROUND OUR PARISHES

Welcome Back Picnic | September 10th

As Summer is winding down we are happily anticipating the arrival of students back to our Roncalli Newman parish family. In strong Newman tradition we will hold a Welcome Back Picnic at Myrick Park after the 11:00 Mass on September 10th. Many hands make light work. Stationary members please sign up to help set up, serve, or clean up AND as this is a pot luck sign up to bring amazing salads or desserts to feed our hungry students. Sign up sheets are at the entrances. The Parish will provide brats and burgers. Students just bring yourselves and a hearty appetite for good food and conversation with your parish family!

Art Fair August 26th

Please join us in supporting our Priests and Seminarians Education Fund at our Art Fair, August 26th, at the Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall from 9am - 4pm. There will be 23 vendors displaying and selling their art, also food, drinks, bake sale, silent auction, ice cream social and door prizes. This event is hosted by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, please come and support your Priests and Seminarians. Free admission!

Help support young victims of trafficking through Hosea's Heart

Thanks to the hard work and generosity of so many Roncalli and Blessed Sacrament parishioners, the Women's Club Plant Sale was able to raise \$3800 toward the sponsorship of a young girl. However we fell short by \$800 of the needed \$4600 for her complete cost of food, clothing, shelter, education, and counseling. Hosea's Heart puts a local LaCrosse touch to the sex trafficking evil. For anyone who has had the opportunity to view the movie Sound of Freedom, you know just how overwhelmingly deep and evil this business is. As Mary Kate and her team work to rescue young girls, we are only a phone call or email away. How blessed we are to help in this battle against evil on a very grass roots level. So one last time we come knocking on the door of your hearts asking for donations for this young woman's 2023-2024 tuition. We need \$800. 40 people giving \$20 will put us over the finish line. Checks can be made out to Blessed Sacrament's Women Club with Hosea's Heart in the memo. Thanks and God bless in advance.

Sympathies

Rest in Peace Barb Durst who passed on August 4th and whose funeral will be on BSP on Monday morning.

Bishop Barron's Eucharistic Congress Video Now Here!

In our time of Eucharistic Renewal, please join us on Wednesday, August 30, 6:30 - 7:45 pm for the first of a series of videos on the Eucharist. "The Eucharist and The Poor: Real Sacrifice, Real Presence, Real Communion" by Sr Alicia Torres will be shown downstairs in the Bartl lounge. All are welcomed. For further information please call Marcia Kolaczkowski 608-790-5342.

Newman Baked Goods Booth at Great River Folk Fest

Newman will have a food booth for one day only on Saturday, August 26 at the Great River Folk Fest, featuring home baked goods. We are asking parishioners to bake cookies, bars, muffins, quick breads and snack mixes and bring them to the Newman kitchen on Friday, August 25 from 4-7pm. Labeling goods and indicating items that are gluten free is very helpful. Volunteers will be there to receive the goods and package them for sale. If you would be willing to bake goods, or volunteer to sell items, (two hour shifts from 9am - 5pm), please sign up at the Main Street Entrance of Newman. This fundraiser helps us fund Social Justice projects that help those in need. As always, we couldn't do it without our generous parishioners. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Youth Faith Formation 23-24

The new school year is upon us, which means it's time to register your child/ren for their Faith Formation program. All families with youth in 1st through 12th grade should have received a letter and registration form in the mail. If you haven't, contact Kristin Johnson: kjohnson@newmanlc.org or Samuel Obert: sobert@mmoclacrosse.org. OR Register using the QR code below. Early-bird registration ends **August 31st**; price will increase thereafter.



VBS Success!

For the first time since 2019 Vacation Bible School for the Catholic Parishes of La Crosse made its return during the second week of August. Thirty-six children and twelve volunteers from all the La Crosse parishes had a fun week learning how to dive deeper into their faith and love of Jesus. Due to its great success we hope to make this an annual event! Thank you to all the volunteers and to Holy Trinity Parish for hosting.

Volunteers Needed for Faith Formation

Our Family Formation program and Youth Program are in need of volunteers to help with this year's collaborative programs serving families and youth from five of the La Crosse parishes:

- **Family Formation** meets approximately twice a month from 5:30pm-6:45pm on Wednesdays at Mary Mother of the Church. Catechists and assistants are needed to teach monthly topics to children in grades 1st-5th. We are also in need of adults willing to serve as small group leaders to facilitate discussions with parents. Contact Kristin if you are interested or would like more information kjohnson@mmoclacrosse.org 608-788-5483
- **Youth Formation** (middle and high school aged youth) takes place weekly on Wednesdays from 7:00pm-8:30pm at Blessed Sacrament Parish. If you are a faith filled person with a heart for young people your gifts are needed to serve as a small group leader for teens. Contact Samuel if you are interested or would like more information sonbert@mmoclaacrosse.org 608-788-5483 Ext. 5

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE AUGUST 26/27

Sat, Aug 26, 4:30 PM (Mass at Blessed Sacrament)

Mary E Saphner	Reader (1)
Paulette Drozdowicz	Reader (2)
Jennifer Kulzer & Mary Blaha-DeBoer	Cantor & Accompanist
NOT FILLED	Servers
Sean O'Flaherty & Greg Sauer	Hospitality Ministers
Mike Vanderploeg	Sacristan/MC
Caryl Doberstein & Dave Schreier	EMHCs

Sun, Aug 27, 11:00 AM (Mass at Roncalli Newman)

Margaret Anderson	Reader (1)
Bob Masewicz	Reader (2)
Mary Blaha-DeBoer & ME Hauptert	Cantor & Accompanist
Pat Cavadini & Kathie Hanna	Hospitality Ministers
Leigh & Kathy Running	Hospitality Ministers
Judy Kabat & Jen Masewicz	Gift Bearers
Mary Lou Balts	Sacristan/MC

Sun, Aug 27, 9:00 AM (Mass at Blessed Sacrament)

Dave Weinberger	Reader (1)
John Gallagher	Reader (2)
Kent Stein & Mary Blaha-DeBoer	Cantor & Accompanist
Matthew B. & Hunter	Servers
Pat Abraham & Karen Gamoke	Hospitality Minister
Sunny Onyeabor & Bruce Simones	Hospitality Minister
William Arnold	Sacristan/MC
Sandra Borreson & Bernice Lansing	EMHCs

Rosary Leaders at Blessed Sacrament

8/26 4:30pm - Scott and Caryl Doberstein
8/27 9am - Joe and Barb Clements

MUSIC & LITURGY: FROM THE DESK OF MARY ELLEN HAUPERT

Q & A Generated from the Survey

Thank you to the almost 150 BSP and RNP parishioners who completed both paper and electronic versions of the Liturgical Ministry and Outreach Survey. All the data has been organized into spreadsheets and sent to parish staff and volunteer coordinators for organizing their respective ministries and recruiting new members. In the weeks leading to my retirement, I'll do my best to make full use of the information you supplied, and attempt to answer some of your questions.

Adult Faith Development?

The survey included a section on Adult Faith Development that included more traditional avenues for parishioners. Staff and volunteer coordinators were given lists of parishioners interested in the following standard programs for faith development: Bible Study for Stationary Members, RCIA/OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults), Faith-Based Book Study, Adoration at BSP, Catholic Christian Outreach, Class on Prayer, and Adult Retreat Opportunities.

Bible Study for Stationary Members

Contact Mary Kerrigan at RNP (office@newmanlc.org). Several parishioners from both RNP and BSP expressed interest in both leading and participating in an adult bible study. I would recommend starting with Mary Kerrigan's Monday Night Scripture Study at 7:00 PM in Bartl Lounge at Roncalli Newman Parish. Mary is a graduate of the Diocesan School of Biblical Studies and has been leading this study for over 10 years.

RCIA/OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Contact Jennifer Kulzer at BSP (office@bsplacrosse.org) or Deacon Dave Belland at RNP. If you are interested in becoming Catholic or sponsoring someone in the OCIA program, contact either Jennifer or Dave. Classes will begin this fall. The "Order of Christian Initiation of Adults" (formerly RCIA) meets weekly and is comprised of five parts: evangelization, pre-catechumenate, catechumenate, purification/enlightenment, and mystagogy. Even if you've received all three sacraments of initiation (baptism, Eucharist, and confirmation), this course could refresh your faith.

Faith-Based Book Study

Contact Mary Ellen Hauptert at RNP. Several parishioners have expressed interest in participating in a faith-based book study. Possible leaders have identified themselves, while there might be more from both parishes. Please email me at mehauptert@viterbo.edu if you're interested in leading and/or participating in a book study. I have started a list and would like to have an informational meeting in September to consider book titles and organize into groups.

Adoration at BSP - Contact Father Sam McCarty at BSP/RNP.

Catholic Christian Outreach - Contact Natalie Bennett at BSP.

Class on Prayer and Adult Retreat Opportunities - Contact Fr. Sam McCarty and Fr. Billy Dodge at BSP/RNP.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

4:30pm BSP +Lucille Newton

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

9am BSP +Ann Jahimiak Simonson

11am RNC +Alice Daranczyk Socha

MONDAY, AUGUST 21

8am BSP Anniversary of Rob & Kathy Hancock

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22

8am BSP +Brian Steele

5:15pm RNC +Bobby Butterfield

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23

8am BSP +George & Winnie Ferring

Noon RNC +Joe Weitekamp

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24

8am BSP +Marilyn Kielar

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25

8am BSP +Angeline Becker

Noon RNC +Tom Strange

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

4:30pm BSP +William & Georganna Mishler

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

9am BSP +Mike Schuh

11am RNC +Tom Strange

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE SEPTEMBER 2/3

Sat, Sep 2, 4:30 PM (Mass at Blessed Sacrament)

Tom Kieffer
Joan Mueller
Michelle Johnson & Mary BD
Maria J. And Michael J
Chip & Alice Mcquire Backlund
Mike Vanderploeg
Donna Cramer & Ellen Kallies

Reader (1)
Reader (2)
Cantor & Accompanist
Servers
Hospitality Ministers
Sacristan/MC
EMHCs

Sun, Sep 3, 9:00 AM (Mass at Blessed Sacrament)

Ann Lankford
Barb Swieciak
Andrea Fritts & Mary BD
Jackson W. & Jonny W.
John Gallagher & Kathi Hancock
Roger Korger & Bernice Lansing
William Arnold
Fran & Greg Sauer

Reader (1)
Reader (2)
Cantor & Accompanist
Servers
Hospitality Ministers
Hospitality Ministers
Sacristan/MC
EMHCs

Sun, Sep 3, 11:00 AM (Mass at Roncalli Newman)

Tom Hench
Kathleen Hench
Andy Manson & Mary BD
Carol Knox & Bobbie Wilson
Pat Wilson & Aaron Zivney
Denise DeBonville & Erma Hafner
Cindy Sjolander

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AROUND THE COMMUNITY

A Minute with Jesus

At Mass, we want to focus on God

When we go to Mass, we want to think about God. This is our set-aside time with Jesus and we are to speak with and listen to Him because the Mass is the official public worship of God by the Church. This is the way that God invites us to worship Him as laid out in the Bible. Jesus wants us to sincerely focus on Him and what is happening at the altar. When we get distracted: don't get upset, but say a little prayer – ever so simple – and turn your thoughts gently and peacefully back to the Mass.

Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, help me to stay focused on You and what is happening at Mass every Sunday (or Saturday evening).

This week, read how we are to give thanks to the Lord in Psalm 95:1-6

The Franciscan Spirituality Center, 920 Market St., LaCrosse, offers the following opportunities for grief support:

Listening Together: A Monthly Grief Support Group meets from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on the second Monday of the month. Laurie Swan facilitates. The next session is Aug. 14. Free to attend. No registration necessary.

Grief Circle, five-week series, meets from 10 a.m. to noon Wednesdays starting Sept. 13. Karna Marks and Kay Kienetz facilitate. Cost is \$50 for the series or \$20 with discount code GRIEF60.

Death Café, open conversation about death, dying, loss and grief, meets from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 28. Erica G. Srinivasan facilitates. Free to attend. No registration necessary.

Moving Through Grief, six-week series, meets from 10 a.m. to noon Wednesdays starting Oct. 4. Cathie Boerboom, RGS, facilitates. Cost is \$125 for the series or \$50 with discount code GRIEF60.

Unless otherwise indicated, advance registration is required at www.FSCenter.org or 608-791-5295. The Franciscan Spirituality Center welcomes people of all faith backgrounds and traditions, or none.

Mary Mother of the Church Chicken-Que | September 14th

Mary, Mother of the Church Parish, 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, will be holding a Chicken-Que on Thursday, September 14, 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.

Mark your calendars now!

This fall's Adult Faith Formation Program will begin the week of September 17. To help you to better understand the Eucharist during this 3-year period of Eucharistic Revival, we are offering a Bible Study on the Eucharist called *Lectio Eucharist*. This program will help you to understand that the Eucharist truly is Jesus' Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. Multiple parishes in our area will be offering this program so there will be many times and days to choose from. Already took this program? I guarantee the 2nd time you take it you will be amazed at how much more you learn. Invite a friend to join you and let's make this a year of true Eucharistic Revival. More details to come in next week's bulletin.

HELP NEEDED!

- Second Grade Teacher - St. Patrick's Elementary School
- If you are interested in this position please submit a resume, cover letter, and three references to St. Pat's Principal, Angela Koblitz, at angela.koblitz@aquinasschools.org

- After Care Workers - Blessed Sacrament Elementary School
- Band Teacher - Blessed Sacrament Elementary School
- Full-Time Custodian - Blessed Sacrament Elementary School
- Secretary - Blessed Sacrament Elementary School

- If you are interested in any of these positions, please submit a resume, cover letter, and three references to Blessed Sacrament's Principal, Kate Moll, at kate.moll@aquinasschools.org

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9-4

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