

Sunday Bulletin

Blessed Sacrament & Roncalli Newman Parishes
April 23rd, 2023 | Third Sunday of Easter

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

Sunday Mass Times

Saturday

4:30pm (BSP)

Sunday

9am (BSP) | 11:15am (RNP) | 8:30pm (RNP)

Daily Mass Times

Blessed Sacrament

Mon - Fri 8:00am

Roncalli Newman

Tues 5:15pm | Wed & Fri Noon | Thurs 7pm

Confession Times

Saturday evening @ 3:30pm or by appt.

Roncalli Newman Office Hours:

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

Fri 9am - 12pm

Blessed Sacrament Office Hours:

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

Fri 9am - 12pm

Around the Parish

KC #839 Tootsie Roll Drive

The Knights of Council 839 will be handing out Tootsie Rolls and collecting freewill donations for the 2023 Knights of Columbus Intellectual Disabilities Campaign after all Masses the weekend of Saturday, April 29 and Sunday, April 30. Proceeds from this fundraiser go to help people with special needs in our community. To learn more about this year's effort, please call (608) 518-5676.

BSP Plant Sale

Please mark your calendars for Saturday June 3, and the Women's Club Plant Sale. Tell your friends and neighbors... Blessed Sacrament parking lot, from 7am-1:00pm, will be the place to be for plant and flower needs. All proceeds from the sale will be used to sponsor a young Swaziland girl's journey to freedom from past abuses, and her hope for a better future that Hosea's Heart provides through their residential facilities. Hosea's Heart will be the means by which our parishioners will receive updates and opportunities for us to get to know our young woman during the four years of her educational sponsorship.

April Loaves & Fishes Gathering

Gathering Loaves & Fishes will be getting together for dinner at Huck Finns on Friday evening, April 28th at 6pm. Please let Colleen know at 608-787-1120 if you would like to join us.

Join our mission for 24/7 Adoration

There are 168 hours in a week and we want to pray unceasingly! We are looking for people to sign up and commit to a weekly 60 minute slot to be with Jesus in adoration in the chapel at Blessed Sacrament. Sign up: lacrosse.weadorehim.com. We are hoping to begin 24/7 adoration on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 16.

Families Forming Disciples

Families Forming Disciples meets this **Sunday April 23rd at Blessed Sacrament from 10:10am-11:10 am and Wednesday April 26th at Mary Mother of the Church from 5:45pm-6:45pm**. We will begin our final lesson for the year Ascension and Pentecost. At Home Missions for this lesson will be completed April 30th and May 3rd so we will not meet in person. Our final celebratory sessions will be May 7th and 10th respectively.

High School Faith Formation

Our final high school Faith Formation session will be this **Wednesday April 26th from 7:00pm-8:30pm at Blessed Sacrament**.

Baptism Congratulations!

Congratulations to our newest member of the Church, Everett Arthur Richardson was baptized at Roncalli Newman on April 16th. Congratulations to parents Amanda Richardson Nogle and Brian Richardson.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

April 29/30

Saturday, Apr 29, 4:30 PM (Mass at Blessed Sacrament)

Alexandra UWL - Hill	Reader (1)
Annie Berendes	Reader (2)
Kent Stein	Cantor
Mary Blaha-DeBoer	Accompanist
Elizabeth H.	Server
Mike H.	Server
Natalie Schwinn Weaver	Hospitality Minister (usher/greeter)
Scott Weaver	Hospitality Minister (usher/greeter)
Mike Vanderploeg	Sacristan/MC
Paulette Drozdowicz	EMHC
Peter Drozdowicz	EMHC

Sunday, Apr 30, 9:00 AM (Mass at Blessed Sacrament)

Roger Korger	Reader (1)
Natalie Bennett	Reader (2)
Jennifer Kulzer	Cantor
Mary Blaha-DeBoer	Accompanist
Matthew B.	Server
Jack Kallies	Hospitality Minister (usher/greeter)
Karen Gamoke	Hospitality Minister (usher/greeter)
John Gallagher	Hospitality Minister (usher/greeter)
John Wissing	Hospitality Minister (usher/greeter)
William Arnold	Sacristan/MC
Fran and Greg Sauer	EMHC

Sunday, Apr 30, 11:15 AM (Mass at Roncalli Newman)

John Houge	Reader (1)
Meredith Houge	Reader (2)
Kelley Manson	Cantor
Mary Ellen Hauptert	Accompanist
Denise DeBonville	Hospitality Minister (usher/greeter)
Sherwin Toribio	Hospitality Minister (usher/greeter)
Alie Toribio	Hospitality Minister (usher/greeter)
Karen Lange	Hospitality Minister (usher/greeter)
Kathy and Leigh Running	Gift Bearers
Cindy Sjolander	Sacristan/MC

May 6/7

Saturday, May 6, 4:30 PM (Mass at Blessed Sacrament)

Mary E Saphner	Reader (1)
Paulette Drozdowicz	Reader (2)
Michelle Johnson	Cantor
Mary Blaha-DeBoer	Accompanist
Maria J. and Michael J.	Servers
Mike H. and Elizabeth H	Servers
Mike Mader	Hospitality Minister (usher/greeter)
Gretchen Myre	Hospitality Minister (usher/greeter)
Mike Myre	Hospitality Minister (usher/greeter)
Mike Vanderploeg	Sacristan/MC
Luci Johnson	EMHC
Donna Cramer	EMHC

Sunday, May 7, 9:00 AM (Mass at Blessed Sacrament)

John Drake	Reader (1)
Ann Lankford	Reader (2)
Julia Kreitzer	Cantor
Mary Blaha-DeBoer	Accompanist
Jackson W.	Server
Jonny W.	Server
Scott Smerud	Hospitality Minister (usher/greeter)
Bruce Simones	Hospitality Minister (usher/greeter)
Michele Cook	Hospitality Minister (usher/greeter)
Pat Abraham	Hospitality Minister (usher/greeter)
William Arnold	Sacristan/MC
Marie Allen	EMHC
Katie Woolover	EMHC

Sunday, May 7, 11:15 AM (Mass at Roncalli Newman)

Mark Thorn	Reader (1)
Ellen Thorn	Reader (2)
Mary Blaha-DeBoer	Cantor
Mary Ellen Hauptert	Accompanist
Carlene and Dennis Ulrich	Hospitality Ministers
(usher/greeter)	
Mike and Becky Kreiling	Hospitality Minister
(usher/greeter)	
Scott Weaver	Gift Bearer
Natalie Schwinn Weaver	Gift Bearer
NOT FILLED	Sacristan/MC

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 22

Noon RNP	+Julie Montabon
4:30pm BSP	+Bill Chamberlain

Sunday, April 23

9am BSP	+Ron Hammes
11:15am RNP	+Mary Baron

Monday, April 24

8am BSP	+Mary Brennan
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Tuesday, April 25

8am BSP	+Dale and Priscilla Reinhart
5:15pm RNP	Reparation for offense against the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday, April 26

8am BSP	People of the Parish
Noon RNP	+Daniel Swift

Thursday, April 27

8am BSP	+Dean Peterson
7pm RNP	Souls in Purgatory

Friday, April 28

8am BSP	+Margaret Schubert
Noon RNP	Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, April 29

4:30pm BSP	+Drew Coleman
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Sunday, April 30

9am BSP	+DiAnn Gerleman
11:15am RNP	+Robert Smith

This Week

Saturday, April 22

- Confessions, 3:30pm @ BSP
- Rosary, 4:05pm (led by Scott and Caryl Doberstein)

Sunday, April 23

- Rosary, 8:35am (led by Joe and Barb Clements)
- Families Forming Disciples, 10:10am BSP

Monday, April 24

- Salvation Army Service, 4:15pm
- Sunday Scripture Study, 7pm RNC

Tuesday, April 25

Wednesday, April 26

- Dogma and Donuts Men's Group, 8:45am BSP
- Liturgical Choir, 5pm RNC
- Speak Risen Lord, Prayer and Song, 5:30pm RNC
- Families Forming Disciples, 5:45pm MMOC
- High School Faith Formation, 7pm

Thursday, April 27

- Salvation Army Service, 4:15pm
- Adoration & Confession w/ Music 6pm RNC
- Rosary, 6:30pm BSP

Friday, April 28

- Loaves and Fishes Gathering, 6pm (see page 1)

Saturday, April 29

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

Sunday, April 30

- Rosary, 8:35am (led by Joe and Natalie Bennett)

Weekend Collection 04/16
BSP \$ // RNP \$14,861.25

Speak Risen Lord, Your Servants Are Listening

Join us for a few songs of praise followed by prayerful, quiet reading of the Sunday readings, after which we close with shared intentions. Lectio Divina, or divine reading, is said to date back to the 6th century and is an ever fruitful way to seek the Lord's presence and receive the words He would have our hearts heed, savor and act upon. Come pray with us: 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 5:30 - 7pm Newman Center, fireplace room. **April 26, May 10 & 24.** For questions, please call Marcia Kolaczowski 608.790.5342

Sympathies

Our condolences to the family and friends of **Dick Berendes**. His funeral was held at Mary Mother of the Church on April 19th.

Our sympathies to the family of parishioner **Julie Montabon**, whose funeral was this past Saturday the 22nd at Roncalli Newman.

Our sympathies to Debbie Bahr and her family as they recently lost their husband and father, **Don Bahr**. His funeral was April 12th.

Our condolences to the family of longtime parishioner **Alice Howe**, whose funeral was last weekend at Roncalli Newman.

Social Justice

Some of the upcoming events for Social Justice:

- Bread for the World Offering of Letters on **April 23**, writing and emailing members of Congress regarding policies that can end hunger.
- Juneteenth Celebration - Little Free Library (**June 18th**) More details coming soon. If you're interested in helping or volunteering please contact Wanda at wjwochos@charter.net
- Food Drive in **July** Details Coming.
- The Strawberry Booth at Art Fair on The Green (**July 29th**) We need committee members to help with planning. Please contact Wanda at wjwochos@charter.net to join the committee

See more from Social Justice Committee in the online bulletin

Calling All Artists

You are invited to show and sell your art on Saturday, August, 26, 2023 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Blessed Sacrament Parish Center, 130 Losey Blvd, La Crosse, WI. A designated 11 x 10 ft. space will be available for each vendor for \$50., added half space for additional \$25., double space \$90. ALL SALES WILL REMAIN YOUR PROFIT. There will be food and drinks available with an ice cream social, a bake sale and a silent auction. Set up time on Friday Aug. 25, from 3 - 7 p.m. there will be tables available at \$10., card tables \$5., all vendors will be indoors. "No Commercial Vendors." This event is hosted by The Catholic Daughters of the Americas to help support our Priests and Seminarians Education Fund. For more information or a registration form contact Sandra at (608) 787- 6482 or sandyborreson@gmail.com.

Associate Pastoral Notes

From the desk of Father Sam McCarty

Hi All,
This week we'll hear from Julia, another of our students who entered the Church at Easter!
-Fr. Sam

I had been a lukewarm evangelical Christian most of my life. My church attendance was occasional, and my prayer life was nonexistent. I was in a state where I enjoyed discussing deeper topics, but never actually acted upon it, read scripture, or researched beyond what occasionally appeared on podcasts. So, the Lord met me where I was. I had my first real encounter with Catholicism over the summer of 2021. It was through Pints with Aquinas, which introduced me to the topic of praying to/through saints, a concept I had never understood before. Their reasoning intrigued me, and the guest's testimony nudged me towards picking up my bible. I hopped online and compared the differences between Christian denominations, marking what I agreed with and what I did not, then researching each side's reasoning alongside scripture. By the time I arrived on campus, I could not call myself evangelical, but I was not Catholic either. I was without a community, and felt spiritually homeless. This is essentially what I told the FOCUS team at Eagle Fest. They took me under their wing, and guided me in my journey from there. I certainly had setbacks along the way. I left for the spring semester, which prevented me from completing RCIA on time; probably a blessing, because I think my appreciation for the Catholic faith would have been too rushed otherwise. I fell out of practice over the summer. And when I returned, I felt out of touch with the people around me. However, I restarted RCIA through Blessed Sacrament, and it quickly became one of the highlights of my week. It was an interactive lecture setting, which is perfect for inquisitive Protestants. I was able to ask questions and receive adequate answers. I felt comfortable appreciating the wealth of knowledge and grace that the Church and sacraments provide. After months of guidance from Jennifer, my FOCUS friends, Frs. Dodge and McCarty, and the Holy Spirit, I accepted the path God had for me at the SEEK conference during adoration. It has truly been the most beautiful journey of my life thus far. I am humbled that I am now able to call myself Catholic, and that I can meet our Lord every Sunday in the most personal and intimate way.

Pastoral Notes

From the desk of Father Billy Dodge

This weekend I am helping to conduct a retreat for 70 La Crosse college students. We are holding the retreat at Camp Tekawitha near Green Bay. I am not much of a camper, but I am excited so many students gave up their weekend for an opportunity to grow closer to Jesus. Please keep these retreatants in prayer.

After this weekend Father Sam will go on his own retreat. Every year a priest is to go on retreat for a minimum of 5 days. I usually go in November on an 8 day silent retreat. Keep Father Sam in prayer, that he may have a restful and spiritual fruitful retreat. Keep me in prayer because I will be covering everything while he is away, which means it may be difficult to get a hold of me. It has been difficult getting through all my emails as is, so if there is an emergency call the church to get a hold of me. God bless, and Happy Easter Season!

Music and Liturgy

From the desk of Mary Ellen Hauptert

RECRUITING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

During the month of May, we will be asking all liturgical ministers for conflicts from June through September for the new liturgical ministry schedule. It's also a time when parishioners from both Blessed Sacrament and Roncalli Newman can add or retire ministries from their profiles. We're most interested in increasing participation, especially at Blessed Sacrament. If you're interested in serving in any one of the ministries below, please contact Mary Ellen at mehauptert@viterbo.edu.

READERS/LECTORS

In proclaiming the Word of God, lectors exercise their responsibility in the liturgical celebration. God speaks to the faithful through them, and the effectiveness of their proclamation of God's Word depends significantly on their conviction, preparation, and delivery. (From "Introduction to the Order of the Mass," United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, hereafter USCCB)

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS (USHERS/GREETERS)

We have twice as many hospitality ministers at Newman with half the number of servers. Even though BSP "ushers" haven't been scheduled in the past, there are new folks who appreciate getting the reminders. We need more participation at BSP; let Mary Ellen know if you and your family members would be willing to get on the roster and schedule for June through September. Ministers of Hospitality leave an impression on parishioners that is pivotal because it sets the tone for the celebration of Mass. Not only do you "officially" welcome someone into our parish home, you help them find a comfortable spot, offer them an opportunity to financially support our home, help them when there's an emergency and as they leave thank them for being with us today.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

EMHC are scheduled at Blessed Sacrament but are not scheduled at Roncalli Newman. After training, EMHCs are commissioned by Bishop Callahan and registered with the Diocese of La Crosse. The Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC) distributes Holy Communion at Mass and to the homebound.

SERVERS – ADULT and CHILD

There is a need for both adult and child servers for the Masses at Blessed Sacrament. We recently spoke with a mother of several children whose youngest will be "retiring" at the end of our current schedule cycle. We're hoping that there are other families with school-age children who might inquire about serving at Mass. Parent-child teams are also welcome. Just let a MC or priest know of your interest so that you can get trained. You will need to let Mary Ellen know so that she can get you on the MSP schedule.

NEED FOR MUSICIANS

Mary Blaha-DeBoer would like to build participation at BSP and RNP. If you sing or play any instrument, we would like to get you involved. Please contact her at marybdmusic@gmail.com.

Social Justice - Get Involved

Social Justice is always looking for ways to get the Parish involved and update you on what help might be needed. If you have't seen the updated section of the Roncalli Newman Social Justice Website, make sure to check it out.

<https://www.roncallinewmancenter.com/social-justice-ministries.html>

May is mental health awareness month - a time to remember that mental health is essential to our overall health. We are sharing this information because we care about our community at Roncalli Newman and Blessed Sacrament. Reach out if help is needed, we are here for each other.

For an overview of information regarding mental health and mental illness, click on the link below.

Mental Health: Illnesses and Conditions | Wisconsin Department of Health Services

Helpful community resources include:

Great Rivers 211 (24-hour crisis line and referral service)

Dial: 211 or 1-800-362-8255

988 National Suicide & Crisis Lifeline

HOPELINE (24/7 - Free - Trained Crisis Counselor) Text "HOPELINE" to 741741

Mayo Clinic Health System Behavioral Health: 608-392-9555

Gundersen Health System Behavioral Health: 608-775-2287 or 1-800-362-9567 ext 52287

La Crosse County Crisis Line: 608.784-HELP (784-4357)

La Crosse County Resource Center (Aging and Disability): 608-785-5700

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI): 608-784-7532

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Food Drive in July Details Coming.

The Strawberry Booth at Art Fair on The Green (July 29th) We need committee members to help with planning. Please contact Wanda at wjwochos@charter.net to join the committee

If you're looking for more ways to volunteer below are some other items going on that you can do to help in the community.

Promoting Community Conversations: Sign up at the Interfaith Leaders Coalition website

<https://www.interfaithleaders.org/>, to get information on upcoming events and conversations on a variety of topics. On the website you will also find information about the LaCrosse Welcome Circle which provides assistance to Ukrainian newcomers in our area.

Safe Families NEEDs help providing food for the in-person training on May 9th. Please let Stacia Johnston-Lyga now if you would be willing to provide food for the in person training. Stacia Johnston-Lyga email: stacia@safefamilieswi.org

Roncalli Newman Social Justice Committee Jail Ministry Volunteer Opportunity

Jail Ministry needs volunteers to work with youth. There is an opportunity to provide services/studies for the youth once a week, as needed in the Juvenile Detention Center. We are looking for volunteers that would be interested. They would be placed on a weekly rotation list and would need to call the facility first to see if there is a need that week. If there is, they would provide the service/study. Once we have the volunteers, the specific evening and time will be decided. The facility has on average of 4 youth and they do come from around the state. We are hoping the volunteers would have connections to other churches so when they get out, they could find continued fellowship. The ages are 10 to 17 with most of them being 15 to 16.

If someone wants to volunteer, contact Chaplain Ann Wales at Lacrossejailministry.org. She will explain the process.

Aquinas Schools Enrollment open

Aquinas High School and Aquinas Middle School welcome you to enroll for the 2023-2024 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!

Spring Luncheon
Saturday, April 29th, 2023
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

St. Mary's Parish, 900 Central Ave., Coon Valley, WI 54623

Only \$7 per person. Open to the general public. Invite your family and friends and join us for lunch and door prizes. Lisa Olson, a children's book author, will present her latest book starting at 11:30 AM. For more information call 608-452-3841.

More events!

Check out more events and activities happening around the diocese by visiting the chancery bulletin:
diolc.org/chancery/past-bulletins/