

Sunday Bulletin

Blessed Sacrament & Roncalli Newman Parishes
December 4th, 2022 | 2nd Sunday of Advent



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RNP Office Hours:

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

BSP Office Hours:

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

Sunday Mass Times

Sat. 4:30pm @ BSP
Sun. 9am (BSP), 11:15am (RNP), & 8:30pm (RNP)

Daily Mass Times

BSP Mon - Fri 8:00am
RNP Tues 5:15pm
RNP Wed & Fri Noon
RNP Thurs 7pm

Confession Times

Saturday evening @ 3:30pm or by appt.

Around the Parish

Loaves and Fishes Gathering

In the midst of your holiday preparations, take an evening off and join Gathering Loaves & Fishes at the Waterfront Restaurant on Wednesday evening, December 21st at 6:30 p.m. Please call Colleen at 608-787-1120 to make your reservation. Hope to see you there.



Advent Christmas Jars

If you still have your Advent Christmas Jar donation you may put the monies in a plastic bag and bring it to the office. For pick up contact Ellen in the Office (608-782-2953 ext 2) or Barb at home (608-784-6974)

Christmas Collection for Ukraine

As we approach the Advent and Christmas season, Valentyna Pavsyukova is organizing a diocese-wide charitable collection for the suffering children, women, and men of Ukraine. Please consider donating at our parish collection site. More information on this Christmas collection for Ukraine can be found at diolc.org/Chalice-of-Mercy. All new items must be donated by **December 5th 2022**. To make a much-needed financial donation, visit chaliceofmercy.org/donate. See the online bulletin for a list of needed items. Thank you very much!

December Men's Prayer and Fellowship

The December Men's prayer and fellowship gathering will be **Tuesday December 13th from 6-7:30pm** at the Parish Center conference room at BSP. We will pray as usual and discuss Advent and also will talk about a Saint of December that was very vital to the conversion of millions to the Church. Bring your Rosary and a friend. All men of all area parishes are invited.

THIS MONDAY– An Advent Reflection – "O Come, O Come Emmanuel: Not just a hymn - A soul's cry to God"

Monday Dec. 5th, 6:30- 7:30pm BSP Parish Hall - How can we prepare ourselves spiritually for Christmas and the celebration of the Nativity of our Lord and Savior? The classic Advent hymn O Come, O Come Emmanuel; gives us a way to enter into the spirituality of this important season in the life of the Church. This hymn (and the Collects of the Mass during Advent) gives us seven images of Christ to meditate on: the Dayspring, the Key of David, and so on, which come from an ancient Catholic devotion called the O Antiphons. In this Advent presentation, Holly Ordway will explain the meaning of "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" and show how we can enhance our prayer life during Advent by reflecting on these rich and beautiful images. This presentation also provides a gentle and inviting way of evangelization, so we encourage you to invite a friend or family member who is not a Catholic or who has fallen away from the Church to join you as we explore the riches of Advent prayer.

- Dr. Holly Ordway is the Cardinal Francis George Fellow of Faith and Culture at Bishop Barron's Word on Fire Institute, and the author of *Tales of Faith: A Guide to Sharing the Gospel through Literature*.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

December 10/11

Saturday, Dec 10, 4:30 PM (Mass at Blessed Sacrament)

Mark Steingraeber	Reader (1)
Michael J Porter	Reader (2)
Hunter J.	Server
Michael J.	Server
Pat Abraham	Minister of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Mark Schuttenhelm	Minister of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Mary Schuttenhelm	Minister of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Michele Cook	Minister of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Mike Vanderploeg	Sacristan/MC
Caryl Doberstein	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion
Luci Johnson	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sunday, Dec 11, 9:00 AM (Mass at Blessed Sacrament)

Dave Weinberger	Reader (1)
Kris Gerke	Reader (2)
Jonny W.	Server
Jackson W.	Server
Mark Hyde	Minister of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Bob Roth	Minister of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Steve Flottmeyer	Minister of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
LuAnne Kratt	Minister of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
William Arnold	Sacristan/MC
Donna Lee	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion
Larry Lee	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

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

Margaret Bluske	Reader (1)
Maureen Neuville	Reader (2)
Bobbie Wilson	Minister of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Pat Wilson	Minister of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Ellen Thorn	Minister of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Mark Thorn	Minister of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Mike Kreiling	Gift Bearer
Becky Kreiling	Gift Bearer
Mary Lou Balts	Sacristan/MC

December 17/18

Saturday, Dec 17, 4:30 PM (Mass at Blessed Sacrament)

Michele Thorman	Reader (1)
Caryl Doberstein	Reader (2)
Mike H.	Server
Elizabeth H.	Server
Michael J Porter	Minister of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Thomas Miller	Minister of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Rose Porter	Minister of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Kathie Hanna	Minister of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Mike Vanderploeg	Sacristan/MC
Ellen Kallies	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion
Luci Johnson	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sunday, Dec 18, 9:00 AM (Mass at Blessed Sacrament)

Patty Keil	Reader (1)
Bob Kelemen	Reader (2)
Charlee G.	Server
Ruby G.	Server
Pat Abraham	Minister of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Scott Smerud	Minister of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Karen Gamoke	Minister of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
John Gallagher	Minister of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
William Arnold	Sacristan/MC
Maggie Leon	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion
Kathi Hancock	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sunday, Dec 18, 11:15 AM (Mass at Roncalli Newman)

Carol Mader	Reader (1)
Maureen Neuville	Reader (2)
Kathryn Barth	Minister of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Carlene Ulrich	Minister of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Dennis Ulrich	Minister of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Mike Mader	Minister of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Ken Horth	Gift Bearer
Ginger Horth	Gift Bearer
Debbie Clarkin	Sacristan/MC

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 3

4:30pm BSP + Cole Berra

Sunday, December 4 - 2nd Sunday in Advent

9:00am BSP Intention of John and Donna Hansen

11:15am RNP + Tom Strange

Monday, December 5

8am BSP + Marge Straight

Tuesday, December 6

8am BSP + Mary Sue Finn

5:15pm RNP + Diane Cornforth

Wednesday, December 7

8am BSP + Joe Sweeney

12pm RNP + Wayne Cornforth

5:30pm BSP + Paul Swiecieak

Thursday, December 8

8am BSP + Fr Raj's Mother - SCHOOL MASS

7pm RNP + Edna Spohn

Friday, December 9

8am BSP + Matt Haug

12pm RNP + Tom Strange

Saturday, December 10

4:30pm BSP People of the Parish

Sunday, December 11 - 3rd Sunday in Advent

9:00am BSP + Don Dolan

11:15am RNP + Norma Thiele

This Week

Saturday, December 3

- Confessions, 3:30pm @ BSP
- Rosary, 4:05pm (led by Natalie Schwinn-Weaver)

Sunday, December 4 - 2nd Sunday in Advent

- Rosary, 8:35am (led by Steve and Annette Flottmeyer)
- Families Forming Disciples, 10:10am BSP

Monday, December 5

- Salvation Army Service, 4:15pm
- Lectio: The Case for Jesus, 6-7:30pm BSP Hall
- Upcoming Sunday Scripture Study, 6pm RNP

Tuesday, December 6

- RCIA Class, 6:30pm BSP
- Social Justice Mtg, RNP Virtual - see RNP website

Wednesday, December 7

- Dogma and Donuts Men's Group, 8:45am BSP
- Christmas Choir Rehearsal, 5:30pm RNP
- High School Faith Formation, 7pm BSP
- RCIA Class, 7pm RNP

Thursday, December 8

- Salvation Army Service, 4:15pm

Friday, December 9

Saturday, December 10

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

Sunday, December 11 - 3rd Sunday in Advent

- Rosary, 8:35am (led by Les and Terry Lachine)
- last day for BSP Giving Tree and Ukraine Collection

Weekend Collection 11/27

BSP \$20,602.00 // RNP \$4,397.00

Around the Parish | 2nd Sunday of Advent

Blessed Sacrament Giving Tree

Catholic Charities requires the blessing of our help! In service of those challenged by life obstacles this Christmas, we are continuing hope for generous hearts to pull ornaments for the purchase of gift cards to be given to individuals and families who have applied for this gifted assistance. Receiving gift cards allows folks a sense of dignified ownership in selecting gifts, food, or other essentials for themselves and/or for their family members. Gift cards may be purchased through our parish SCRIP program (cash or check accepted), but can also be purchased directly from the stores indicated while you are out procuring provisions for your own Christmas celebrations. Simply remove the SCRIP form from inside the ornament, keep the outside tag attached, place the requested gift card inside, and drop off at the BS parish office. **The DECEMBER 11th return deadline is only one week away!** We have **116 ornaments still on the trees** located in the BSP church Narthex entrance and outside the parish office. Thank you to all who have joyfully gifted thus far. Should you be unable to support financially by purchasing gift cards, please offer up this vital endeavor in your prayers for successful completion this season. Contact caryl.doberstein@gmail.com or 608.782.1833 with questions.

Campus Ministry Tuesday Dinners

Thank you to all who helped make Chili Night a success! We welcomed 100 students. Next week our menu is **Taco Tuesday**. Check out the Roncalli Newman Website if you'd like to join this mission. **Anyone who brings an item or dish is welcome and encouraged to stay and eat with our college students.** Thank you very much for serving our college students!

Christmas Fair Raffle Basket Winners

Dining Out: Jackie
Craft Night: Mary K. Saphner
Pamper Yourself: Anna S.
Fun and Games: Maya
Holiday Kitchen: Pam Fellenz
Christmas Cheer: Mary K. Saphner
Creative Activities for Kids: Martin Dayton
'Twas the Night Before: Michelle Jensen-Beyer
Winter's a Good Time for Pizza and Tacos: Mary Ann Roesler
Let's Cook: Joan Knothe Stein
Movie and Wine Night: Jessica Cuerny
Thanks to all who supported our Raffle Baskets, either through donations, help, or buying tickets.

Roncalli Newman Giving Tree

Look for Roncalli Newman's Giving Tree in the gathering space outside of Mary Ellen's office. The Giving Tree has tags that benefit 3 local organizations, The Exchange, New Horizons Women's Shelter and The Boys & Girls Club. Each tag has a list of highly needed items for each organization. Choose an item or items to purchase and return items in a bag back under the Giving Tree. Attach the tag to identify the organization. No need to wrap the items. We need your items back to Newman **by Monday, December 19**. Thank you for your generosity in this season. Questions call Pat (608) 406-0635

Families with Children Preparing for First Reconciliation

This is just a friendly reminder to all parents with children from Blessed Sacrament and Roncalli Newman preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. There will be a meeting for both parents and children on **Sunday December 11th from 10:10am-11:10am** at Blessed Sacrament in the parish hall.

High School Faith Formation

High School Faith Formation meets this **Wednesday December 7th from 7:00pm-8:30pm** at Blessed Sacrament.

Families Forming Disciples

Those who attend FFD on Sundays will meet this **Sunday December 4th from 10:10-11:10am at Blessed Sacrament in the Parish Hall** for Week 1 of Lesson 4: Preparing for Christmas & Grace and Holiness in Family Life.

Families Forming Disciples does **NOT meet Wednesday December 7th or Sunday December 11th**. Families should be completing their Lesson 4 Week 2 At Home Mission: Prayerfully Preparing for Christmas & Grace and Holiness In Family Life.

Pointsettias for BSP Altar

Help adorn our sanctuary with the beautiful flowers of the season. Purchase a poinsettia in honor of someone or in their memory by calling the parish office at 608-782-2953, extension 2. The two options include a medium plant with red blossoms at \$18 or a large plant with white blossoms at \$35. Place your order soon.

Around the Parish | 2nd Sunday of Advent

Alternative Gift Giving

As mentioned in last week's bulletin, Roncalli Newman's Social Justice Group encourages you to make an effort to start a new tradition for your Christmas gift giving. Instead of buying a gift for someone on your Christmas list, make a donation in honor of that person. Include the whole family in a discussion about which charity donation would be the most meaningful for that person. Then gift wrap a Christmas note/picture telling them that their Christmas gift this year was a donation to..... in honor of them.

This week's idea for an Alternative Gift would be taking your children to buy books for young children, or choosing some from your own home library, that you and your children could put into some of the Little Free Libraries located in neighborhoods throughout the area. Of course, those of you without children could also do this. We are suggesting books with the themes of sharing, caring, or celebrating diversity. Read and discuss the books with your family, and then put them in the Little Free Libraries.

Then you or your children can draw, or write a Christmas card to ie; a grandparent, uncle, aunt, cousin, or godparent, telling them that their Christmas gift this year was a donation of books to the The Little Free libraries around the La Crosse area, in honor of them. As a grandmother, aunt, and godparent I would be so touched and thrilled by such a gift!

There is a La Crosse area Little Free Library map at: <https://littlefreelibrary.org/map/>

There is a list of books on diversity at: <https://www.pbs.org/parents/thrive/picture-books-to-celebrate-diversity>.

There is a list about caring and sharing books at: <https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/teaching-tools/book-lists/culture/books-about-caring-helping-others.html>

Pastoral Notes

From the desk of Fr. Billy Dodge

Praised be Jesus Christ,

Many are calling about Christmas Mass times. Here is the schedule:

Saturday, December 24:

4:00pm at Blessed Sacrament

6:00pm at Roncalli Newman (children's Mass)

8:00pm at Roncalli Newman (candlelight Mass)

Sunday December 25:

9:00am at Blessed Sacrament

11:15am at Roncalli Newman

Each parish gave up one Christmas Eve Mass from the year before in order to accommodate the possibility of one priest having to cover the entire Christmas schedule. I hope Father Sam will be around to cover at least 2 of our 5 Masses, but there is a strong probability Father Sam will have to cover Christmas Masses somewhere else.

If our churches are filled we will have overflow in the parish halls with live streaming and the possibility to receive communion. I recommend arriving early. Thank you for your patience as we adapt these schedules. We will see how it goes and evaluate it for next year.

God bless,
Father Billy Dodge

Music & Liturgy

From the desk of Mary Ellen Hauptert

CHANGE IN LEADERSHIP

Beginning this weekend, I'm very happy that Mary Blaha-DeBoer agreed to share music leadership responsibilities with me. We have worked together for almost 25 years and plan to build music ministry at both parishes based on our shared strengths. I can still be reached at mehauptert@viterbo.edu and Mary's new email is marybdmusic@gmail.com. Don't hesitate to contact either one of us with questions.

Specifically, responsibilities will be divided, as follows:

- Mary and I will work together on liturgy planning and worship aid production; I will provide her with a liturgy plan (similar to the attached document) that contains all the necessary information for each worship aid by Tuesday of each week. I'll produce the worship aids for this coming weekend and Mary will take over next week. She will also make sure that the worship aids are available online;
- Mary will be responsible for playing Masses at Blessed Sacrament and I will play three-four 11:15 AM Masses per month at Newman;
- Mary is primarily responsible for recruiting, training, and scheduling accompanists, choirs, and cantors for our Lord's Day and Holy day liturgies. I plan to assist her with this at first but hope to have less involvement in recruiting and training as time goes on;
- Mary will be responsible for communicating with Fr. Billy Dodge and the parish staffs at both RNP and BSP. She'll oversee the budget for both parishes, and direct music charges to either Sandy at Newman or Ellen at Blessed Sacrament;
- Mary will lead choir practices during fall and winter ordinary time; I will assist her with choral preparation for high season liturgies (Christmas and Triduum).
- As for tuning and maintenance, I plan to assist Mary in communicating with local tuners (Joel Lidstrom and Noah Short for piano at RNP; Hendrickson Organ Company for the organ at BSP)

My position as Director of Liturgy involves oversight and planning the areas of sacred liturgy, including, but not limited to the following:

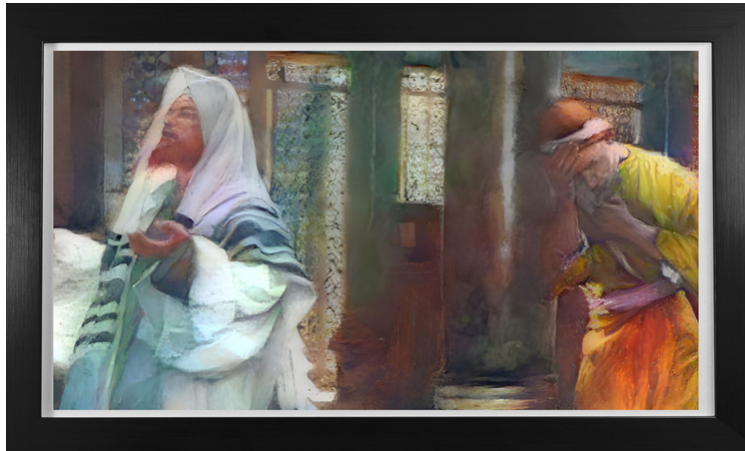
- Schedule and facilitate meetings of the Liturgy Committee;
- Recruit, train, and schedule liturgical ministers – readers, greeters/ushers, servers/sacristans/MCs, Bethany-Riverside volunteers, and any other volunteers directly involved with Lord's Day and Holy day liturgies at both parishes;
- Send weekly reminders to Sunday liturgical ministers and musicians;
- Contribute weekly music & liturgy article for the bulletin;
- Provide leadership, direction, and management of Ministry Scheduler Pro software for both Blessed Sacrament and Roncalli Newman parishes; maintain MSP online schedules of readers, greeters/ushers, servers/sacristans/MCs, Bethany-Riverside volunteers, and any other volunteers directly involved with Sunday liturgies; make sure that liturgical ministries are properly staffed each Sunday, and provide list of volunteers for check-in purposes;
- Schedule, coordinate, and facilitate training sessions for liturgical ministers in conjunction with scheduling periods (October-January; February-May; June-September); schedule training for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and discuss commissioning at both parishes; and...
- Oversee student music leadership at Newman.

The Christmas plan will be rather simple. It has been our tradition to incorporate as many carols as possible into the Christmas liturgies (as has been the case with Blessed Sacrament). Music ministers will practice together on Wednesdays but split for the Christmas Eve liturgies. I have been in contact with Pauline about the 4:00 PM Mass, as well as BSP music ministers who would like to work with her at that liturgy. Parish families will work with Mary to prepare for the Family Mass @ 6:00 PM on Christmas Eve.

I am happy to get a break and am confident that this new arrangement will better serve both parishes.

Advent Reflection: Thanksgiving

Each week we will be reflecting on a word: Adoration, Thanksgiving, Reparation and Petition. Each one of these words is located on the sides of the altar at BSP.



Thankfulness in Prayer

The first thing we must recognize about thankfulness is this is God's will for you and for me. God not only desires us to be thankful, but he also commands it. So many people question what God's will is for their life, well here is one thing you do not have to question. God wants you to be thankful, but here is the critical part of this verse – be thankful in all circumstances. This means a heart of thankfulness is not dependent upon your circumstances; it supersedes them. No matter what happens in your life, be thankful. This may not always be easy, but it is what God requires.

If you were to create a proper way to enter God's presence, this is it. You come with singing and thanksgiving. When you come to prayer in this fashion, it sets the right focus in so many ways. For one, it reminds you of how big God really is, how faithful he has been, and it can help your faith as you remember all God has done for you. Before you ask for anything, why not begin by thanking him for the many things he has done already. Just a note when you start thanking him, you might be there a while because he has done so much.

Imagine if every Christian lived a lifestyle of gratitude. Imagine if we were all motivated by the same goal. To do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, being thankful in the process. How would that change your outlook on everything you do? Why not try it today? In everything you do today, do it all in the name of Jesus and give thanks to God because he has allowed you to do it. I think this will change your attitude in the things you do.

Isn't it amazing that God has made you part of his purpose and plan? He allows you to participate in his work to build his kingdom. I love that Paul says Jesus considered him trustworthy. Just like Paul, there is something Jesus has for you to do that is just as important as the work Paul did. Be thankful that he allows you to participate, and one way to show your thankfulness is by being trustworthy to the work God has called you to do.

The last thing I want you to be thankful for is your eternal home. So often we get distracted by the things happening around us, and to a degree I understand. However, let's not forget that we are pilgrims and citizens at the same time. Though we live on earth, we are pilgrims here. Our citizenship is in heaven, and we are part of a kingdom that cannot be shaken, that cannot be overthrown, and that lasts forever. Even if God gives you one hundred years on this earth, you are still just passing through and the kingdom of God is your destination, so be thankful for your eternal home.

From: Clarence L Haynes Jr.

The Life of Jesus Movie Showings

Join us in preparing for the coming of Christ at Christmas by watching the Gospel of John acted out in "The Life of Christ" (see attached flyer). This amazing movie allows you to encounter Christ in a new way. Witness His miracles and the struggle of the Jewish people to embrace Him as the long-awaited Messiah. It is the Bible come to life and one of the best ways to make this Advent preparation time Christ-centered.

FREE MOVIE at these Church locations!

December 5 (Monday) 9:00 am – Noon St. James the Less – Murphy Hall

December 6 (Tuesday) 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm St. Patrick's, Onalaska – Parish Hall

December 7 (Wednesday) Noon – 3:00 pm Holy Trinity – Leo Hall

December 8 (Thursday) 9:00 am – Noon St. Patrick's, Onalaska – Parish Hall

December 11 (Sunday) 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm Blessed Sacrament – Parish Hall

Please join us! Bring your family and friends along!

Free popcorn and soda are provided.

Feel free to bring a bag of candy to share.

Sorry there is no show December 10 (Saturday) at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral due to a funeral taking place that day.

Mary Mother of the Church Cookie Walk and Craft Sale

Mary, Mother of the Church Parish will be holding their Cookie Walk & Craft Sale on Saturday, December 10, at the Parish Hall located at 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, from 7:30 AM - 1:00 PM. Homemade cookies will be sold by the pound, plus homemade Candies, Breads, Pies, Handcrafted Items and Scrip Gift Cards available for sale. Serving Continental Breakfast and Lunch (homemade soup and chili). Raffles and hourly Door Prizes.

Saint Joseph the Workman Cathedral
Christmas Bazaar

Saturday, December 3, 2022

8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Beautiful and unique gifts, handmade
greeting cards, artwork,

Christmas decor, religious items,
raffles and bake sale.