

Sunday Bulletin

Blessed Sacrament & Roncalli Newman Parishes
December 18th, 2022 | 4th 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

Christmas Decorating Helpers Needed @ BSP

Many hands and several strong backs are needed on the morning of **Friday December 23rd** as we prepare church for His birthday. Please come to the church at 9:00 a.m. if you are able to help.

Christmas Decorating Helpers Needed @RNP

Roncalli Newman is in need of 10 volunteers to help decorate for Christmas **TODAY Sunday December 18th** after the 11:15am Mass.

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.

Temporary daily Mass pause @ RNP

With the college students on break and Father Sam traveling for the SEEK conference, we will have a temporary break from daily Masses at Newman. Public masses will be postponed from December 26th - January 6th. Mass intentions will be prayed for privately. Blessed Sacrament daily Masses will continue as normal.

High School Confirmation Reminder

This is just a friendly reminder that all high school youth preparing for Confirmation will meet **TODAY Sunday, December 18th from 5:00pm-8:00pm** at Blessed Sacrament in the Parish Hall. Only candidates need to attend and a meal will be provided.

Campus Ministry Tuesday Dinners

Thank you to all who helped make our dinner this week a success! We served 115 students. Due to the students' winter break, we won't be having Tuesday night dinners again until January 24th. Thank you very much for making these dinners possible this semester!

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. There are several \$18 red 6 inch plants available as well as a few \$35 white 8-inch plants and \$50 white 10-inch plants available. Please place your order by mid-week

Roncalli Newman Giving Tree

The last day for the Roncalli Newman giving tree is this Monday, December 19th. Gifts can be left under the tree in the gathering space with the attached tags. Thank you for helping a family in need this Christmas!

This Week

Saturday, December 17

- Confessions, 3:30pm @ BSP
- Rosary, 4:05pm (led by Gene and Mary Ann Roesler)

Sunday, December 18 - 4th Sunday in Advent

- Rosary, 8:35am (led by Kevin and Helen Roop)
- Families Forming Disciples, 10:10 - 11:10am, BSP
- High School Confirmation, 5pm - 8pm, BSP

Monday, December 19

- "Confess-athon" @ Cathedral, 9am-6pm
- Salvation Army Service, 4:15pm
- Upcoming Sunday Scripture Study, 6pm RNP

Tuesday, December 20

- RCIA Class, 6:30pm BSP

Wednesday, December 21

- Dogma and Donuts Men's Group, 8:45am BSP
- Christmas Choir Rehearsal, 5:30pm RNP
- Loaves and Fishes Gathering, 6:30pm

Thursday, December 22

- Salvation Army Service, 4:15pm

Friday, December 23

Saturday, December 24

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

Sunday, December 25 - Christmas Day

- Rosary, 8:35am (led by Joe and Barb Clements)

*RNP and BSP offices closed Mon, December 26th

Weekend Collection 12/11

BSP \$9,752.00 // RNP \$5,786.00

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 17

4:30pm BSP Living and Deceased members of the
Jim and Maxine Kroner Family

Sunday, December 18 - 4th Sunday in Advent

9:00am BSP + Ron Hammes

11:15am RNP + Vince Hatt

Monday, December 19

8am BSP + Tim Curtis

Tuesday, December 20

8am BSP For the Intention of Jean Kachel

5:15pm RNP +Larry Hogder

Wednesday, December 21

8am BSP For the Intention of Pat and Mary Dolan

12pm RNP +Mary L

Thursday, December 22

8am BSP +Matt Haug

10:30am Memorial Mass for Mary Marcou

7pm RNP Reparation for Offense against Mary

Friday, December 23

8am BSP For the Intention of Nicholas Drozdowicz

12pm RNP +Tom Strange

Saturday, December 24

4:30pm BSP +Ray and Florence Mashak

6pm RNP +Leroy and Lynn Paulin

8pm RNP

Sunday, December 25 - Christmas Day

9:00am BSP +Terri Levi

11:15am RNP +Jack Niedfeldt

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Saturday, Dec 24, 4:00 PM: Christmas Eve (BSP)

Joan Mueller	Reader (1)
Tom Kieffer	Reader (2)
Sam Scheidt	Cantor
Pauline Connell	Accompanist
Dave Schreier	Server
Suzanne Verdoliva	Min of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Mark Hyde	Min of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Mary Schuttenhelm	Min of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Mark Schuttenhelm	Min of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Seasonal Volunteer 1	Gift Bearer
Seasonal Volunteer 2	Gift Bearer
Mike Vanderploeg	Sacristan/MC
Caryl Doberstein	Extraordinary Min of Holy Communi...
Sandra Borreson	Extraordinary Min of Holy Communi...

Sunday, Dec 25, 9:00 AM: Christmas Day (BSP)

Dave Reinders	Reader (1)
Mary Jo Reinders	Reader (2)
Christine Nelson	Cantor
Mary Blaha-DeBoer	Accompanist
NOT FILLED	Server
NOT FILLED	Server
Bob Roth	Min of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Bruce Simones	Min of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
NOT FILLED	Min of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
LuAnne Kratt	Min of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
William Arnold	Sacristan/MC
Kathi Hancock	Extraordinary Min of Holy Communi...
NOT FILLED	Extraordinary Min of Holy Communion

Saturday, Dec 24, 6:00 PM: Christmas Eve Family Mass (RNP)

Margaret Anderson	Reader (1)
Beth Piggush	Reader (2)
Justin Piggush	Reader (3)
Kristin Johnson	Cantor
Mary Blaha-DeBoer	Accompanist
Ellen Thorn	Min of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Mark Thorn	Min of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Seasonal Volunteer 1	Min of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Seasonal Volunteer 2	Min of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Ginger Horth	Gift Bearer
Ken Horth	Gift Bearer
NOT FILLED	Sacristan/MC

Sunday, Dec 25, 11:15 AM: Christmas Day (RNP)

Teresa Walter	Reader (1)
NOT FILLED	Reader (2)
Mary Blaha-DeBoer	Cantor
Ryan Howe	Accompanist
Sean O'Flaherty	Min of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Cindy Patros	Min of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Paul Patros	Min of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
NOT FILLED	Min of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
NOT FILLED	Gift Bearer
NOT FILLED	Gift Bearer
Sandra Johnston	Sacristan/MC

Saturday, Dec 24, 8:00 PM: Christmas Eve Candlelight Mass (RNP)

Annie Berendes	Reader (1)
Greg Wegner	Reader (2)
Mary Blaha-DeBoer	Cantor
Mary Ellen Hauptert	Accompanist
Sean O'Flaherty	Min of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Gabe Berendes	Min of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
Michele Cook	Min of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
John Horman	Min of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)

Richard Kotovich	Min of Hospitality (Greeter, Usher)
John Horman	Gift Bearer
Richard Kotovich	Gift Bearer
NOT FILLED	Sacristan/MC

Around the Parish | 4th Sunday of Advent

Rest In Peace

A Memorial Mass for Mary Virginia Winter Marcou will be held at Blessed Sacrament on **Thursday, December 22 at 10:30 AM** preceded by a CDA rosary at 9:30 AM

Winter Clothing Donation Update

Jail Ministry of La Crosse wants to thank you for your generous donations of boots and shoes for the inmates as they are released. Many come in during the warmer months and have nothing warm for their feet to return home. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

High School Faith Formation

High School Faith Formation will take a break for the Christmas season and resume meeting on **Wednesday January 4th**.

Families Forming Disciples

Families that attend FFD on Sundays will meet this **Sunday December 18 th from 10:10am- 11:10am** at Blessed Sacrament in the Parish Hall. Families will share their Lesson 4 Week 2 At Home Mission: Prayerfully Preparing for Christmas & Grace and Holiness In Family Life.

Families Forming Disciples Christmas Break

FFD will take a break for the Christmas season and resume meeting on Wednesday January 4th and Sunday January 8th respectively.

Alternative Gift Giving from RNC SJ

Place of Grace at 919 Hood St. La Crosse WI strives to alleviate hunger in the La Crosse community by providing a food pantry to individuals and families experiencing food insecurity. Place of Grace is always in desperate need of groceries for their food pantry. They don't need money, they need groceries.

Get your whole family involved in reaching out and helping others this Advent season. Make a list of chores for which your children can earn money. The money the children earn can be placed in a jar decorated by the kids or a box made into Jesus' crib, so they can watch their funds grow. Then as a family, go grocery shopping and have the children use the money they earned to buy some food items for the Place of Grace Pantry. Using the money they earned (instead of watching mom or dad pay for it) will teach them the joy of sharing with others and making sacrifices. You can bring the food to Place of Grace at 919 Hood St. from Tues. 12-4 or Thurs. 12-6. Pantry items that are needed include **cereal, mac and cheese, peanut butter, applesauce, chicken noodle and tomato soups, cheese slices, canned chicken and tuna, Spaghetti sauce and noodles, baked beans, canned pears and peaches, rice, and canned corn**. Have the kids make a Christmas card for grandma or grandpa or godparents explaining that their gift this Christmas was groceries that the kids paid for and donated to Place of Grace Food Pantry.

Associate Pastoral Notes

From the desk of Father Sam McCarty

Hi All,

This week I have a student testimony for you from Stephen Nicholson; he talks especially about the difference the people at Newman have made in his life. I can say from my own perspective that he's really jumped in and been a great and positive member of our community. Enjoy!

-Fr. Sam

As a transfer student coming from a community college from another state I was worried it would be hard to meet new people and make connections at La Crosse. When my parents were dropping me off for school my Dad noticed some chalk on the ground, this chalk was an invitation to come to a Luau dance. I figured that would be a good place to meet people so I went, what I didn't know at the time was how many amazing people I was about to meet. That night I enjoyed some great food and was introduced to many people that I would grow to call good friends. Newman is a place that is so welcoming, from the dinners on Tuesday nights when you can enjoy fantastic food cooked with love and care, to the more involved trips such as the camping retreat where you get to take a step back and recenter your mind. Newman has made my first semester so much more enjoyable and fun then it would have been had I not followed the chalk.

— Stephen Nicholson

Music & Liturgy

From the desk of Mary Ellen Hauptert

THANK YOU!

Thank you to Liturgical Ministers from both parishes who make our liturgies prayerful, reverent, and meaningful. Your cooperative effort is valued and treasured; we cannot be Church without your continued service.

READERS:

Margaret Anderson, Jim Bagniewski, Natalie Bennett Annie, Berendes, Margaret Bluske, Michelle Boge, Debbie Clarkin, Caryl Doberstein, John Drake, Paulette Drozdowicz, Sean Dwyer, John Gallagher, Kris Gerke, Erma Hafner, Kathleen Hench, Tom Hench, John Houge, Meredith Houge, Sandra Johnston, Judy Kabat, Patty Keil, Bob Kelemen, Tom Kieffer, Gene Kolaczowski, Roger Korger, LuAnne Kratt, Ann Lankford, Bill Leonard, Carol Mader, Bob Masewicz, Steve McGovern, Thomas Michel, Joan Mueller, Maureen Neuville, Grace Nicholson-Maly, Edward Noelke, Beth Piggush, Justin Piggush, Michael Porter, Dave Reinders, Mary Jo Reinders, Mary Saphner, Bobbi Schamberger, Mark Steingraeber, Barb Swieczak, Paul Thompson, Michele

Thorman, Ellen Thorn, Mark Thorn, Teresa Walter, Greg Wegner, Dave Weinberger, and Tony Weisse.

MUSICIANS:

Pianists Mary Blaha-DeBoer, Pauline Connell, Jennifer Kulzer, Kent Stein, Ryan Howe, Maggie Schreiber, and Matt Salvo; Cantors Mary Blaha-DeBoer, Peg Manson, Andy Manson, Kelley Manson, Julia Kreitzer, Christine Nelson, Michelle Johnson, Michelle Skemp, Maggie Schreiber, and all Roncalli Newman and Blessed Sacrament choir members.

MINISTERS of HOSPITALITY:

Jim and Carolyn Bagniewski, Annie and Gabe Berendes,, John Gallagher, Erma and Larry Hafner, Sandra Johnston, Roger Korger, LuAnne Kratt, Bob Roth, Steve Flottmeyer, Mark Hyde, Maureen and Mark Neuville, Beth and Justin Piggush, Michael and Rose Porter, Ellen and Mark Thorn, Sunny Onyeabar, Michelle Cook, Annie and Gabe Berendes, Suzanne Verdoliva, Mary and Mark Schuttenhelm, Natalie and Scott Weaver, Ellen and Mark Thorn, John Horman and Richard Kotovich, Bruce Simones, Cindy and Paul Patros, Thomas Miller, Kathie Hannah, Carlene and Dennis Ulrich, Scott Smerud, Pat Abraham, Karen Gamoke, Pat and Bobbi Wilson, John Gallagher, Ken and Ginger Horth, Mike and Carol Mader, Jim and Carolyn Bagniewski, Kathryn Barth, Becky and Mike Kreiling, Allie and Sherwin Toribio, Trish and Don Harkness, Roger Korger, Roger Korger, Kathy and Leigh Running, Freddi and Sam Servais, Debbie Dahl-Schultz, Sean O'Flaherty, Karen Lange, Carol Knox, and Sunny Onyeabor.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:

At present we have a very short list of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. We plan to have a commissioning ceremony at the end of January, before the start of the new semester.

Pastoral Notes

From the desk of Fr. Billy Dodge

Come Lord Jesus!

Confess-athon: Will be held at Cathedral this coming Monday, December 19, with four priests hearing confessions at all times from 9:00am - 6:00pm.

The word "Christmas" is a combination of two words, "Christ's Mass". We cannot have Christmas without the Mass. Even if no one else in your family will go to give praise and thanks to God, I encourage you to be the one to go, without complaint, and witness to the importance of your faith by your actions. The Christmas Mass schedule for Blessed Sacrament and Roncalli Newman are as follows:

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

I look forward to seeing you there!

Advent Blessings,
Father Billy Dodge

Advent Reflection: Petition

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.

Prayer as Petition
BARB SZYSZKIEWICZ

“Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God” (Phil 4:6-7).

Prayer of petition, quite simply, is asking for God’s help. Throughout the Gospels, Jesus encourages us to place our needs before God in prayer. In giving us the Lord’s Prayer (Mt 6:9-13), Jesus instructs us to ask God for what we need, trusting that God both knows our needs and loves us enough to give us what is good for us. “Which one of you would hand his son a stone when he asks for a loaf of bread, or a snake when he asks for a fish? If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good things to those who ask him” (Mt 7:9-11).



At the same time, Jesus emphasizes in the Lord’s Prayer that we need to express, along with our needs, our willingness to accept God’s will. Jesus, in his own prayer at Gethsemane, offers an example of how to pray this way: “Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me; still, not my will, but yours, be done” (Lk 22:42).

In all humility, we reach out to God, knowing that he is the source of all good things, including forgiveness. Prayers of contrition, expressing sorrow for our sins and asking for God’s mercy, help to bring us back into communion with God and each other, according to the Catechism of the Catholic Church (see No. 2631). Psalms 51 and 130 are beautiful expressions of prayers of contrition. In the Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector (Lk 18:9-14), the prayer, “O God, be merciful to me, a sinner!” is a humble prayer of contrition.

Many of the psalms are prayers of petition, often including themes of contrition (Psalms 51 and 130, for example) and need for protection (Psalms 4, 6, 10, 13, and 17, among many others). Some psalms, such as 94, 98, 99, 137, and 147, also express anticipation of the coming of God’s Kingdom, just as Jesus echoes, “Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven” (Mt 6:10).

Prayers of petition are often very spontaneous: “God, help me!” Even if we feel far from God, we are able, in our supplication, to turn to him for help. Every need, the Catechism reminds us, “can become the object of petition” (No. 2633). We should not be afraid to approach God to entrust him with our needs, in ordinary times as well as desperate ones. Bringing these needs to God is a humble way to acknowledge his goodness, kindness, power, and mercy. Even in the most difficult times, when “God, help me!” or “God, help us!” is as much as we can muster, we are encouraged to ask for God’s help.

We are also encouraged to persevere in this kind of prayer. In the parable of the persistent widow (Lk 18:1-8), Jesus underscores the need to “pray always without becoming weary.” God hears and answers those who have faith, and that faith is shown in our determination not to give up when our prayer is not answered immediately or in the way we expect.

Where do we see this in the Mass?

One of the first things we do at Mass is pray for God’s mercy and forgiveness of our sins during the Penitential Act. Just before the Eucharistic Prayer, we petition God to accept and bless the gifts we offer to him. One of the options for the Memorial Acclamation contains a prayer of petition: “Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.” The Lord’s Prayer and Lamb of God are both prayers of petition, as is our prayer after the Lamb of God: “Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.” By the time we approach the altar to receive the Lord in the Eucharist, we have prayed for God’s mercy at least four times.

3 practical ways to pray this way

Pray an Act of Contrition every day.

When you pray in petition, be sure to close with the Lord's Prayer or simply the words, "your will be done."

Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet, a prayer of trust in the Lord and the power of his mercy.

What do the saints say about prayer of petition?

"God bestows many things on us out of His liberality, even without our asking for them: but that He wishes to bestow certain things on us at our asking, is for the sake of our good, namely, that we may acquire confidence in having recourse to God, and that we may recognize in Him the Author of our goods." (St. Thomas Aquinas, Summa Theologica)



Adoration Prayer

My Lord Jesus Christ,
I believe that You are really here in this Sacrament.
Night and day You remain here compassionate and loving.
You call, You wait for,
You welcome everyone who comes to visit You.
I thank You, Jesus my Divine Redeemer
for coming upon the earth for our sake
and for instituting the Adorable Sacrament of the Holy
Eucharist
in order to remain with us until the end of the world.
I thank You for hiding beneath the Eucharistic species
Your infinite majesty and beauty,
which Your Angels delight to behold,
so that I might have courage to approach the throne of
Your mercy.
I thank You dear Jesus,
for having become the priceless Victim,
to merit for me the fullness of heavenly favors.
Awaken in me such confidence in You
that their fullness may descend ever more fruitfully upon
my soul.
I thank You for offering Yourself
in thanksgiving to God for all His benefits,
spiritual and temporal
which He has bestowed on me.
Grant me grace and perseverance in your faithful service.

Amen

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This
Christmas
end a quarrel.
Seek out a forgotten
friend. Dismiss suspicion,
and replace it with trust.
Write a love letter. Share some
treasure. Give a soft answer. Keep
a promise. Find the time. Forgo a grudge.
Forgive an enemy. Listen. Apologize if you
were wrong. Try to understand. Examine your
demands on others. Think first of someone else.
Be kind; be gentle. Appreciate. Laugh a little. Laugh a
little more. Express your gratitude. Gladden the heart of a
child. Welcome a stranger. Take pleasure in the beauty and the
wonder of Earth.
Speak your love.
Speak it again.
Speak it yet
Once again.

Diocesan Advent Series

Check out this Diocesan wide Advent video series to prepare for Christmas. Videos can be found here:
diolc.org/catechesis

4 th week: "Source and Summit" of the Church's Life with Father Steven Weller

In the fullness of time, our Heavenly Father sent His Son, Jesus, to save us from our sins. Jesus gave us the Eucharist, as a memorial of His Passion and Death. When we receive the Eucharist, we literally receive Jesus Himself. The Eucharist is our solid foundation and highest point of union with God on earth.