

Blessed Sacrament Parish

130 Losey Blvd. S.

La Crosse, Wisconsin 54601

CONGRATULATIONS

Monsignor

Hundt

Papal Honor of Chaplain to His Holiness
Conferred
December 18, 2005

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:30 pm

Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 am

Weekdays Tues-Fri 6:30 am; Mon-Sat 7:30 am

Thurs 8:15 (check school calendar)

Holy Days 5:15 pm day before

10:30 (if a school day); 5:15 pm

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Wednesday 4:00, 7:00, 8:00

Saturday 3:45 & 7:00

1/2 Hr before Sunday Masses

WEEKLY EXPOSITION AND ADORATION

Wednesdays 2:00 - 9:00 pm

Evening Prayer & Benediction 5:15

Monsignor Robert Hundt, Pastor
Father Francis Thadathil, MSFS, Associate Pastor

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Parish Website www.blessedsacramentlacrosse.org

Natural family planning information: 1-800-255-6226

Catholic Radio WKBH 1570 AM

Blessed Sacrament welcomes new parishioners at any time. Contact the rectory to make an appointment.

To arrange for a wedding, contact the rectory at least six months in advance.

To arrange for a baptism, contact the rectory for Baptismal class information.

Anointing of the Sick: Those who are seriously sick or have been ill for a long period of time should receive the Sacrament of the Sick and Holy Communion. Call the parish office to make arrangements.

If you are home-bound because of illness and would like to be visited, please call the parish office.

OFFERING FAMILIES

December 24

4:30 Chris & Becky Sans Crainte & family

7:30

10:00

December 25

7:30 Tom & Maureen Kieffer

9:00

10:30 Donna Cramer and family

SALVATION ARMY FOOD PANTRY

December 20 Michael & Terry Coulombe

BLESSED SACRAMENT WEEK FOR

MOBILE MEALS

Dec 26-Jan 1

December 18, 2005 Fourth Sunday of Advent

In our parish and around the town all our Catholic parishes will have a special schedule for confessions during this week before Christmas. Confession is not a popular topic or practice in the contemporary Church. Nothing in Vatican Council II removed the requirement for receiving the Sacrament of Penance on a regular basis and especially when in the state of serious sin. These days there are long lines of people at Mass on Sundays receiving the Sacrament of the Eucharist, but few at the same church on Saturday going to confession.

Is it possible, in this world of sin and moral collapse, that virtually everywhere Catholics young and old, single and married are without serious sin week after week after week?

There is also a sad reality about the Real Presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist. More and more people seem to think it is only a symbol of Christ's presence. To paraphrase the great Catholic novelist Flannery O'Connor, "If it's only symbol, forget the whole silly idea." If we really believe the All-holy Lord comes to us in Communion, body and blood, soul and divinity, then we must cleanse our souls of all sin, most especially mortal sin, and that can only be done by confession of sins to a priest.

During this final week of Advent make the season complete by celebrating the sacrament of penance. Pray for all confessors and for those who are searching for the courage and faith to return to the sacrament of Penance.

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

At the Cathedral: Mon, Dec 19, 9:00-6:00

Here at Blessed Sacrament:

Wed, Dec 21 4:00, 7:00, 8:00

Thurs and Fri, Dec 22 & 23 4:00 & 7:00

RCIA CORNER

The Rite of Welcoming celebrated two weeks ago called the candidates to listen to instructions and to join with us in a life of prayers and service. This past week the RCIA team and candidates reflected more deeply on the woman most capable of showing us the way to live that life, the Virgin Mary. Mary, whose unconditional "Yes" gave us a savior, shows us what it means to be a faithful follower of Jesus. She always points to Him. May we allow her to lead us ever closer to her Son, especially in this season of Advent.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Dec 19 - 25, 2005

Mon, Dec 19 Advent Weekday

7:30 **+Mary Howard**

Servers: Chris Cavadini, Jerry Franke

Tues, Dec 20 Advent Weekday

6:30 **Intention of Marliiss Beland**

Server: Bill Arnold

7:30 **+David Oswalt**

Servers: Carson & Nathan Schneider

2:00 **+Andrew Petras**

Servers: Dan Bagniefski, Jacob Dee

Wed, Dec 21 Advent Weekday, Peter Canisius

6:30 **Intention of Dorothy Petras**

Server: Jason Hutzler, Dave Allen

7:30 **+Virgil Grabinski**

Servers: Mike Guggenbuehl, Andrew Pryor

2:00 EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

5:15 BENEDICTION AND EVENING PRAYER

Server: John Paul Soldner

Thurs, Dec 22 Advent Weekday

6:30 **Intention of Irene Pierce**

Server: Dan Skaff

7:30 **+Mary Maney**

Servers: Matt Schlesinger, Tyler Herricks

Fri, Dec 23 Advent Weekday, John of Kanty

6:30 **+Paul & Midge Voelker**

Server: Pete Fiorini

7:30 **Intention of Daniel Coppola Birthday**

Servers: Irene Kelly, Nicole Cox

Sat, Dec 24 Advent Weekday

7:30 **+Joseph Bushek**

Servers: John Paul Soldner, Patrick Campbell

4:30 **+Ellis & Eleanor Crook**

Servers: Andrew Flottmeyer, Joel Reinhart, Tim, Eric & Steve Clements

7:30 **+Paul Voelker**

10:00 **Special Intention**

Sun, Dec 25 Nativity of the Lord

7:30 **+D. B. Reinhart**

9:00 **+Robert Gazeley**

10:30 **For the People of the Parish**

LOOKING AHEAD Saturday, Dec 31

7:30 Kyle Sieck, Mike Guggenbuehl

4:30 Mary Dolan, Cassandra Steele, Stephanie Koehne

January 1

7:30 Dick Meyer, Kyle Sieck

9:00 Michael Czeiska, Benjamin Kolter, Bobby Steingraeber,

Mark Steingraeber, Alex Ness

10:30 Peter Kieffer, Charlie Soldner, Nick Guggenbuehl,

J.J. Pearse, Matt Kachel

REST IN PEACE

**William Amundson
Husband of Betty**

Adults of the parish

There will be an Epiphany Evening program on Sat, Jan 7, 7-9 pm. Plan to bring your favorite hors d'oeuvre or wine to share. A presentation will be given by Dr. Arthur Hippler, Office of Justice and Peace.

AROUND THE PARISH

CALENDAR RAFFLE

Sponsored by the Parish Men's Club
\$10 tickets available through Jan.

Daily winners will be drawn throughout Feb. \$25
Mon-Sat; \$50 every Sunday.

Men of the Parish, help sell tickets so we can
continue to fund parish needs, such as new
cassocks for servers, usher's coats, the building
project, and community needs.

Call the parish office for more information.
GREAT stocking stuffer!!

MUSIC FOR THE SEASON

Plan to come a half hour early for Mass on
Christmas Eve or Christmas Day to enjoy the
beautiful music of Christmas performed by choirs
and instrumentalists.

The Christmas Chronicles

Performed by the 6th grade
Choral accompaniment by the 5th grade
Band and orchestra Grades 3 and 4
Monday, December 19, 1:00 and 6:00
Diocesan Center gym
Everyone is invited

URGENT COMMUNITY NEEDS

BLANKETS (new or in good condition) for area homeless
and needed by the Salvation Army for those who cannot
stay in the shelter.

TOILET PAPER & DIAPERS are needed by Catholic
Charities.

GIFT CARDS to stores that do not sell alcohol
(Walgreens, Shopko, etc.) are needed by both
organizations.

**PLEASE HELP BY DROPPING OFF ITEMS IN THE
NARTHEX WHEN YOU COME TO MASS.**

*Would you like to join our work group to assess
community needs and help provide for them?
Contact Gene and Marcia Kolaczowski, 790-5342.*

AN OFFERING OF WORDS

Collection of sermons by Monsignor Hundt.
This new book is on sale now, \$20. All proceeds are
earmarked for our new Parish Center. Give as a gift
to family, friends, employees. Give as a gift to
yourself. It's very inspirational!

PARISH SUPPORT

COLLECTIONS UPDATE July 1, 2005 - June 30, 2006
Needed each week: \$ 17,400.00
Received 12/11 \$ 20,786.00
+ \$ 3,386.00

Wisconsin fast food = hitting a deer at 60 mph.

COMING UP

Dec 19 Confessions at the Cathedral, 9-6:00

Dec 19 School Advent Program

Dec 21 Aquinas Golden Mass

*Note: Because the last weekend of the month
is Christmas weekend, we will honor December
wedding anniversaries on the January Anniversary
weekend.

Jan 7 Epiphany Evening

Jan 8 Donut Sunday

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SENIOR CHOIR will practice Thurs, 7-8:00, in the choir
loft. The choir will sing at the 7:30 pm Christmas Eve Mass.
Caroling begins at 7:00.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR will practice Christmas Eve morning,
9:30-10:15. The Children's Choir will sing at the 4:30
Christmas Eve Mass. They will be joined by the GRADE
SCHOOL CHOIR.

ADVENT COOKBOOK SPECIAL

Buy a Blessed Sacrament Cookbook FEEDING THE
FLOCK and get a 2nd at half price.

1 book = \$10.00

2 books = \$15.00

Available at the Parish Office or after
all Sunday Masses during Advent.

*(Now bring us some Figgy Pudding. The recipe is on page 157. I
won't go until I get some.)*

\$CRIP NEWS

*Better load up on gift cards from the grocery store.
Company's coming!*

BEAUTY BAGS FOR NEW HORIZONS

While shopping this week, drop in a bottle of shampoo
or conditioner, some antiperspirant, disposable razors,
toothpaste, soap, or new washcloths. All are needed to
fill Beauty Bags for New Horizons Shelter for women.
Then say a prayer for those who will benefit by your
generosity. A drop box for your items is in the Narthex.
Thanks for helping!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Wed, 6:30-7:45

Grades 1-10

USHERS, READERS, EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Have you let the Parish office know if you needed to contact a sub for Christmas or New Year's weekend?

Please do so right away. 782-2953

+Monday night the Men's Club had a very pleasant and productive evening. The Club turned its attention to ways to raise financial and spiritual capitol. Of the first, you will find information in this bulletin. Of spiritual capitol the Club members were in full support with their presence on the schedule for adoration hours when our new adoration chapel is finished in the coming months. The Club's interest in both matters is evidence of its vital presence in our parish.

+Please note the special times for confession in this week leading up to Christmas. The final most important preparation for the Nativity feast is a full confession of sins to a priest. Confession is very closely linked to our belief in Christ's Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist. If we believe that fully then preparing ourselves to approach the All-holy One in Communion is a spiritual necessity.

+Please consider making a special gift to your parish this Christmas. Thank you.

POINSETTIAS

In memory of a loved one or to honor someone special

To decorate our church during the Christmas season

Large \$22

Medium \$15

Pixie \$12

Contact the Parish Office or drop your order form in the collection basket with your check.

Order forms on the tables in the Narthex.

AQUINAS SCHOOLS CALENDAR RAFFLE can be purchased in the Parish Office. \$20 each. A cash prize is drawn daily.

COULEE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUPS

St. Pat's Tues, Jan 10 5:30 - preschool & 4-yr-old kindergarten; 6:45 - 5-yr-old kindergarten

MMOC Early Childhood Center Wed, Jan 11 6:00-preschool & 4-yr-old kindergarten

Cathedral Thurs, Jan 12 5:30 - 4-yr-old kindergarten; 6:30 - 5-yr-old kindergarten

HOUSEKEEPING position at Mary, Mother of the Church Parish. Approx. 5 hrs. per week to clean parish house. Contact Deacon Richard Sage at MMOC Parish Office, 2006 Weston St.

FATHER HARDON DAY OF REMEMBRANCE Sat, Jan 7, 9:00-noon, Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Video tribute at 9:00; Presentation by Jay McNally at 10:00; Mass at 11:00; Luncheon buffet at noon (cost for lunch \$12 - RSVP by calling 782-0011 or 782-5440. Jesuit Father John Hardon was the founder of the Marian Catechists.

SERENITY RETREAT FOR RECOVERING ALCOHOLICS Jan 6-8 at St. Anthony Retreat Center, Marathon. Offering: \$140. 715-443-2236. e-mail: info@sarcenter.com.

PARISH CENTER WISH LIST

- Round tables for 10 with chairs \$500 each (3 of 40 sets purchased)**
- Chairs for the Adoration Chapel \$100 each (7 of 12 chairs purchased)**
- P.A. system for the Center \$2500**
- Sconces for Adoration Chapel \$116 (6 needed)**
- Conference tables \$350 each (8 needed)**