

Blessed Sacrament Parish
130 Losey Blvd. S.
La Crosse, Wisconsin 54601

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

November 27, 2005

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 3/4, 2005

4:30 Tom & Marilyn Holland & family
7:30 Don & Helen Flynn
9:00 The Scouts
10:30 James & Amy Schams

SALVATION ARMY FOOD PANTRY

November 29 Donna Cramer family

**BLESSED SACRAMENT WEEK FOR
MOBILE MEALS**

Nov 28 - Dec 4

November 27, 2005 First Sunday of Advent

Today we begin a new Church year. The holy season of Advent opens before us today. Christmas stands just four short weeks away, shining as a beacon in the dark season of the year, summoning us to walk through this sacred time of waiting with hearts awake to and alert for the coming of the Lord. We walk toward that moment when we will discover the Son of God and the Son of Mary in an animal shelter, an infant dependent upon the care of parents.

The light of Christmas shines from a very humble place, and, if we would know the wonder of the Christmas event, we must approach it with hearts open to the humble ways of God. It is not enough to recognize God works in humble ways. It is equally important that we approach God humbly. Advent lived humbly means we must find time for silent reflection, prayer, Sunday Mass, the moment of repentance called Confession, and acts of generosity and charity. The wonder of Christmas in that empty place was filled with all the love, compassion and joy that only God could bring to the world. Our Advent spiritual effort should be focused on providing an empty place for God to fill - our own spirits and lives. That means we must empty ourselves as much as possible of things not absolutely necessary for this season and empty ourselves of self-pity when the things we must do to make Christmas a good feast for others seems just too fatiguing. If we make a gift of ourselves to others and to Christ during these next 4 weeks we will have lived the season in a manner preparing ourselves well to receive the gift of a newborn Savior on December 25.

RCIA CORNER

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and love your neighbor as yourself. These words of Jesus summarize the Ten Commandments. If we love God completely and our neighbor as ourselves, we will keep the Ten Commandments and continue on our journey to Holiness. This was the lesson of this past week's RCIA session. We are all called to be saints, to be Holy. May the Ten Commandments continue to be our guide on our path to Holiness. Next week we will discuss another important part of the journey: prayer. Please continue to pray for all involved in the process.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
Nov 28 - Dec 4, 2005

Mon, Nov 28 Advent Weekday

7:30 **+Catherine Haas**
Servers: Christopher Cavadini, Anthony McLean

Tues, Nov 29 Advent Weekday

6:30 **Special Intention**
Server: Bill Arnold
7:30 **+Elizabeth Gerke**
Servers: Colin Lounsbrough, Andrew Pryor

Wed, Nov 30 Andrew

6:30 **Intention of Roxanne Rutowski**
Server: Jason Hutzler
7:30 **+Deceased members of the Ambrose family**
Servers: Mariah Ring, Lizzy Knothe
2:00 EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
5:15 BENEDICTION AND EVENING PRAYER
Server: Mike Guggenbuehl

Thurs, Dec 1 Advent Weekday

6:30 **Special Intention**
Server: Dan Skaff
7:30 **+Frances Scildknecht**
8:15 **+William & Julianne Koehne**

Fri, Dec 2 Advent Weekday

6:30 **+Andrew Hollman (Anniv.)**
Server: Pete Fiorini
7:30 **+Don Hefti**

Sat, Dec 3 Francis Xavier

7:30 **+Catherine Faillace**
4:30 **+Steven Perviski**
Servers: Erin Smith, Danielle Weinberger, Jenny Gallagher

Sun, Dec 4 Second Sunday of Advent

7:30 **+Peter Murray**
Servers: Paul Escher, Joshua Alexander, John Paul Soldner
9:00 **For the People of the Parish**
Servers: Nathan Omans, Derek Sieck, Gus & Fritz Wiggert, Joey Francksen
10:30 **+Arnold Meyers**
Servers: Tim Clements, Tom Bagniefski, Matthew Coppola, David Linhart, Alex Wettstein
LOOKING AHEAD Saturday, Dec 10
4:30 Emily Dolan, Caroline Kroner, Debbie Oney
Sunday, Dec 11
7:30 Joe, Tim & Eric Clements 9:00
Joshua Lenth, Peter Coppola, Jamie Cooper, Luke Riley, Bobby Kachel
10:30 Michael Oney, Joel Reinhart, Mark Vach, Bobbie Reinhart, Ryan Rademacher

WEEKDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon Isaiah 2:1-5; Matt 8:5-11
Tues Isaiah 11:1-10; Luke 10:21-24
Wed Romans 10:9-18; Matt 4:18-22
Thurs Isaiah 26:1-6; Matt 7:21, 24-27
Fri Isaiah 29:17-24; Matt 9:27-31
Sat Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26; Matt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

STOP ABORTION AND SUPPORT FAMILY LIFE

A novena of Masses of First Saturdays for this intention will continue with the 7:30 Mass on Dec. 3 at St. James the Less church. All are invited. Sponsored by the Las Crosse Deanery DCCW.

AROUND THE PARISH

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.*

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING Nov. 21

The meeting began with prayer. Present: Msgr. Hundt, Marcia Kolaczowski, Steve Flottmeyer, Pauline Connell, Michael Watunya, Susan Fukuda, Tim Brennan, Jonella Rademacher, Joe Sweeney, Tom Kieffer, and Jason Hutzler. Fr. Hundt reported on progress in the Parish Center, noting the steel roof which matches the church's nicely at a considerable savings over tile. Susan Fukuda reported that as of Nov 6, the Diocesan Appeal 's total was \$63,934, over \$26,00 above our target. Family Life reported that Sunday Donuts will be reinstated by popular demand beginning Dec. 4. Volunteers will be needed to help; Jason Hutzler will coordinate. A date for a Newcomer's Brunch will be set for early 2006. Peace and Justice reported that, due to increasing community need, we will ask children to bring food for the hungry to all weekend Masses. In addition, Marcia Kolaczowski and her husband Gene will coordinate the collection of other badly needed items in the community. There will be a display of grief-support materials in the Narthex during Advent. Liturgy reported that new hymnals will be in the pews this weekend with the addition of Latin music inside the front cover. Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist will be asked to cleanse their fingers after Communion at the side table. Information will be coming about serving opportunities and scheduling. The meeting ended with a blessing.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Wed, 6:30-7:45 Grades 1-10

PARISH SUPPORT

COLLECTIONS UPDATE July 1, 2005 - June 30, 2006
Needed each week: \$ 17,400.00
Received 11/20 \$ 15,356.00
- \$ 2,044.00

**When you no longer feel God close to you,
of one thing you can be sure -
it wasn't Him who moved!**

COMING UP

Nov 26/27 Anniversary Weekend
Dec 4 Donut Sunday
Dec 4 Family Rosary
Dec 8 Holyday; Feast of Immaculate Conception
Dec 10 Praying With Scripture, 8:00 am, rectory

MUSIC NOTES

SENIOR CHOIR will not practice Thursday. Singing with the choir is great all year round, but especially wonderful during Advent and Christmas. Come, join us.

GRADE SCHOOL CHOIR will sing at 9:00 Mass next Sunday.

WELCOME

**James and Kersten Falvey
Finnian and Adalia**

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.

(Betty Hammes's recipe for Seafood Casserole on page 108 looks like a "keeper" for a holiday buffet.)

BAPTISM

**Michael Joseph Johnson
Son of Michelle and Joseph**

PETITION READERS NEEDED

**Students in Middle or High School may volunteer by
calling the Parish office, 782-2953.**

FAMILY ROSARY

This is an excellent opportunity for families to gather to pray, have some fun, and share snacks. Watch next week's bulletin for more information, Next Rosary Night: Dec. 4

**THE WHOLE PARISH OWES A GREAT NOTE OF THANKS
TO THOSE WHO WORKED SO LONG AND HARD TO PUT TOGETHER
THE ADVENT-CHRISTMAS FAIR.
IT WAS BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED AND IT WAS A FITTING WAY TO BEGIN
THE HOLIDAY SEASON.
THANKS TO ALL WHO MADE IT SO,
AND MAY GOD REWARD YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.**

CATHEDRAL FORUM SERIES continues Sat, Dec 3, 9:00-10:00, in the Undercroft with a presentation by Dr. Sandra Perpich on the gospel of Mark, the gospel which will be proclaimed throughout the new liturgical year. Refreshments will be served, and the public is invited.

BENEFIT CONCERT FOR PLACE OF GRACE by Earl Madary, Prairie Smoke and others Thurs, Dec 1, 7:00, St. Thomas More gym. Bring a non-perishable food item for Place of Grace. Free will offering.

MARIAN CATECHIST FIRST SATURDAY WITH BISHOP LISTECKI at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe Dec. 3. Mass at 11:00. Luncheon following. RSVP needed for luncheon by calling 782-0011 or 782-5440. All catechists, religion teachers, home-school parents, etc. are invited.

CAUSEWAY is looking for a few good people to help others who cannot do some things alone. Can you spare some time to do light housework, shopping, reading to, or writing for someone? Call 784-4517 for more information. If you are a person who needs help, even just a ride to the store, let Causeway know.

Congratulations!

Bob and Fran Skemp
Spheres of Influence Award
Franciscan Skemp Foundation

Recognition of their long-standing commitment to Franciscan Skemp and the people and communities it serves.

THE MIRACLE OF LIFE The wonder and beauty of God's design for human life occurs at fertilization - the moment a new human life comes into being. It is then that an important faith principle comes into play: that tiny embryo, a new life, created in God's image, is deserving of the same respect and dignity as any other life. Learn how human embryonic stem cell research violates this principle and adult stem cell research does not. Visit the Wisc, Right to Life website: www.wrtl.org/embryo.html.

PARISH CENTER WISH LIST

Round tables for 10 with chairs	\$500 each (3 of 40 sets purchased)
Chairs for the Adoration Chapel	\$100 each (2 of 12 chairs purchased)
Pews for the Adoration Chapel	\$500 each (2 of 4 pews purchased)
P.A. system for the Center	\$2500

Got a cold?

During the cold and flu season, you are encouraged to refrain from shaking hands during the Sign of Peace before Communion. We also recommend that you do not partake of the Communion Cup until you are well. Our prayer is that this will minimize the health risks to our community.