

Blessed Sacrament Parish

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April 13, 2008

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:30 pm
Sunday 8:00 and 10:00 am
Monday – Saturday 7:30 am

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Wednesday 7:00 pm
Saturday after 7:30 am Mass & 3:30-4:00
Confessions heard in church; other times by appointment

EVENING PRAYER DAILY WITH BENEDICTION ON WEDNESDAYS

5:15 in the Adoration Chapel

Contact the Parish Office to join the parish, to arrange for a wedding (6 months in advance), and for Baptism 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.

FIRST COMMUNION
NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 10:00 MASS

April 13, 2008
Fourth Sunday of Easter

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
April 14 - 20

Dear Parishioners:

I was in Mexico the week after Easter for a little vacation. While there I had the opportunity to attend and celebrate mass at the parish church of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Puerto Vallarta. This is a small and old church filled with images and statues and in the Easter season the pillars all have banners announcing the Resurrection. The parish church has seven masses on Sunday. Baptisms are done on both Saturday and Sunday at 11:00. While there for the baptisms on Sunday morning, the church was filled with families bringing in children to be baptized. The Noon Mass didn't begin until 12:15 to accommodate the number of baptisms. Many of the families had attended the 10:00 Mass or stayed for the Mass after the baptisms. It was a wonderful sign of the vitality of the church and a wonderful sign of God's grace in bringing to each of these infants and their families the promise of eternal life for His faithful people.

The Easter season is the continuation of our celebration of God's promise of eternal life. Jesus is the first born of the dead, as Sacred Scripture says, and we have the opportunity to rise also to new and eternal life in the new heavens and new earth promised by God at the fulfillment of time. In the interim we celebrate the Resurrection of Christ with joy abiding in God's great love for His people.

Let us pray for one another.

ANGELS OF MERCY

IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW IS SERIOUSLY ILL, FACING SURGERY, OR NEEDS PRAYERS, PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE AT 782-2953 SO OUR ANGELS OF MERCY PRAYER GROUP CAN BE NOTIFIED. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN THIS POWERHOUSE OF PRAY-ERS, CALL US.

You can dramatically change your marriage by hugging your spouse for five seconds when you leave your home and five seconds when you return. Try it. You will be amazed.

Dr. Jim Healy

Mon, Apr 14 Mon of the 4th week of Easter

7:30 **+David Wadzinski (Anniv.)**

Servers: Maddie McLean, Kristina Neve

Tues, Apr 15 Tues of the 4th week of Easter

7:30 **Special Intention**

Servers: Michala Taggart, Courtney Frick

Wed, Apr 16 Wed of the 4th week of Easter

7:30 **+Eleanor Pavela**

Servers: Dylan Fitzpatrick, Thomas Gallagher

9:00 **+Harold & Dorothy Reid**

Servers: Claire Craig, Maddie McLean

5:15 Evening Prayer & Benediction

Server: Carson Schneider

Thurs, Apr 17 Thurs of the 4th week of Easter

7:30 **+Dorothy Zahn (Anniv.)**

Servers: Tim Bettis, Dylan English

Fri, Apr 18 Fri of the 4th week of Easter

7:30 **+Genevieve & Sister Joann Kelzer**

Servers: Tyler Ebner, Sam Hyde

Sat, Apr 19 Sat of the 4th week of Easter

7:30 **+Jerry Heberlein**

Servers: Brandon Jensen, Kellan Doberstein

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sat, Apr 19

4:30 +Corine Shreck

Servers: Emily Dolan, Debbie Oney, Mary Dolan

MC: Pete Fiorini

Readers: David & Anna Curtis

Petitions: Katie Gees

Eucharist: Walt Susdorf, Luci Johnson, Cheryl Pearse, Ruth

Wills, Marilyn Holland, Debbie Brannon

Offering family: Tom & Cheryl Horvath

Sun, Apr 20

8:00 +Fr. Alfred Hemmersbach

Servers: Sam Scheidt, Vasily Schneider, Josh Alexander,

Pat Campbell

MC: Dave Allen

Readers: Betty Nelson & Jeff George

Petitions: Maggie Clements

Eucharist: Mary & Lou Ritter, Bill Chamberlain, Karen Perry,

Bernice Lansing, Denis Kuennen

Offering family: Florence & Lloyd Koenig

**10:00 For the People of the Parish
FIRST COMMUNION**

Servers: Luke Riley, Carson & Nathan Schneider, Patrick & Riley Campbell

Readers: Kate Riley, Mary Roop

Petitions: First Communicants

Eucharist: Barb & Terry Felt, Carolyn Steingraeber, Kathy

Hancock, Fran Sauer

Offering family: First Communicants

EVENING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION
5:15 on Wed. in the Adoration Chapel

AROUND THE PARISH

FIRST COMMUNION SUNDAY

Next week, April 20

10:00 Mass

A reception will follow in the Parish Center to celebrate 19 new Communicants joining us at the Table of the Lord. The First Communicants and families will be seated in the front pews. Other guests may sit in the body of church.

CORNISH HEN DINNER

Sunday, April 27

Presale tickets available until Tues, Apr 15 at \$7.00

Apr 16 - 27 cost is \$8.00

Men's Club ticket sellers, please turn in your advance tickets to the office by Tues, Apr 15.

Sponsored and prepared by the Men's Club

CHRISTMAS FAIR PLANNING MEETING

WED, APR 16, 6:30 PM

PARISH CENTER

CHAIRPERSON KAREN PERRY INVITES EVERYONE WHO HAS IDEAS TO MAKE OUR NOVEMBER FAIR A HUGE SUCCESS TO COME.

***WHAT WORKS?**

***WHAT DOESN'T WORK?**

***WHAT I SAW SOME PLACE ELSE AND THINK IS NEAT.
(DESSERT WILL BE SERVED)**

A bee in your bonnet

For Mother's Day on May 11 you may honor your mom or remember her by bringing a blooming plant to church for the sanctuary. Drop off time will be announced. What a nice gift!

Gardening reminder

While cleaning up your flower beds remember to plan some pretty cut flowers for use at church in the summertime. We would also love to have you share some perennials for a flower bed that will be planted outside the office area. Details later on.

Cans for Aquinas

Drop off your empties in the bin the Aquinas parking lot. Proceeds help fund Booster Club activities.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS

Grades 1-10

Wednesday, April 16, 6:30-7:45

PARISH SUPPORT

COLLECTIONS UPDATE: July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008

Needed each week: \$17,400.00

Received 4/6 \$15,289.00

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Definitions:

PROCESSIONAL: the ceremonial formation at the beginning of Mass consisting of altar servers, the celebrant, and late parishioners looking for seats.

RECESSIONAL: The ceremonial procession at the conclusion of Mass led by parishioners trying to beat the crowds to the parking lot.

COMING UP

Apr 13 Parish Breakfast

Apr 13 Family Rosary & Potluck, 3:30, school

Apr 16 Christmas Fair planning meeting, 6:30

Apr 20 First Communion at 10:00 Mass

Apr 21 Men's Club meeting, 7 pm

Apr 27 Cornish Hen dinner

Apr 30 Confirmation Evening of Recollection

May 5 Confirmation, 7 pm Mass

June 22-27 Totus Tuus

MUSIC NOTES

ADULT CHOIR will practice Thursday, 7-8:00 and will sing at the 10:00 Mass next Sunday.

8:00 CHOIR will sing at the 8:00 Mass each week. We invite everyone who loves to sing to join us.

SATURDAY EVENING CHOIR Anyone wishing to join us in the choir loft at the 4:30 Mass to help lead the singing, please come right on up.

MARK EARLEYWINE, our adult and handbell choir director, will be presenting his Senior Recital Sun, Apr 13, 4:00, in the Annett Recital Hall at UWL. All are invited.

\$crip News

A check was sent last week to CCS for over \$3000 for the first quarter family profits.

Remember, we have \$crip for Noelke's and the Shrine Gift Shop for First Communion & Confirmation gifts.

WELCOME

Abigail Meyer

TOTUS TUUS

June 22-27

Families, mark that special week for children to join the Totus Tuus team for a week of fun, prayer, and learning. Grade schoolers meet during the day with Mass daily. Middle and high schoolers meet in the evening. If you have any questions, call Pauline Connell at 782-2953.

YOUTH LIFE TEEN NIGHT FOR HIGH SCHOOLERS
MONDAY, APRIL 14, 7:30-8:45, AQUINAS
LIVE CHRISTIAN BAND, ENRICHMENT, SMALL GROUPS, VIDEOS, SOCIAL & FOOD

AQUINAS MIDDLE SCHOOL MARCH ART AWARD: LYDIA SKEMP
AQUINAS HIGH SCHOOL MARCH FRESHMAN OF THE MONTH: MARY FRANKE

DEEPEN YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF OUR FAITH An informational meeting will be held Tues, April 29, 7-8:00, on the Basic Catholic Catechist Home Study Course at Blessed Sacrament Parish Center. The course covers essentials of the Faith: Salvation History, Apostles' Creed, Commandments, Beatitudes, Sacraments and Prayer. Written by the saintly founder of the Marian Catechist Apostolate, Father John Hardon, S.J., this home-study course is suitable for Catholic parents, catechists, teachers, and any who wants to deepen his or her faith and love of Christ and His Church. Facilitated bi-weekly study group will meet in our Parish Center. Please contact Luna Chou, 788-5752, or Jennifer Kulzer, 385-3459, for more information.

FAMILY ROSARY Did you know that when you say the rosary with a group of 30 people you receive the benefit of 30 rosaries? Come and join us for the next Family Rosary. We meet Sunday, April 13, at 3:30 in the school (use the playground doors), play or chat for an hour, then enjoy a potluck supper. The rosary begins about 5:10. Feel free to come for any part or all of the time. Pray for your families, relatives, or the world. Questions or ideas? Call Joe or Barb Clements, 782-5777. See you there!

HOSPITALIZED? If you know someone who is in the hospital or having surgery, please let the parish know so Father can plan a visit.

MARRIAGE 911 Have your dreams turned into nightmares and arguments? Based on the model of Marriage Encounter, Retrouvaille offers tools to redeem your communication skills. It is confidential and led by couples who have experienced it. Come to a Retrouvaille weekend at St. Anthony's Retreat Center May 2-4. Get your marriage back on track; this has been a life-changing time for many couples. Call 1-877-922-HOPE.

SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE informal meetings will be held the 3rd Wednesday of the month in Leo Hall at Holy Trinity Parish, 7-9 pm. No charge, no attendance requirement. Questions? Call Nancy at 769-5007 or email: marystoy@gmail.com.

WHEELCHAIR RECYCLING PROGRAM, sponsored by Independent Living Resources, will be going on in April. Used medical equipment – wheelchairs, walkers, canes, crutches, bath equipment – will be collected and donated to folks who cannot afford these items. Drop off will be Tues, Apr 15, 10-5, and Wed, Apr 16, 9-12, in front of the La Crosse Center. Items needing repair will be accepted.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING classes will be held in the Lang Conference Room, Franciscan Skemp Hospital, 2:30-4:30, on Sundays: April 27, May 18, and June 8. To register or obtain more information call the NFP office at 1-800-255-6226 or email: nfpdioceseoflacrosse.com.

CHICKEN-QUES

*Aquinas Booster Club, Apr 23, 11 until gone, Cass street parking lot. \$7.00 Tickets in the High School office.

*St. Joseph Community Care, Apr 24, 11-6:00 To fund wheel-chair accessible bus.

POPE BENEDICT XVI's visit to the United States will be covered on EWTN April 15-20. Tune in!

***CAUSEWAY** is looking for volunteers to help out folks who are home-bound. If you have a little time and can lend a hand, call 784-4517. Volunteers assist with shopping, minor home repairs, transportation, reading, writing, and respite.

***ST. CLARE HEALTH MISSION**, a volunteer run free clinic for the uninsured poor is looking for helpers. Flexible daytime and evening help is needed. Contact Sandy at 791-9546. No medical training is necessary.

***BIG BROTHERS, BIG SISTERS** matches children with caring adult mentors to share time, experiences, friendship, and fun. Sounds like your cup of tea? Call 782-2227 to find out more.