

Blessed Sacrament Parish

130 Losey Boulevard S. La Crosse, Wisconsin 54601
Father David Olson, Pastor

April 20, 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.

April 20, 2008
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Dear Parishioners:

All this week at Mass we have been reading about Jesus as the Good Shepherd; the shepherd who calls His sheep and the sheep who know the voice of the shepherd and follow him. During most of the week I have preached on the need to know Christ. If we are going to follow Him, if we are going to know His voice, then we must know Jesus. There is no better way to know Jesus than to read the Bible, and particularly the New Testament. In this Sunday's Gospel Jesus names Himself as the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Jesus tells us no one comes to the Father except through himself.

Only if you read the Bible can you answer the question WWJD. St. Jerome, who gave us the first official Latin translation of the Bible, said, "Ignorance of the Bible is ignorance of Jesus." I encourage you to pick up the Bible, and particularly the New Testament, and to read just a little of it each day. The usual complaint of Catholics who begin reading the Bible is "I don't understand it." There are several good and readable translations available. I think the best of them is "The Catholic Study Bible." It is both readable and has good footnotes so that it explains much of what you are reading. So, no more excuse. As an added benefit reading the Bible also forgives venial sin and helps us to grow in the image of the Son of God.

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.

REMINDER TO ALL WHO HAVE MINISTRIES

If you cannot be at a Mass at which you are assigned, please find a substitute. For Sunday Masses please call Pauline Connell at 782-2953 with the name of your sub.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
April 21 - 27

Mon, Apr 21 Mon of the 5th week of Easter, Anselm

7:30 **Special Intention**

Servers: Riley Campbell, Nick Shankey

Tues, Apr 22 Tues of the 5th week of Easter

7:30 **+Patricia Brown**

Servers: Grace VonRuden, Claire Trussoni

Wed, Apr 23 Wed of the 5th week of Easter,

George, Adalbert

7:30 **+Kent Lawrence**

Servers: Isiah Brown, Tim Bettis

9:00 **+Helen Darling**

Servers: Nick Meddaugh, Evan Dolan

5:15 Evening Prayer & Benediction

Server: Sam Steingraeber

Thurs, Apr 24 Thurs of the 5th week of Easter,

Fidelis of Sigmaringen

7:30 **Intention of Sr. Rochelle**

Servers: Louise Hauptert, Michelle Jacobs

Fri, Apr 25 Mark

7:30 **+Edward Chow**

Servers: Alex Harris, Zach Snyder

Sat, Apr 26 Sat of the 5th week of Easter

7:30 **Intention of Jeff & Lisa Connell on their
Wedding day**

Servers: Michael Bartley, Tyler Ebner

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sat, Apr 26

4:30 **+Pat Connley**

Servers: Monica Kachel, Katie Kachel, Cassie Steele

MC: Pete Fiorini

Readers: Gene Kolaczowski, Christine Skemp

Petitions: Emily Dolan

Eucharist: Ed Maroon, Mary Ann Bradley, Loretta Clarkin,

Marilyn Holland, Don Gilbert

Offering family: Jim & Katie Bagniefski

Sun, Apr 27

8:00 **For the People of the Parish**

Servers: Tim & John Brennan, Connor Rademacher,
Mitchell Degenhardt

MC: Mike Vanderploeg

Readers: Tom Kieffer, Steve McGovern

Petitions: Cassie Steele

Eucharist: Carol Melde, Joe Clements, Jean Kachel,

Earl & Lucille Newton

Offering family: Tom & Patty Keil

10:00 **+Mary Kimmet**

Servers: Michael Czeiska, Nathan Schneider, Michael Hanson,
Bob Kachel

MC: William Arnold

Readers: Jason Hutzler, Bob Kelemen

Petitions: Mary Roop

Eucharist: Deb Gilkes, Mike Hartley, Larry Lee, Jeff & Sandy

Reinhart, Cheryl Pearse

Offering family: Kirk & Lynn Donskey & family

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

AROUND THE PARISH

MEN'S CLUB MEETING

Guys, let's see a huge turn-out for our meeting

Monday, April 21, 7:00 pm

*Final plans for the big Cornish Game Hen dinner

*Ideas for events coming up

*Fellowship and fun

CORNISH GAME HEN DINNER

Sunday, April 27

Deep fried Cornish game hen, dirty rice, Cajun corn,
and a roll

\$8.00 at the door

Sponsored and prepared by the Men's Club

BAKE SALE

BAKERS, ONE AND ALL, BRING YOUR DELICIOUS TREATS TO THE CORNISH HEN DINNER ON APRIL 27. THE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO WILL BE GOING TO CASA HOGER WILL BE HERE TO SELL YOUR ITEMS TO FUND THEIR PILGRIMAGE. ITEMS MAY BE DROPPED OFF SATURDAY OR BROUGHT SUNDAY.

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!

WELCOME

Patrick & Deborah Gantert

MOTHER'S DAY CARDS FOR SALE

Cards will be sold the next 2 weekends. Cost is \$2.00 each or a package of 5 note cards for \$5.00. The proceeds help Birthright reach out to women in troubled pregnancies carry their baby to term.

Needed:

Someone who would like to spruce up & paint our statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary which welcomes people to the Parish Office entry way. No talent needed.

782-2953 to volunteer.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS

Grades 1-10

Wednesday, April 23, 6:30-7:45

PARISH SUPPORT

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

Needed each week: \$17,400.00

Received 4/13 \$17,777.00

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The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese in the trap.

COMING UP

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 14 Rummage Sale

June 22-27 Totus Tuus

MUSIC NOTES

ADULT CHOIR will practice Thursday.

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.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR will sing at the 10:00 Mass next Sunday. There will be **NO** Saturday practice, but come at 9:45 to warm-up on Sunday.

Scrip News

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

REST IN PEACE

Joseph Snyder, father of Nancy Coppola

TOTUS TUUS

June 22-27

As you look over the busy summer schedule (tee-ball, swimming lessons, education opportunities) don't overlook that part of the children's life we often side-step. **TOTUS TUUS** means "totally yours." It is a week-long program full of fun, learning, and growing in our Catholic faith for young people in grade, middle, and high school. The cost is \$20. We will host **TOTUS TUUS** the week of June 22-27. We'll need parent helpers, also.

Sign up early by calling Pauline Connell at 782-2953.

Attention, Winners of flowers

from the Senior Dinner

We are missing 1 woven basket. If you accidentally took the basket with your flowers, please call or return it to the parish office. Thank you.

Blessed Sacrament Women's Club meeting, April 10

34 women attended a delicious potluck lunch. Father Olson thanked the women for their hard work. New members were introduced. Treasurer Betty Nelson reported on a balance of \$8,900 in the bank. A committee will be formed at a later date to discuss planning a Valentine Party for next February. Fr. Francis expressed by way of email gratitude for the gifts and good wishes upon his moving back to India. Help was requested for the Parish Breakfasts coming up. Chairperson Karen Perry invited all to attend a planning meeting for the Christmas Fair on April 16. Help and bakers were requested for the First Communion and Confirmation receptions on April 20 and May 5. The rummage sale is scheduled for June 14. Helen Roop read a request from Mary Roop and Ross Nordeen for funding for their trip to Casa Hoger. The officers will discuss this request along with the yearly disbursement of donations to the various charities the Women's Club sponsors. The Club will hold a bake sale in connection with the Cornish Hen dinner on April 27 with the proceeds helping Mary and Ross. The slate of officers approved are the following: President Sue Lynch; President-elect Bernice Lansing, Secretary Liz Nutter, Treasurer Betty Nelson. Thanks were expressed to the members of the Steering Committee who headed the Women's Club over the last 2 years.

A scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 has been awarded to Derek Craig in order to attend Aquinas High School. The scholarship is from River Bank. Congratulations to Derek.

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. A facilitated twice monthly study group will meet in our Parish Center. Please contact Luna Chou, 788-5752, or Jennifer Kulzer, 385-3459, for more information.

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.

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.

VENERABLE FR. SOLANUS CASEY Presentations by Brother Richard Merling, O.F.M. Cap. of the Solanus Casey Guild on the life of this saintly Capuchin from our state. Sat, May 3, 9:30, 11:00, and 1:30, and on Sun, May 4 at 1:30 at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

GERANIUM SALE, sponsored by Franciscan Skemp Auxiliary April 30, May 1 & 2, in the Franciscan Garage, 11th & Ferry, 9:00 – 6:00. Proceeds benefit nursing scholarships.

FERTILITY APPRECIATION WORKSHOP for families with children in grades 4 through 7 Mon, April 21, 6:30-8:30, Aquinas Theater. This evening will allow parents to share the beauty of Catholic Christian sexuality with their children who are entering puberty. Presenters: Jeff and Alice Heinzen.

DIAPER DRIVE at Festival Foods, Onalaska, April 20, noon-6 pm, sponsored by the UWL ProLife Students. Donations may include anything that would benefit a new mother.

RUMMAGE SALES

* Mary, Mother of the Church Sat, April 26, 6:30-1 pm.

*St. Francis Garage to benefit Wisc. Right to Life Fri, May 9, 7:30-4:00, and Sat, May 10, 7-noon.
Donations may be dropped off May 8, 9-4.

*Cathedral undercroft Wed, Apr 23, 4-6:00 pm, Thurs, Apr 24, 8-2:00, Fri, Apr 25, 8-noon.

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.