

Blessed Sacrament Parish

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

April 6, 2008

PARISH BREAKFAST

Next Sunday, after both Masses

Pancakes and sausages, beverages

Suggested donation \$3.00

Sponsored by our Men's Club

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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.

WOMEN'S CLUB MEETING

Thursday, April 10 Noon Parish Center

Bring a favorite "spring" dish to share. Table service and beverage provided.

April 6, 2008
Third Sunday of Easter

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
April 7 - 13

MUSIC MINISTRY IN OUR PARISH

One of those bulletin bloopers comes to mind:

Next Thursday there will be try-outs for the choir. They can use all the help they can get.

Music plays such an important part in our celebration of the Mass. How often we hear that it's delightful to attend Mass here or there because the music is so good. And, of course, we never fail to get comments on music performed poorly. We who have the responsibility to plan and provide the music for our parish take this very seriously and spend much time and effort to make the music what it should be.

Do you have music in your blood? Do you like to sing and/or play an instrument? Here are the music opportunities at our parish. All our musicians are here at Mass for one purpose: to praise Our Lord by enhancing the prayer of the congregation. If this is your desire, don't wait any longer to join one of our choirs.

ADULT CHOIR We sing at the 10:00 Mass about every other week, Sept – May, and also on special occasions such as during Holy Week, Christmas, and Confirmation. Ages: high school on up. Practices are Thursdays, 7-8:00. Our Director is Mark Earleywine: 397-7210. Being able to read music is helpful but not essential. Our current group of about 25 includes instrumentalists, also. It is a wonderfully enriching experience to be part of a group who cares about each other, about the quality of sound produced, and about the prayer that is sung.

ST. CECILIA FUNERAL CHOIR This group of over 30 members brings comfort to grieving families and beauty to funeral Masses. The music for funerals is so meaningful, not just to those attending, but to the singers, also. It is quite honestly a ministry that feeds the soul. This group has no problem having fun either. Pam Quillin directs this choir: 784-7062.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR Singers in grade school gather every other week to sing at 10:00 Mass. Practices are held the Saturday before, 9:30-10:15. There's always room for more children, and it's fun to learn new music and enjoy old favorites like "Beulah the Beast of Balukistan." Pauline Connell is the Director, 782-2953.

HANDBELL CHOIR Our parish's set of handbells are again ringing under the direction of Mark Earleywine. If you'd like to try your hand (no pun intended), give him a call: 397-7210.

8:00 CHOIR Singers and instrumentalists gather weekly to lead our prayer-song at the 8:00 Mass. If you come to that Mass, climb the steps and join us. All ages welcome!

4:30 SATURDAY We would like to form a music-leading group for our Saturday afternoon Mass. Interested folks, young and not so young, singers and instrumentalists, call Pauline Connell at 782-2953 (788-7181 evenings).

Mon, Apr 7 Mon in Easter Season; John Baptist de

La Salle

7:30 **+Joan Durst**

Servers: Kellan Doberstein, Brian Conway

Tues, Apr 8 Tues in Easter Season

7:30 **+Don Hefti**

Servers: Danielle Langlie, Jenalee Emmert

Wed, Apr 9 Wed in Easter Season

7:30 **Intention of Ed & Kay Nix**

Servers: Alex Steiger, Ethan Reid

9:00 **+Members of the Hickey families**

Servers: Aubrey Williams, Elle Reinhart

5:15 Evening Prayer & Benediction

Server: Pat Campbell

Thurs, Apr 10 Thurs in Easter Season

7:30 **+Louise & Gertrude Colleran**

Servers: Emily Steingraeber, Alyssa Johnson

Fri, Apr 11 Fri in Easter Season; Stanislaus

7:30 **+John, Cora & John Darling, Jr.**

Servers: Kristin Iverson, Lucy Wiggert

Sat, Apr 12 Sat in Easter Season

7:30 **+Tracy Schneeberger**

Servers: Alec Pham, Joe Cambio

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sat, Apr 12

4:30 +Margaret Lang

Servers: Anna Schuttenhelm, Maddy Wettstein, Claire Craig
MC: Pete Fiorini

Readers: Steve & Marian Pavela

Petitions: Emily Walker

Eucharist: Ed Maroon, Mary Ann Bradley, Loretta Clarkin;
Susan Fukuda, Chris Papke

Offering family: John & Monica Gallagher & family

Sun, Apr 13

8:00 +Bill & Mary Poehling

Servers: John & Matt Brannan, Colin Lounsbrough, Zach Heaser

MC: William Arnold

Readers: Bob Skemp, Ruth Vanderploeg

Petitions: Elizabeth Brennan

Eucharist: Carol Melde, Mike Vanderploeg, Florence Koenig,
Jean Kachel, Dave Allen, Frank Nevelle

Offering family: John Lyon family

10:00 For the People of the Parish

Servers: Fritz Wiggert, Alex Bahr, Dan Chamberlain, Michael Oney

MC: Tim Clements

Readers: Scott Doberstein, Mark Steingraeber

Petitions: Olivia Curti

Eucharist: Betty Roth, David & Trish Coriden, Kathy Curti,
Carolyn Steingraeber, Caryl Doberstein

Offering family: Bob & Darlene Corcoran

EVENING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION
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AROUND THE PARISH

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PARISH CENTER

BRING A FAVORITE "SPRING" DISH TO SHARE.
TABLE SERVICE AND BEVERAGES PROVIDED.

***UP-COMING EVENTS TO PLAN**

***CHRISTMAS FAIR UPDATE**

***NEW SLATE OF OFFICERS**

WIDOW AND WIDOWERS GROUP

Meet for dinner

Tuesday, April 8, 6 pm

Olive Garden Restaurant

Contacts: Barb Schmitz, 788-1667, and Loretta
Clarkin, 784-9917

NEEDED

**Reader of Scripture at the 4:30 Saturday evening
Mass on the first weekend of the month. Contact
Cheryl Pearse if interested: 784-3784.**

LABELS FOR EDUCATION

The students in Blessed Sacrament School are on a mission to gather 20,000 labels for education by April 15. Check cans and boxes, cut out the UPC symbol and drop off in the narthex of church or the school office. Thanks. The proceeds fund the special activities of the school.

REST IN PEACE

Jim Burns

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 9, 6:30-7:45

PARISH SUPPORT

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

Needed each week: \$17,400.00

Received 3/30 \$15,701.00

End of 3rd Quarter

Needed: \$696,000.00

Received: \$653,646.00

Money can't buy you happiness, but it can help you look for it

in a lot more places.

COMING UP

Apr 8 Widows & Widowers Group, 6:00, Olive Garden

Apr 10 Women's Club meeting, noon

Apr 11 No school CCS, teacher inservice

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

MUSIC NOTES

ADULT CHOIR will practice Thursday, 7-8:00.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR will sing at 10:00 Mass next Sunday and will practice Saturday, 9:30-10:15.

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

\$crip News

If you call the office, 782-2953, or email us at BLESSEDSACRAMENT@centurytel.net by noon Friday with your \$crip order, we will have your cards in an envelope waiting for you when you come to Mass on the weekend. This surely will speed up the \$crip desk operation and lighten the load of the \$crip seller.

ADORATION FOR VOCATIONS

Crypt chapel at Holy Cross Diocesan Center

Monday, April 7, 7-8:00 pm

Everyone is invited to come and pray for vocations to the religious life, married life, and single life.

FIRST COMMUNION

April 20 10:00 Mass

19 second graders will be coming to the Table of the Lord for the first time. They will have reserved seating in the front of church, one pew for each family. Other guests can be seated in the body of church. Let us pray for these youngsters and welcome them as they receive Jesus for the first time in the Holy Eucharist. There will, no doubt, be a full church for this Mass. After Mass there will be a reception for the new First Communicants, families, friends, and all attending Mass in our Parish Center.

SPIRITUAL BOUQUET FOR POPE BENEDICT

In preparation for his visit to the United States and for his birthday on April 16, Bishop Listecki encourages everyone, young and old, to offer a Spiritual Bouquet for our Holy Father. Bishop Listecki will give Pope Benedict a card listing our prayers and sacrifices. You and your family can participate by praying and listing the number of those prayers; drop off that list at the parish office or email it to sskemp@dioceseoflacrosse.com by Tues, April 8. Some prayers you might include: Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Apostles' Creed, Rosaries, Litanies, making a holy hour, attending Mass, sacrifices.

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!

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.

CATHEDRAL SCHOOL students are participating in a Read-a-thon this month. Money collected from pledges will go toward new library materials.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED I am looking for someone to help clean the church's holy water fonts. It only takes 15 minutes twice a week. I ask for only a 3-4 month commitment. This is a perfect job for someone picking up children from school. Thanks. Call Natalie Bennett at 788-4711 if you can volunteer to help.

Father Francis called and is doing well, though he's so busy he hasn't unpacked YET. "Truly!" For information about his province go to www.fransalians.com. He says hello to all and thanks for the prayers.

An old pencil-maker took his newest pencil aside just before he was about to pack it into a box. "There are five things you need to know," he said to his pencil, "before I send you out into the world. Always remember these five things – never forget them – and you will become the best pencil you can be!"

- 1. The first thing is to remember that you will be able to do many great things, but only if you put yourself in someone else's hands.*
- 2. From time to time you will experience a painful sharpening, but remember that this will make you a better pencil.*
- 3. Keep in mind that you will be able to correct any mistakes you make along the way.*
- 4. Remember that the most important part of you is on the inside.*
- 5. Upon every surface you are used, you will leave your mark. Make it a good one.*