

# Blessed Sacrament Parish

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**August 10, 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**

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.

## August 10, 2008 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Feast of the Assumption on August 15 is a Holy Day of Obligation and is the earliest feast in honor of Mary celebrated in the Church. In the area of Palestine it was first known as the "Memory of Mary" and then was also called the "Dormition of Mary" to indicate that she had fallen asleep and did not undergo death and decay of the body.

That belief was ancient, dating back to the apostles themselves. What was clear from the beginning was that there were no relics of Mary to be venerated, and that an empty tomb stood on the edge of Jerusalem. That location also soon became a place of pilgrimage. (Today, the Benedictine Abbey of the Dormition of Mary stands on the spot.)

At the Council of Chalcedon in 451, when bishops from throughout the Mediterranean world gathered in Constantinople, Emperor Marcian asked the Patriarch of Jerusalem to bring the relics of Mary to Constantinople to be enshrined in the capitol. The patriarch explained to the emperor that there were no relics of Mary in Jerusalem, that "Mary had died in the presence of the apostles; but her tomb, when opened later . . . was found empty and so the apostles concluded that the body was taken up into heaven."

In 1950, in the Apostolic Constitution *Munificentissimus Deus*, Pope Pius XII in these words: "The Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heaven" proclaimed the Assumption of Mary a divinely revealed doctrine of the Catholic Church.

All the feast days of Mary mark the great mysteries of her life and her part in the work of redemption. The Assumption completes God's work in her since it was not fitting that the flesh that had given life to Jesus should ever undergo corruption. The Assumption is God's crowning of His work as Mary ends her earthly life and enters eternity. The feast turns our eyes in that direction, where we will follow when our earthly life is over.

The feast days of the Church are not just the commemoration of historical events. They look to the present and to the future and give us an insight into our own relationship with God. The Assumption looks to eternity and gives us hope that we, too, will follow Mary when our life is ended.

Adapted from *Catholic Heritage*

### SERVER NEWS

Boys and girls of the parish – if you are interested in becoming a Mass server and are entering 5<sup>th</sup> grade or older, please call Lynn Donskey at 788-2094 to be put on the schedule and Mike Vanderploeg at 784-4249 to be trained.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK August 11 - 17, 2008

### Mon, Aug 11 Clare

7:30 **+Robert Volz**  
Servers: Bill Chamberlain

### Tues, Aug 12 Weekday

7:30 **Intention of Eric & Crystal Francksen  
First Wedding Anniversary**  
Servers: Pete Fiorini

### Wed, Aug 13 Weekday, Pontian & Hippolytus

7:30 **Joseph & Mary Ellen Robertson family**  
Servers: Jason Hutzler  
5:15 Evening Prayer & Benediction  
Server: Carson Schneider

### Thurs, Aug 14 Maximilian Mary Kolbe

7:30 **Intention of the Ed Nix family**  
Server: Jacob Dee, Kellan Doberstein

### Fri, August 15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin

7:30 **+Anna & Otto Schroeder**  
Servers: Riley Campbell, Evan Dolan  
5:15 **+Betty J. Ambrose**

### Sat, August 16 Weekday, Stephen of Hungary, BVM

7:30 **+Adeline Glatt**  
Servers: Hannah Nelson, Claire Craig

### 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Sat, August 16

4:30 **+Margaret Schubert**

MC: Pete Fiorini

Servers: Monica Kachel, Cassie Steele, Emily Walker

Readers: David & Anna Curtis

Petitions: Clare Donskey

Eucharist: Walt Susdorf, Luci Johnson, Ruth Wills, Marilyn Holland, Debbie Brannon

Ushers: Ralph Jagodzinski, Mike Watunya, Allan Fukuda, David Sweeney

Offering family:

### Sun, August 17

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

MC: Mike Vanderploeg

Servers: Josh Alexander, Sam Scheidt, Casey Cooper, Mitchell Degenhardt

Readers: Betty Nelson, Jeff George

Petitions: Helen Kirch

Eucharist: Mary & Lou Ritter, Bill Chamberlain, Karen Perry, Bernice Lansing, Denis Kuennen

Ushers: Dave Herlitzke, Paul Lyga, Joe Durst, Frank Nevelle

Offering family: Joe & Carol Melde

10:00 **+Mary Kimmet**

MC: William Arnold

Servers: Joey Francksen, Josh Lenth, Riley Reinhart, Fritz Wiggert

Readers: Jonella Radamacher, Patti Keil

Petitions: Emily Walker

Eucharist: Marianne Pittman, Mary Ellen Robertson, Mary Ann Brownell, Barb & Terry Felt, Cheryl Pearse

Ushers: Tony Weisse, Tim Desmond, Dan Skaff, Steve Flottmeyer

Offering family: Tami & Chris Thilgis & family

## AROUND THE PARISH

### FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

Friday, August 15  
Holyday of Obligation  
Mass times: 7.30 am and 5.15 pm.

### SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

*You did it again!!!*

*The target last weekend was 1000 items. We have counted over 1700 items. 900 items were donated to CCS, 500 to the Salvation Army, and the remainder to the Viterbo out-reach program for distribution.*

*Thanks, one and all.*

*The Social Justice Committee*

### WIDOWS & WIDOWERS Group

Tues, Aug 12, 6 pm, River Jacks  
For information call Barb Schmitz, 788-1667, or Loretta Clarkin, 784-9917

### SUNDAY PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

Classes will be starting Sept 28 during the 10:00 Mass in the Parish Center. Needed: teachers, teaching helpers, & music leaders for ages 3-5. Please contact Helen Roop, 796-2644, or [Hmroop5@aol.com](mailto:Hmroop5@aol.com).

### NEEDED RIGHT NOW

*Your completed parish census form.  
Drop off in the office or collection basket at Mass*

### NEEDED FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES

**THOSE LITTLE BOTTLES (NEW OF COURSE) OF SHAMPOO, LOTION, BARS OF SOAP, ETC. FROM HOTELS & MOTELS. IN YOUR TRAVELS PACK 'EM UP, AND DROP OFF IN THE PARISH OFFICE OR BOX IN THE NARTHEX. THEY ARE SO APPRECIATED BY FOLKS WHO DROP IN AT CATHOLIC CHARITIES. THANKS.**

### FOUND IN THE ALLEY BY CHURCH

*Man's ring  
Call the office to identify.*

## PARISH SUPPORT

COLLECTIONS UPDATE: July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009

Needed each week: \$17,400.00

Received 8/3: \$11,200.00

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*Say what you MEAN. MEAN what you say. Don't say it MEAN.*

## COMING UP

Aug 10 Dinner with Father Francis  
Aug 12 Widows & Widowers Group, River Jacks, 6 pm  
Aug 15 Feast of the Assumption, Masses: 7:30 & 5:15  
Aug 30,31 Anniversary Weekend  
Sept 1-7 Our week for Mobile Meals  
Sept 2 Pastoral Council meeting, 6:30  
Sept 7 Parish Golf Outing & Fall Social

### MUSIC NOTES

**SUMMER CHOIR** Mark Earleywine leads a summer choir at the 4:30 Saturday Mass every other Saturday. We will sing again Sat, Aug 16. Come at 4:00 to practice.

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR** will sing at 10:00 Mass next Sunday and will practice Saturday, 9:30-10:15. Kids in Grade School are invited to be part of our Children's Choir. Questions? Call Pauline at 892-2953, ext. 3.

**ADULT SINGERS**, our choir will resume practices and singing at 10:00 Mass in September. If you enjoy singing, consider being part of our wonderful choir. Contact director Mark Earleywine at 397-7210, or organist Pauline Connell at 782-2953, ext. 3.

### \$crip News

Back-to-school sales are on. Use \$crip and watch that CCS tuition bill shrink. If shopping at Office Depot, mention our school's ID #70109223. Our school will receive 5% of qualifying purchases back.

### SCHOOL WINDOWS

Would you like to help fund replacement windows in the older section of school? Cost: \$609 a piece.

### BLESSED SACRAMENT WOMEN'S BRIDGE GROUP

*will resume in September. New members are welcome. Call Nancy Meyer at 788-0135 for more information.*

### COUPLE'S BRIDGE GROUP

*will also be resuming. Call Judy Wiltinger at 788-1473 for details.*

*If you missed attending the dinner with Father Francis and would like to donate to the projects he oversees, make out a check this week to Blessed Sacrament Parish, noting his name.*

**BLESSED SACRAMENT PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTION** will take place this Fall.  
are interested in running for a Council seat, please call Father Olson.

*If you*

**WOMEN OF THE PARISH WHO KNIT OR CROCHET** – Please consider being part of our Women’s Pray Shawl Group. In your free time you can help with our ministry of providing prayer shawls for homebound/sick parish members. For more info please call Nancy Padesky, 784-5332,

**HELPERS NEEDED AT PLACE OF GRACE** on Thursdays to cook supper, provide hospitality to guests, and clean up after the meal. Contact Ben Kruse, Place of Grace Coordinator, at 782-6224, or 386-7680, or email [bmkruse@gmail.com](mailto:bmkruse@gmail.com).

**LIVING WITH DIABETES** presentation Tues, Aug 12, 9:30-noon, Southside Neighborhood Center, 1300 S 6<sup>th</sup> St. Preregister by Aug 11 by calling 775-4717. \$5 registration fee. Light refreshments will be served.

**BLOOD DRIVE** Mon, Aug 25, 12:45-5:45, Cathedral Gathering Space.

**MAKING OR UPDATING YOUR WILL?** Remember your parish and the needs of our schools and charities.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** at Holy Trinity and at St. Pat’s, Onalaska. Both Aug 11-15. Children entering grades 1-5 are invited. Holy Trinity: 782-2028; St. Pat’s: 783-5535, ext 8.

**BIG BROTHERS, BIG SISTERS** matches children with caring adult mentors to share time, experiences, friendship and fun. You can be a positive role model and friend to a young person who needs caring adults in his/her life. Call 782-2227 for more information.

**ROAD TO RECOVERY** Can you help drive cancer patients to and from their needed treatments? Contact CAUSEWAY at 784-4517 if you can help out.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE** Join this unprecedented campaign: 40 days of prayer, public witness, and fasting to end abortion in our world. Date: Sept 24 – Nov 2. For more information go to [www.40daysforlife.com](http://www.40daysforlife.com).

#### **GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS**

*The Coffee Club* meets 2 Wed am’s at Schumacher Kish. Call June at 782-1252 for details.

*Caring for Each other* meets weekly at 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church, West Ave & Cass. Call 784-4248 for info.

*Suicide survivors* meet at Holy Trinity the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month, 7-9 pm, in the basement of Leo Hall.

**ANNULMENT** Considering filing for an annulment, but concerned about the time it might take, the overall cost, or the effect on one’s children? In our Diocese, most annulment cases are completed in under one year, the fee per case is never more than \$400, and the status or “legitimacy” of children is not changed in any way, shape, or form. Please contact the Diocese Matrimonial Tribunal at 791-2684 or email: [Tribunal@dioceseoflacrosse.com](mailto:Tribunal@dioceseoflacrosse.com), if you have further questions or would like more information on how to begin the process.

**ALZHEIMER RESEARCH** Franciscan Skemp is recruiting volunteers for a research study. Needed for the two groups are those who have/had a parent with Alzheimer’s, and those with parents without evidence of dementia. If interested in volunteering contact Sharon Schulz at 392-9505 or 800-362-5454, ext 6810.

**CHILD & BABYSITTING SAFETY COURSE** for sitters ages 10-14 will be held Sat, Aug 23, Lang Conference Room, FSMC. \$25 registration fee at the door. Call 392-4172 to pre-register (required). Topics: feeding, changing, holding a baby, medical emergencies, home safety.

### **ADVENTURES IN REVELATION**

#### **10 WEEK BIBLE STUDY**

**THURSDAYS, 7-8:30 PM, CATHEDRAL PARISH**

**PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED, CALL JOE O’KEEFE AT 786-1793 OR LIZ WHALEN, 788-6900. COST: \$25.**