

Blessed Sacrament Parish

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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 17, 2008 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK August 18 - 24, 2008

Hello Blessed Sacrament Parish,

My name is Mary Roop, and I am a 2008 graduate from Aquinas High School and a member of Blessed Sacrament Parish. Through the Diocese of La Crosse, I, with nine other students, spent two weeks at Casa Hogar, an orphanage founded by Father Joseph Walijewski in 1986. Thank you all for this opportunity to share my experiences from my time at Casa Hogar in Lurín, Peru.

This was my first time out of the country, and the difference was so dramatic. The landscape was dry and dusty. Stray dogs roamed everywhere, and squatters' shacks covered the hill sides. The orphanage was like a paradise. It was one of the few places in the city with grass, and it had running water and bathroom facilities.

Every morning at 6:45 we attended mass in Spanish and afterward greeted the children with the traditional kiss on the cheek. During our time at the Casa we worked on many different projects; we cleaned, organized, and painted a warehouse, dug irrigation trenches, organized the Casa library, sanded a bamboo hut, and trimmed bushes. In the afternoons we played soccer or volleyball with the children. It was difficult for those of us who didn't know Spanish, but sports turned out to be a universal language!

During the weekend our group took a vacation to Cuzco and Machu Picchu. One of our leaders, Fr. Enrique, was born and raised in Cuzco, so he knew exactly what to show us. We toured the Cuzco Cathedral with its Spanish influenced artwork and beautiful gold and silver altars. We also visited the ancient ruins of Machu Picchu. But the most amazing experience was our visit to the farms outside Cuzco. We visited a widow who lived with her six children in the mountains. She lived in a dirt floor home. Her kitchen was also the pen for her guinea pigs (a delicacy in Peru). This woman lived in such poverty yet she was still so kind. She fed us potatoes and cheese during our visit. After we explored her farm (including the spring where she and her family got clean water) we gave her a small donation for her kindness; she was so grateful that she began to cry.

During one of our last days in Peru we visited Lima, the capitol. We stopped to pray at the tombs of St. Rose of Lima and of St. Martin de Porres, the most famous Peruvian saints. We also saw the catacombs in Lima.

Returning to the Casa was like returning home. Everyone was so kind and energetic. These children who had such difficulties in their lives shared their new home with us "gringos." My emotions about this trip can hardly be summed up in one column but I hope that I have shared some of the highlights from this amazing experience. We saw poverty, yes, but we also saw how faith in God and love conquered.

PETITION READERS

Young people who would like to read the petitions at weekend Mass, now is the time to contact Sheila Riley at 788-3523 to get on the new schedule.

Mon, Aug 18 Weekday, Jane Frances de Chantal

7:30 **+Kent Lawrence**
+Joan Durst

Servers: Dick Meyer

Tues, Aug 19 Weekday, John Eudes

7:30 **+Jack & Phil Knothe**
+Francis Muehlenkamp

Servers: Pete Fiorini

Wed, Aug 20 Bernard

7:30 **+Irene Sweeney**

Servers: Jason Hutzler

5:15 Evening Prayer & Benediction

Server: Sam Steingraeber

Thurs, Aug 21 Pius X

7:30 **+Margaret Schubert**

Server: Joe Cambio, Kellan Doberstein

Fri, August 22 Queenship of the Blessed Virgin

7:30 **+Frank & Mary Howard**

Servers: Courtney Frick, Maria Franke

Sat, August 23 Weekday, Rose of Lima, BVM

7:30 **+Rose Kachel (Anniv.)**

Servers: Alyssa Johnson, Lucy Wiggert

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat, August 23

4:30 +Brian Steele

MC: Pete Fiorini

Servers: Kelly Kroner, Cassie Steele, Katie Kachel

Readers: Gene Kolaczowski, Christine Skemp

Petitions:

Eucharist: Ed Maroon, Mary Ann Bradley, Loretta Clarkin,
Susan Fukuda, Don Gilbert

Ushers: Bill Kroner, Allan Fukuda, Dave Sweeney

Offering family:

Sun, August 24

8:00 For the People of the Parish

MC: Mike Vanderploeg

Servers: Nathan Schneider, Pat Campbell, Derek Craig,
Carson Schneider

Readers: Tom Kieffer, Steve McGovern

Petitions: Maggie Clements

Eucharist: Carol Melde, Joe Clements, Earl & Lucille Newton,
Jean Kachel

Ushers: Gene Hafner, Robert Schaefer, Adolph Szymkowiak

Offering family:

10:00 +Al & Pat Schedesky

MC: Jason Hutzler

Servers: Jamie Cooper, Michael Czeiska, Taylor Donskey,
Bobby Kachel

Reader: Bob Kelemen

Petitions: Mary Roop

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

Ushers: John Sullivan, Terry Felt, Tom Franke, Joe Dalton

Offering family:

ANGELS OF MERCY

If you or someone you know is seriously ill, facing surgery, or needs prayers, please call 782-2953 to let us know, so we can contact our ANGELS OF MERCY PRAYER GROUP.

AROUND THE PARISH

PARISH SUPPORT

COLLECTIONS UPDATE: July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009
Needed each week: \$17,400.00
Received 8/10: \$9,288.00

Words to live by: *I'm too blest to be stressed.*

Father Francis was called back to India sooner than he had planned, leaving on Thurs, Aug 14. If you would still like to help him financially with the projects he is heading up in his Province, you may make a check out to our parish and we will forward the money on to him. Note "Father Francis" on your check.

CATHEDRAL SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Tues, Aug 26, 5-7:00 pm

Stop in and meet the teachers, get reacquainted, and even drop off school supplies to avoid that first day rush.

Christmas fair planning meeting

Wed, Aug 20, 9:00, Conference Room

*confirm booth chairs

*set-up and decorating

*parishioner-made crafts to sell

Contact Karen Perry, 788-1546, for more info.

Rest in Peace

Joan Pust

Grace Neumeier

Kenneth Kubiak

Brother of Jeanette Pearse

SUNDAY PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

Classes will be starting Sept 21 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.

LAST CALL

Your completed parish census form.

Drop off in the office or collection basket at Mass

WELCOME

Richard & Michelle Noronha

FOUND IN THE ALLEY BY CHURCH

Man's ring

Call the office to identify.

COMING UP

Aug 20 Christmas Fair meeting, 9 am
Aug 30/31 Anniversary Weekend
Sept 1-7 Our week for Mobile Meals
Sept 2 1st day of school
Sept 2 Pastoral Council meeting, 6:30
Sept 7 Parish Golf Outing & Fall Social
Sept 15 Men's Club meeting
Sept 27/28 Apple Pie Sale
Nov 1 Rummage Sale

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 30. Come at 4:00 to practice.

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 clothes sales on now. Remember, you can use \$crip to pay your Penney's and Kohl's charge card bills.

SCHOOL WINDOWS

Would you like to help fund replacement windows in the older section of school? Cost: \$609 a piece. The windows have been installed and will be a great improvement.

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.

RCIA CORNER

A new session will be starting soon. RCIA is for those who desire to join the Catholic Faith and have not been baptized or not been confirmed. Contact Jennifer Kulzer at 385-3459 for more information.

BLESSED SACRAMENT PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS 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 bmkkruse@gmail.com.

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

PERSONAL SAFETY & IDENTITY THEFT presentation by Office Bob Berndt of the LaX Police Dept. Aug 26, 2:30-3:30, Marycrest Auditorium, FSMC. Sponsored by the Geriatric Dept. and open to all. No **charge**. Refreshments 2:00-2:30.

CAR SEAT SAFETY presentation Aug 21, 10:30-11:30, Sally Olson Conference Room of FSMC. Free.

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.

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.

BLESSED SACRAMENT WOMEN’S CLUB MEETING

The Club held a meeting on Aug. 6. Blessed Sacrament Women will be hosting the April 2009 Deanery meeting.

The net profit from the two rummage sales was \$6,248. The Club will fund one of the replacement windows in school. Karen Perry gave an update on the Christmas Fair projects and showed a sample of a fleece blanket which will be made. The next Fair planning meeting will be Aug 20 at 9:00. All ladies are invited to attend and help with projects.

Nancy Padesky reported on the prayer shawl ministry. Volunteers are invited to help make these shawls which are given free to people who need comfort and caring.

Marianne Pittman is in charge of the “40 days for Life” project. She can be reached at 787-8284 for more information.

A special thank you to all parish ladies for providing money, food, and taking time to help with luncheons, funerals, bake sales, celebrations, and rummage sales. Thanks to the men who help with moving tables, sorting rummage, hauling things and just being helpful with women’s projects. It is inspiring to all of us that the young people are willing to help when asked. It is appreciated that so many people say “yes” when help is needed.

Sue Lynch, President

Bernice Lansing, President-elect

Betty Nelson, Treasurer

Liz Nutter, Secretary