

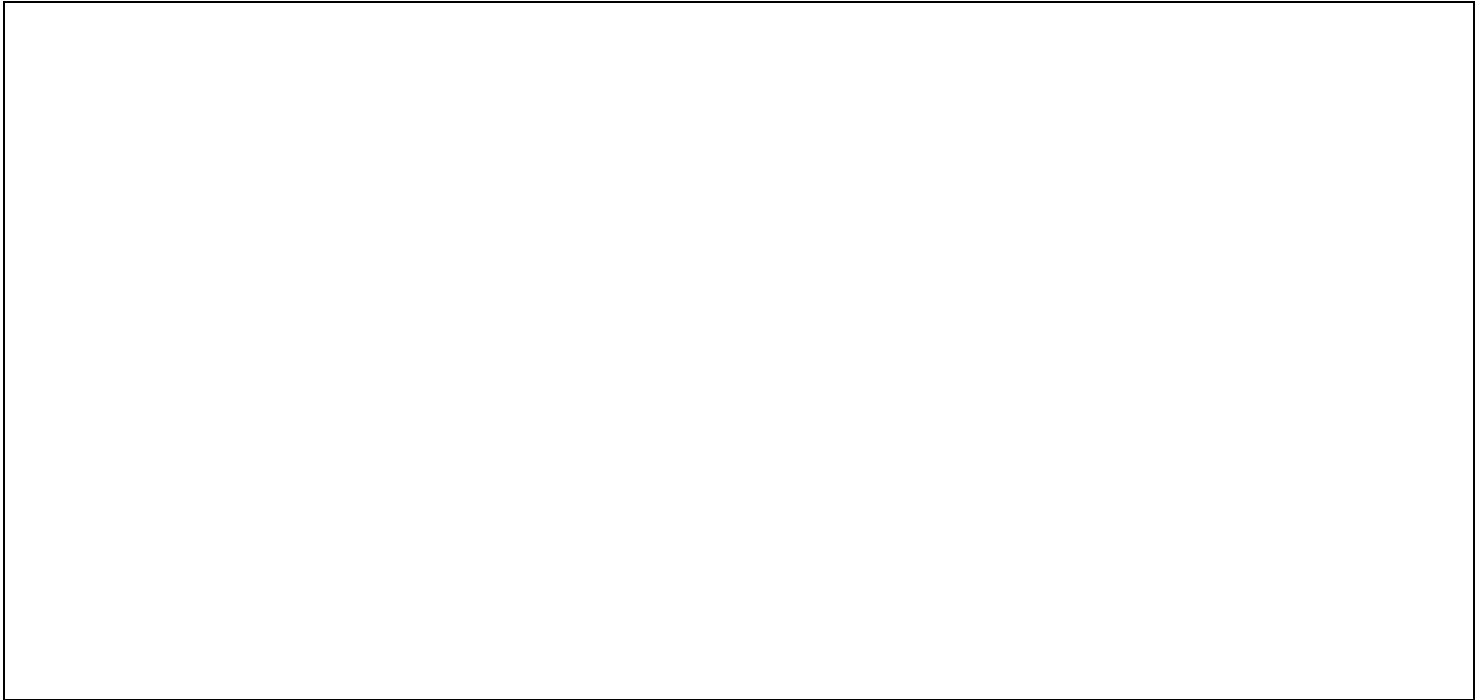
# Blessed Sacrament Parish

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**December 14, 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.

**December 14, 2008**  
**Third Sunday of Advent**

**PARISH ADVENT PENANCE  
SERVICE**

**Wed, Dec 17, 6:30 pm**  
**Prayer Service followed by**  
**individual confessions**  
**(several priests will be hearing)**

Notes from the Pastor

Today we have celebrated *Gaudete Sunday*, a reminder that Advent is meant to be a time of preparation for the coming of Jesus. In olden days that preparation meant that Advent was a time of penance and fasting like Lent, and so there came the custom of having one day in that time when the penance and fasting was lessened. That would be today. But *Gaudete Sunday*, or *Rejoice Sunday*, is meant also as a time of rejoicing that the coming of the Christ Child is very near.

Because this is still a time of preparation, this week on Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup> we will have our parish Advent season reconciliation service. We will pray together and have several priests available to hear confessions. This will be an excellent opportunity for you to receive the sacrament of reconciliation prior to the coming of the Lord on the Feast of the Nativity. The other opportunity for confession will be the all-day confessions heard at the Cathedral on December 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

On a very different subject, THANK YOU to everyone who sent cards or gifts for my birthday this past week. Your prayers and remembrance are most appreciated.

Let us pray for one another.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**  
**December 15 - 21, 2008**

This week's reader: Don Gilbert  
Communion Minister: Florence Koenig

Mon, Dec 15 Advent Weekday

7:30 **+Louise A. Robers (Anniv.)**

Servers: Bill Chamberlain

Tues, Dec 16 Advent Weekday

7:30 **+Dennis Hacker**

Servers: Pete Fiorini

Wed, Dec 17 Advent Weekday

7:30 **+Lauretta Jahimiak**

Servers: Jason Hutzler

9:00 **+Ron Drout**

5:15 Evening Prayer & Benediction

Server: Riley Campbell

Thurs, Dec 18 Advent Weekday

7:30 **+John & Laura Levi**

Servers: Thomas Gallagher, Kellan Doberstein

Fri, Dec 19 Advent Weekday

7:30 **+Jerry Heberlein**

Servers: Claire Craig, Joe Cambio

Sat, Dec 20 Advent Weekday

7:30 **+David Oswalt**

Servers: Emilie Steingraeber, Courtney Frick

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sat, Dec 20

**4:30 +Paul Weigel (Anniv.)**

MC: Pete Fiorini

Servers: Kate Riley, Clare Roop, Anna Schuttenhelm

Readers: David & Anna Curtis

Petitions: Helen Kirch

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

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

*Offering family:* Tom & Nancy Padesky

Sun, Dec 21

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

MC: Mike Vanderploeg

Servers: Jason & Zach Hutzler, Nathan Schneider, John Paul Soldner

Readers: Betty Nelson, Jeff George

Petitions: Elise Flottmeyer

*Eucharist:* Mary Ritter, Lucille Newton, Bill Chamberlain, Bernice Lansing, Denis Kuennen

*Ushers:* Dave Herlitzke, Paul Lyga, Joe Durst, Pat Cavadini

*Offering family:* Tim & Mary Brennan & family

**10:00 +Raymond Becker**

MC: William Arnold

Servers: Riley Reinhart, Jamie Cooper, Michael Czeiska

Readers: Jonella Rademacher, Patti Keil

Petitions: Bob Steingraeber

*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:* Ron & Jeanette Hammes

## AROUND THE PARISH

### CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

If you would like to remember someone or honor someone by purchasing a poinsettia for the altar, the cost is as follows:

\$10/small plant; \$15/large

Call Eenie at 782-2953, ext 2.

## WOMEN'S CLUB MEETING

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 6:00 PM**

**PARISH CENTER**

**DINNER PROVIDED AND SERVED BY THE OFFICERS**

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**ALL LADIES OF THE PARISH, PLEASE JOIN US. THERE WILL BE A BRIEF MEETING, A REPORT ON THE OUTSTANDING CHRISTMAS FAIR, RECIPES FROM THE FAIR LUNCHEON (YES, EVEN THE WILD RICE SOUP), AND DOOR PRIZES.**

**BRING A FOOD ITEM FOR AREA PANTRIES. DON'T MISS THIS CHANCE TO ENJOY THE COMPANY OF THE WONDERFUL GALS IN OUR PARISH!**

### MASS TIMES

**Christmas Masses December 24**

**4:30 pm** (Children's Choir)

Caroling 30 minutes before Mass

**10:00 pm** (Adult Choir)

Caroling 30 minutes before Mass

**December 25**

**8:00 am** (instrumentalists)

Prelude music 15 minutes before Mass

**10:00 am** (teen choir)

Prelude music 15 minutes before Mass

**Mary, Mother of God (January 1) Masses**

Dec 31: 5:15 pm

Jan 1: 8:00 & 10:00 am

*If you or your family would like to be involved in any of these Masses as servers, readers, Eucharistic Ministers, offering families, or ushers, please call 782-2953, ext. 3, to sign up.*

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**Grades 1-10**

**Wed, Dec 17, 6:30-7:45 pm**

Students in grades 8-10 will take part in the Parish Penance Service at 6:30

A Christmas Party with cookies and carols will be held for all students and families, 7:15-7:45.

## PARISH SUPPORT

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

Needed each week: \$17,400.00

Received 11/30: \$16,294.00

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Swallow your pride occasionally. It's non-fattening!

## COMING UP

Dec 16 Women's Club dinner meeting, 6:00 pm

Dec 17 Parish Penance Service with individual Confessions, 6:30 pm

Dec 20 Children's Choir sings at Village on Cass, 10:30-11:00 am

Dec 22-28 Our week for Mobile Meals

Jan 26 Men's Club, 7 pm

## MUSIC NOTES

**ADULT CHOIR**, (high school age and older) will practice Thursday, 7-8:00, in the choir loft. The choir will sing at the 10:00 Mass on Christmas Eve (caroling beginning at 9:30).

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR** (grade school age) will practice on Saturday, Dec 20, 9:30-10:15am, and will entertain at the Village on Cass, 10:30-11:00. The choir will sing at the 4:30 Mass on Christmas Eve (caroling beginning 30 minutes before Mass).

## \$crip News

Got a few hours to spare? Call us at 782-2953 to sign up for \$crip selling hours in the office, 9-noon; 1-4 pm.

Did you know you can use \$crip to pay for a family vacation virtually anyplace at all – DisneyWorld, Hyatt Hotels, American Airlines, etc. The percentage profit for these places is very substantial – really makes a dent in your (or someone's) CCS tuition bill.

Businesses, consider using \$crip cards for your employees' Christmas gifts. What could be easier?

## FEEDING THE FLOCK parish Cookbook SALE

\$10/one; \$15/two

On sale in the office and after all Masses

**NEED A NEW BAR RECIPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS? TRY THE FUDGE NUT BAR RECIPE ON PG. 127, SUBMITTED BY THE WIGGERT FAMILY.**

## BLANKETS FOR THE NEEDY DROP-OFF BIN IN THE NARTHEX

REMEMBERING OUR DEARLY DEPARTED  
If a family member has recently died and you would like his/her name mentioned in the bulletin, please let us know. Call 782-2953, ext. 2.

**IMMEDIATE NEED BY CATHOLIC CHARITIES  
THERE ARE MANY, MANY FAMILIES IN NEED OF "ESSENTIALS." COULD YOU HELP OUT WITH GIFT CARDS FOR FOOD, GAS, OR CLOTHING, OR HYGIENE SUPPLIES? DROP OFF AT 3710 EAST AVE. S. BLESS YOU.**

**AQUINAS STUDENT OF THE MONTH FOR NOVEMBER**  
*Sheilagh Lyon, junior*

**BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL BAND AND ADVENT MUSICAL**  
**Thursday, December 18, 1 and 6:30 pm.**

**MARDI GRAS BALL Jan 17, Stoney Creek.** Our school's Lord and Lady, Brian and Dawn Harris, invite everyone to attend. Contact Ahna Clason, 788-6264, to buy your tickets, reserve a table, or be a sponsor.

**CATHEDRAL SCHOOL** holds Advent prayer services on Mondays at 2:20. All are invited. The students are involved with gifts to Catholic Charities by taking tags from the "Giving Tree."

**MEN OF CHRIST CONFERENCE 2009** will be held Sat, Jan 10, Washington County Fair Park Convention Center, West Bend. Marvelous speakers including Archbishop Dolan, Darrell Miller, Fr. Frank Hoffman (Fr. Rocky), and others. Adoration throughout the day, opportunity for Confession, lunch, Mass at 4 pm. Register online at [www.MenofChrist.net](http://www.MenofChrist.net), or mail to Men of Christ, P.O. Box 212, Hales Corners, WI 53130-0212 . \$40 through Dec 17; \$50 after Dec 18. Students, \$20 discount. Men, don't miss this enriching day! Fathers, bring your sons.

**RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS** An envelope is included in this bulletin for your donation to this cause. Many retired religious live with little financial support as they worked all their lives without a retirement plan or social security. Your support is greatly appreciated.

**COME TO THE FEAST**, cookbook, prepared by Roncalli Newman Center, contains over 400 recipes. Cost: \$10 each. Order by contacting Erma Hafner, 797-6900, or Sherry Rozmenoski, 792-9554.

**AQUINAS RAFFLE CALENDARS** for 2009 are available in the parish office. \$20 each. A winner is drawn daily.

**EMPTY ALUMINUM CANS** may be dropped off in the bin in the Aquinas parking lot. Thanks!

**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS:** The Coffee Club meets 2 Wednesday mornings per month at Schumancher Kish. Contact June at 782-1252 for details. "Caring for Each Other" group meets at the First Presbyterian Church, West Ave and Cass. Call 784-4248 for information.

**THOSE AFFECTED BY A SUICIDE** Informal sharing meetings are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month in Leo Hall at Holy Trinity Parish, 7-9 pm. Questions? Call Nancy at 769-5007.

**WE JUST CAN'T WAIT FOR OUR KING**

**Youth Rally**

Sat. Dec 20, 12:30-6:30 pm

Praise and worship music, pizza, inspirational speaker, adoration, confession, and Mass at 5:00

\$5.00 plus a canned item for food pantry.

Register by calling 526-4424 or email [seasyouth@charter.net](mailto:seasyouth@charter.net)

**PILGRIMAGE FOR LIFE**

January 20-24, 2009, Washington DC

Open to anyone 13 years and older.

Information and registration forms are available in the parish office.

(FYI The first march, 1974: 20,00 pilgrims; recent year's marches: 225,000 pilgrims)