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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:30 pm

Sunday 8:00 and 10:00 am

Monday – Saturday 7:30 am

Tuesday & Thursday 5:15 pm

EVENING PRAYER DAILY WITH BENEDICTION ON WEDNESDAYS

5:15 *in the Adoration Chapel*

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays 5:15

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Wednesday 7:00 pm

Saturday after 7:30 am Mass & 3:30-4:00

Confessions heard in church; other times by appointment

February 17, 2008

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.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

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February 17, 2008
Second Sunday of Lent

This Sunday's reading from the Gospel of Matthew gives us the story of the Transfiguration. This momentary vision of Christ, in his glory, was given in order to strengthen the three principal Apostles to face the trials to their faith, which the sufferings and crucifixion of their beloved master would bring on them. For the very same reason it is retold to us today, in the early part of Lent, to encourage us to persevere in our Lenten mortification. It reminds us that, very soon, the Easter bells will be ringing out their message of joy once more. If we are sharers with Christ in his sufferings, we shall be sharers with him in his glory as St. Paul reminds us.

Christ has asked us to follow him, carrying our daily cross, and the end of our journey is not Calvary but resurrection, the entrance to a life of glory with our risen Savior. The Christian who grasps his cross closely and willingly, knowing its value for his real life, will find it becomes lighter.

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This week Fr. Francis leaves us to begin new and greater work in his religious order's province in northeast India. The prayers and best wishes of our parish go with him. Fr. Francis has been our connection to the school, an always faithful visitor at the hospitals and nursing homes, a model of prayer, and a gentle voice in our midst. He will be missed.

Let us pray for one another

ANGELS OF MERCY

If you or someone you know is seriously ill, facing surgery, recovering, or needs prayers, please let us know so the Angels of Mercy Prayer Group can be notified. Call 782-2953.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
Feb 18 - 24

Mon, Feb 18 Lenten Weekday

7:30 **+Stephen Haug (Anniv.)**
Servers: Claie Craig, Kristina Neve

Tues, Feb 19 Lenten Weekday

7:30 **+Jerry Heberlein**
Servers: Dylan Fitzpatrick, Michael Bartley

5:15 **+Margaret Lang**

Wed, Feb 20 Lenten Weekday

7:30 **+Patricia Sweeney**
Servers: Aly Steingart, Hannah Nelson

9:00 **+Robert Partridge**
Servers: Sam Scheidt, Henry Sayner

5:15 **EVENING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION**

Server: Carson Schneider

Thurs, Feb 21 Lenten Weekday, Peter Damian

7:30 **+Katherine Vlasak**
Servers: Michelle Jacobs, Jenalee Emmert

5:15 **+Pat Connley**

Fri, Feb 22 Chair of St. Peter

7:30 **+Norbert Schmidt**
Servers: Alex Steiger, Brian Conway

Sat, Feb 23 Lenten Weekday

7:30 **+Joan Durst**
Servers: Kristin Iverson, Sydney Watunya

3rd Sunday of Lent

Sat, Feb 23

4:30 +Joyce Winter Telles

Servers: Katie Kachel, Kelly Kroner, Kate Riley
MC: Pete Fiorini

Readers: Gene Kolaczowski & Christine Skemp

Petitions: Emily Walker

Eucharist: Ed Maroon, Mary Ann Bradley, Loretta

Clarkin, Susan Fukuda, Don Gilbert, Debbie/Andy Brannon

Offering family: David & Jackie Craig & family

Sun, Feb 24

8:00 For the People of the Parish

Servers: Kyle Sieck, Matt Brannon, Tim & John Brennan

MC: Mike Vanderploeg

Readers: Tom Kieffer & Steve McGovern

Petitions: Cassie Steele

Eucharist: Carol Melde, Florence Koenig, Joe &

Barb Clements

Offering family: Mary Ann Melvin & Loretta Clarkin

10:00 +Mary Kimmet

Servers: Gus & Fritz Wiggert, Eric Clements, Peter Coppola

MC: Tim Clements

Readers: Jason Hutzler & Bob Kelemen

Petitions: Luke Riley

Eucharistic: Deb Gilkes, Mike Hartley, Larry Lee, Jeff &

Sandy Reinhart

Offering family: Jeff & Sandy Reinhart & family

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays, 2:15 (grade school) and 5:15

AROUND THE PARISH

PARISH SUPPORT

GOOD-BYE, FATHER FRANCIS
Thanks for all you've done for us, and for
your great smile!! Safe travels.

PARISH VIDEO LIBRARY

Has been relocated to the hallway outside the chapel door. Feel free to borrow any of the selections. Just sign them out on the clipboard, enjoy, and return in a timely manner. If you have videos or DVD's to donate, just drop off in the parish office.

REST IN PEACE

+Ruth Fuchsteiner
sister of Pat Crowley
+Elizabeth McFarland
sister of Richard Schoen
+Sister Joann Kelzer, S.S.C.
sister of Erna Gallagher

RESTROOM REMINDER

THERE ARE RESTROOMS LOCATED JUST OUTSIDE THE CHURCH CHAPEL DOOR, LEFT, DOWN THE HALLWAY. NO STEPS INVOLVED LIKE THE RESTROOMS IN THE BASEMENT UNDER THE NARTHEX.

Aquinas Founder's Day Awards

Jim Maney, *Bishop John Paul*
Distinguished Alumnus Award

Henry Funk, *St. Thomas Aquinas Award*
Dave Reinders, *St. Francis Staff Award*

Baptism Class

If you are planning to have your baby baptized here at Blessed Sacrament, and you have not attended a Baptism class, plan to attend before the date of baptism. Classes are held the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS

Grades 1-10

Wednesday, February 20, 6:30-7:45

COLLECTIONS UPDATE: July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008
Needed each week: \$17,400.00
Received 2/10 \$20,008.00

When I called to sign up at the workout spot, they said to wear loose-fitting clothes. If I had loose-fitting clothes I wouldn't have called to sign up in the first place.

COMING UP

Feb 17 Parish Breakfast after both Masses
Feb 16/17 Return Birthright Baby Bottles
Feb 22 Stations of the Cross, 5:15
Feb 23,24 Anniversary Weekend
Feb 25 Men's Club, 7 pm
Mar 2 Scout Sunday
Mar 8 First Reconciliation, 9:00
Mar 29 Senior Dinner hosted by Confirmandi

MUSIC NOTES

ADULT CHOIR will practice Thurs, 7-8:00, and will sing at 10:00 Mass next Sunday.
8:00 CHOIR will sing at the 8:00 Mass each week. We invite everyone who loves to sing to join us. Come, join us.

\$crip News

Had enough shoveling? \$crip is available for cruise lines, airlines, and hotels. Closer to home – movies, shopping, out-to-dinner.

WELCOME

***Peter & Nicole Eide**
Taylor & Paige
***Dr. Stephen & Jeanne Pavela**
and Amy
***Karen Spitzer**
and daughter Avri Jones

MEN OF THE PARISH

Don't miss the next Club meeting
Mon, Feb 25, 7 pm
Bring a friend and your ideas for
fun-raisers and fund-raisers

MITE BOXES were given to our students on Ash Wednesday. Money collected will be used to support our Diocesan mission in Santa Cruz.

LENTEN SERIES, presentation by Fr. Sam Martin, at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Saturdays. Feb. 23 topic: Middle Ages. Presentation at 9:30, Mass at 11:00. Free and open to all.

CATHOLIC TIMES renewal month is here. If you do not receive envelopes you may pick up a special Catholic Times envelope in the Narthex. Cost for the year: only \$16 if you subscribe through the parish. Drop off in the collection basket or in the parish office.

HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS wishing to have a visit from someone from the parish, please contact the Parish Office. Dave Allen will be coordinating a visitation program for our shut-ins. If you know someone who'd appreciate a happy face at the door, let us know, also.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES seeks a receptionist/secretary morning position (15 hrs/week). Computer ability required. Bi-lingual in Spanish a plus. Send resume and cover letter to: CCDL-Resumes, PO Box 266, La Crosse, WI 54602-0266 or via email to: resumes@cclse.org. Also needed are folks who can volunteer one day a week or even every-other week to perform receptionist duties in the afternoon. Training is available. Catholic Charities proclaims Christ's Gospel of Life and promotes human dignity by alleviating poverty and strengthening individuals and families. Contact Karen Becker or Darcie Manning at 782-0710 for more information.

WEEKEND RETREATS at St. Anthony's Marathon. Call 715-443-2236 or email: info@sarcenter.com.

*Day on Islam, Sat, Feb 23, 10-3:30. Offering: \$40.

*Healing in Broken Place" Divorced & separated retreat, Feb 22-24. Offering: \$140.

PRO-LIFE T-SHIRTS from the National Life League can be ordered by calling Celine Lauer mann at 783-4661 or the parish office at 782-2953. Cost: \$6.50.

YOUNG ADULT GROUP meets weekly. Contact Jenny Hess at 601-433-4122 for times and places.

ALUMINUM CANS can be dropped off in the parking lot at Aquinas. Proceeds benefit the Booster Club activities. Watch this spot for the Annual Spaghetti Dinner/auction night. It's loads of fun!

AQUINAS new student and freshmen registration will be held Feb 18 at 6pm in the theater. For more information call 784-0287.

Catholic Charities will be holding their 2nd annual Lenten Luncheon Wed, Mar 5, 11:30-1:00, at Holy Cross Diocesan Center. Recipients of the "In my Name" award will be honored. Cost is \$25. Send check and names of attendees to Catholic Charities, PO Box 266, La Crosse, 54602.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA day of recollection Sat, March 15. Mass at 8:00, breakfast following, reflections by Msgr. McGarty. \$10 donation requested. Call 788-0010 to reserve your spot.

AQUINAS MIDDLE SCHOOL JANUARY AWARDS

Grade 7 Student of the Month
Haley Nordeen

Grade 8 Foreign Language Award
Danielle Weinberger

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
LENTEN BUFFET
\$2.00 OFF WITH THIS COUPON
Any Friday thru March 21, 5-8 pm
3020 Hwy 16, La Crosse