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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

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.

February 24, 2008

ADULT, YOUNG ADULT EDUCATION IDEAS NEEDED

Help our Pastoral Council Education Committee form a plan for continuing opportunities to learn about our Faith. Have you been involved in a Scripture study, a prayer group experience, a rosary club, a faith-sharing group that has been enriching, and you'd like to see that as part of our Parish life? Please contact one of the Pastoral Council Education Committee and share your ideas. Members are the following: Lynn Donskey, 788-2094; Steve Flottmeyer, 788-3650; Jeff Reinhart, 784-2133.

February 24, 2008 Third Sunday of Lent

One of the great feast days we celebrated this past Friday, February 22, was the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter. This feast brings to mind the mission of teacher and pastor conferred by Christ on Peter, and continued in an unbroken line down to the present Pope. We celebrate the unity of the Church, founded upon the Apostle, and renew our assent to the Teaching of the Roman Pontiff. The feast of the Chair of Saint Peter at Rome has also been long celebrated on February 22nd. At St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, a Pontifical Mass is celebrated at the magnificent Altar of the Chair. This is not the main altar, as the main altar of St. Peter's Basilica sits above the grave site of this leader of the Apostles. The Altar of the Chair sits at the very end of the Basilica below the ornate window of the Spirit. The Altar of the Chair is believed to hold at least remnants of a chair used by St. Peter while presiding at Mass in Rome.

We honor the chair of St. Peter as a feast day because it gives particular focus to the teaching authority of the Pope and as the symbol of unity of the entire Catholic Church. The saying in the Church is "Where Peter is, there is the Church."

LOOKING AHEAD TO HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY All Masses will begin with a procession from the Parish Center into church. I encourage you to plan ahead, come 10 minutes early, and head down the hall so you can help re-create Christ's joyful entry into Jerusalem on that first Palm Sunday.

GOOD FRIDAY We will have one service on Good Friday at 12:15 pm.

THE EASTER VIGIL on Holy Saturday is the high point of the Church year. We begin after sundown in the dark, light the new fire and the new Easter candle, hear the story of redemption, and celebrate our own rebirth into God's family through our baptism. This is the time we traditionally welcome new members to the Church through baptism and confirmation, though this year we do not have candidates. I encourage you to think about coming to the Vigil with your family. Contrary to rumor, it lasts no more than 90 minutes. It is a glorious celebration of our redemption.

STOP ABORTION AND SUPPORT FAMILY LIFE

Mass intention for a novena of Masses on First Saturdays from Oct to June. The March Mass will be Sat, Mar 1, 7:30, at St. James Parish. Everyone is invited to participate and pray for these intentions. Sponsored by the La Crosse Deanery DCCW.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK Feb 25 – Mar 2

Mon, Feb 25 Lenten Weekday

7:30 **+Edith Berry**
Servers: Aubrey Williams, Maria Franke

Tues, Feb 26 Lenten Weekday

7:30 **+Dan Trussoni**
Servers: Frances Flottmeyer, Michala Taggart
5:15 **+Elizabeth Schoen McFarland**

Wed, Feb 27 Lenten Weekday

7:30 **+Virgil Grabinski**
Servers: Emilie Steingraeber, Alyssa Johnson
9:00 **+Brian Steele**
Servers: Riley Campbell, Nick Shankey
5:15 **EVENING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION**
Server: John Paul Soldner

Thurs, Feb 28 Lenten Weekday

7:30 **+Neal & Ruby Stearns**
Servers: Brandon Jensen, Tyler Ebner
5:15 **+Vincent Sans Crainte**

Fri, Feb 29 Chair of St. Peter

7:30 **+Harold & Dorothy Reid**
Servers: Isiah Brown, Thomas Gallagher

Sat, Mar 1 Lenten Weekday

7:30 **+Dorothy Lankford**
Servers: Andy Gundersen, Tim Bettis

4th Sunday of Lent, Laetare Sunday

Sat, Mar 1

4:30 **Special Intention**
Servers: Erin & Clare Roop, Claire Craig
MC: Pete Fiorini
Readers: Cheryl Pearse,
Petitions: Katie Gees
Eucharist: Cheryl & Tom Horvath, Tom & Ann Gees, Dave Allen
Offering family: Tom & Ev Gallagher

Sun, Mar 2

8:00 **+Raymond Jahimiak**
Servers: Sam & Mark Steingraeber, Jason & Zach Hutzler
MC: Mike Vanderploeg
Readers: Joe Durst, Mary Ritter
Petitions: Stephanie Koehne
Eucharist: Helen Flynn, Pat Lyga, Jean Kachel, Kathleen Hanson
Offering family: Gaylord & Karen Perry

10:00 For the People of the Parish

Servers: Joey Francksen, Josh Lenth, Riley Reinhart, Alex Bahr
MC: Tim Clements
Readers: Dave Weinberger, Kris Gerke
Petitions: Emily Dolan
Eucharistic: Jim Kroner, Gene Kolaczowski, Kathy Hancock, Craig Sallander, Nick Nicks
Offering family: The Scouts

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

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.

AROUND THE PARISH

MEN OF THE PARISH

Don't miss your next Club meeting

Mon, Feb 25, 7:00

Bring a friend and your ideas for fun-raisers
and fund-raisers

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, books, or DVD's to donate, just drop off in the parish office.

If you have borrowed any of "The Great Adventure Bible Timeline" series videos, please return them to the office. They are used for education programs.

MARTHA'S MEALS

Do you know someone from our parish in need of meals due to family illness, surgery, new baby, etc? Please contact Natalie Bennett if you or someone you know could benefit from home-cooked meals for a temporary time. If you'd like to be a volunteer for Martha's Meals, please phone Natalie at 788-4711. Thank you.

Missing a mitten? Or a pair of boots?

We have a nice selection of single mittens and gloves – many colors and sizes, a scarf or two, and a nice pair of boots in the Narthex of church. Perhaps you have the mate to one.

Connecting With the Bishop

Weekly radio program with Bishop ListECKI and special guests
Relevant Radio, 1570 AM
9:00 am Fridays & Sundays
Noon on Saturdays

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

KEEP OUR 2ND GRADERS AND HIGH SCHOOL SOPHOMORES IN YOUR PRAYERS AS THEY PREPARE FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION ON MARCH 8, FIRST COMMUNION OF APRIL 20, AND CONFIRMATION ON MAY 5.

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 27, 6:30-7:45

PARISH SUPPORT

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

Needed each week: \$17,400.00

Received 2/17 \$25,215.00

Found in Fr. Olson's fortune cookie: "Do not mistake temptation for opportunity."

COMING UP

Feb 25 Men's Club, 7 pm

Feb 29 Stations of the Cross, 5:15

Mar 2 Scout Sunday; awards given at 10:00 Mass

Mar 4 Baptism Class, 6:30

Mar 8 First Reconciliation, 9:00

Mar 12 Parish Penance Service, 6:30

Mar 29 Senior Dinner hosted by Confirmandi

MUSIC NOTES

ADULT CHOIR will practice Thurs, 7-8:00, in the choir loft. New voices always welcome.

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

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

\$crip News

Thinking about First Communion, Easter gifts, Confirmation or Wedding gifts? Remember, we have \$crip available for the Shrine Gift Shop and for Noelke's.

Save those grocery receipts, Campbells soup labels, moo-la bottle caps, and labels for education. Drop off in the Narthex. Blessed Sacrament School benefits greatly from the refunds received from these items. Thanks.

WELCOME

Mary Demlow

Melissa Copps, Elizabeth & Katherine

PARISH PENANCE SERVICE

Wednesday, March 12, 6:30 pm

As part of your Lenten journey, mark your calendar for March 12. There will be a prayer service at 6:30 with scripture and examination of conscience. We will have 7 priests available for individual confession. This is a wonderful way for your entire family to join our parish family in preparing for Easter.

Rest in peace

Alyssa Keppel

Grand-daughter of Karl & Liz Keppel

LENTEN SERIES, presentation by Fr. Sam Martin, at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Saturdays. March 1 topic: Renaissance. Presentation at 9:30, Mass at 11:00. Free and open to all.

INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS ON ADOPTION (domestic, international, and Special needs) will be held March 6 at the Catholic Charities Offices, 3710 East Ave S, at 11 am and at 6 pm. For more information call 782-0710, ext 210.

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. Bilingual 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.

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

*Weekend Retreat for Women & Men, Feb 29-Mar2. Theme: Finding and Becoming Peace in a Troubled World. Offering: \$140.

*Celtic Christianity Retreat, Mar 7-9. Offering: \$140. "How is the Irish Landscape inside YOU?"

FSMC Programs:

*Funeral Planning, Feb 26, 2:30-3:30, Marycrest Auditorium. No charge.

*Women's Wellness Retreat Mar 7 & 8, 4 pm to 4 pm, Stoney Creek Inn. Topics: The Smile Diet, The "Ohhh Effect", Factor of Five, Laughing Meditation. Call 392-4172 or email: pupp.cathleen@mayo.edu.

*Child and Babysitting Safety Course, for boys & girls 10-14, Mar 8, 9 – 2:30, Onalaska Conference Room. \$25 registration fee can be paid at the door. Register at 392-4172.

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.

TRIP TO AUSTRIA, led by Fr. David Kuntz, May 13-21. For information call 788-5483.

PRAYERFUL SINGLE WOMEN: The Sisters of the Divine Savior in Milwaukee invite you to join them in retreat Mar 7-9. There is no cost but space is limited. Call 1-800-221-1807.

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.

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

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