

Blessed Sacrament Parish

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:30 pm

Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 am

Weekdays Tues- Fri 6:30 am *in the Adoration Chapel*

Mon-Sat 7:30 am

EVENING PRAYER DAILY WITH BENEDICTION ON WEDNESDAYS

5:15 *in the Adoration Chapel*

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.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

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January 27, 2008

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Times

Dear Parishioners:

Last week we saw both the announced change of our Mass schedule beginning February 1st and the announcement from Fr. Francis that he will be returning to India February 21st to assume a post in his religious order as Provincial for the northeast portion of India. These are major changes for our Parish, but changes to which we will adapt. God made humans wonderfully able to adapt to change. I have had a number of people ask if we will be getting a new associate after Fr. Francis leaves. Much depends on the needs of the Diocese at any one time and the availability of priests. For a time, at least, we will have only one priest at Blessed Sacrament. As always, this reminds us to pray for more young men to respond to God's invitation to be a priest.

The parish will also be organizing a proper good bye for Fr. Francis sometime in February.

After some experimentation with lighting in the church, we have replaced the older incandescent bulbs with much more efficient lighting using about 15% of the electricity we used in the past. This makes us a bit more green conscious as part of our call to be good stewards of the earth. Some more fine tuning on the lighting remains to be done.

If you have called the parish recently you know we have a new telephone message system giving Mass times as well as allowing messages to be directed to the office or to individuals rather than simply leaving a general message.

With the upcoming changes in the Mass schedule, readers, ushers, extraordinary ministers of Eucharist, servers, cantors and choirs will have updated schedules as well. If you are part of these ministries, you should hear from someone within the next week about a new schedule. If you are interested in joining in one of these ministries, please call Pauline in the parish office. I ask that everyone involved in a ministry at Mass – Eucharistic Ministers, servers, readers, petition people, offering families – check in with the Master of Ceremonies in the Narthex of church before Mass. Come a few minutes early so we know everyone is here.

Please look for information in the bulletin on Masses, Benediction and Stations of the Cross during Lent and take advantage of these prayer opportunities. Lent is a wonderful time to give your personal prayer life a little boost and we have the perfect setting for that in our beautiful and quiet Adoration Chapel. Please come and spend a few quiet moments with our Lord in the Eucharist.

STOP ABORTION AND SUPPORT FAMILY LIFE
Mass intention for a novena of Masses on First Saturdays Oct – June. The Feb Mass will be Sat, Feb 2, 7:30, here at Blessed Sacrament. Everyone is invited to participate and pray for these intentions. Sponsored by the La Crosse Deanery DCCW.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Jan 28 – Feb 3

Mon, Jan 28 Thomas Aquinas

7:30 **+Jack & Phil Knothe**
Servers: Kristina Neve, Aly Steingart

Tues, Jan 29 Weekday

6:30 **+Ruth Witte**
Server: Bill Arnold
7:30 **+Dan Trussoni**
Servers: Tanner Beyer, Dylan Fitzpatrick

Wed, Jan 30 Weekday

6:30 **+Ray Jahimiak**
Server: Jason Hutzler, Dave Allen
7:30 **+Irene Sweeney**
Servers: Tanner Beyer, Dylan Fitzpatrick
8:45 **+C. James & Charles Lang**
Servers: Sam Scheidt, Henry Sayner
5:15 **EVENING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION**
Server: John Paul Soldner

Thurs, Jan 31, John Bosco

6:30 **+Harold & Dorothy Reid**
Servers: Pete Fiorini
7:30 **+Norbert Schmidt**
Servers: Claire Trussoni, Elle Reinhart

Fri, Feb 1 Weekday

7:30 **+Deceased members of E. Gallagher family**

Sat, Feb 2 Timothy & Titus

7:30 **Stop Abortion & Support Family Life**

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat, Feb 2

4:30 **+Ellsworth Blanchard**
Servers: Maddy Wettstein, Grace Riley, Emily Dolan
MC: Pete Fiorini
Readers: Marie Allen, Cheryl Pearse
Petitions: Helen Kirch
Eucharist: Cheryl & Tom Horvath, Tom & Ann Gees, Dave Allen
Offering family: Tom & Lori Nigon family

Sun, Feb 3

8:00 **+Lyra Heath**
Servers: Jason & Zach Hutzler, Josh Alexander, Pat Campbell
MC: Jason Hutzler
Readers: Joe Durst, Mary Ritter
Petitions: Mary Roop
Eucharist: Helen Flynn, Jean Kachel, Pat Lyga, Kathleen Hanson
Offering family: Jerry & Sandra Borreson

10:00 **For the People of the Parish**
Servers: Mark Vach, Alex Wettstein, Michael Czeiska, Taylor Donskey
MC: Andrew Flottmeyer
Readers: Dave Weinberger, Kris Gerke
Petitions: Kate Riley
Eucharist: Jim Kroner, Gene Kolaczowski, Kathy Hancock, Craig Sallander, Nick Nicks
Offering family: Art and Mary Ann Brownell

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

FRIDAYS, 5:15

AROUND THE PARISH

USHERS

All ushers will be meeting Tues, Jan 29, 6:30, in the Parish Center. A **MUST** meeting for all!

PARISH BREAKFAST/ GOOD-BYE PARTY

For FATHER FRANCIS

February 16 & 17

We will have the opportunity to say our farewells to Father after all the Masses on this weekend and enjoy some social time together. Tissue will be supplied. The Men's and Women's Clubs will be handling the festivities.

Chris Padgett, nationally renowned speaker
Presentation for high school and middle schoolers Topic:

Christian Discipleship

Wednesday, Jan. 30, Aquinas

6:30-7:00 music; 7:00-8:00 presentation

Free and open to all students & parents

To wash and iron church linens. Your services will be needed no more than once every 8 weeks or so. Contact Marge Chamberlain in her laundry room at 788-3553 to offer your help.

Corporal work of mercy: visit the sick (home-bound, shut-in)

If you'd like to bring a bit of cheer to someone who can't get out, let us know. Dave Allen will be coordinating a visitation program for our parish. Call 782-2953 to volunteer.

ADORATION CHAPEL

There's no warmer place than with Our Lord. Drop in to take the chill off. If you'd like to have an hour a week on the schedule, call Lloyd or Florence Koenig to sign up. Their number: 782-3834

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS

Grades 1-10

Wednesday, January 30, 6:30-7:45

The 8, 9, & 10th graders will be attending the talk at Aquinas by Chris Padgett, 6:30-8:00; all other students will have regular class, 6:30-7:45, at Blessed Sacrament.

PARISH SUPPORT

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

Needed each week: \$17,400.00

Received 1/20 \$13,075.00

If you think nobody cares, try missing a couple payments.

COMING UP

Jan 26/27 Anniversary Weekend

Jan 27-Feb 2 Catholic Schools Week

Jan 28 Men's Club Meeting, 7:00

Jan 29 Usher's meeting, 6:30, Parish Center

Feb 6 Ash Wednesday, Masses: 7:30, 9:00 am, 5:15 pm

Feb 10 First Communion & First Reconciliation parents Meeting, 9:00, Conference Room

Feb 16/17 Good-bye to Fr. Francis after all Masses

Feb 17 Parish Breakfast after both Masses

MUSIC NOTES

ADULT CHOIR will practice Thurs, 7-8:00. Think about joining the choir for the Lenten and Easter Seasons.

We'd love to have you!

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

FAMILY FOLK CHOIR will sing at the 8:00 Mass next week. We invite anyone who loves to sing to join us.

\$crip News

It's true that some schools have gone tuition-free because of \$scrip use by parents, grandparents, friends and neighbors. Ask somebody to get on-board with you. Keep a \$scrip order form handy at home so your purchasing on weekends can go quickly. Thanks.

BOOK FAIR AT SCHOOL

January 25-31; 7:30-4:00 on school days

**Come to the Media Center and check out all the wonderful educational materials
Great for home and for gifts.**

Labels for Education

The students in our school are hoping to collect 20,000 Campbell soup labels. They're up to over 11,000 so far. Cut the UPC code from the label, and drop off in the church narthex or at school. Mmm-good

WELCOME

**Jeremiah & Ivy Andersen
Cecilia & Elsa**

**Karrie Zielke
Riley & Elijah**

AREA FOOD PANTRIES ARE ALMOST BARE
Let's see a parade of kids on Sundays bringing food to the baskets during the Offertory. Special needs: peanut butter, chicken noodle soup, toilet paper.

MARDI GRAS CARNIVAL

Sunday, January 27, noon- 5:00, La Crosse Center
\$3.00 at the door; children under 7 free
Games, fun, raffles, 8 food booths, entertainment
To benefit Coulee Catholic Schools

HANDICAPPED PARKING along Losey is for the handicapped ONLY at Mass times. Thanks!

ADORATION FOR VOCATIONS in the Crypt Chapel at the Diocesan Center Mon, Feb 4, 7-8 pm. Ice cream social following. We invite all to join us in prayer for ALL vocations – priesthood, consecrated religious, married and dedicated single life.

CATHEDRAL HEALTH FAIR Thurs, Feb 7, 2-4 pm, in the undercroft. Free and open to all. Over 20 healthcare groups will be presenting at this educational opportunity.

CATHEDRAL SCHOOL Q & A Principal John Stellflue and teacher Kathy Fitzpatrick will be here after the 10:00 Mass on Feb. 10 to answer any questions you may have about Cathedral Kindergarten through 2nd grades, and 4-yr-old kindergarten. Round-ups are scheduled for Feb. 12 and 19. For more information about Cathedral School call 782-5998.

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.

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

*Men's retreat, Feb 1-3 "Finding and Becoming Peace in a Troubled World" Offering: \$140.

*Women's retreat, Feb 9-10 "Art is an Expression of One's Soul" Offering: \$95. No art experience necessary.

**"How and Where Do We Find God in our Depression", Feb 16, 10-3:30 Offering: 40

ADVENTURES IN MATTHEW, the second step in the Great Bible Adventure by Jeff Cavins, will be offered at St. James Parish Monday nights, beginning Jan, 21, 7:00, for 24 weeks. \$26 fee includes binder with study materials. Call 782-1022 to register.

BABY BOTTLES TO BENEFIT BIRTHRIGHT Take an empty baby bottle, fill it with your spare change and donations, and return it the weekend of Feb. 17. Birthright is a Pro-life organization which offers a helping hand to those affected by an unplanned pregnancy.

AQUINAS MIDDLE SCHOOL DECEMBER AWARDS

Students of the Month	Music Award	Foreign Language Award	Phys. Ed. Award
Jennifer Lossen, Patrick Campbell	Sam Steingraeber, Kelly Kroner	Jerry Franke, Stephanie Koehne	Anna Flottmeyer

Pastoral Council Meeting January 15, 2008

Fr. Olson opened the meeting with a prayer. Present: Tim Brennan, Scott Doberstein, Lynn Donskey, Pete Fiorini, Steve Flottmeyer, Jason Hutzler, Tom Kieffer, Marcia Kolaczowski, Karen Perry, Jeff Reinhart, Mike Vanderploeg, Mike Watunya, Pauline Connell and Susan Fukuda. Fr. Olson gave an update on the WBTC Campaign & the Annual Appeal. Marriage Preparation classes to be given here at the parish was discussed. The annual Baby Bottles for Birthright drive will start this coming week-end with turn in date to be Feb 16, 17. The council discussed the survey results for Mass times. It was decided that the Saturday Mass would stay at 4:30. Sunday there will be an 8:00 & 10:00 Mass. There will no longer be a 6:30 daily Mass. During Lent there will be a 5:15 Mass on Tuesday & Thursday evenings with 5:15 Stations on Fridays. There will be a Penance Service for the Parish with several priests on Wed. March 12. It was decided that the Pastoral Council would change its meeting dates to the 1st Tuesday instead of the 3rd Tuesday of the month. That way the Finance Council can meet on the 3rd Tuesday when monthly financial reports will be more current. Each of the 4 council committees will meet on their own every other month and work to recruit other parishioners to help out with individual committee functions. Susan gave a Scrip report noting that the parish sold over \$584,000 worth of Scrip in 2007. Fr. Olson ended the meeting with a blessing.