

# Blessed Sacrament Parish

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**July 13, 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.

**July 13, 2008**  
**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

A look at next week's Gospel, Matthew 13:24-43.

Jesus gives us the parable of the wheat and the weeds. Weeds grow among the wheat, and Jesus advises us to wait for the harvest and not to try to pluck out the weeds ahead of time.

In the parable the weed does not destroy the wheat. It only makes it more difficult for the wheat to grow to maturity. So it is with the Christian. Christians are not immune to the culture and consequently have a responsibility to change culture to match the ideals of God's kingdom.

The patience of the farmer in letting the weed grow on until harvest time exemplifies the infinite mercy of God toward sinners. The weed could not change its nature, but the sinner can change his or her ways, and God gives to us all every chance and every help to do this.

We must learn a double lesson of patience from this parable. First, to be patient with those who seem to make our spiritual progress more difficult for us—they are actually helping us to be better Christians if we bear all things with patience. Second, we must try to imitate the patience God shows in his dealings with sinners. While we must not approve of their evil deeds, or their sins, we must still do all in our power to put them back on the right road to heaven. We can do this by good example and by fervent prayer. This is not easy for human nature, but we can be certain that God will give us the necessary grace and strength to act with charity.

adapted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

*Baptism Class*

*If you are planning to have your baby baptized here at Blessed Sacrament, and you have not attended a Baptism Preparation Class, call the parish office to reserve your place at the next class. Godparents are invited to attend also.*

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**  
**July 14 – 20, 2008**

Mon, July 14 Bl. Kateri Tekakwitha

7:30 **Intention of Cindy Anderson**  
Servers: Bill Chamberlain

Tues, July 15 Bonaventure

7:30 **+Stephan Pavela, Sr.**  
Servers: Pete Fiorini

Wed, July 16 Weekday, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

7:30 **+Mary Oswalt Hafner**  
Servers: Jason Hutzler  
5:15 Evening Prayer & Benediction  
Server: Nathan Schneider

Thurs, July 17 Weekday

7:30 **Intention of Adolph & Edith Szymkowiak**  
**60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary**

Server: Don Kirby

Fri, July 18 Weekday, Camillus de Lellis

7:30 **+Michael Howard**  
Servers: Kristen Sauer

Sat, July 19 Weekday, BVM

7:30 **+Sylvester Gallagher**  
Servers: Emilie Sauer, Clare Roop

16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat, July 19

**4:30 Intention of Dan Poehling**  
**& Amy Belastock Wedding**

MC: Pete Fiorini

Servers: Debbie Oney, Cassie Steele, Emily Walker

Readers: David & Anna Curtis

Petitions: Katie Gees

Eucharist: Walt Susdorf, Luci Johnson, Ruth Wills, Marilyn Holland, Andy/Debbie Brannon

Ushers: Ralph Jagodinski, Mike Watunya, Allan Fukuda, Dave Sweeney

Offering family:

Sun, July 20

**8:00 +Fred & Renata Hegenbarth**

MC: Mike Vanderploeg

Servers: John & Tim Brennan, Casey Cooper, Matt Brennan

Readers: Betty Nelson, Jeff George

Petitions: Maggie Clements

Eucharist: Mary & Lou Ritter, Bill Chamberlain, Gaylord/Karen Perry, Bernice Lansing, Denis Kuennen

Ushers: Dave Herlitzke, Paul Lyga, Joe Durst, Frank Nevelle

Offering family: Jerry & Sandra Borreson

**10:00 For the People of the Parish**

MC: William Arnold

Servers: Peter Coppola, Joey Francksen, Josh Lenth, Riley Reinhart

Readers: Jonella Rademacher, Patti Keil

Petitions: Kate Riley

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: Kevin & Helen Roop & family

During these busy days of summer if you cannot be at a weekend Mass to fulfill your scheduled ministry, call Pauline at 782-2953, ext 3, with the name of your sub. Thanks. This helps the Master of Ceremonies know who is here at Mass.

## AROUND THE PARISH

### HARD OF HEARING HELP IS HERE

The system is in place. For those who would benefit using the earpiece and receiver, ask an usher before Mass for the set AND RETURN it to the usher after Mass. To help fund the system, in August we will be raffling a neat eagle glass-top table which was donated by a parish family. Chances are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

### GOLF OUTING & FALL SOCIAL

Mike Watunya is chairing this year's event. Date: Sunday, Sept 7. If you'd like to help out by being on the planning and organizing committee, or running the events, give Mike a call at 788-9798. We will have both 9- and 18-hole flights for golf. The social will be in our Parish Center and geared for folks and kids of all ages.

### BAPTISMS

Isabella Jane Walbrun  
Daughter of Adam & Melissa

Grace Elizabeth Mueller  
Daughter of Richard & Belinda

Traveling this summer? You can download the weekly parish news in the bulletin at [www.BLESSEDSACRAMENTLACROSSE.com](http://www.BLESSEDSACRAMENTLACROSSE.com).

**WEEKLY RADIO PROGRAM WITH BISHOP LISTECKI**  
Relevant Radio 1570AM  
9 am on Fridays & Sundays  
Noon on Saturdays

*The Parish Office will be CLOSED on Friday afternoons during the summer months.*

### Religious Education teacher needed

We will be needing a 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher this coming school year. Topics: the Liturgy and sacraments. If interested contact Pauline at 782-2953.

**Adolph & Edith Szymkowiak**  
**60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary**  
**July 17**

## PARISH SUPPORT

COLLECTIONS UPDATE: July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009  
Needed each week: \$17,400.00  
Received 7/6: \$12,875.00

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*The world is full of givers and takers; the takers eat better, but the givers sleep better.*

### COMING UP

July 13-19 Our week for Mobile Meals  
July 15 Finance Council meeting, 6:30  
July 18 Fr. Edmund's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination  
July 20 Fr. Olson's installation  
July 26,27 Anniversary Weekend  
Aug 6 Women's Club meeting, 9:45 am.  
Sept 7 Parish Golf Outing & Fall Social

### MUSIC NOTES

**SUMMER CHOIR** Mark Earleywine leads a summer choir at the 4:30 Saturday Mass every other Saturday. We will sing again next Saturday. Come at 4:00 to practice.

**HANDBELL CHOIR** will resume practicing on Mon, July 14. **We welcome more handbell ringers.** The ability to read music is not necessary. All ages are welcome. Questions? Call Mark at 397-7210.

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Load up on cards for those quick stops at Rudy's, Pizza Hut, or Burger King. AND, get your COLDSTONE while they're hot (oops) cold.

### SCHOOL WINDOWS

Because our Parish again owns the school building, we are responsible for upkeep. The windows in the older section of school need to be replaced at a cost of \$609 each. If you would like to fund a window (s) or even a few panes, just write a check to the parish and note what it is for. Perhaps a few folks could go together on a window. And if you'd like, you could even come in occasionally AND wash "your" window. Just kidding. We will also be re-roofing part of the building soon. Anyone want to fund a few square feet?

*Interested in becoming a Catholic or know someone who is? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the place for you! Weekly inquirer sessions begin this fall. Call Jennifer at 608-385-3459 for more information.*

### KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

*Mary Roop & Ross Nordeen are traveling to Lima, Peru, to help at Casa Hogar. Eric & Steven Clements are in Australia at World Youth Day with the Holy Father and thousands of young people from around the world.*

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT ST. JOSEPH'S REHABILITATION CENTER.** Residents look forward to playing cards or Bingo, letter writing, reading and socializing. If interested in helping out call Jenny Knudson at 788-9870, ext. 216.

**GOING TO COLLEGE? KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS?** A new Catholic website, [www.goingtocollege.org](http://www.goingtocollege.org), has information about campus ministry at Wisconsin schools. It's a great way to meet people and experience the prayer, service, and social events that campus ministry offers.

**PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND**, will take place Feb 8-18, 2009. For information contact one of the pilgrimage leaders, Fr. Robert Schaller, 526-4424 or [seasfrschaller@charter.net](mailto:seasfrschaller@charter.net), or Fr. Kevin Louis, 715-344-6115 or [www.saintpetercatholic.com](http://www.saintpetercatholic.com).

**RAFFLE** for 2 tickets for the pilgrimage (or \$5789 cash) are on sale at St. Elizabeth's (526-4424). \$25 each or 3 for \$50. Only 2000 tickets will be sold.

**John Lauermann**

2008 OWL graduate with the following honors: Who's Who Among Students  
in Geography; Maurice & Elizabeth Graff scholarship in Economics

in American Universities & Colleges; Ryan Michael Poehling Memorial Scholarship

**IS YOUR MARRIAGE FALLING APART?** Learn marriage-saving skills at a Retrouvaille weekend. The next date is Aug 8-10. Call 1-877-922-HOPE for details.

**MAKING A WILL OR UPDATING?** Don't forget your parish and other charities. Contact your financial advisor for estate planning information.

**CHICKEN-QUE**  
St. Joseph Ridge Parish  
Sun, July 20, beginning at noon  
Music, kids' games, baseball tournament

**RIDGE HISTORY FEST**  
1 MILE WEST OF Middle Ridge on Hwy 33  
Sun, July 27, 12-4:00 pm  
Refreshments & food, fellowship, door prizes

**GRIEF: THE SPIRITUALITY OF TEARS** workshop July 18 & 19, Franciscan Spirituality Center. For information to register call 791-5295.

**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](http://www.40daysforlife.com).

**ALUNIMUM CANS** to benefit the Aquinas Booster Club may be dropped off in the Aquinas parking lot bin.

**SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE** Have you lost someone you love to suicide? An informal group meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month in Leo Hall at Holy Trinity Parish, 7-9:00 pm. Questions? Contact Nancy at 769-5007 or Mary at [marystoy@gmail.com](mailto:marystoy@gmail.com).

**COURAGE MINISTRY** is a Diocesan outreach for men and women struggling with same-sex attraction. More information may be obtained from Fr. Joseph Hirsch at 791-2666 or [jhirsch@dioceseoflacrosse.com](mailto:jhirsch@dioceseoflacrosse.com).

**RUMMAGE SALE** Sat, July 26, 8-1:00, American Legion, 711 S 6 St. Organized by Newman Center to benefit a cancer survivor. Lots of surprises.