

# Blessed Sacrament Parish

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## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:30 pm

Sunday 8:00 and 10:00 am

Monday – Saturday 7:30 am

Tuesday 5:15 pm

## 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.

Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday 7:00 pm

Good Friday Service 12:15 pm

Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday Masses 8:00 and 10:00 am

## March 16, 2008 Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday is the day we re-enact the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. On this day he is cheered by the crowds, which in only a few days will change their "hosannas" to cries of "Crucify him." We know, as they did not, that Jesus is the Son of God and Savior who will die on the cross, but who will bring us salvation by his death and resurrection. The Resurrection of Jesus is the sign of the acceptance of his sacrifice by the Father and the promise to us of our own resurrection at the last day. Last week's bulletin contained an excellent summary of the events of this Holy Week marking our entry into the joyous season of Easter.

Easter this year is only one day shy of the earliest it can possibly be. The date of Easter was established by the Church to be celebrated on the first Sunday after the full moon following the spring equinox. The festival of Eastre, a pagan goddess of springtime, was taken over by the early Christians. Since the pagans knew enough to celebrate new birth in springtime, the early Christians adopted and changed the festival to recognize the cause of real new life and growth, Our Lord, Jesus Christ. Eastre had a pet bird which laid eggs and hid them in baskets in unusual places. On a whim, Eastre changed her bird into a rabbit, who then hopped around carrying a basket of eggs, hiding them in various places. Just in case you were wondering why the Easter Bunny carries a basket of eggs!

The tradition of the Easter basket containing good things to eat comes from the much more severe fasting requirements of Lent the Church observed in the past. The baskets contained the foods not allowed during lent, meat, eggs, dairy products, and anything made with these. The baskets were blessed on Holy Saturday for the first full meal on Easter Sunday.

As we approach Easter, let us remember the source of all true life, and let us pray for one another.

**ADORATION CHAPEL CLOSED**  
**Holy Thursday until after the Masses on Easter**  
**The chapel will be cleaned during this time.**

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### Mon, Mar 17 Monday of Holy Week

7:30 **+Mary Oswalt Hafner (Anniv.)**  
Servers: Joe Cambio, Kellan Doberstein

### Tues, Mar 18 Tuesday of Holy Week

7:30 **+Ryan Poehling**  
Servers: Tyler Ebner, Dylan English

5:15 **+Mary Lyon**

### Wed, Mar 19 Wednesday of Holy Week

7:30 **+Jerry Heberlein**  
Servers: Sam Hyde, Brandon Jensen

9:00 **+Ron Drout**

Servers: Riley Campbell, Nick Shankey

5:15 **EVENING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION**

Server: Nathan Schneider

### **The Triduum**

### Thurs, Mar 20 Holy Thursday

7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper  
**+Ora Young**

MC: William Arnold

Servers: Andrew Flottmeyer, John & Matt Brennan, Pete Fiorini, Eric & Tim Clements

Readers: Steve & Marian Pavela

Eucharist: Florence Koenig, Pat Lyga, Betty Roth, Barb & Terry Felt

### Fri, Mar 21 Good Friday

12:15 pm Service

MC: Pete Fiorini

Servers: Andrew Flottmeyer, Matt & Tim Brennan, Mike Vanderploeg, Eric Clements

Readers: Tom Kieffer & Scott Doberstein

Eucharist: Tom & Ann Gees, Loretta Clarkin

### Sat, Mar 22 Holy Saturday

8:00 pm The Easter Vigil

**+Bob Fowler**

MC: Mike Vanderploeg

Servers: Tim & Eric Clements, Jason Hutzler

Readers: Dave & Anna Curtis, Dave & Mary Jo Reinders, Theresa Kivi, Ruth Vanderploeg

Eucharist: Karen Perry, Susan Fukuda, Caryl Doberstein, Joe Clements, Mary Ellen Robertson

### **Easter Sunday**

### Sun, Mar 23

8:00 **+Arnold Meyers**

Servers: Josh Alexander, Pat Campbell, Casey Cooper, Mitchell Degenhardt

MC: Mike Vanderploeg

Readers: Betty Nelson, Steve McGovern

Petitions: Olivia Curti

Eucharist: Jean Kachel, Florence Koenig, Joe & Barb Clements

Offering family: Paul & Pat Lyga

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

Servers: Bob Kachel, Luke Riley, Luke Schuttenhelm, Gus Wiggert

Readers: Jason Hutzler, Bob Kelemen

Petitions: Luke Riley

Eucharistic: Deb Gilkes, Mike Hartley, Larry Lee, Jeff and Sandy Reinhart

Offering family: Carl & Eenie Francksen & family

## AROUND THE PARISH

- \*Are you a Senior Citizen?
- \*Do you enjoy an evening out?
- \*Like to socialize and have fun?
- \*How about wine and dinner and no dishes?

### THE SENIOR DINNER

Hosted by the Confirmation Candidates & helpers  
Saturday, March 29  
5:30 in our Parish Center

Call 782-2953 to reserve your spot.

## PARISH SUPPORT

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

Needed each week: \$17,400.00

Received 3/9 \$18,008.00

When Spring comes you have to smile...even with slush in your shoes.

## COMING UP

- Mar 17 Confessions all day at the Cathedral
- Mar 18 Finance Council meeting
- Mar 20 Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:00 pm
- Mar 21 Parish Office CLOSED
- Mar 21 Good Friday Service, 12:15
- Mar 22 Easter Vigil Mass, 8:00 pm
- Mar 23 Easter Masses, 8:00 and 10:00 am
- Mar 24 Parish Office CLOSED
- Mar 29 Senior Dinner hosted by Confirmandi
- Mar 30 Divine Mercy Sunday
- Apr 20 First Communion at 10:00 Mass
- May 5 Confirmation, 7 pm Mass

## PARISH OFFICE CLOSED FRIDAY, MARCH 21, AND MONDAY, MARCH 24

### PICTURES FROM FATHER FRANCIS'S GOOD-BYE PARTY

*Pictures taken at the reception are available for you to have. Come to the Parish Office during the business day or check out the pictures in the Narthex when you come to Mass. Sign up for the pictures you wish to have. They will be printed after March 31. There is no cost, but your generous gift to a Food Pantry would be appreciated. If you have questions, call Margaret Cunningham at 782-3885.*

### REMINDERS

**\*If you are a reader, server, extraordinary minister of the Eucharist, gift bearer or petition reader for a weekend Mass kindly check in with the Master of Ceremonies before Mass.**

**\*OFFERING FAMILIES: please remain in your pew until Father reaches the steps to accept the bread and wine. This allows the Master of Ceremonies time to prepare the altar.**

### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

St. James Parish invites everyone to join in celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday March 30. Our Lord promised oceans of blessings to those who participate.  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, noon  
Rosary prayed hourly  
Confessions, 2:30  
Divine Mercy Devotions, 2:45, ending with Benediction

**NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS  
Wednesday, March 19**

### MUSIC NOTES

**EASTER VIGIL** choir will practice on Holy Saturday at 10:30. Contact Pauline Connell at 782-2953 or 788-7181 if you would like to join us in singing for this most beautiful Mass. It is the high point of our whole year, and we would love to have a loft full of singers and musicians.

**ADULT CHOIR** will sing at the Holy Thursday Mass, Good Friday Service, and Easter 10:00 Mass.

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR** will sing at the 8:00 Mass, joining the 8:00 choir, on Easter Sunday. There will be practice next Saturday 9:30-10:15.

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

### \$crip News

If you call the office, 782-2953, or email us at [BLESSEDSACRAMENT@centurytel.net](mailto:BLESSEDSACRAMENT@centurytel.net) by noon Friday with your \$crip order, we will have your cards in an envelope waiting for you when you come to Mass on the weekend. This week you must have your order in by **THURS** noon because the office will be closed on Friday. This surely will speed up the \$crip desk operation and lighten the load of the \$crip seller.

### WHITE ELEPHANT GIFTS NEEDED

**Drop off your dandy "white elephants" (re-gifting is OK) in the box in the Narthex of church. The gifts will be used at the Senior Dinner March 29. Gifts may be wrapped or unwrapped. Thanks!**

### REST IN PEACE

**Imelda Stokes Konetchy**

*Hot lunch cook for many years at school*

**NO PARKING ON THE 24<sup>TH</sup> STREET SIDEWALK IN FRONT OF SCHOOL  
DURING MASS TIMES**

**AQUINAS BOOSTER CLUB ITALIAN DINNER & AUCTION**

Saturday, April 5. Dinner 6-7:30, silent auction 5:30-9:15, live auction 8-9:00, music 9:00 until midnight  
Dinner tickets \$10.00, available at Aquinas, no charge for admission to auction  
4 raffles throughout the evening

**FAMILY ROSARY** This afternoon, March 16, 3:30, in the school cafeteria. Potluck supper, time to socialize, time to pray for all our needs. Questions? Call Barb Clements at 782-5777.

**OUR LADY OF SORROWS** Chapel in the Catholic Cemetery will be open on Good Friday, 9-10:00 am.  
“Getting Older, Living Better” Caregivers Information Night Tues, March 25, 6-7 pm, Education Center at the Onalaska Gundersen Clinic. \$5.00. Light refreshments. Pre-register required; call 775-4717.

**CATHOLICISM 101: Essentials for the Journey** Wednesdays, Mar 26 – May 28, St. James Rectory Library. \$25.  
Register by calling St. James Parish, 782-1022.

**CHICKEN-QUE**, sponsored by Catholic Charities Thurs, Mar 27, 11-6:00, Quillin’s Foodfest parking lot on Mormon Coulee Rd. \$7/dinner. Proceeds for area utility relief. Tickets may be purchased after Masses and in the Parish Office.

**BIRTHRIGHT** has openings for special volunteers...someone committed to the spirit of nurturing life. If you have 3-4 hours a week you can spare, we have a spot for you. Skills needed: a friendly, non-judgmental attitude. Training is available. Call 782-0373.

**WEEKEND RETREAT FOR MARRIED COUPLES** at St. Anthony Retreat Center, Marathon, Mar 28-30. Theme: The Healing Power of Love. Offering: \$200. Contact St. Anthony’s at 715-443-2236, or email:[info@sarcenter.com](mailto:info@sarcenter.com).

**SPRING CARNIVAL** at St. Charles Parish, Genoa, Sun, Mar 30, 11:00-2:00.

**HEALTH FAIR** Thurs, Apr 3, Varsity Athletic Center, Viterbo University. Health screening, education displays, Blood Center of Wisconsin blood drive.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT ST. JOSEPH’S COMMUNITY CENTER** Can you spare some time to visit with the residents, play Bingo or cards, help with letter writing? Contact Jenny Knudson at 788-9870, ext 216.

*Happy Birthday, Father Francis, on April 19*

*If you would like to include a card or birthday wish for Father,*

*off in the Parish Office by Fri, April 4, so it can be included with a packet from our Parish.*

*Father says hello to everyone, and he has been so busy he hasn’t even unpacked yet.*

*drop it*

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

**CONGRATULATIONS**  
*Tim Koehne*  
*His painting will be on display at the  
Capitol Bldg. in Madison*