

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 & 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.

SPRING CLEANING IN CHURCH

Saturday, March 15, after the 7:30 am Mass

Bring a bucket, your favorite cleaning cloths, vacuum (if possible),
elbow grease and a friend

Donuts will be served.

Let's get the church ready for Holy Week and Easter

Call Marilyn Peterson, 895-6970, or Marie Allen, 784-5189, to volunteer.

March 9, 2008
Fifth Sunday of Lent

***MAKE YOUR PLANS TO ATTEND THE
BEAUTIFUL SERVICES OF HOLY WEEK***

PALM SUNDAY Masses

Beginning in our Parish Center with the reading of the Gospel, we will proceed into church with palms in hand remembering the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. This day we read the Passion of the Lord according to Matthew. Your palm branches are sacramentals and should be displayed in your home throughout the year until next Ash Wednesday.

HOLY THURSDAY 7:00 pm

At this Mass recalling the Last Supper of Jesus, we experience several moving moments. The holy oils and chrism, which were blessed and consecrated at the Chrism Mass earlier in the day at the Cathedral, are presented and placed in the sanctuary where they will be used at Baptisms, Confirmation, and anointing of the sick. Twelve parishioners will participate in the washing of feet as Jesus did at the Last Supper. At the end of Mass there will be a procession with the Eucharist to the side altar recalling Jesus' agony in the garden, His tortuous trials, and scourging. The church will be open until midnight for your visiting and prayerful recounting of Our Lord's great sacrifice.

GOOD FRIDAY 12:15 pm service

Today we read the Passion of Our Lord according to John. We venerate the cross, the implement of shame and also of triumph. We pray for all the needs of the world. And we receive Holy Communion. This service is not a Mass, but an ancient ritual so fitting to the events we recall. We will not have Stations of the Cross in the evening on Good Friday, but you are welcome to make the Way of the Cross anytime in our church, or during the morning hours over at the Catholic Cemetery where the Chapel will be open from 9:00-10:00 am.

HOLY SATURDAY 8:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass

This is the high point of our liturgical year, the Mass you just cannot miss! We begin in a dark church, reminding us that without Christ our Light we cannot live. The new fire will be blessed; from it the new Easter candle is lighted, then all the candles in church including those we will be holding. It is a sight second to none! The story of salvation from the beginning of time is read through various Scripture passages. And finally the great *ALLELUIA* is again sung as we recall the Resurrection. Our own Baptismal promises, recited at this Mass, and the sprinkling with the Easter water, remind us that through Jesus' death and resurrection we are brought into God's family through our own baptism. The Easter Vigil is something no one, young or old, should miss. Plan to be here. I'll be looking for a full church. Of course, this Mass IS your Easter Mass.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
Mar 10 - 16

Mon, Mar 10 Lenten Weekday

7:30 **+Anibal Gonzalez-Fernandez**
Servers: Clare Roop, Krissy Sauer

Tues, Mar 11 Lenten Weekday

7:30 **+Cleo Downey Kroner (Anniv.)**
Servers: Jenalee Emmert, Kristin Iverson

5:15 **+James Vallez**

Wed, Mar 12 Lenten Weekday

7:30 **+Irene Sweeney**
Servers: Brian Conway, Alex Steiger

9:00 **+Al & Pat Shedesky**

Servers: Claire Craig, Kristina Neve

5:15 **EVENING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION**

Server: Sam Steingraeber

Thurs, Mar 13 Lenten Weekday

7:30 **+Howard Bradley (Anniv.)**
Servers: Hannah Nelson, Eliza Skemp

5:15 **+Ann Austin**

Fri, Mar 14 Lenten Weekday

7:30 **Intention of Mary Weiske**
Servers: Dylan Fitzpatrick, Ethan Reid

Sat, Mar 15 Lenten Weekday, St. Joseph

7:30 **+Bernard Banasik**
Servers: Thomas Gallagher, Alec Pham

Palm Sunday

Sat, Mar 15

4:30 **+Dick Pearse, Jr.**
Servers: Emily Dolan, Debbie Oney, Monica Kachel
MC: Pete Fiorini
Readers: David & Anna Curtis
Petitions: Claire Donskey
Eucharist: Walt Susdorf, Luci Johnson, Cheryl Pearse, Ruth Wills, Marilyn Holland
Offering family: Philip & Sheila Murray

Sun, Mar 16

8:00 **+Elaine Lee**
Servers: Sam Scheidt, Vasily Schneider, Connor Rademacher, Matt Brennan
MC: Mike Vanderploeg
Readers: Betty Nelson, Jeff George
Petitions: Elizabeth Brennan
Eucharist: Mary & Lou Ritter, Bill Chamberlain, Karen Perry, Jean Kachel, Florence Koenig
Offering family: Dr. Joe and Barb Durst

10:00 For the People of the Parish

Servers: Jamie Cooper, Michael Czeiska, Taylor Donskey, Michael Hanson
MC: Andrew Flottmeyer
Readers: Jonella Rademacher
Petitions: Mary Roop
Eucharistic: Marianne Pittman, Mary Ellen Robertson, Mary Ann Brownell, Barb & Terry Felt
Offering family: Nick & Kathy Nicks & family

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Fridays, 2:15 (grade school) and 5:15

AROUND THE PARISH

PALM SUNDAY MASSES

We will begin in our Parish Center with the reading of the Gospel, and then we will process into church just as Christ entered Jerusalem amid the shouts of "Hosanna!"

Plan to arrive 10 minutes early and come directly to the Parish Center. If you find it difficult to walk, you certainly may take a place in church.

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.

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 (they will be on the \$crip table). 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.

WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS

DINNER AT ARDIE'S

TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 6:00

QUESTIONS? CALL LORETTA CLARKIN AT 784-9917 OR

BARB SCHMITZ AT 788-1667.

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS

Grades 1 & 2

Wednesday, March 12, 6:30-7:45

Students in grades 3-10 are invited to our Parish Lenten Penance Service which will begin at 6:30. Families are also invited to this prayer service with the opportunity for individual confession.

PARISH SUPPORT

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

Needed each week: \$17,400.00

Received 3/2 \$14,703.00

First the roaring blizzard woke us;
Then the driving rains came to soak us;
And now before the eye can focus.....crocus.

Lillian Rogers

COMING UP

Mar 11 Widows & Widowers, Ardie's, 6:00 pm

Mar 12 Parish Penance Service, 6:30

Mar 14 Stations of the Cross, 2:15 & 5:15

Mar 18 Finance Council meeting

Mar 20 Mass of the Last Supper, 7:00 pm

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 29 Senior Dinner hosted by Confirmandi

Mar 30 Divine Mercy Sunday

MUSIC NOTES

ADULT CHOIR will practice Thurs, 7-8:00, in the choir loft. The choir will sing at 10:00 Mass next Sunday.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR will sing at the 8:00 Mass on Easter Sunday and will 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.

WEEKEND LECTORS, SERVERS,
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE
EUCARIST, OFFERING FAMILIES, AND
PETITION READERS

When you come to Mass please check in with the Master of Ceremonies in the Narthex before Mass so we know you are here.

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

Ione Olson

Marjorie Panico

CATHEDRAL SCHOOL NEWS

*Easter basket raffle raised money for the missions

*Shamrock Club will visit on March 17

*2nd graders earned a pizza lunch by collecting 2414 boxtops

*Cub Scout Troop donated birthday boxes (cake mix, frosting, and party supplies) to Place of Grace and WAFER

SENIOR DINNER

Saturday, March 29, following the 4:30 Mass

Prepared and served by the Confirmation Candidates

More fun than you should expect to have! Seniors, plan to attend.

Pastoral Council Meeting, January 15, 2008

Fr. Olson opened the meeting with a prayer. Present: Tim Brennan, Scott Doberstein, Pete Fiorini, Steve Flottmeyer, Tom Kieffer, Karen Perry, Mike Watunya, and Susan Fukuda. Fr. Olson gave an update on the WBTC Campaign (under target by \$384,460.81) & the Annual Appeal (over target by \$89,871.68). A representative of the Family Life Committee will be welcoming new members to the Parish with a follow up phone call after they have registered and will also be delivering a gift bag to each family. The Social Justice Committee decided that food collected in the church would be delivered to area food banks on Mondays and Fridays. The Liturgy Committee has been meeting regularly to address issues concerning Easter. This year parishioners may purchase & donate flowers of their choice to decorate the church or send a check and have the committee purchase for them. A question was raised about the fees & usage of the Parish Center. The question will be referred to the Finance Council. Fr. Olson ended the meeting with a blessing.

MUSICAL TRIBUTE TO HONOR THE LATE EARL MADARY Tues, Mar 11, 7 pm, Viterbo Fine Arts Theatre.

SEPARATION OF CHURCH & STATE lecture by Msgr. Bernard McGarty and Professor Joe Heim Wed, Mar 12, 6:30, Main Theater, Viterbo Fine Arts Center.

SMELT FRY at St. Joseph Ridge Parish Fri, Mar 14, beginning at 4 pm. Adults \$8; children \$4. Carry-outs available.

LENTEN SERIES, presentation by Fr. Sam Martin, at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Saturdays. March 15 topic: Post-enlightenment. Presentation at 9:30, Mass at 11:00. Free and open to all. Afternoon of recollection to prepare for Holy Week. 11:45 lunch at Culina Mariana; 12:45 confessions and personal prayer time; 2:00 meditation on the Passion; 3:00 Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction. Cost: \$15. RSVP to 782-5440.

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.

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 BOOSTER CLUB ITALIAN DINNER AND AUCTION Sat, April 5, 5:30-midnight. More details to follow. Don't miss 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

Allison Wettstein

Her colored pencil drawing will be on display at the Capitol Bldg. in Madison