

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

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Wednesday 7:00 pm

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.

May 11, 2008
Pentecost

May is Mary's month. The world is resplendent with Spring's increased light and new growth. It is Mary's month and all of nature rejoices with the Queen of heaven at the Resurrection and Ascension of the Son she was worthy to bear. During the remainder of Mary's month, let us endeavor through the prayers of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and the Holy Rosary to deepen our gratitude for the mystery of our Baptismal rebirth in Christ.

Pentecost, the birth of the Church, is also among the celebrations of May. Though sprung from the side of Christ on the Cross, the Church marks as her birthday the descent of the Holy Spirit on Mary and the Apostles. This is when the Church goes public and the Apostles strengthened by the Holy Spirit proclaim Jesus as Messiah. Three thousand become new disciples at the preaching of Peter inspired by the Spirit. At the 'birth' of the world, the Holy Spirit — the Breath of God — was the "mighty wind [that] swept over the waters" (Gen 1:2); at the birth of the Church He is present again "like the rush of a mighty wind" to recreate the world in the image of Christ through His Church (Acts 2:2).

We, the members of Christ's Mystical Body, are the present-day disciples sent by the Holy Spirit to bring Christ to the world. May we go forth as did Mary, who set out in haste to assist St. Elizabeth (Feast of the Visitation, May 31).

Come upon us, O Holy Spirit, so that, with Mary, we may proclaim the greatness of the Lord who has done great things for us — for his mercy endures forever!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
May 12 - 18

Mon, May 12 Weekday, Nereus & Achilleus,
Pancras

7:30 **+Van Susteren families**
Servers: Brian Conway, Ethan Reid, Sam Scheidt

Tues, May 13 Weekday, Our Lady of Fatima

7:30 **+Don Hefti**
Servers: Emily Steingraeber, Kristin Iverson, Elle Reinhart

Wed, May 14 Matthias

7:30 **+Irene Sweeney**
Servers: Lucy Wiggert, Maddie McLean, Kristina Neve

9:00 **+Larry Humfeld**
Servers: Sam Scheidt, Henry Sayner

5:15 Evening Prayer & Benediction
Server: John Soldner

Thurs, May 15 Weekday, Isadore

7:30 **+Hickey families**
Servers: Joe Cambio, Tim Bettis, Nick Meddaugh

Fri, May 16 Weekday

7:30 **+John & Cora Darling & John, Jr.**
Servers: Michala Taggart, Louise Hauptert, Aly Steingart

Sat, May 17 Weekday, BVM

7:30 **+Bernadette Teff**
Servers: Michelle Jacobs, Maria Franke, Care Roop

Pentecost

Sat, May 17

4:30 +Jerome Rybarczyk & Joann Hutschenreuter

MC: Pete Fiorini

Servers: Claire Craig, Anna Schuttenhelm, Maddy Wettstein

Readers: David & Anna Curtis

Petitions: Emily Dolan

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

Ushers: Ralph Jagodzinski, Mike Watunya, Allan Fukuda, David Sweeney

Offering family: Carl & Sandy Wiggert family

Sun, May 18

8:00 For the People of the Parish

MC: Mike Vanderploeg

Servers: Colin Lounsbrough, Zach Heaser, Sam Scheidt

Readers: Betty Nelson, Jeff George

Petitions: Helen Kirch

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

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

Offering family: Dave & Mary Jo Reinders

10:00 +Mary Kimmet

MC: Jason Hutzler

Servers: Joey Francksen, Josh Lenth, Riley Reinhart, Fritz Wiggert

Readers: Jonella Rademacher, Patti Keil

Petitions: Claire Donskey

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: Bob & Diana Kachel

Happy Mother's day

TO ALL MOTHERS, GRANDMOTHERS, GREAT GRANDMOTHERS, Foster
mothers AND EXPECTANT MOTHERS

AROUND THE PARISH

PARISH BREAKFAST

Next Sunday, May 18

Serving after both Masses

Pancakes, sausage, beverages

\$3.00 donation suggested

*This is the last Parish Breakfast before the chefs
take the summer off.*

Don't miss it!!!

Sponsored by the Men's Club

FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

May 25

**This is our Parish's Feast day, the Feast of the Body
and Blood of Christ.**

**We are planning to celebrate by giving a public
demonstration of our love for Christ by having a
procession outside after the 10:00 Mass.**

**Plan to join a huge crowd of parishioners as we walk
with Jesus, the Consecrated Host in the monstrance
carried by our pastor, along Losey to Cass, to 24th
Street, and back to church along 24th. Benediction in
church will conclude the procession. Refreshments
will be served in the Parish Center afterward. We
expect to be done by noon.**

**At all the Masses on this weekend, we will recognize
parishioners who serve as Extraordinary Ministers of
the Eucharist. New Ministers will be commissioned at
this time.**

Reminder

The pull-in along Losey Blvd. is for the convenience
of the handicapped who find it hard to walk a
distance to the church doors. Let us all be mindful
of this.

BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION

**Thanks to everyone who contributed labels and
boxtops. The school received a check for \$1,023!
And that's just for boxtops! Keep saving – even over
the summer-soup labels, moo-la caps, grocery
receipts.**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Our year of study is completed. We extend a huge thank
you to the teachers who led our almost 100 students this
year. Anyone interested in being a catechist in this
program, please contact Pauline Connell at 782-2953.

PARISH SUPPORT

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

Needed each week: \$17,400.00

Received 5/4 \$13,592.00

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"Kind words are short and easy to speak, but their
echoes are truly endless." Mother Teresa

COMING UP

May 12-18 Mobile Meals week for BI Sac.

May 13 Widows & Widowers, 6 pm, Huck Finn's

May 17/18 ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND FOR MAY

May 18 Parish Breakfast

May 19 Men's Club meeting, 7:00

May 20 Finance Council meeting, 6:30

May 24/25 Commissioning of new and recognition of
current Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist
at all Masses.

June 7/8 Food Drive sponsored by the Social Justice
Committee of the Parish Council. Details later.

June 14 Rummage Sale

June 22-27 Totus Tuus

MUSIC NOTES

ADULT CHOIR will practice Thursday, 7-8:00.

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

SATURDAY EVENING CHOIR Anyone wishing to join
us in the choir loft at the 4:30 Mass to help lead the
singing, please come right on up.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR will sing at the 10:00 Mass May 18
and will practice Sat, May 17, 9:30-10:15.

AQUINAS MIDDLE SCHOOL HONORS CHOIR will
sing at the 4:30 Mass on May 17. We thank them for
coming to our parish.

\$crip News

Summer's coming. Making plans for a vacation? Look
over the list of \$crip sponsors – hotels, airlines,
restaurants elsewhere. Use \$crip to make your purchases
and watch that CCS bill shrink!

St. Camillus Homebound Outreach

**If you or someone you know in our parish is
homebound or in a nursing home, and would
appreciate a visit by a members of our new St.
Camillus group, please call the parish office at 782-
2953. Perhaps you'd like to be part of this wonderful
group. Let Dave Allen know, 784-5189**

WIDOWS & WIDOWERS GROUP

Tues, May 13, 6 pm

Huck Finn's

More info? Call Barb Schmitz, 788-1667, or Loretta
Clarkin, 784-9917

PARISH MAY ALTAR
BRING YOUR LOVELY GARDEN FLOWERS TO MARY'S ALTAR IN THE NARTHEX DURING MAY.
VASES AND WATER ARE ON THE LOWER SHELF FOR YOUR USE.
"IMMACULATE MARY, WE PRAISE YOUR SWEET NAME.."

TOTUS TUUS

Totally Yours

June 22-27

TOTUS TUUS is a Catholic youth program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and Catholic teachings with youngsters during a special week of activities, learning, celebration of Mass, and fun. Cost is \$20 for the entire week. Grade schoolers meet Mon-Fri, 9:00-3:00 with Mass celebrated daily. They need to bring a sack lunch. Middle and high schoolers meet Sun through Thurs, 7:30-9:30. We will need volunteer helpers during the day and during lunch time. We also will be looking for housing for 3 of the presenters, all college-age students majoring in ministry. To register, volunteer to help, or for further information call Pauline Connell at 782-2953.

BAKE SALE NEXT SUNDAY

to benefit our Casa Hoger Pilgrims

Bakers, bring your treats to the Narthex on Fri or Sat.

Please package them up (3, 6, or 12 cookies or bars per plate, for example)

THE BASIC CATHOLIC CATECHIST HOME STUDY COURSE will meet Thurs, May 15, 7 pm, in the Parish Center. We will cover lessons 1 & 2 on Salvation History and the Apostles Creed. Written by the founder of the Marian Catechist Apostolate, Servant of God, Fr. John Hardin, S.J., this home study course is suitable for Catholic parents, catechists, teachers, and any Catholic who wants to deepen his or her knowledge and love of Our Lord Jesus Christ and His Church. Facilitated twice-a-month study group will meet at Blessed Sacrament in the Parish Center. It's not too late to join the study group. Please contact Luna Chou, 788-5752, for more information.

FORMING CONSCIENCES FOR FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP, written by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, is a booklet to help you navigate the election waters this year.

JAIL MINISTRY invites all current and prospective volunteers to a presentation Thurs, May 22, 6:30, in the undercroft of the Cathedral. Questions? Call Tom Skemp, 785-9772.

PLANNED GIVING SEMINAR, sponsored by the Aquinas Foundation and the La Crosse Deanery, Wed, June 4, 7-8:30, Viterbo Reinhart Center, Room 107. Topics will include Estate Planning and Charitable Giving. Speakers: David Stickler and Mary Jo Werner. RSVP by May 26 by calling 784-0707 or email jenny.baertsch@couleecatholicschools.org.

COME, FOLLOW DAYS at Mater Redemptoris Convent, for girls considering the consecrated life. 4th-6th graders Mon, June 9, 10:00 – Tues, June 10, 3:00
7th – 10th graders Wed, June 11, 10:00 – Thurs, June 12, 3:00.
Discernment Retreat for women 17 – 30 years old Fri, June 6, 5 pm – Sun, June 8, 1 pm.
Contact Sister Stephanie, 788-4530 or email snewell@dioceseoflacrosse.com.

VOLUNTEERS AT THE SHRINE will be needed during the week of the dedication of the Basilica, July 28 – Aug 3. Volunteer application forms are available at the Shrine or online at guadalupeshrine.org. There will be an orientation.

PERRENIAL SALE at Roncalli Newman Center Sat, May 17, 8:00-noon. Hanging baskets, container plants, and garden art will also be available. Sale in parking lot behind the church.

AQUINAS HIGH SCHOOL APRIL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Kyle McElligott, freshman

Robert Steingraeber, junior