

# Blessed Sacrament Parish

130 Losey Boulevard S. La Crosse, Wisconsin 54601

Father David Olson, Pastor

Father Edmund Donkor-Baine, Associate Pastor

October 26, 2008

## RUMMAGE SALE

### Saturday, November 1

### 8:00-1:00

**Bring your rummage on Thurs or Fri, 8 am-8 pm**  
**Helpers are needed**

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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.

**October 26, 2008**  
**30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Notes from the Pastor

Like Fall, change is in the air. Both major political parties are promising to bring change to broken systems in government and the economy. Regardless of who wins the election I wish him well. Be sure that you vote. This is an important election and to vote is to participate in that ongoing great American experiment in a representative republic.

Change is good for things that are broken, but change also comes to things which are sound and wholesome. Blessed Sacrament Parish falls into the sound and wholesome category!! If change did not happen acorns would not become trees and children would not become adults.

One change we are making at Blessed Sacrament will be with our newly elected Parish Council members. After the balloting this week we will have some new members on the Council, and I'm sure new ideas for our Parish. The first meeting of the new Parish Council will be, by mere coincidence, on November 4. We will elect a Parish Council president on that night and reorganize the membership of the four sub-committees of the Parish Council. If you want to know more about the structures and work of the Parish Council, check out the diocesan web site at [dioceseoflacrosse.com](http://dioceseoflacrosse.com) and click on the link to "On Consultation in the Parish and Diocese."

Another change we are making in the Parish is to create a new volunteer position which will be titled "Coordinator of SCRIP." SCRIP has a great potential to be a significant source of income to our parish without asking parishioners and other buyers of SCRIP to do anything other than to use SCRIP for their regular purchases of food, gas, clothing, household goods, dining and entertainment. Our SCRIP program, with much thanks to Susan Fukuda, has become quite large and now needs someone to help it grow further. Ideally the person will have time to volunteer and be well organized. The structures for the program are in place, and many volunteers already help to sell SCRIP, but we need someone to oversee inventory, schedule these volunteers, and help to make the program grow more. All the money we take in goes to help fund our Parish's \$600,000 annual commitment for Catholic Education. This would be a great opportunity for someone who likes the challenge of seeing just how much "free money" can be gotten to benefit Catholic Education. The potential is nearly unlimited because, so far, only a small percentage of parishioners use SCRIP. **The potential benefit to the parish is tremendous.** If you think you might like to help with this project, please let me know.

Time marches onward and since time is the measurement of change, change must occur. All created things and all created circumstances are passing. Our anchor is the Lord who is unchanging and not subject to time or space but whose love is ever enduring and all encompassing. Let us pray for one another and pray for those who would lead our great nation.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**  
**October 27 – Nov 2, 2008**

This week's reader: Tim Hall  
Communion Minister: Bill Chamberlain

Mon, Oct 27 Weekday

7:30 **+Wenzel Schubert**

Servers: Dick Myer

Tues, Oct 28 Simon & Jude

7:30 **+Jack & Phil Knothe**

Servers: Pete Fiorini

Wed, Oct 29 Weekday

7:30 **+Armilla Larson**

Servers: Jason Hutzler

9:00 **+Margaret Schubert**

5:15 Evening Prayer & Benediction

Server: Pat Campbell

Thurs, Oct 30 Weekday

7:30 **+Robert Volz**

Servers: Joe Cambio, Emilie Steingraeber

Fri, Oct 31 Weekday

7:30 **+Joseph Bushek**

Servers: Meredith Wedro, Kellan Doberstein

Sat, Nov 1 All Saint's Day

7:30 **Stop Abortion & support family life**

Servers: Eliza Skemp, Hannah Nelson

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat, Nov 1

**4:30 Intention of Marian Pavela birthday**

MC: Pete Fiorini

Servers: Erin & Clare Roop, Grace Riley

Readers: David & Anna Curtis

Petitions: Helen Kirch

Eucharist: Cheryl & Tom Horvath, Ann & Tom Gees, Dave Allen

Ushers: Allan Fukuda, David Sweeney, Harlan Wills

Offering family: Tom & Marilyn Holland

Sun, Nov 2 All Soul's Day

**8:00 For the People of the Parish**

MC:

Servers: Tim & John Brennan, Carson Schneider, Sam Steingraeber

Readers: Joe Durst, LuAnn Kratt

Petitions: Stephanie Koehne

Eucharist: Helen Flynn, Pat Lyga, Jean Kachel, Kathleen Hanson, Lance Olson

Ushers: Bob Kachel, Tom Keil, Adolph Szymkowiak, Bill Chamberlain

Offering family: Mark & Peg Schneider

**10:00 +Charles Morgan (Anniv.)**

MC:

Servers: Riley Reinhart, Fritz Wiggert, Jamie Cooper, Michael Czeiska

Readers: Dave Weinberger, Kris Gerke

Petitions: Olivia Curti

Eucharist: Jim Kroner, Gene Kolaczkowski, Kathy Hancock, Craig Sallander, Nick Nicks

Ushers: Tom Oney, Terry Felt, Al Klein, John Honeck

Offering family: The Scouts

**NEXT SUNDAY the preschoolers and their catechists will gather in church for the 10:00 Mass and be dismissed for class after the opening rite of Mass.**

## AROUND THE PARISH

### MEN'S CLUB MEETING

Mon, Oct 27, 7 pm

Conference Room

Come, one and all, for sharing & fun.

Speaker: Tom Skemp of the Jail Ministry

“Ministry of Presence”

### RUMMAGE SALE

Next Sat, Nov 1, 8:00-1:00

Help needed on Thurs and Fri, 8 am to 8 pm.

Students, you can earn service hours by helping. Your hands would be greatly appreciated after the sale at 1:00 on Sat.

Please bring your good re-sale-able items to the school cafeteria on Thurs and Fri (not before).

We cannot accept computers, cribs, bowling balls, furniture that can't be lifted by one person, non-working or broken anything. If you have questions call Pauline at 782-2953, ext. 3.

### SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE NEWS

We had a great “listening session” last Thurs. with many, many terrific ideas on how our Parish can reach out to the community. This will take lots of willing hands, and we'd appreciate hearing that you'd be willing to hop on board.

Give us a call.

Marcia at 781-1318 or Scott at 782-1833.

### BLANKETS FOR THE HOMELESS

**PUT YOUR GOOD CLEAN BLANKETS IN THE BIN IN THE NARTHEX. THE SALVATION ARMY NEEDS THEM BADLY AS THE COLD WEATHER SETS IN.**

**ARE THERE ANY TEENS AND PARENTS WHO COULD DELIVER THE BLANKETS FOR US? CALL SCOTT OR MARCIA.**

**SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

*It's not too late to return your Diocesan Annual Appeal pledge. Remember, any amount raised over the target set by the diocese is returned to our parish. It's a great “painless” fund raiser for us. God bless your generosity!*

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades 1-10

Wed, Oct 30, 6:30-7:45

We invite families to join us at 7:30 in the school cafeteria for an ALL SAINTS PARTY. Treats and a short talk about the Christians roots of Halloween.

## PARISH SUPPORT

COLLECTIONS UPDATE: July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009

Needed each week: \$17,400.00

Received 10/19: \$10,464.00

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Some people who do their duty as they see it may be in need of glasses.

### COMING UP

Oct 27 Men's Club meeting, 7 pm

Oct 27 – Nov 2 Our week for Mobile Meals

Oct 30, 31 Set up for rummage sale, 8 am – 8 pm

Nov 1 Rummage Sale, 8:00 – 1:00

Nov 13 Make and package cinnamon ornaments for Christmas Fair, 10 am

Nov 19 Make and decorate cut-out cookies for Christmas Fair, 10 am

Nov 22 Christmas Fair, 8:30 – 3:00

### MUSIC NOTES

**ADULT CHOIR**, (High school age and older) will practice Thursday, 7-8:00, in the choir loft. The choir will sing at 10:00 Mass next Sunday.

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR** (grade school age) will practice Sat, Nov 15 and 22, 9:30-10:15, in the choir loft. The Choir will sing at the 10:00 Mass on Nov. 16 and at the Christmas Fair on Nov. 22. Questions? Call Pauline at 782-2953.

## BAPTISM

**Matthew John Bennett**

**Son of Joe and Natalie**

STOP ABORTION AND SUPPORT FAMILY LIFE

Mass intention for a novena of Masses on First Saturdays from Oct to June. The Nov. Mass will be Sat., Nov. 1, 7:30, at Blessed Sacrament. Everyone is invited to participate and pray for these intentions. Sponsored by the La Crosse Deanery DCCW.

### VOLUNTEER GROUP OF THE WEEK

#### PETITION READERS AT MASS

Maggie Clements

Caroline Kroner

Olivia Curti

Grace Riley

Kami Doberstein

Kate Riley

Emily Dolan

Luke Riley

Claire Donskey

Erin Roop

Elise Flottmeyer

Lydia Skemp

Helen Kirch

Bob Steingraeber

Stephanie Koehne

Emily Walker

Coordinator: Sheila Riley, 788-3523

**CONFIRMATION PREPARATION**

**TODAY, 1:30-4:00, SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**

**ALL CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND. PARENTS & SPONSORS WELCOME, ALSO.  
THERE WILL BE A PRESENTATION BY CHRIS ROGERS, DIOCESAN DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY,  
TOUR OF THE SHRINE CHURCH, STATIONS OF THE CROSS, MEETING WITH YOUR MENTORS, & SNACKS.**

**AQUINAS HS SEPTEMBER STUDENT OF THE MONTH  
DEBORAH ONEY**

**ALL SOULS' DAY** On Nov 2 it is possible to gain an indulgence for the lessening of purgatory for one or more souls in purgatory. The faithful who visit a cemetery to pray for the faithful departed, saying the Lord's Prayer and the Creed (even if only mentally), may gain a plenary indulgence once only under the usual conditions: sacramental confession (8 days before or after the act), Eucharistic Communion on that day, and prayer for the Pope's intentions (usually one Our Father and Hail Mary as minimum). Each day between Nov 1 and Nov 9, this gains a plenary indulgence that can only be applied to the Poor Souls in Purgatory. Any other time of the year this gains a partial indulgence.

The first of four sessions of the Cathedral Forum series will be held on Saturday morning, November 8, from 9:00 to 10:00, in the Undercroft of Saint Joseph the Workman Cathedral. The presenter will be Father Michael Gorman, Cathedral Rector. Father Gorman will offer a two-part presentation on Pope Benedict XVI's "Sacramentum Caritatis" apostolic exhortation on the Eucharist as the source and summit of the church's life and mission. The second part of Father Gorman's presentation will be December 13.

Both sessions will run from 9 to 10 a.m. in the Cathedral Undercroft. Two forums on other topics will be held next spring. Refreshments will be served and the public is invited. This series is sponsored by the Cathedral Sacred Worship Committee.

The Diocese of La Crosse Matrimonial Tribunal would like to encourage any with questions or concerns about the annulment process to contact our office and give us an opportunity to address them. We would also be happy to assist anyone who would like additional information or guidance in how to begin the process. We can be reached at 791-2684 or email at Tribunal@dioceseoflacrosse.com.

**FAITH ALIVE FOR THE YEAR OF ST. PAUL**

**Small study groups will be formed using your sign-up sheets and times**

**Deadline is today.**

**Sheets are available in the office and in the narthex of church.**

**We will use *The Greatest of These is Love*, a new resource written by Christopher Ruff. Cost: \$4.00**

**MARRIAGE BOOSTER RETREAT**, sponsored by the Franciscan Spirituality Center, will be offered Sat, Nov 8, 9:00-4:30. Cost: \$99 per couple. Prepare yourself for a romantic, interactive and unique experience. Register by calling 791-5295 or email: fscenter@fspa.org.

**TINY TIM GALA BENEFIT**, to support local health-related charities, will be held Sat, Nov 8, 5:30, in the La Crosse Center Ballroom. An elegant buffet, musical entertainment, silent and live auctions. Call 392-9766 for reservations. Sponsored by the Franciscan Skemp Auxiliary.

**CARD PARTY**, sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of America, will be held Sun, Nov 2, 2-4:00, in the Cathedral Undercroft. Lunch and door prizes. \$2.00 donation. Men & women are welcome.

**\*YOUTH RALLY** for Middle and High School students will be held Dec. 20 at St. Elizabeth's, Holmen. Mark your calendar – reserve the day! Music, prayer, fellowship, fun! Cost: \$5.00

**\*PILGRIMAGE FOR LIFE** in Washington DC, Jan 20-24. Watch for details.

**\*BLESSED SACRAMENT YOUTH GROUP** meets the first Sunday of the month after the 10:00 Mass. Ages 12 on up are welcome. Join us Nov. 2.