

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

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.

September 21, 2008
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Notes from the Pastor,

The celebration of the Mass centers around the altar and the sanctuary of the church. To make for a more worthy celebration you will notice a couple of new additions to the sanctuary of the church and to the Mass. We expended some money to buy new vases and plants for the sanctuary, and a generous parishioner donated the cost of a new green vestment for the pastor for celebrating the Mass. (The new light weight green vestment is a most welcome since sometimes it is very warm in the sanctuary of the church.)

Fr. Edmund is recovering from his shoulder surgery. He had dislocated his shoulder while still in Ghana and it needed surgery to correct the dislocation. He will be recuperating in the care of his uncle, Fr. James Arthur, in Bloomer. Fr. Edmund will be away for a couple of weeks depending on how his recuperation progresses. Please continue to keep in prayer his speedy recovery.

The 40 days for life endeavor begins this coming week. This is an ecumenical effort to bring attention to the culture of life by prayer and fasting. Public prayer is a great way to demonstrate, and even to help consolidate your own commitment to a culture which promotes life. Even if you can only join for a small portion of the hours during the 40 days this can be a wonderful demonstration of faith. More information is found in other places in the bulletin and in a hand out in the narthex.

If you are interested in running for a position on the parish pastoral council please contact Fr. Olson. We will have elections for the parish council in late October.

Let us continue to pray for one another.

SCHOOL MASSES CELEBRATED MOST
WEDNESDAYS
AT 9:00
EVERYONE IS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE

WITH THE GRADE SCHOOLERS

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
September 22 - 28, 2008

Mon, Sept 22 Weekday

7:30 **+Joseph Bushek (Anniv.)**
Servers: Bill Chamberlain

Tues, Sept 23 Pio of Pietrelcina

7:30 **Intention of Matt & Windy Taylor**
Servers: Pete Fiorini

Wed, Sept 24 Weekday

7:30 **+Seth Hammes (Anniv.)**
Servers: Jason Hutzler

9:00 **+Margaret Schubert**

5:15 Evening Prayer & Benediction
Server: Pat Campbell

Thurs, Sept 25 Weekday

7:30 **Intention of Stephen Pavela Birthday**
Servers:

Fri, Sept 26 Weekday

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

Sat, Sept 27 Vincent de Paul

7:30 **Levi & Betty Nelson**
Servers:

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat, Sept 27

4:30 +Susan & Ed Dinegan

MC: Pete Fiorini

Servers: Kelly Kroner, Kate Riley, Erin Roop

Readers: Gene Kolaczowski, Christine Skemp

Petitions: Caroline Kroner

Eucharist: Mary Ann Bradley, Loretta Clarkin, Susan Fukuda,
Ruth Wills, Nancy Padesky

Ushers: Bill Kroner, Tony Flottmeyer, Allan Fukuda, David
Sweeney

Offering family: Ann & Tom Gees

Sun, Sept 28

8:00 For the People of the Parish

MC: Mike Vanderploeg

Servers: Derek Craig, Carson Schneider, Sam Steingraeber,
Matt Brannon

Readers: Tom Kieffer, Steve McGovern

Petitions: Maggie Clements

Eucharist: Carol Melde, Joe Clements, Earl & Lucille Newton,
Jean Kachel

Ushers: Gene Hafner, Robert Schaefer, Adolph Szymkowiak,
Mark Chamberlain

Offering family: Paul & Pat Lyga

10:00 +Al & Pat Shedesky

MC: Dave Allen

Servers: Mark Steingraeber, Gus Wiggert, Eric Clements,
Peter Coppola

Readers: Jason Hutzler, Bob Kelemen

Petitions: Erin Roop

Eucharist: Deb Gilkes, Mike Hartley, Larry Lee, Jeff & Sandy
Reinhart

Ushers: John Sullivan, Terry Felt, Tom Franke, Joe Dalton

Offering family: Laurie & Michael Dolan

AROUND THE PARISH

APPLE PIE FUND-RAISER

Help us out by donating the following ingredients: flour, sugar, shortening, and butter. There's a box in the Narthex. Your hands would be greatly appreciated on Fri, Sept 26, in the Parish Center kitchen. Bring your favorite peeling device.

Pie sale: after Masses Sept 27 & 28.

Questions? Call Pie Master Helen Roop, 796-2644.

2nd Annual Msgr. Anthony P. Wagener Mission Awards Program

Wed, Oct 1, 11:30-1:00, Parish Center

An individual or an institution of our Diocese will be recognized for their generosity & involvement in the missionary work of the Church. Those who knew Msgr. Wagener and admired his great service to the Diocese are especially encouraged to attend.

Bishop Listecki will be joining us.

Cost for luncheon: \$5.00. RSVP by Sept 22 to 791-2676.

ADORATION CHAPEL

It is uplifting to see folks coming and going from our Adoration Chapel. It's a great stop-off when dropping off or picking up from school. Come for an hour or even for a few minutes. If you'd like to commit to a regular Holy Hour call Lloyd or Florence Koenig at 782-3834.

MEN & WOMEN OF THE PARISH

You are automatically a member of our Parish Men's or Women's Clubs. Dues of \$5.00 for the year may now be paid. Use the envelope in your envelope packet or simply use any envelope and drop it in the collection with your name on it.

CONGRATULATIONS, HALEY NORDEEN

Winner of a scholarship awarded by the La Crosse Symphony Orchestra

Preschool Sunday School

If you'd still like to register your 3, 4, or 5-yr old, call Helen Roop, 796-2644. Classes are held in the Parish Center during 10:00 Mass.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades 1-10

Wed, Sept 24, 6:30-7:45

Parent Round-table will be held during class time. Come for sharing, conversation, and support.

PARISH SUPPORT

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

Needed each week: \$17,400.00

Received 9/14: \$13,675.00

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Most of us carry our own stumbling block with us;
We camouflage it with a hat.

COMING UP

Sept 27/28 Apple Pie Sale

Sept 27/28 Anniversary Weekend

Sept 29 – Oct 5 Our week for Mobile Meals

Oct 1 Monsignor Anthony P. Wagener Mission Award Program, 11:30-1:00, Parish Center

Oct 5 Blessing of pets, noon, outside church

Oct 5 Life Chain, 2 pm

Oct 5 Youth Group gathering after Life Chain

Nov 1 Rummage Sale

MUSIC NOTES

ADULT CHOIR, (High school age and older) will sing at the 10:00 Mass next Sunday and will practice on Thursday, 7-8:00, in the choir loft. We have room for more singers. Come, join us.

TEEN CHOIR will sing at the 10:00 Mass on Oct. 5. Practice will be Wed, Oct 1, 6:30, in the choir loft. The Director is Michelle Skemp. If you'd like to join other teens in this enjoyable music ministry, give Michelle a call at 784-7442.

\$crip News

Walmart \$scrip cards can be used at Sam's Club, also.
Now, GO SHOPPING!!!

VOLUNTEER GROUP OF THE WEEK ANGELS OF MERCY PRAYER GROUP

Remember how an angel came to Our Lord in the Garden of Olives and ministered to Him as He began His passion and death? Would you like to become an "Angel of Mercy" and offer comfort and prayer support to a fellow parishioner who is critically ill and/or dying? Contact Pat Coaty at 784-6451 if you'd like to join us. Our current "choir of angels" includes"

Theresa Schaub	Marge Chamberlain
Linda Franke	Alvera Meir
Lucille Newton	Jean Susdorf
Mary Ritter	Kay Nix
Mary Ellen Robertson	LaVonne Strong
Dorothy Heberlein	Eileen Francksen
Dorothy Lawrence	Nancy Soldner
Barb Clements	Kathy Hancock
Maureen Kieffer	Patti Sans Crainte
Mary Frohnauer	Ev Gallagher
Barb Felt	Betty Nelson
Mary Ann Melvin	Ruth Wills
Marjorie Bushek	Irm Drier
Dawn Heckenkamp	Sandy Reinhart
Ruth Vanderploeg	Pat Coaty
Mary Kelemen	

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**WHAT DO THESE 3 THINGS HAVE IN COMMON - FELLOWSHIP, GREAT FOOD, PRAYER?
THEY ARE THE ELEMENTS TO AN OKTOBERFEST PARTY WITH THE PARISH ROSARY GROUP.**

WHEN: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 5:30 PM

WHERE: BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL CAFETERIA AND GYM

BRING A DISH TO PASS & YOUR OWN BEVERAGE.

ANY QUESTIONS OR IDEAS, PLEASE CALL JOE OR BARB CLEMENTS AT 782-5777.

CHRISTMAS FAIR FLEECE BLANKET TYING SOCIAL Wed, Sept 24, 9:00, Parish Center. Bring your fabric scissors and a yard stick. Lunch will be provided. Many hands make lots of knots.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE Join the local group of the national "40 Days for Life" campaign Sept 24 – Nov 2 which includes praying and fasting and public demonstration to end abortion. Sign up at <http://40DaysforLifeLaCrosse.blogspot.com>, or call Angie Hanson at 715-302-8758 for times on Sunday or Monday; Susan Swanke at 608-381-4040 for Tues or Wed times; Marianne Pittman at 782-1304 for Thurs or Fri times; or Sarah Hamus at 715-572-6543. The Lord will bless you for any time you can spare to be a voice for the voiceless!

LIFE VOICE ANNUAL CELEBRATION Sat, Sept 27, Diocesan Center. Mass at 4:15; supper at 5:45; guest speaker Donetta Robben, Project Rachel Counselor at 6:45. Open to all. Call Mary Turner at 608-735-4653.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING offers a reliable way to avoid or achieve pregnancy without artificial chemicals or devices. Classes will be offered in the Lang Conference Room at Franciscan Skemp Hospital, 2:30-4:30 on Oct 19, Nov 2, and Nov 23. To obtain more information call 1-800-255-6226 or email: nfp@dioceseoflacrosse.com.

MAKING A WILL? Don't forget your parish and other worthwhile charities in your plans.

GOSPEL FOR LIFE awards luncheon with Bishop ListECKi will be held in our Parish Center on Oct. 25. Details to follow.

If you have been considering petitioning for an annulment of a former marriage or have questions about the annulment process, please do not hesitate to contact the Diocese of La Crosse Matrimonial Tribunal. We can be reached at 791-2684 or email Tribunal@dioceseoflacrosse.com.

LIFE CHAIN Oct 5, 2-3:00, along Losey Blvd., starting at La Crosse St. This is a prayerful peaceful statement of solidarity that our Church supports the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception. Mark your calendar and plan to come. Signs will be provided (suggested donation 50 cents; \$1 per family).

MOBILE MEAL VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON Sun, Oct 5, 12:30, First Presbyterian Church, 233 West Ave S.

VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES will take place at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Sat, Sept 27. Registration at 9:00, Conference at 10:00, Mass at 11:00 in the new Shrine Church, box lunch, virtual tour at 1:00 with Eucharistic Procession as is done at Lourdes to the Shrine Church and back. All participants will receive a small vial of water from Lourdes. The day will be directed by Father Regis-Marie, a chaplain serving at Lourdes. The collection taken at Mass will help defray the cost.

CHURCH DINNER (Ham & roast beef) Sun, Sept 28, 11-1:30, St. Mary's, Bangor.

SAUERKRAUT SUPPER Oct 8, St. Peter's Parish, Middle Ridge. Bake sale, raffles, crafts, beverage tent

Parish Finance Council Meeting September 16, 2008

Fr. Olson opened the meeting with a prayer. Present were Jerry Borreson, Terri Brennan, Mark Chamberlain, Tim Hall, Bob Kelemen, Bill Kratt, Joe Melde, Cheryl Pearse and Susan Fukuda. Fr. Olson welcomed Terri Brennan to the council. Fr. Olson also gave an update on the WBTC Campaign (under target by \$369,078.17). After a short discussion it was decided to raise our monthly contribution to Catholic Charities to \$600. Mark Chamberlain provided each member with a copy of the Parish Financial Statement for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008.

Jerry Borreson and Joe Melde of the Building & Grounds committee, reported that 34 windows in the school have been replaced, the school roof repaired, and the church steps redone.

Bequests and memorials since the last meeting totaled \$1,330. Susan reported that we have sold over \$128,000 worth of Scrip so far since our last meeting.

Fr. Olson announced that the 2008-09 Diocesan Annual Appeal will begin in October with our target set at \$74,325.00.

The meeting ended with a prayer.

Men's Club Minutes

The first Men's Club Meeting of the year was held Monday evening in the Parish Hall Conference room. The meeting started at 7:00 with a prayer by Father Olson. Guest speaker Marianne Pittman was introduced and gave a presentation on 40 Days for Life, the pro-life vigil that will begin Sept. 24th here in La Crosse and in 171 plus cities in the U.S. The business portion of the meeting began at 7:30 with a financial report by Ken Hanson. A motion was made and approved to give a donation of \$250.00 to the 40 days for Life to help offset the cost of the brochures and yard signs. A second motion was made and approved to purchase one of the 34 new windows that were installed in the school over the summer for the sum of \$625.00. It was decided that the Men's Club would again host a Pancake Breakfast on the second Sunday of each month, and the first one will be October 12th following the two Masses. Some discussion was had about a cash raffle and a Parish Fun Night, with food and games, but was tabled until the next meeting so more information could be gathered. It was decided the next meeting would be on October 27th and Father Olson adjourned the meeting with a prayer.

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