

Blessed Sacrament Parish

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September 28, 2008

LIFE CHAIN

Next Sunday, 2 pm

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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 28, 2008
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
September 29 – October 5, 2008

Notes from the Pastor:

As many of you know Barb Sweczak has been working part time at Blessed Sacrament as housekeeper and sacristan and part-time with the Diocese in their library and assisting the Bishop's secretary. She has also worked closely with Fr. Scheckel who runs the Diocesan Mission office. Fr. Scheckel's parish, St. James, has become the first stop for many of the foreign priests in the Diocese and he has had a rather constant flow of priests in and out of his rectory. Fr. Scheckel's housekeeper is retiring, and Fr. Scheckel made a job offer to Barb. Barb has accepted that new position and will begin there on November 1st.

Often change comes unexpectedly and Barb told me the offer was made "out of the blue." We wish Barb much success in her new work at St. James Parish as she will also continue her work with the Diocese and fill a very important role in making the transition for foreign priests much easier. As Barb was most helpful to me when I first came to Blessed Sacrament, I'm sure she will also be most helpful to Fr. Scheckel at St. James and in welcoming the foreign priests to our Diocese.

Barb has become somewhat part of the landscape of Blessed Sacrament and certainly her leaving employment here will be a change, but she will not be leaving Blessed Sacrament entirely as she has most graciously agreed to help out with any special projects here at Blessed Sacrament, and we will certainly take her up on that offer.

We want to wish Barb all the best in taking over new responsibilities. All are invited to the Parish Center on the weekend of October 11-12 after all the Masses to thank Barb for her many years of service to the Parish and wish her good luck with her new job. Sunday will also correspond with the parish pancake breakfast so you will have a double reason to mark that date on your calendar.

May God continue to bless you and bring your much good work to fruition.

STOP ABORTION AND SUPPORT FAMILY LIFE
Mass intention for a Novena of Masses on First Saturdays, Oct-June. The Oct. Mass will be Sat, Oct 4, 8:00, at St. Joseph Cathedral. Everyone is invited to participate and pray for these intentions. Sponsored by the La Crosse Deanery DCCW.

Mon, Sept 29 Michael, Gabriel, Raphael

7:30 **+John Purcell**

Servers: Dick Meyer

Tues, Sept 30 Jerome

7:30 **+Tom Noelke (Anniv.)**

Servers: Pete Fiorini

Wed, Oct 1 Theresa of the Child Jesus

7:30 **+Barb Gerke (Anniv.)**

Servers: Jason Hutzler

9:00 **+Don Hefti**

5:15 Evening Prayer & Benediction

Server: Sam Steingraeber

Thurs, Oct 2 Guardian Angels

7:30 **Intention of Dorothy Heberlein**
80th Birthday

Fri, Oct 3 Weekday

7:30 **+Francis Muehlenkamp**

Sat, Oct 4 Francis of Assisi

7:30 **+Robert Volz**

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat, Oct 4

4:30 +Walter & Isabell Anderson

MC: Pete Fiorini

Servers: Anna Schuttenhelm, Grace Riley, Claire Craig

Readers: Dave & MaryJo Reinders

Petitions: Olivia Curti

Eucharist: Tom Horvath, Susan Fukuda, Tom & Ann Gees,
Marilyn Holland

Ushers: Harlan Wills, Tony Flottmeyer, Allan Fukuda, David
Sweeney

Offering family:

Sun, Oct 5

8:00 +Phil Knothe

MC: Michael Vanderploeg

Servers: Tim, John & Matt Brennan, Sam Scheidt

Readers: Joe Durst, LuAnne Kratt

Petitions: Stephanie Koehne

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

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

Offering family:

10:00 For the People of the Parish

MC:

Servers: Joe Francksen, Josh Lenth, Riley Reinhart,
Jamie Cooper

Readers: Dave Weinberger, Kris Gerke

Petitions: Luke Riley

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

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

Offering family:

EVENING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION
Wednesdays, 5:15 pm
Adoration Chapel

AROUND THE PARISH

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

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

**Honored will be Timothy & Cecilia Kress, Sparta
and the Parish of St. Anne, Wausau, Fr. Brice, pastor**

BLESSING OF PETS

Calling Fido, Champ, Fuzzy, and Sparky

Next Sunday, Oct 5, at noon

**Father Olson will extend the Church's blessing
on you all in front of church**

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.

Welcome

Jon & Kathy Heiderscheit

Lara, Abby & Kate

Andy Gayhart & Kelsey Joosten

Michael & Gretchen Myre

Alexa

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

***Gather next Sunday at 2:00 in front of our church
for the Life Chain***

There will be a 45 minute meeting afterward

No morning meeting

Watch for info on Youth Rallies coming up

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, Oct 1, 6:30-7:45

PARISH SUPPORT

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

Needed each week: \$17,400.00

Received 9/21: \$ 7,496.00

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Some folks are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited
until you try to sit in their pews.

COMING UP

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

Oct 12 Parish Breakfast

Oct 15 Women's Club Meeting, 9:45

Oct 19 Mission Sunday

Nov 1 Rummage Sale

MUSIC NOTES

ADULT CHOIR, (High school age and older) will practice Thursday, 7-8:00, in the choir loft. We'd like to extend an invitation to anyone who enjoys singing to join us. If you have questions, contact Mark Earleywine, 397-7210, or Pauline Connell, 782-2953, ext. 3.

TEEN CHOIR will sing at the 10:00 Mass next Sunday. 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.

8:00 CHOIR Anyone who enjoys singing, come up to the loft and join us at 8:00 Mass. All ages welcome!

REST IN PEACE

Richard Carley

Father of Caryl Doberstein

VOLUNTEER GROUP OF THE WEEK MASTER OF CEREMONIES

The following adult servers help direct the Mass servers at weekend Masses, funerals, and on holy days. They are also responsible to see that all folks who have volunteered for a ministry at Mass are present and receive any special instruction for the Mass.

Mike Vanderploeg

Jason Hutzler

William Arnold

David Allen

Pete Fiorini

Scott Doberstein

Mike Vanderploeg also helps to train new Mass servers.

THANKS TO YOU ALL!

NEW WEEKEND SERVER SCHEDULES ARE READY TO BE PICKED UP IN THE NARTHEX. THANKS TO LYNN DONSKEY AND HER MAGIC COMPUTER PROGRAM, PLUS A LOT OF HARD WORK, IN PREPARING THE SCHEDULE. SERVERS, YOUR DILIGENT ATTENDANCE AT MASS IS MOST APPRECIATED. WHEN YOU CANNOT SERVE, PLEASE PHONE A SUB AND LET US KNOW WHO THAT IS BY CALLING 782-2953, EXT. 3.

REPAIRS TO THE BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL New windows were installed in the older section of school. This should really help with winter drafts and ventilation all year. Want to help us pay for a window, or even just a pane? Cost for a window is \$625. We also addressed leaks in the roof over the gym. Total for that was \$15,220. If you have any spare change left, help us pay that bill, too. Thanks for all your \$\$\$ help.

CHRISTMAS FAIR FLEECE BLANKET TYING SOCIAL Thurs, Oct 2, 9:00 -2:00, Parish Center. Bring your fabric scissors and a yard stick. Lunch will be provided. Many hands make lots of knots.

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).

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!

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.

WE'RE ALL MISSIONARIES through our Baptism. On World Mission Sunday, Oct 19, we have the opportunity to be part of the Church's missionary work in foreign lands through our prayers and support offered by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

GOSPEL FOR LIFE Celebration Sat, Oct 25, will begin with Mass at 9:00 in our church celebrated by Bishop Listecki. Mary Ann Kuharski, Director of ProLife Across America, will present "Billboards and Babies: Speaking the Truth in Love." A light brunch will follow at 10:30 in the Parish Center.

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

ADORATION FOR VOCATIONS in the crypt chapel at the Diocesan Center Mon, Oct 6, 7-8:00. Ice cream social following. All are invited.

ST. JOSEPH REHABILITATION CENTER is seeking volunteers to help with residents by playing Bingo or cards, letter writing, reading, socializing, etc. Contact Jenny Knudson, 788-9870, ext. 216, if you can help.

NaPro Technology Conference and White Mass Sat, Oct, 18, 8:30 – 4:00, Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. This conference is for physicians, nurses, clergy, and interested laypersons who want to learn about scientifically valid methods of treating infertility. Register by calling 608-392-4172 or at the FSH website: www.franciscanskemp.org under "classes and events." \$25 includes lunch. Optional Friday evening program.

SAUERKRAUT SUPPER Oct 8, St. Peter's Parish, Middle Ridge. Bake sale, raffles, crafts, beverage tent
BRAT SALE, to benefit the Holy Trinity Youth Group, Shelby Foodfest, Sat, Oct 11, 11-6:30.