

# Blessed Sacrament Parish

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**September 7, 2008**

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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 7, 2008**  
**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**  
**September 8 - 14, 2008**

Father Edmund gets asked a good many questions about his home country of Ghana, about the Catholic Church there, and even about his family and favorite foods. Here are a few tidbits:

- \*The estimated population of Ghana is 23 million.
- \*The Catholic population is about 2 million with a Christian population of about 14 million. The remainder is mainly Muslim.
- \*Accru is the capitol city of the country. It is also the Archdiocese of Ghana, and the diocese in which Father Edmund lived.
- \*The first Mass celebrated in Elmina, Ghana, 1482.
- \*The Society of African Missionaries, sent by Propaganda Fide in Rome brought the Faith to Ghana in the late 1800's. The first Baptism there was in 1893.
- \*In 1962 Cardinal Giovanni Montini (later Pope Paul V) celebrated Mass in the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit.
- \*The first Cardinal from Ghana, 2003.
- \*Fr. Edmund received all his education in Accru, and was ordained as a diocesan priest for that diocese.
- \*Father has one brother and 6 sisters who are all doing well.
- \*Ghana has 3 months of rain when the temperature is pleasant and not too hot. The other 9 months are very hot, sunny and dry. There is electricity and air conditioning in the cities.
- \*Ghana was called the Gold Coast because it is rich in gold.

**OFFERING FAMILIES NEEDED**

**If your family or a couple of friends would like to bring the gifts of bread and wine to the altar at the time of the Offertory, give us a call so you can get on the list. 782-2953**

**HOLY CROSS BIBLE STUDY – GOSPEL OF MATTHEW using the Navarre Bible Commentary**  
**Tuesdays, Sept 9 – Nov 11, 1:30-3:00**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Diocesan Center**  
**Father Tom Smith, presenter**  
**Sponsored by the La Crosse Deanery DCCW and open to all. To register call 781-1779.**

**FEAST OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS**

**September 15**  
**The chapel in the Catholic Cemetery, named for Our Lady of Sorrows, will be open that day at 9:30.**  
**Mass will be celebrated at 10:00.**  
**The Way of the Cross, offered for the Poor Souls, will follow.**

Mon, Sept 8 Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30 **+Don Johnson**

Servers: Bill Chamberlain

Tues, Sept 9 Weekday, Peter Claver

7:30 **+Richard Jarrett**

**+Jack Knothe**

Servers: Pete Fiorini

Wed, Sept 10 Weekday

7:30 **+Anna Dunne**

Servers: Jason Hutzler

9:00 **+Poor Souls**

5:15 Evening Prayer & Benediction

Server: John Soldner

Thurs, Sept 11 Weekday

7:30 **+Carol Hoppenjan**

Servers:

Fri, Sept 12 Weekday, Most Holy Name of Mary

7:30 **+Deceased members of the T. Gallagher family**

Servers:

Sat, Sept 13 Weekday, John Chrysostom

7:30 **+Vera Senske**

Servers:

1:00 Nuptials Jessica Gosh & Brain Smith

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Sat, Sept 13

**4:30 +Michael Imgrund**

MC: Pete Fiorini

Servers: Debbie Oney, Monica Kachel, Mary Dolan

Readers: Steve & Marian Pavela

Petitions: Grace Riley

Eucharist: Mary Ann Bradley, Loretta Clarkin,

Susan Fukuda, Chris Papke

Ushers: Wayne Levi, Dave Sweeney, Allan Fukuda, Walt

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Offering family: Terri & Wayne Levi

Sun, Sept 14

**8:00 +Arnold Meyers**

MC: William Arnold

Servers: Pat Campbell, Casey Cooper, Mitchell Degenhardt,

Connor Rademacher

Readers: Bob Skemp, Ruth Vanderploeg

Petitions: Stephanie Koehne

Eucharist: Carol Melde, Mike Vanderploeg, Florence Koenig,

Dave Allen, Karen Perry

Ushers: Bob Peshak, Joe Sweeney, Lloyd Koenig, John

Gallagher

Offering family: Lorna & Don Kirby

**10:00 For the People of the Parish**

MC:

Servers: Riley Reinhart, Fritz Wiggert, Jamie Cooper,

Mike Czeiska

Readers: Scott Doberstein, Mark Steingraeber

Petitions: Bob Steingraeber

Eucharist: Betty Roth, David & Trish Coriden, Kathy Curti,

Carolyn Steingraeber, Caryl Doberstein

Ushers: John Sullivan, Jim Kroner, Sis Schaub, Tom Richert

Offering family: Kathy & Nick Nicks & family

## AROUND THE PARISH

### MEN'S CLUB

**FIRST FALL MEETING  
MONDAY, SEPT 15, 7:00  
CONFERENCE ROOM**

**COME, ONE AND ALL, FOR PLANNING, CHATTING, AND  
A BIT OF CHEER.**

#### YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Young men and women in grade 7 through high school are invited to join our group.

We will get together once a month during the school year. Our next gathering will be Sept 14. We will join together for the 10:00 Mass and meet afterward for refreshments and conversation. Mark Oct. 5 on your palm pilot for the Life Chain at 2:00. If you have any questions about Youth Group call Jennifer Kulzer at 385-3459.

#### WELCOME

**Ken Quillin**

#### APPLE PIE FUND-RAISER

Drop off ingredients in the box in the Narthex

90# flour 16 lbs. butter

40# sugar 17 3# cans shortening

There will be a pie-making party in the Parish Center kitchen on Friday, Sept. 26.

Bring your favorite peeling device.

Pies will be sold after Masses on the weekend of Sept. 27 & 28.

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

#### WIDOWS & WIDOWERS GROUP

Tues, Sept 9, Drugan's, 6 pm

Got questions? Call Barb Schmitz at 788-1667 or Loretta Clarkin at 784-9917.

#### REST IN PEACE

**Richard Nolop, husband of Donna  
Mary Shimanski**

#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registration and first class will be Wed, Sept 10, for children not attending a Catholic School, grades 1-10. There will be a 15 minute parent meeting at 6:30 in the school cafeteria. Contact Pauline Connell at 782-2953, ext. 3, for more information.

## PARISH SUPPORT

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

Needed each week: \$17,400.00

Received 8/31: \$7418.00

9 week totals

Needed: \$156,600.00

Received: \$103,827.00

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We were born with two eyes and only one tongue in order that we should see twice as much as we should say.

### COMING UP

Sept 7 Parish Golf Outing & Fall Social

Sept 9 Widows & Widowers, 6 pm, Drugan's

Sept 10 First day of Religious Ed, 6:30-7:45

Sept 11 Christmas Fair project, 9:00, Conference Room

Sept 15 Men's Club meeting, 7 pm

Sept 16 Finance Council meeting, 6:30

Sept 17 Christmas Fair Committee meeting, 9:00

Sept 27/28 Apple Pie Sale

Sept 29 - Oct 5 Our week for Mobile Meals

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

Nov 1 Rummage Sale

#### MUSIC NOTES

**ADULT SINGERS**, (High school age and older), our choir has resumed practices on Thursdays, 7-8:00, in the choir loft. The choir will sing at 10:00 Mass next Sunday, Sept 14. If you enjoy singing, consider being part of our wonderful choir. Contact director Mark Earleywine at 397-7210, or organist Pauline Connell at 782-2953, ext. 3.

**BELL CHOIR** will practice on Thursdays at 5:30. New members are most welcome. The Bell Choir will play at the 4:30 Mass on Sept 20.

#### Preschool Sunday School

Registration for our Preschool Program will be after Masses on Sept 6 & 7, and 13 & 14 in the Narthex. Classes for 3, 4, 5-yr old children begin on Sept 21 and are held during 10:00 Mass in the Parish Center.

Registration fee is \$20 per child for the year.

Volunteers are still needed and service hours can be earned.

Questions? Call Helen Roop, 796-2644,

Or email [Hmroop5@aol.com](mailto:Hmroop5@aol.com).

Remember the Christmas Fair when you are doing your Fall canning and jam-making.

Pastoral Council Meeting, September 2, 2008

Fr. Olson opened the meeting with a prayer. Present: Scott Doberstein, Pete Fiorini, Steve Flottmeyer, Jason Hutzler, Tom Kieffer, Marcia Kolaczowski, Karen Perry, and Susan Fukuda. Jason Hutzler reported that the Family Life committee would meet in September to establish a parish Marriage Preparation program. Scott Doberstein reported that the parish School Supply Drive was a grand success with over 1,800 items collected. The next drive will be for blankets later in the Fall. The Social Justice Committee will have a parish listening meeting October 16 to obtain ideas from members of the parish on future endeavors. The Sacred Worship Committee has decided to continue using the current hymnals rather than purchase separate hymnals and a missal for the readings. The council members enjoyed a "field trip" to see possible new nativity figurines for the church. Fr. Olson gave an update on the school building projects. We have replaced windows, repaired the front steps, and replaced a retaining wall by the school playground. Fr. Olson discussed with the members our current monthly donation to Catholic Charities. The Council was favorably inclined toward increasing our regular donation to Catholic Charities. The matter will be discussed and finalized with the Finance Council, September 16. Fr. Olson also reported we will have an election in October for new council members and anyone interested in nominating a parishioner should do so soon. The meeting ended with a prayer.

**FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY** Beginning in September we will have the baskets for food items at the altar on the *first Sunday of the month*. Hopefully we will have a large number of boys and girls bring food at the time of the Offertory to the baskets then. At other times your donated items may be placed in the cart in the entry of church. Food brought during the week and on weekends is given to the Salvation Army and Catholic Charities.

**DEANERY SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** classes will meet one Saturday per month, 10-noon, Sept through May, at the Diocesan Center. Adolescents and adults with developmental disabilities desiring to meet for fellowship and growth in faith are invited. Sacramental preparation for Confirmation will also be offered. Call Diane Heitpas at 783-1942 to register.

**HELPERS NEEDED AT THE SHRINE** to assist with grounds work, hospitality, clerical projects, etc. Call 782-5440 to volunteer for a few hours or a whole day. Visitors are coming from all over the country.

**CHICKEN-QUE** at Mary, Mother of the Church Thurs, Sept 11, 11:00-6:00. \$7.00 Call 788-5483 for presale.

**FALL DEANERY MEETING** Sept 9, 6:30, St. Leo's Parish, West Salem. All women are invited to join the new Deanery Officers in prayer and fellowship. If you need a ride contact Rita Sanchez at 788-6742.

**69<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL AQUINAS CLASS REUNION OF '39** Sept 10, 11-2:00, Schmidty's. Call Bill Wadden, 784-6168, or Don Roth, 784-4027 for details.

**"NEIGHBORS AROUND THE WORLD"** dinner to celebrate the wonderful spirit of volunteerism that is Causeway Sat, Sept 13, 6:00 social, 7:00 dinner, Cleary Alumni Center at UWL. Tickets are \$30 and available from Causeway members, by calling 775-9999, or at the office, 2575 S 7<sup>th</sup> St.

**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!

**FRANCISCAN SKEMP VILLAGE ON CASS**, 225 S 24<sup>th</sup> St, invites everyone for root beer and raspberry floats Mon, Sept 8, 2:30-3:30, to celebrate National Assisted Living Week. You may use the entrances on either 24<sup>th</sup> St. or Losey Blvd. For more information call Jan Pohlman at 392-9578.

#### **CATHEDRAL SCHOOL NEWS**

\*Enrollment this year: 138

\*Prayer Services on Wednesdays at 9 am

\*Magazine subscription fund-raiser in Sept to pay for field trip buses

\*Visit from the fire dept. to talk about safety

\*4K and 5K classes will be visiting an apple orchard