

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.

April 5, 2009 Palm Sunday

Dear Parishioners,

Last week I wrote about the blessing to our parish of a substantial bequest from the estate of Grace Neumeier, a long time parishioner who passed away this last year. This week I want to give you a little further information regarding the parish's finances. It is a bit of the other side of things.

We rely on regular envelope giving each week to meet the costs of heat, electricity, salaries for staff, etc. Compared to last year at this time, our regular envelope donations are down more than 20%. Since Mass attendance has risen slightly and we have gained twenty-two new families since July 2008, I believe these lower donations are due to the economy generally. Rather obvious, perhaps, but important for us to recognize that the overall economy has an impact of the parish, too. One way to offset our deficit is to use SCRIP. This program helps pay the parish's obligation for Catholic education without costing the user anything extra other than the time to make the initial Scrip card purchase. I have asked the Scrip Volunteers to come up with some new ideas to streamline the purchases on weekends to make it even more convenient.

Our parish is not alone in experiencing lower levels of giving. BUT, I think it is a sign of the vibrancy of this parish that, despite the economic downturn, we continue to be among the most generous parishes in the diocese. The work of the Men's and Women's Clubs to raise money for the parish and for the broader community, our support of Catholic Charities, and our social outreach in food collections, speaks well of our continued trust in the generosity of God toward those who are in-turn generous.

SERVER practice 1 hr. before Triduum services

HOLY THURSDAY

7:00 pm MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

MC: William Arnold

Servers: Tim & Eric Clements, John & Matthew Brennan,
Claire & Derek Craig

Readers: Bob Kelemen, Steve Pavela

Petitions: Kami Doberstein

Offering Family: Dean & Maxine Rink

Eucharist: Jeff & Sandy Reinhart, Ruth Wills, Karen Perry,
Loretta Clarkin, Mary Ann Bradley

Ushers: Pat Cavadini, Harlan Wills

GOOD FRIDAY

12:15 pm Service

MC: Pete Fiorini

Servers: Eric Clements, Mark & Sam Steingraeber, John
& Matthew Brennan

Readers: Betty Nelson, Mark Steingraeber, John &
Elizabeth Lyon

Eucharist: Jeff & Sandy Reinhart, Mike Vanderploeg,
Don Gilbert

Ushers: Gene Hafner, Allen Fukuda, Mark Chamberlain

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

April 6 - 12, 2009

This week's reader: Earl Newton

Communion Minister: Bill Chamberlain

Mon, Apr 6 Monday of Holy Week

7:30 **+Pat Peterson**

Server: Bill Chamberlain

Tues, Apr 7 Tuesday of Holy Week

7:30 **+Donald Roesler**

Server: Pete Fiorini

Wed, Apr 8 Wednesday of Holy Week

7:30 **+Robert Weiske**

Server: Jason Hutzler

9:00 **+Ruth Hefti**

5:15 Evening Prayer and Benediction

Server: Evan Dolan

Thurs, Apr 9 Holy Thursday

NO 7:30 am Mass

7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

+Keith Syzmkowiak

Fri, Apr 10 Good Friday

12:15 Service

Sat, Apr 11 Holy Saturday

NO 7:30 am Mass

Easter Vigil

Sat, Apr 11

8:30 pm +Julius Raymond Manske

MC: Mike Vanderploeg

Servers: Tim & Eric Clements, John & Matt Brennan, Pete
Fiorini

Readers: Patti Keil, Scott Doberstein, Ruth Vanderploeg, Dave
& Anna Curtis

Petitions: Maggie Clements

Eucharist: Joe Clements, Caryl Doberstein, Tim Brennan,
Cheryl & Tom Horvath, Deb Gilkes

Ushers: Harlan Wills, Mike Watunya, Ron Tuma

Offering family: Scott & Caryl Doberstein & family

Easter Sunday

Sun, Apr 12

8:00 +Virgil Grabinski

MC: William Arnold

Servers: Tim, John & Matthew Brennan

Readers: Bob Skemp, Ruth Vanderploeg

Petitions:

Eucharist: Mike Vanderploeg, Florence Koenig, Dave & Marie
Allen, Mary Ritter

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

Offering family: Mike & Ruth Vanderploeg

10:00 For the People of the Parish

MC: Jason Hutzler

Servers: Sam & Mark Steingraeber, Erin & Clare Roop, Zach
Hutzler

Readers: Bob Kelemen, Mark Steingraeber

Petitions: Bob Steingraeber

Eucharist: Betty Roth, Dave Coriden, Kathy Curti, Jeff
Reinhart, Carol Steingraeber

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

Offering family: Mary Ellen Robertson & Eileen Wright

AROUND THE PARISH

Once again we hope to have many beautiful flowering plants in the sanctuary to celebrate Easter. We ask that you purchase the plant of your choice and bring it to church (hallway near chapel entry on Losey) on Good Friday or before 10 am on Holy Saturday. If you would like the Liturgy Committee to purchase your plant, send a check in the amount you wish to the parish office and note: "Easter flowers"

The plants will be donated to nursing homes after Easter time.

WIDOWS & WIDOWERS GROUP

Tues, Apr 14, 6 pm, Grizzly's
Info: Loretta Clarkin, 784-9917
or Barb Schmitz, 788-1667

To the folks who helped prepare, serve, and clean up after the Lenten Soup Suppers we offered after Stations of the Cross on the Fridays of Lent. There will be NO Stations or supper on Good Friday.

Martha's Meals

Do you know someone in our parish who would appreciate home-cooked meals for a temporary period of time due to illness, surgery, new baby..? If so, or if you'd like to prepare a meal or two, contact Natalie at 788-4711.

Baptism

**Anna Therese Brennan
Daughter of Tim and Mary**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wed, April 8, 6:30-7:45

Class time for grades 1-6. Students in grades 7-10 will gather in school and then walk to the Catholic cemetery to pray the Stations of the Cross. Families may join us. Be sure to bring your signed permission slip. Mite boxes are to be returned on this day.

PARISH SUPPORT

COLLECTIONS UPDATE: July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009
Needed each week: \$17,400.00
Received 3/29 \$12,816.00
End of Third Quarter
Needed: \$678,600.00
Received: \$482,478.00
- \$196,122.00

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A sense of humor is the pole that adds balance to our steps as we walk the tightrope of life.

COMING UP

Apr 6 Confessions all day at Cathedral
Apr 9 Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7 pm
Apr 10 Good Friday Service, 12:15 pm
NO Stations of the Cross in the evening
Office closed
Apr 11 Easter Vigil, 8:30 pm
Apr 13 Office closed
Apr 13-19 Our week for Mobile Meals
Apr 14 Widows & Widowers, 6 pm, Grizzly's
Apr 18 Aquinas Booster Club Spaghetti dinner & auction
Apr 19 Divine Mercy Sunday
Low Sunday second collection
Catholic Basics, 9:00-9:45.
Apr 22 Christmas Fair planning meeting, 6:30
Apr 26 First Communion at 10:00 Mass
Pancake Breakfast after both Masses
June 16-20 Family pictures taken for Parish Pictorial Directory.

MUSIC NOTES

ADULT CHOIR will sing at 10:00 Mass on Palm Sunday, on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter at 10:00. There will be NO choir practice on Thurs, April 16.

\$crip News

Your Easter supplies can be purchased using \$crip. The Easter bunny and the parish appreciate your support. Remember, you can order \$crip by phone at 782-2953, ext. 6. You can also email your order: BSPScrip@yahoo.com. We have a few openings in the schedule for \$crip sellers during office hours. Give a call if you can help. Thanks.

Don't forget your grocery receipts, moo-la bottle tops, Campbell soup labels, etc. Drop off in the box in the Narthex. It's amazing what a benefit this brings to our school considering those box tops, etc., would otherwise end up in a waste basket.

LOST AND FOUND

Short a glove, mitten, hat, or scarf? We probably have it in the parish office. Stop in.

“THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST” by Franz Joseph Hayden will be performed in Maria Angelorum Chapel at St. Rose Convent on Sat, Apr 4, 7:30 pm, and Sun, Apr 5, 3:00 pm, by the Chamber Chorale and the Artaria Quartet. Adults \$15; seniors \$12, students \$8. Payable to the Chamber Chorale; mail to 124 South 23 St, La Crosse 54601.

CHICKEN QUE at the KC's Sun, Apr 5. Serving: 11-3:00. \$7.00/adult/ \$4/children under 12. Drive-through carryout or eat in. Bake sale, too. Proceeds support seminarian education.

ADORATION FOR VOCATIONS Mon, Apr 6, 7-8 pm, crypt chapel at the Diocesan Center. All are invited.

LAY FORMATION INSTITUTE and LAY LEADER OF PRAYER programs will begin soon. If you would like to deepen your knowledge of our Faith with the thought of leading others to know Christ, contact Fr. Olson for details on these programs.

LOW SUNDAY COLLECTION will occur on Apr 19. The women of our parish will take up a collection after Communion on that weekend to fund the programs of the DCCW.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS statewide charity raffle tickets are available from any KC member, or call Ron Graw, 785-115, or Lloyd Koenig, 782-3834. First prize is \$50,000 with 50 winners to be drawn. Ticket price is only \$5.00. Drawing will be April 25.

ADVENTURE CAMP FOR 6TH – 12 TH GRADER combines high adventure, sun, fun, and God. Mass daily. Go to the Youth Ministry website at dioceseoflacrosse.com for more information. Camps for different ages will be in June and July.

HELP NEEDED AT THE SHRINE Due to the great increase in the number of activities occurring at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe volunteer help is needed in many capacities. Just call the Shrine at 782-5440 and say “I’d like to volunteer.”

REMEMBER YOUR PARISH in your will. Are you planning to make a will or update your current one? Don’t forget your parish and other charities.

EXHIBIT OF THE SAINT JOHN’S BIBLE 17 prints of the artistic illuminations from The St. John’s Bible will be on display at the public library Apr 28-May 7. This artwork, commissioned by the monks of St. John’s Abbey, has gained international notoriety. Further, on Apr 30 Mary Ann Baird and Fr. Mark Pierce will offer a presentation at 6:30 on the artwork and the letters of St. Paul. Both the exhibit and presentation are free and open to all.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS

*Coffee Club meets at Schumacher Kish Wed. mornings. Call June at 782-1252 for dates.

*Caring for Each Other meets at First Presbyterian Church weekly. Call 784-4248 for details.

CURRENT STATUS OF CONSCIENCE PROTECTION FOR HEALTHCARE WORKERS

Thursday, April 23, 7 pm, Recital Hall at Viterbo

Thomas Brejcha, President and Chief Counsel of the Thomas More Society, Pro-life Law Center
will discuss the current legal protections afforded healthcare workers and pending
efforts to overturn these protections. Sponsored by the La Crosse
Guild of the Catholic Medical Association.