

NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

Parish Golf Outing And Fall Social

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Blessed Sacrament Parish
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August 23, 2009

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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.

August 23, 2009 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflections on Being a Seminarian and Priest in Rome

As many of you know, I've spent the last four years in seminary formation for the priesthood at the North American College in Rome. This experience has been a great blessing to me that has had, and will continue to have, a profound impact on my priesthood.

The best thing about studying in Rome is... well... *not studying* in Rome. Now before anyone goes off to quote these words of mine to Bishop ListECKI, let me say first that I do indeed study a great deal while in Rome at the seminary. But while my studies there have been enjoyable and an essential part my priestly formation, my formation as a priest and the graces that come from being in Rome go far beyond books and the classroom.

One of the greatest spiritual blessings has been getting to know the person of St. Peter, buried underneath the high altar in St. Peter's Basilica, just a ten minute walk away from the seminary. Giving tours of the basilica to English-speaking pilgrims, walking past Peter's tomb, and reading passages from Matthew and John's Gospels which poignantly speak about Peter and his relationship to Jesus have been a great source of reflection for me. Peter, sinful and not always the most prudent or thoughtful in his actions, is the Rock upon which Christ chose to build his Church. Through Peter, we can all see a bit of ourselves, and we see that the foundation upon which our Church is built is mercy and the forgiveness of sins. It is through this same Church, built upon very human and divine foundations that God desires to bring about the salvation of the whole world. Added to this, is the great privilege of being able to hear and see on occasion the successor of Peter, the visible sign of the Church's unity and continuity, Pope Benedict XIV.

I will have more thoughts to share next week. Let us continue to pray for one another.

Father Jesse Burish

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK Aug 24 - 30, 2009

Reader: Don Gilbert

Extr. Minister of Body of Christ: Mary E. Robertson

Mon, Aug 24 Bartholomew

7:30 +Miriam Mueller

Server: Bill Chamberlain

Tues, Aug 25 Weekday, Louis of France, Joseph Calasanz

7:30 + Elaine & Tony Neubaur

Server: Pete Fiorini

Wed, Aug 26 Weekday

7:30 +Raymond & Laretta Jahimiak

Server: Jason Hutzler

5:15 Evening Prayer and Benediction

Server: John Paul Soldner

Thurs, Aug 27 Monica Aquinas schools faculty members (125) will be attending Mass

7:30 +James Johnson (Anniv.)

Servers: Thomas Gallagher, Ryan Scheidt

Fri, Aug 28 Augustine

7:30 +Verna Quillin

Servers: Joe Cambio, Charles Hlavacka

Sat, Aug 29 Martyrdom of John the Baptist

7:30 Intention of Dave Hammes Birthday
and Dave & Betty's 65th Wedding Anniversary

Servers: Grant Joslyn, Courtney Frick

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat, Aug 29

4:30 +Arlen Pierce

MC: Pete Fiorini

Servers: Katie & Monica Kachel, Kristen Sauer, Emilie Steingraeber

Readers: John & Elizabeth Lyon

Petitions: Olivia Curti

Eucharist: Walt & Jean Susdorf, Luci Johnson, Ruth Wills, Dave Allen

Ushers: Bill Kroner, Tony Flottmeyer, Harlan Wills, David Sweeney

Offering family: Tom & Marilyn Holland

Sun, Aug 30

8:00 For the People of the Parish

MC: Mike Vanderploeg

Servers: Evan Dolan, Riley & Pat Campbell, Jacob Dee

Readers: Jeanne & Steven Pavela

Petitions: Erin Roop

Eucharist: Mary Ritter, Bill Chamberlain, Gaylord/Karen Perry, Pat Lyga

Ushers: Pat Cavadini, Robert Schaefer, Paul Lyga

Offering family: Jerry & Sandra Borreson

10:00 +Ruth Hefti

MC: Scott Doberstein

Servers: Gus & Fritz Wiggert, Josh Alexander, Peter Coppola

Readers: Ted/Luke Riley, Dale Kusmitch

Petitions: Annie Joslyn

Eucharist: Marie Allen, Mary Ellen Robertson, Mary Ann Brownell, Terry Cheryl Pearse

Ushers: Jim Kroner, Syl Schaub, Tom Richert, Dan Skaff

Offering family: Ted & Sheila Riley family

AROUND THE PARISH

GOLF OUTING & FALL SOCIAL

Sunday, August 30

GOLF 9 or 18 holes, 4-person scramble

Call Pauline at 782-2953, ext. 3, to reserve your tee time (18 holes beginning at 12:30; 9 holes beginning at 2:30)

SOCIAL 5-7:00 pm, in the Parish Center

Brats and hamburgers, and all the rest
Soda and beer provided; putting contest, fun!
\$5 adults; \$3 kids under 12

Call 782-2953, ext. 2, with number attending

WOMEN'S CLUB 1ST FALL MEETING

Wed, Sept 9, 5:30 potluck

Please turn in your survey by Mon, Aug 24.

A report on the survey, installation of officers, and vote on the revised by-laws is planned. The proposed revised by-laws are available in the Narthex. Please take a copy. You may share your suggestions with any officer: Bernice Lansing (793-1972), Jeanette Hammes (788-6349, or Jean Skemp (782-6688). Approval of the by-laws is on the Sept 9 meeting agenda.

YOUTH GROUP

7th graders through High School

Thursdays, 7:30 pm, Conference Room

Come and bring a friend!

Questions? Call Jennifer Kulzer, 385-3459.

SHARE THE HARVEST

Please bring your excess veggies, etc. from your garden to church on the weekend. We have a table for them.

Anyone who'd like to take some home, just put a donation in the basket (for an area food pantry) and take what you can use. Left-overs will go to Place of Grace.

RCIA CORNER

A new session of RCIA will be starting Aug 25, 7 pm, Conference Room with meetings weekly on Tuesdays at that time. RCIA is for anyone wishing to become Catholic or just learning more about the Catholic Faith. Contact Jennifer Kulzer at 385-3459.

PARISH SUPPORT

COLLECTIONS UPDATE: July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010

Received, August 16 \$10,166.00

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Something you cannot recycle: wasted time.

COMING UP

Aug 25 First RCIA meeting, 7 pm

Aug 31 First day of school

Aug 30 Parish Golf Outing and Fall Social

Aug 31 – Sept 6 Our week for Mobile Meals

Sept 9 Women's Club Potluck meeting, 5:30 pm

Sept 9 First night for Religious Ed classes, 6:30, school

MUSIC NEWS AND NOTES

CHILDREN'S CHOIR will sing at 10:00 Mass next Sunday and will practice Sat, 9:30-10:15. Children in Grade School are welcome to join our choir.

ADULT CHOIR will begin practices and singing for Masses in Sept. Watch this spot for details or call Pauline at 782-2953, ext. 3.

\$crip News

\$crip phone: 782-2953, ext. 6 email:bspscrip@yahoo.com

More new local \$crip businesses coming soon.

A \$crip gift card makes a nice thank you for summer helpers – baby- or dog-sitter, lawn mower, life guard, softball coach, driving instructor, etc. AND makes a wonderful getting-to-know-you gift for teachers.

To everyone who contributed to the shoe drive for school-age kids sponsored by the Salvation Army. \$415 was raised; that means 36 little feet will have new shoes on them on that first day of school, thanks to you.

Winners of the drawings:

Peter Riley: \$20 Payless gift certificate

Majorie Bushek: Suzy Le Pedicure

ALTAR FLOWERS

Would you share your flower garden's bounty with the parish for weekend Masses? Bring your cut flowers to the sacristy on Sat at 9:00. Let us know that you are coming with flowers by calling Eenie at 782-2953, ext. 2, by Fri.

Petition Readers at weekend Masses
Guys and gals in middle or high school
Call 782-2953, ext. 2, to sign up.

WE NEED YOU!

JESUS OF NAZARETH STUDY GROUP will meet Tues, Aug 25, 6:00-7:30 pm, in our Parish Center. Fr. Peter Damian Fehler, rector of the Shrine church, will guide the reading and study of Pope Benedict XVI's book, *Jesus of Nazareth*. Please read chapter 3 for this meeting. For more information contact Luna Chou, 788-5752.

LA CROSSE DEANERY SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS meets one Sat per month, 10:00-noon, Sept through May, at the Diocesan Center. Adolescents and adults with developmental disabilities desiring to meet for fellowship and growth in the faith are invited to attend. To register call Diane Heitpas at 783-1942. Needed: catechist and musician for the program. Stipends are available.

HOUSING NEEDED: A new teacher at Providence Academy, her husband, and 4 children need a place to stay until their current home is sold. If you can help contact Eenie at 782-2953, ext. 2.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE RAFFLE, sponsored by St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Holmen. 1st prize: 2 tickets for the pilgrimage Jan 31 – Feb 10 or \$5000. 2nd prize: \$500. 3rd prizes: \$100. Tickets are \$20 each or 3 for \$50. Drawing Oct 18, 11:30 am. See www.stelizabethas.org for pilgrimage details.

NEWS FROM OUR SISTER PARISH IN TANZANIA Many of you met Fr. Augustine Mbiche after Mass this week. He grew up in the same small village in SW Tanzania as Fr. Salutaris, pastor of St. Andrew's. His words about the work being done in Africa were most inspirational. Please keep these dedicated missionaries in your prayers.

NATIONAL PRAYER CAMPAIGN to keep abortion coverage out of health care reform. Find out more at www.PrayerCampaign.org, or www.ProLifePrayers.org.

IMMEDIATE JOB OPENING: full-time retail gift shop position at the Shrine. Previous retail experience desired. Must be willing to work every other weekend. Apply at the Shrine; no phone calls, resumes, or emails accepted.

CARWASH fundraiser for St. Clare Health Mission Fri, Aug 28, 3-7 pm, School Playground. Washing cheerfully done by Girl Scout Troop 280. Rain date: Sept 4.

ORGAN RECITAL at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Aug 23, 3 pm, by Randolph Lyden, former organist at our parish and now director of music and organist at Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE is coming Sept 23-Nov 1. This campaign draws attention to the harmful effects of abortion through the use of a three-point program of Prayer and Fasting, Constant Vigil, and Community Outreach. Call Marie (784-5189), Mari (783-6407), or Romelle (386-1499) if you would like to participate in this important event. Sign up will take place next weekend after Masses. The Kick-off rally will be at the St. James plaza on Sept 23 at 6 pm. Mark your calendar!

CATHOLIC HOME STUDY COURSE An informational meeting will be held Mon, Aug 31, 6-7 pm, in the Parish Center. Written by Father John Hardon, master catechist and universal theologian, the 3 courses (16-lesson Basic Catechism Course, 36-lesson Advanced Course, and 7-lesson Masters of the Spiritual Life Course) are suitable for catechists, teachers, parents, and adult Catholics desiring to deepen their knowledge of the Faith. Monthly facilitated study groups meet at the Shrine or in our Parish Center starting this fall. Contact Luna Chou for more information, 788-5752.

You are invited to Barb Swieczak's 25th Anniversary Celebration on Sept 12. The Mass will be celebrated at 10am at the Cathedral with a brunch reception following at Holy Cross Diocesan Center. Please RSVP to Barb at 784-6974 by Aug 28.

Many volunteers are needed to assist with the reception set-up, meal preparation and service, and clean-up. If you would like to help on Fri, Sept 11, or Sat, Sept 12, please contact one of the following people: Barb Swieczak (784-6974), Sheila Riley (788-3523), or Mike Watunya (788-9798).