

Blessed Sacrament Parish
Losey Boulevard S. La Crosse, Wisconsin 54601
Father David Olson, Pastor
Father Jesse Burish, summer resident

August 30, 2009

PARISH OFFICE 782-2953 BL. SAC. SCHOOL 782-5564 COULEE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
Fax 785-1064 Fax 782-7765 OFFICE 784-8585
Eileen Francksen, *Secretary* Kay Berra, *Principal*
Pauline Connell, *Director of Music and Coordinator of Religious Education*
Parish email address: BLESSEDSACRAMENT@centurytel.net
Parish website: BLESSEDSACRAMENTLACROSSE.com

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 30, 2009
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflections on Being a Seminarian and Priest in Rome

Continued from last week

Another one of the blessings comes simply from living in another country and culture for an extended period of time. Admittedly, this can be a frustration and irritation as well. Those of you who have been to Italy before might make some guesses as to what I mean. To have a deepened understanding of another cultural mentality and language has completely changed the way I see those who come to the United States from other countries to visit or to live and work. It is also this, as well as getting to know priests and religious from all over the world, that has given me a greater sense of the universality of the Catholic Church. Related to this is the experience of living at the North American College, which is comprised mostly of seminarians and student priests from dioceses all over the United States. Building friendships with these men, and enjoying the diversity of "American accents," one also comes to appreciate more the great diversity and catholicity of our own country.

After leaving Blessed Sacrament in mid-September I will return to Rome for a final year to complete my license degree in theology. While it is always great to be home, I look forward to spending my final year in Rome as a priest. To celebrate Mass at St. Peter's, and to perhaps concelebrate with the Pope if the opportunity arises – all in the Year of the Priest, would be another great blessing. It is my hope and prayer that these great experiences, blessings, and graces may be directed and used for the benefit of my years of priestly service in our diocese of La Crosse.

Father Jesse Burish

BAPTISM CLASS

If you are planning to have your baby baptized at Blessed Sacrament sign up to attend Baptism Preparation Class. It is held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30. Godparents may also attend. Call 782-2953, ext. 2.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
Aug 31 – Sept 6, 2009

Reader: Mary Ritter

Extr. Minister of Body of Christ: Dick Meyer

Mon, Aug 31 Weekday

7:30 **+Phil Knothe**

Server: Dick Meyer

Tues, Sept 1 Weekday

7:30 **Special Intention**

Server: Pete Fiorini

Wed, Sept 2 Weekday

7:30 **+Mary Pavela Spika**

Server: Jason Hutzler

9:00 **Intention of Eenie & Carl Francksen**
31 Wedding Anniversary

5:15 Evening Prayer and Benediction

Server: Sam Steingraeber

Thurs, Sept 3 Gregory the Great

7:30 **+Joe & Midge Chamberlain**

Servers: Joseph Cambio, Kellan Doberstein

Fri, Sept 4 Weekday

7:30 **+David Oswald (Anniversary)**

Servers: Patrick Brannon, Ryan Dee

Sat, Sept 5 Bl. Teresa of Calcutta

7:30 **Intention of Florence & Lloyd Koenig**
45th Wedding Anniversary

Servers: Danielle Dolan, Ryan Scheidt

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat, Sept 5

4:30 Intention of Mark & Mary Pitsch
11th Wedding Anniversary

MC: Pete Fiorini

Servers: Claire & Derek Craig, Patrick Campbell

Readers: Dave & MaryJo Reinders

Petitions: Emily Walker

Eucharist: Cheryl & Tom Horvath, Ann & Tom Gees,
Marilyn Holland

Ushers: Ron Tuma, Tony Flottmeyer, Harlan Wills,
David Sweeney

Offering family: Ron & Sharon Graw

Sun, Sept 6

8:00 For the People of the Parish

MC: Mike Vanderploeg

Servers: Kate & Grace Riley, Jacob Dee

Readers: Joe Durst & LuAnn Kratt

Petitions: Elise Flottmeyer

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

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

Offering family: Andrew Brannon family

10:00 +Raymond Paul

MC:

Servers: Jason & Zach Hutzler, Josh Alexander

Readers: Dave Weinberger & Kris Gerke

Petitions: Lydia Skemp

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

Ushers: Tom Oney, Terry Felt, Al Klein, Joe Johnson

Offering family: Mary Ellen Robertson & Eileen Wright

AROUND THE PARISH

SUNDAY PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

3 - 5 years old

during 10:00 Mass in the Conference Room
beginning in late September

You may sign your children up after Masses Sept 6 &
13

or by calling the Parish Office at 782-2953, ext. 2

If you would like to help out as a teacher or aide
call Helen Roop at 796-2644

ALL LADIES OF THE PARISH WOMEN'S CLUB 1ST FALL MEETING

Wed, Sept 9, 5:30 potluck

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).

BAPTISM

**Madeline Pearl Hagen
daughter of Paul & Jessica**

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.*

WELCOME

**Brant & Susan Amble
and son Ryan**

RCIA CORNER

A new session of RCIA started Tues, Aug 25. Sessions
are held weekly at 7 pm in the Conference Room. 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 23 \$9,648.00

.....
Middle age is when it takes longer to rest
than it did to get tired.

COMING UP

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

ADULT CHOIR will begin practices on Thurs, Sept 10,
7-8:00 pm, in the choir loft. Anyone who enjoys singing,
high school age and older, is invited to join our
wonderful – and FUN – choir. Questions? Call Pauline
at 782-2953, ext. 3.

\$crip News

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

NEW VENDORS:

FAMOUS DAVE'S \$25

cards 15% discount

Famous for their down-home barbequed ribs and chicken.

MANNY'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT \$25 cards

5% discount

Quality Mexican delights. Try their new value-priced lunches.

FINNOTTES NUTS AND CHOCOLATE SHOP

\$20 cards 10% discount

Wonderful nuts and chocolates

Sept and Oct – try their caramel apples.

Parents, sign up new students now to participate in direct \$crip
tuition credits. 50% of profit from \$scrip sales designated for
your student is credited toward tuition expense. Ask friends
and relatives to help "sponsor" your student, also. Tuition
credits are paid by the 15th of the month following each
calendar quarter.

MARRIED on Aug 22

Mary Ann Soldner & Nathan John Christ

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.*

WE NEED YOU!

Petition Readers at weekend Masses

Guys and gals in middle or high school

Call 782-2953, ext. 2, to sign up.

LEAVEN2HEAVEN:REFLECTIONS ON A DAY OF FAITH AND FUN

After a week of rain the sun shone brightly last Saturday on the 200+ young people from around the Diocese who attended the Leaven2Heaven youth rally on the grounds of the Diocesan Center. Our parish sponsored a group of 18 young people, and we had a great time. The day was a combination of reverent, spiritual activities and joyful, exuberant praise led by the Holmen-based band Traditional Division. The event was held on the front lawn of the Diocesan Center in full view of all the traffic passing by, and these young people were a vibrant witness to their faith as they raised their voices in song and knelt in Adoration before Our Lord. I was privileged to be there as these hundreds of young people fell to their knees in the grass and prayed silently before the Lord for an hour before participating in Mass with Bishop ListECKI. In his homily, Bishop ListECKI encouraged our young people to carry the fire of faith from the event back to their parishes. As we move forward from this event please keep our young people in your prayers.

Check the bulletin board in the narthex for pictures of the day. It is my hope that many more of our young people will join our youth group and catch the fire of faith. Meetings during the school year will be the third Sunday of the month following the 10 am Mass. We meet in the Parish Center conference room. Please watch the bulletin for reminders and upcoming youth events, and please feel free to call me with any questions about youth activities at 608-385-3459.

Jennifer Kulzer

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.

CITYPRAZ live worship at the La Crosse Center Fri, Sept 4, 7:30 pm. Free admission.

7 STEPS TO BECOMING FINANCIALLY FREE: A CATHOLIC SMALL GROUP STUDY will be held Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30, Sept 22-Nov 11, Catholic Charities Offices, 3710 East Ave S. Space is limited. Call Dawn Kay, 782-0710 ext 205 to register. \$30 single; \$45 couple. Early-bird discount by Sept 9.

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.

FIRST SATURDAYS AT THE SHRINE Join us Sept 5 at 9:30 for a presentation on Our Blessed Mother by Fr. Peter Damian Fehler, 10:30 for the Rosary, and 11:00 for Mass.

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 Center. Please RSVP to Barb at 784-6974 by Aug 28.

*celebrated at
Diocesan*

Many volunteers are needed to assist with the reception set-up, meal preparation and service, 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).

and clean-