

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 20, 2009

**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.

**December 20, 2009**  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

My Dear Parishioners:

For the Mass on Dec. 17 the closing prayer addressed to God our Father says: "Give us your Spirit that we may be radiant with His light at the coming of Christ your Son." In these final days of preparing for Christmas, amid all the many distractions of the season, may this indeed be our goal. May your Christmas preparations be blessed and your travels be safe.

Let us continue to pray for one another in this Holy Season.

Fr. Olson

**NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

**Dec 24**

**4:00 pm +Eleanor & Ellis Crook**

MC: Pete Fiorini

Servers: Claire & Derek Craig, Mitchell Degenhardt, Kristen Sauer

Readers: John & Libby Lyon

Petitions: (needed)

Eucharist: Jeff & Sandy Reinhart (3 needed)

Ushers: (4 needed)

Offering family: Silha family

**6:00 pm +Pat & Al Shedesky**

MC: Mike Vanderploeg

Servers: Emilie, Mark & Sam Steingraeber, Anna Schuttenhelm

Readers: Dave & Mary Jo Reinders

Petitions: Bob Steingraeber

Eucharist: Carolyn Steingraeber, Mary Ellen Robertson, Don Gilbert, Mary Ann Brownell, Karen Perry

Ushers: (4 needed)

Offering family: Anna & Dave Curtis & family

Dec 25

**8:00 am +Thelma Volz (Anniv.)**

MC: Mike Vanderploeg

Servers: John, Matt & Tim Brennan

Readers: LuAnne Kratt, Ruth Vanderploeg

Petitions: (needed)

Eucharist: Helen Flynn, Joe & Carol Melde (2 needed)

Ushers: Ron Tuma (3 needed)

Offering family: Debbie & Andy Brannon family

**10:00 am For Vocations – Year of the Priest**

MC: Dave Allen

Servers: Pat & Riley Campbell, Jason & Zach Hutzler

Readers: Patti Keil, Bob Kelemen

Petitions: Cora Keil

Eucharist: Nancy Padesky (4 needed)

Ushers: (4 needed)

Offering Family: (needed)

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Dec 21 - 27, 2009**

Reader: Dr. Steve Pavela

Extr. Minister of Body of Christ: Mary Ann Bradley

**Mon, Dec 21 Advent Weekday, Peter Canisius**

7:30 **+David Oswalt**

Server: Dick Meyer

**Tues, Dec 22 Advent Weekday**

7:30 **+Jack & Phil Knothe**

Server: Pete Fiorini

**Wed, Dec 23 Advent Weekday**

7:30 **+Alvin Gerke**

Server: Jason Hutzler

5:15 Evening Prayer and Benediction this week

Server: Clare Roop

**Thurs, Dec 24 Advent Weekday**

7:30 **+Joseph Bushek**

Servers:

**Fri, Dec 25 Nativity of the Lord**

*See the column to the left*

**Sat, Dec 26 Stephen**

7:30 **Intention of Mary & Lou Ritter**  
**58<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary**

Servers:

**HOLY FAMILY**

**Sat, Dec 26**

**4:30 +Carol Schams**

MC: Pete Fiorini

Servers: Evan Dolan, Courtney Frick, Anna Schuttenhelm

Readers: Gene Kolaczowski, Christine Skemp

Petitions: Grace/Kate Riley

Eucharist: Nancy Padesky, Mary Ann Bradley, Loretta Clarkin, Susan Fukuda, Don Gilbert

Ushers: Bill Kroner, Tony Flottmeyer, Allan Fukuda, Dave Sweeney

Offering family: Kevin & Mary Ann Campbell family

**Sun, Dec 27**

**8:00 +Tom Noelke**

MC: Mike Vanderploeg

Servers: Carson & Nathan Schneider, John Paul Soldner

Readers: Tom Kieffer, Steve McGovern

Petitions: Maggie Clements

Eucharist: Carol Melde, Joe Clements, Earl & Lucille Newton, Jean Kachel

Ushers: Gene Hafner, Bob Schaefer, Adolph Szymkowiak, Mark Chamberlain

Offering family: Ruth & Mike Vanderploeg

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

MC: Scott Doberstein

Servers: Joe Cambio, Kellan Doberstein, Danielle Dolan

Readers: Jason Hutzler, Bob Kelemen

Petitions: Cora Keil

Eucharist: Deb Gilkes, Mike Hartley, Larry Lee, Jeff & Sandy Reinhart

Ushers: John Sullivan, Terry Felt, Tom Franke, Joe Dalton

Offering family: Paul & Katie Matl family

## AROUND THE PARISH

*To everyone who helped out with the Parish Breakfast last Sunday  
And to the officers of the Women's Club who treated the ladies of the parish to a wonderful delicious dinner on Tuesday*

### BREAKFAST WITH THE PRIEST

Sat, Jan 2, 8:30, Parish Center

Our Pastor will give us a "shot" of theology and save time for Q and A's. Would you/your family like to "host" this little gathering? Responsibilities: make a pot of good coffee and get some morning treats. Call Eenie at 782-2953, ext. 2, to say "yes."

### REST IN PEACE

**John Ottens, Sr.**

Snowbirds

Please let Eenie know in the Parish  
your forwarding address  
year statement.

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for your end-of-

### Christmas Giving Ideas from the Parish

#### FEEDING THE FLOCK cookbook

Full of home-tested recipes from parishioners. Last chance to buy one at \$10 and get another for half price.

#### 2010 COMMEMORATIVE CALENDAR

featuring pictures of the beautiful windows in church. What a treasured gift for someone who loves our parish and has moved away, for relatives and for friends. \$10 each. One free for every registered family.

**GREETING CARDS** (blank inside) with scenes from our sister parish in Tanzania. Pack of 10 for \$10.

Available in the parish office.

**FLEECE BLANKET-THROWS** and **PILLOWS** in school colors – handmade. Special price: \$15 for throw; \$5 for pillow. Great gift for the hard-to-please teenager.

Also in the parish office.

**\$CRIP** gift cards. In the office Mon-Wed this week. There will be NO Scrip sales at the Masses on Dec 24 & 25, and Dec 31 & Jan 1. Scrip cards offer the absolute guarantee of NO wrong sizes, colors, or models.

**NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS**  
**Wed, Dec 23 and 30**

## PARISH SUPPORT

COLLECTIONS UPDATE: July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010  
Needed each week: \$14,000  
Received: December 13 \$12,259

YEAR TO DATE

Needed: \$336,000  
Received: \$266,602

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A man wrapped up in himself makes a very small bundle.

### COMING UP

Dec 21-27 Our week for Mobile Meals  
Dec 24 & 25 Office closed  
Dec 31 & Jan 1 Office closed  
Dec 31 Cocoa party after 5:15 pm Mass; Parish Center hallway to watch fireworks  
Jan 2 Breakfast with the priest  
Jan 4 Bishop ListECKi installed in Milwaukee as Archbishop  
Jan 12 Yoga session begins  
Jan 17 Volunteer Appreciation Party, 3-5 pm  
Jan 20 – 24 March for Life, Washington DC  
Jan 23 Senior Dinner – MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

### MUSIC NEWS AND NOTES

**ADULT CHOIR** will sing at the 6 pm Mass Christmas Eve with caroling for ½ hr before Mass. There will be NO choir practice on Dec 31.

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR** will sing with the **TEEN CHOIR** at the 4 pm Christmas Eve Mass. ½ hour of caroling before Mass.

**FAMILY CHOIRS** will lead us in song at the Masses on the Feast of the Holy Family, Dec. 26/27.

### \$crip News

Call 782-2953, ext. 6

Scrip office closed Dec 24 & 25. No sales at Masses on those days.

Christmas and Jan 1: if you would like to participate by being a reader, Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, usher, or petition reader, call Pauline in the Parish Office, 782-2953, ext. 3. Check the left page of the bulletin for openings.

### WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

**George &  
Martha Schultz**

### SLEDDING PARTY

Would you like to organize a parish sledding party sometime in January? Call the Office at 782-2953, x 2.

## SOUNDS OF THE SEASON

- \*Blessed Sacrament School band and 5<sup>th</sup> & 6th grade Advent Program Mon, Dec 21, 1:00 & 6:30.
- \*Aquinas Middle School string and band ensembles at Rotary Lights, Mon, Dec 21, 6-7 pm.
- \*Aquinas Middle and High School Golden Mass Tues, Dec 22, 1:30 pm, in the gym. Everyone is invited to this beautiful tradition at Aquinas.
- \*Caroling and Seasonal music before all of our Christmas Masses.

**NEW YEAR'S RETREAT** Dec 31, 7 pm dinner to 2 pm Jan 1. Come and spend some time in prayer and reflection with others. This has become a very popular retreat. It includes Mass on Jan 1. Contact St. Anthony's Retreat Center, Marathon, at 715-443-2236 to register.

**BLOOD DRIVE** by the Blood Center of Wisconsin at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Hwy 16, Thurs, Jan 7, 3-7 pm. Call Dennis Hansen at 769-3079 to schedule your appointment. Refreshments provided.

**FOUND IN SCHOOL** Claim in the school office: Xcel Energy jacket, size L, with initials MH on inside tag, along with a Viterbo Athletic coupon book; a watch; key with the number 7039 on it; pink telephone holder.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** at the Village on Cass during mealtimes of the weekends. If you can come, 11:00 – 1:00 or 4:30-6:30, please call Jan Pohlman at 392-9578. Cheerful service and enjoying a meal with the residents will surely be rewarded!

**ADVENT HYMN SING** Sun, Dec 20, 7 pm, Christ Episcopal Church, 111 North 9<sup>th</sup>. \$5 donation asked along with a canned item for WAFER. The La Crosse Chamber Choral and organist Dean Whiteway will perform.

**HEARTBEAT** begins in a baby 18 days after conception.

**NEW BABY IN 2009?** Mark your calendar: Jan 24, 10:00 Mass. The Knights of Columbus will recognize those families from our parish at that Mass.

**FIRST SATURDAY AT THE SHRINE** Jan 2. Presentation on Our Lady by Fr. Peter Damian Fehler at 9:30; Holy Rosary prayer at 10:30; Mass at 11:00 in the Shrine Church. Call 782-0011 for more information. Our Lady of Fatima asked for prayers on First Saturdays for world peace.

**NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION:** volunteer at Catholic Charities. Volunteer receptionists and support staff are needed! Call Karen Becker at 782-0710 x 202 to learn more.

**THE CHRISTMAS STORY IN CAROLS CD**, narrated by Archbishop Burke with organ accompaniment by Fr. James Benzmilller, is available in the Shrine gift shop for \$17.

**THANK YOU** for your help and support of my Eagle Scout project that took place Dec 5. The drive was successful with 28 units of blood being collected as well as platelets and Dual Red blood cells. Also thank you to all who donated boots and food for the blood and boot drives. If anyone is still interested in donating new or gently used boots, please contact me at 782-5777. Thank you for your support and God bless!  
Sincerely, Eric Clements

## A PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

*Father, You have appointed your Son Jesus Christ eternal High Priest.  
Guide those He has chosen to be ministers of word and sacrament  
help them to be faithful in fulfilling the ministry they have received.  
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You  
the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

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