

# Blessed Sacrament Parish

130 Losey Boulevard S. La Crosse, Wisconsin 54601

Father David Olson, Pastor

February 8, 2009

## ENCHANTED EVENING

Next Sunday, February 15, 5-8 pm  
Parish Center

Food, fun, fellowship, door prizes  
Beverages available

Tickets on sale through Wednesday by calling Mary Ann Bradley, 784-0172,  
or in the Parish Office  
\$8.00 per adult

See you all there!  
Sponsored by the Women's Club

PARISH OFFICE 782-2953  
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COULEE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS  
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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.

**February 8, 2009**  
**5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Dear Parishioners:

Thank you to all who looked after the parish while I was on vacation. I enjoyed several days in Mexico in Puerto Vallarta and Barra de Navidad. I varied a few days of rest with whale watching, parasailing, riding atv's in the jungle, zip-lining across canyons, and driving along some of the coast of Mexico. The weather was warm and sunny the whole time there. Hopefully we can get some of that warmth and sunshine here soon.

In the Church's calendar this is one of the quieter times of the year. This temporary lull provides us all with an opportunity to think about our own spiritual lives without the rush often associated with trying to do something good during Lent. If we get caught up in the spiritual preparation of Lent, which is only a couple of weeks away, it is easy to let the opportunity of this quiet time be lost. There is really no season to the spiritual life. All time is God's time and meant for our benefit. The quiet of this time is an opportunity to do a little spiritual survey, maybe pick up the Bible and read a little each day from the Gospels, or to read a book on prayer, or a book on spiritual development. Allow the quiet voice of God to guide you, trusting that all things work for the good of those who serve the Lord.

Let us pray for one another.  
Fr. Olson

**OFFERING FAMILIES**

*If you or your family would like to be called to bring the bread and wine to the altar at a weekend Mass, please call the office at 782-2953, ext. 2, so you can be put on the list. Thanks!*

**ANGELS OF MERCY**

If you or someone you know is seriously ill, facing surgery, or needs prayers, let us know so our ANGELS OF MERCY PRAYER GROUP can be notified.

**EVENING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION**

*Wednesdays, Adoration Chapel*  
5:15

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**  
**February 9 - 15, 2009**

This week's reader: Betty Nelson  
Communion Minister: Tom Larkin

Mon, Feb 9 Weekday

7:30 **Arlene Schmidt & family**  
Server: Dick Meyer

Tues, Feb 10 Scholastica

7:30 **Special Intention**  
Server: Pete Fiorini

Wed, Feb 11 Weekday, Our Lady of Lourdes

7:30 **+Michael Tighe**  
Server: Jason Hutzler  
9:00 **+Ruth Hefti**  
5:15 Evening Prayer and Benediction  
Server: John Brennan

Thurs, Feb 12 Weekday

7:30 **+Mary Crowley**  
Servers: Aly & Rachel Steingart

Fri, Feb 13 Weekday

7:30 **+Arch & Ellen Skemp**  
Servers: Ryan Scheidt, Thomas Gallagher

Sat, Feb 14 Cyril

7:30 **+Lillian Wagner**  
Servers: Patrick Brannon, Claire Craig

6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat, Feb 14

**4:30 +Special Intention**

MC: Pete Fiorini  
Servers: Courtney Frick, Katie & Monica Kachel  
Readers: Dave & Mary Jo Reinders  
Petitions: Kami Doberstein  
Eucharist: Walt Susdorf, Luci Johnson, Ruth Wills, Marilyn Holland, Andy Brannon  
Ushers: Allan Fukuda, Dave Sweeney, Ralph Jagodzinski, Mike Watunya  
Offering family: Mike & Barb Watunya family

Sun, Feb 15

**8:00 For the People of the Parish**

MC: Mike Vanderploeg  
Servers: Jason & Zach Hutzler, Carson & Nathan Schneider  
Readers: Betty Nelson, Jeff George  
Petitions: Elise Flottmeyer  
Eucharist: Mary Ritter, Lucille Newton, Bill Chamberlain, Bernice Lansing, Denis Kuennen  
Ushers: Dave Herlitzke, Paul Lyga, Joe Durst, Pat Cavadini  
Offering family: Bob & Mary Kachel

**10:00 +Bud Tapling**

MC: Pete Fiorini  
Servers: Luke Riley, Luke Schuttenhelm, Mark Steingraeber, Gus Wiggert  
Readers: Jonella Rademacher, Patti Keil  
Petitions: Grace Riley  
Eucharist: Marianne Pittman, Mary Ellen Robertson, Mary Ann Brownell, Barb & Terry Felt, Cheryl Pearse  
Ushers: Tony Weisse, Tim Desmond, Dan Skaff, Steve Flottmeyer  
Offering family: Paul & Katie Matl family

## AROUND THE PARISH

### ENCHANTED EVENING

*Mid-winter party, sponsored by the Women's Club  
Sunday, February 15, 5-8 pm  
Parish Center  
Singles, couples, all adults welcome!*

### Father Olson presents CATHOLIC BASICS

Topic: "Catholic Sacramental Life"

Sun, Feb 15, 9:00-9:45

#### School Cafeteria

Join the Confirmation Candidates and interested adults in this refresher presentation.

**Note: location change**

### MEN'S CLUB MEETING

Mon, Feb 16, 7 pm

Guys, we'll be putting the finishing touches on our Cabin Fever Reliever. Your input and help is GREATLY appreciated. Refreshments serviced.

### CABIN FEVER RELIEVER

Sun, Feb 22, 1 - 4:00

Parish Center

Cards, games of chance, refreshments, fun,  
nifty silent auction items

2:45 Drawing for the Parish Raffle

Sponsored by the Men's Club

Watch next week's bulletin for a run-down of activities.

You're sure to find something you'll enjoy.

PARISH RAFFLE is going great guns. Don't miss  
out on your chance to take home \$1000.

Drop off tickets in the collection basket or  
parish office. Need more? Call the office.

### WIDOWS & WIDOWERS GROUP

Tues, Feb 10, 6 pm

Schmidty's

Questions? Call Barb Schmitz, 788-1667, or Loretta Clarkin,  
784-9917.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades 1-10

Wed, Feb 11, 6:30- 7:45 pm

## PARISH SUPPORT

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

Needed each week: \$17,400.00

Received 2/1 \$11,544.00

Why is it that when someone tells you that there are over a billion stars in the universe, you believe them, but if they tell you there is wet paint somewhere, you have to touch it to make sure?

## COMING UP

Feb 15 Catholic Basics, 9:00-9:45, School Cafeteria

Feb 15 Enchanted Evening, 5-8 pm

Feb 16 Men's Club meeting, 7:00

Feb 16-22 Our week for Mobile Meals

Feb 22 Pancake Breakfast after both Masses

CABIN FEVER RELIEVER 1-4 pm with  
raffle drawing at 2:45

## MUSIC NOTES

ADULT CHOIR will practice Thurs, Feb 12, 7-8:00 pm.

TEEN CHOIR will sing at 10:00 Mass on Feb 15.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR will sing at the 10:00 Mass on  
Mar 1. Practices will be Sat, Feb 21 and 28, 9:30-10:15.

## \$crip News

There are hundreds of \$crip businesses – airlines to auto parts stores – besides the local ones listed on our regular order sheet. An order placed by 9:00 Tues for any of these special places will be ready for pick-up Thurs pm.

Call us at ext 6, 782-2953, for more information.

A knowledgeable \$crip volunteer is in the office every day and at the \$crip desk on weekends.

## AED TRAINING

With the help of a generous grant our parish now has a defibrillator, the life-saving device used for heart attack victims.

All ushers, Masters of Ceremony, and parish staff will be trained in the use of the device.

TRAINING DATE: Tues, Feb 10, 6:30 pm

PARISH CENTER

Altar linen launderers needed

Call Marge Chamberlain at 788-3553 for  
information & free ironing try-out

A Lenten need: We'd like to share soup and bread after Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent. Call Eenie in the office to volunteer to be the organizer for one or some of the Fridays.

**To Patrick Lyon**  
**Winner of the Spelling Bee, going to state**

**PLACE OF GRACE** welcomes groups to come and help out at mealtimes. If your group (family, neighborhood group, study group, etc.) would be interested contact Ben Kruse at [placeofgrace.cw@gmail.com](mailto:placeofgrace.cw@gmail.com). Ben is hoping to speak to our parish's Men's and Women's groups about this opportunity to serve.

**GO GREEN WITH NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING** NFP offers you a reliable way to avoid or achieve a pregnancy without artificial chemicals or devices. Classes will be offered at Franciscan Skemp Hospital on Feb 15, Mar 1, and Mar 22. For more information or to register call 1-800-255-6226 or email: [nfp@dioceseoflacrosse.com](mailto:nfp@dioceseoflacrosse.com).

**BIRTHRIGHT BABY BOTTLES** may be returned to church the weekend of Feb 14 & 15. Thank you for helping Birthright reach out to pregnant women.

**AQUINAS HIGH SCHOOL** new student registration will be held Mon, Feb 16, 6-8 pm. Parents and students are invited to attend the open house. For more information call 784-0287.

**JOHN PAUL THE GREAT YOUNG ADULT RETREAT** Feb 27 – Mar 1, Lions Camp, Rosholt, WI. \$60 per person. To register contact Phil Lawson at 715-344-6115 or email [Lawsphil@gmail.com](mailto:Lawsphil@gmail.com). Excellent speakers, time for recreation, and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, fellowship.

**MONTHLY WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP** will meet on Mar 1, 7:15, at Mater Redemptoris Convent, 3730 East Ave S. The topic will be the document *The Dignity of Women* by Pope John Paul II. Contact Sister Stephanie at 788-4530 or email [snewell@diocesepf;lacrosse.com](mailto:snewell@diocesepf;lacrosse.com).

**HEALTH FAIR** at Cathedral Parish Thurs, Feb 12, 2-4 pm, in the undercroft. A wide variety of topics and health and family issues will be addressed. Admission with a canned good for WAFER. There will be a blood drive that day at the Cathedral, also.

**EMBRACING YOUR CALL TO HOLINESS Women's Conference**  
Saturday, March 7  
St. Mary's Community Center, Altoona  
Women of all ages are welcome  
To register call Roberta Kostka, 715-597-2268  
More information is in the Parish Office

**NEW HORIZONS TRAINING FOR VOLUNTEERS** will be held Feb 9-11, 5-9 pm, at First Baptist Church, 1209 Main. Contact Sharon at 791-2610, ext 301 by Feb 2 to reserve your place.

**A NIGHT IN VENICE**, sponsored by the St. Pat's Youth Group, Sat, Feb 21. Elegant dinner, cash bar, supervised play area for children. \$6.50 per person; \$7.50 at the door. Carry-outs available. 783-5535 x 8.

**HAVE YOU LOST SOMEONE TO SUICIDE?** A group meets monthly at Leo Hall, Holy Trinity Parish, to share and support each other. The next meeting will be Feb 18, 7-9 pm. For more information call Nancy at 769-5007.

*Thank you for standing up for the unborn.  
We mailed over 900 postcards to our representatives and  
senators in Washington urging them to oppose  
the Freedom of Choice Act. Keep the prayers coming!*

Knights of Columbus  
Friday Fish Fry, 5 pm  
\$2.00 Off with coupon  
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