

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.

January 18, 2009 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK January 19 - 25, 2009

This week's reader: Dr. Steve Pavela
Communion Minister: Mary Ann Bradley

Notes from the Pastor

I wanted to make some comment on the many good things going on in our parish. This past week, as we ended the Christmas season, thanks to the "11th Commandment" youth group the trees and lights and poinsettias and manger scene from the sanctuary were taken down in record time. This is a great group of young people doing good things in our parish and learning more of their faith. If you want to learn more about our youth group or to join in their activities contact Gus Wiggert or Jennifer Kulzer.

The members of the St. Camillus Outreach program continue to visit and bring communion to those in their homes who can't make it to Mass and to parishioners in nursing homes. Repeatedly, the members of this outstanding group tell me visiting the homebound and nursing home residents is a tremendously rewarding ministry. If you would like more information, or to join in the charitable work of the St. Camillus group, contact David Allen.

The SCRIP program at Blessed Sacrament parish is going great!! Purchases of SCRIP by parishioners and non-parishioners is one of the ways we can all contribute a little more to the parish without having to actually dig deeper in our pockets. This year the SCRIP program contributed \$15,000 toward education in our parish in addition to the direct tuition subsidy this quarter of more than \$4,000 provided to purchasers who designated a student recipient. More volunteers are helping to sell SCRIP and we are striving to make the purchases as easy as possible. If you don't use SCRIP, you should! Call the office, press 6, and ask one of the SCRIP volunteers how the program works.

This past Sunday more than 170 people came to enjoy an early evening "Thank You" party for adult volunteers in the parish. If you regularly volunteer for any of the work done in our parish and didn't get the invite, the fault is mine and you should call and tell me to include you next year. The most common comment of the evening, after how great the food was, was "Wow, I didn't know so many people volunteered." But many do because this is a great parish. If you'd like to join the party next year, all you have to do is volunteer!

Let us continue to pray for one another.

Fr. Olson

HOLY CROSS BIBLE STUDY – Gospel of Matthew
Meetings are Tuesday, Jan 20 – Mar 24, 1:30-3:00 at the Diocesan Center. Father Thomas Smith is the presenter. Sponsored by the La Crosse Deanery DCCW and open to everyone. To register or for more information call 781-1779.

Mon, Jan 19 Weekday

7:30 **+Jerry Heberlein**

Servers: Pete Fiorini

Tues, Jan 20 Weekday, Fabian

7:30 **+Michael Tighes**

Servers: Pete Fiorini

Wed, Jan 21 Agnes

7:30 **+Irene Sweeney**

Servers: Jason Hutzler

9:00 **+Bob Weiske**

5:15 NO Evening Prayer and Benediction tonight

Thurs, Jan 22 Weekday, Vincent

7:30 **Special Intention**

Servers:

Fri, Jan 23 Weekday

7:30 **+Mary Crowley**

Servers:

Sat, Jan 24 Francis de Sales

7:30 **Intention of Tom & Janine Skemp
33rd Wedding Anniversary**

Servers:

3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat, Jan 24

4:30 +Arthur McConaghy

MC: Pete Fiorini

Servers: Debbie Oney, Erin Roop, Grace Riley

Readers: Gene Kolaczowski, Christine Skemp

Petitions: Emily Dolan

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

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

Offering family: Syl & Therese Schaub

Sun, Jan 25

8:00 +Tom McGovern

MC: Mike Vanderploeg

Servers: Nathan Schneider, John Paul Soldner, Derek Craig

Readers: Tom Kieffer, Steve McGovern

Petitions: Maggie Clements

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

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

Offering family: John & Elizabeth Lyon & family

10:00 For the People of the Parish

MC:

Servers: Luke Schuttenhelm, Eric Clements, Peter Coppola,
Joey Francksen

Readers: Jason Hutzler, Bob Kelemen

Petitions: Claire Donskey

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

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

Offering family: Anthony & Diane Weisse

AROUND THE PARISH

JANUARY MEN'S CLUB MEETING

Monday, January 26, 7 pm
Conference Room in the Parish
Center

Guys, mark your calendar. Bring a friend.

PARISH RAFFLE

By now you have all received a mailing with raffle tickets and a letter. Take a minute to read the letter, and take another minute to fill in your tickets and get them back to the Parish Office, 130 Losey Blvd. S. (You may even use the collection basket on Sunday.) The drawing will be Feb 22. That "super ticket" is a real deal – 12 tickets for only \$25. Remember, the Men's Club generously supports education needs, our parish's everyday running expenses and those unexpected needs, charities, etc. What a great group of guys!
And who couldn't use \$1000?

Speaking of guys...

Are you a retired gentleman who'd like to chat with others over a good cup of coffee? The **RETIRED MEN OF BLESSED SACRAMENT** invite you to join them at breakfast Wed, Jan 28, after the 7:30 Mass, at Fayze's. Meet in the Narthex to car-pool. Contact one of these guys so we know how big a table to reserve: Bill Chamberlain, 788-3553; Gene Hafner, 784-7235; Earl Newton, 788-1738; Joe Sweeney, 782-3652.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades 1-10
Wed, Jan 21, 6:30- 7:45

PARISH SUPPORT

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

Needed each week: \$17,400.00

Received ¼ & 1/11 \$27,268.00

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"You probably shouldn't try to lead the charge if you think you don't look good in the saddle." Adlai Stevenson

COMING UP

Jan 19 – 25 Our week for Mobile Meals
Jan 21 – Feb 2 Fr. Olson on vacation. Bon Voyage
Jan 25-31 Catholic Schools Week
Jan 26 Men's Club, 7 pm
Feb 1 Lunch after 10:00 Mass and movie
BERNADETTE in the Parish Center
Feb 15 Catholic Basics, 9:00-9:45, Parish Center
Feb 15 Enchanted Evening, 5-8 pm
Feb 22 Pancake Breakfast; raffle drawing in pm

MUSIC NOTES

ADULT CHOIR will practice Thurs, Jan 15, 7-8:00 pm, and will sing at the 10 am Mass on Jan 25.

Scrip News

We now have a phone line dedicated to Scrip, extension 6 at 782-2953. Call during office business hours to talk to a Scrip volunteer and place your order. Orders taken by 10 am Friday will be ready for pick-up and payment at the Scrip desk before or after weekend Masses in the Narthex.

REST IN PEACE

Connie Koehne
mother of Mark

Keith Szymkowiak
son of Edith & Adolph "Murphy"
& brother of Karen Perry

ENCHANTED EVENING

Mid-winter party
Sunday, February 15, 5-8 pm
Parish Center

Music, delicious food, door prizes
Beverages will be available

Check out the enclosed flyer for ticket information. Reservations by Feb 6, please.
Adult singles and couples...ALL WELCOME.

Blessed Sacrament School invites all to lunch and a movie on Sunday, February 1, 2009. Barbeques and hot dogs will be served in the Parish Center beginning at 11:15 (after the 10:00 Mass). At about 12:15 we will be showing the movie **BERNADETTE** starring Sydney Penny and directed by internationally known French filmmaker Jean Delannoy. **BERNADETTE** tells the remarkable story of St. Bernadette Soubirous, "the little saint of Lourdes," from her early life of poverty, ill health and simple but profound faith that defined her as much as the appearances of our Blessed Mother, beginning on Feb 11, 1858, to her entrance into the convent at Nevers, France. Don't miss this FREE opportunity for lunch, fellowship, entertainment, and to be inspired by the amazing life of St. Bernadette! Ignatius books and DVDs will be available for purchase with proceeds to our school library. For more information please contact Kay Berra, School Principal, at 782-5564.

<p>WHAT IS GOD CALLING YOU TO BE? VOCATIONS IN YOUR FAMILY</p> <p>Hirsch Church parish.</p>	<p>PROMOTING</p> <p>A presentation by Fr. Joseph Thurs, Jan 29, 6-8 pm, at Mary, Mother of the Refreshments served. Families, plan to attend.</p>
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HAVE YOU LOST SOMEONE TO SUICIDE? Monthly meetings are held for the purpose of conversation and support at Holy Trinity's Leo Hall. Next meeting will be Jan 21, 7-9 pm.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY CELEBRATION
Mon, Jan 19, 7 pm, English Lutheran Church, 1509 King St
Featured Speaker Reverend Everett Mitchell
Music by Tommy Wesley Gospel Choir
Free admission

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.

PRAYER VIGIL at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe Jan 22, 9:00; Mass at 11:00; Divine Mercy Chaplet at 2:50. Join your prayers this day with those who will be in Washington at the March for Life.

THE SHRINE..A PHOTOGRAPHER'S JOURNEY presentation will be Sat, Jan 31, headed up by Jack Socha. There will be talks for the novice and for the more advanced with information on the photographic possibilities at the Shrine.

Blessed Sacrament Women's Club Dinner Meeting report

40 ladies gathered for a dinner meeting on Jan 6. Gross profits from fund-raisers are as follows:

Pie Sale	\$1,235.00	
Fall Rummage Sale	\$3,122.87	
Christmas Fair	\$15,559.51	666 people attended the Fair this year.

Thanks to all the women, men and young people who helped with all the fund-raisers. The Club gave the Parish a check for \$5000 & purchased a new vacuum cleaner for use in the Center. A party for adults will be held Sunday, February 15, in the Parish Center. The event will include fantastic food, beverages, music, and door prizes. The wonderful recipes from the Christmas Fair are available by emailing Liz Nutter at liznutter@charter.net. There are also copies in the folder in the Narthex. And don't you dare take credit for the Wild Rice Soup recipe.