

Blessed Sacrament Parish

130 Losey Boulevard S. La Crosse, Wisconsin 54601

Father David Olson, Pastor

March 15, 2009

FOOD COLLECTION LENTEN SUNDAYS

Immediate need:
Personal hygiene and toiletries items

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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.

March 15, 2009
3rd Sunday of Lent

“When I was hungry you gave me to eat.”

There's no secret our Parish's Social Justice Committee has been working overtime to remind us of this mandate. Last month the members got together to review, discuss, and plan. Among the many activities we mention, surely there is something you and your family would love to jump into. Many hands are needed at all times. But when a particular need arises the committee will send out an S.O.S. In the meantime, give Marcia, 790-5342, or Scott, 782-1833, a call to volunteer.

***BLANKETS FOR THE HOMELESS**

Oct-Nov

A great crew of volunteers made daily trips to the Salvation Army with your donated bedding.

What an out-pouring!

***FOOD COLLECTION**

on-going

Father Olson would like this to be a weekly collection during Lent with emphasis on folks actually bringing the food to the altar at the time of the Offertory. The committee will check with Catholic Charities to see what specific needs they have.

***BIRTHRIGHT BABY BOTTLE FUND-RAISER**

Feb 14-28

A Birthright volunteer sees that the bottles are available and returned to the Birthright Office, whose volunteers reach out to anyone affected by a troubling or unwanted pregnancy.

***JUNE FOOD COLLECTION**

Scott will again chair this one.

***SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION**

August

Very successful last year. We will hold this again.

***GIVING TREE**

Nov-Dec, part of Christmas Fair

Kathy Mydy and Marcia will again assist with getting the names and needs.

***PARISH NURSING**

Nurses who are parishioners are working to identify how their expertise can be used here at the parish.

***CAUSEWAY**

Liz Nutter, our rep, reports that Causeway is no longer funded by Gundersen-Lutheran. The committee will work to discern what needs parishioners may have if this organization no longer can help.

***CATHOLICS DAY AT THE CAPITOL**

Tues, Mar 31

Information has been printed in the bulletin and a flyer available in the narthex.

To all who help our committee do its work, our sincere thanks. Contact us with your ideas. God bless.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
March 16 - 22, 2009

This week's reader: Mary Ritter
Communion Minister: Dick Meyer

Mon, Mar 16 Lenten Weekday

7:30 **+Tracy Schneeberger**

Server: Dick Meyer

Tues, Mar 17 Lenten Weekday, Patrick

7:30 **+Mary Oswalt Hafner**

Server: Pete Fiorini

Wed, Mar 18 Lenten Weekday, Cyril of Jerusalem

7:30 **+Dick & Sally Pearse**

Server: Jason Hutzler

9:00 **+Lauretta Jahimiak**

5:15 Evening Prayer and Benediction

Server: John Brennan

Thurs, Mar 19 Lenten Weekday, Joseph

7:30 **+Jerry Heberlein**

Servers: Aly Steingart, Patrick Brannon

Fri, Mar 20 Lenten Weekday

7:30 **+Ora Young**

Servers: Maddie McLean, Ryan Dee

Sat, Mar 21 Lenten Weekday

7:30 **+Mary Crowley**

Servers: Krissy Sauer, Ryan Scheidt

4th Sunday of Lent

Sat, Mar 21

4:30 **+Bob Fowler**

MC: Pete Fiorini

Servers: Monica Kachel, Hannah Nelson, Debbie Oney

Readers: Gene Kolaczowski, Christine Skemp

Petitions: Emily Walker

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

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

Offering family: Ron & Sharon Graw

Sun, Mar 22

8:00 **+Arnold Meyers**

MC: Mike Vanderploeg

Servers: Jacob Dee, Riley & Pat Campbell, Matt Brannon

Readers: Tom Kieffer, Steve McGovern

Petitions: Elise Flottmeyer

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

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

Offering family: Bob & Fran Skemp

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

MC: Scott Doberstein

Servers: Michael Czeiska, Bob Kachel, Eric Clements, Luke Riley

Readers: Jason Hutzler, Bob Kelemen

Petitions: Kate Riley

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

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

Offering family: Tim & Ahna Clason family

AROUND THE PARISH

SENIOR DINNER

Call Eenie in the office to make your reservation by Wed of this week.

Dinner Date: Sunday, March 22

Hosts: Confirmation Candidates and helpers

White elephant door prizes are needed. Drop off in the box in the narthex of church.

Parish Pilgrimage to the Cathedral of St. Paul in St. Paul, Mn.

Saturday, March 28

A pilgrimage during this Year of St. Paul offers the opportunity for many blessings and a plenary indulgence. Celebration of Mass, the opportunity for confession, and a tour of the Cathedral are included.

Call Eenie in the Parish Office to get your name on the list. 782-2953, ext. 2. Cost: \$25.

Once again we hope to have many beautiful flowering plants in the sanctuary to celebrate Easter. We ask that you purchase the plant of your choice and bring it to church on Good Friday or before 10 am on Holy Saturday. If you would like the Liturgy Committee to purchase your plant, send a check in the amount you wish to the parish office and note: "Easter flowers".

ADORATION CHAPEL

Folks who come for an hour of adoration can tell you what a refreshing time it is during their busy week. If you'd like to sign up for an hour each week, call Lloyd or Florence Koenig at 782-3834. You won't be sorry.

Next Sunday we're asking for bathroom necessities, toiletries, and personal hygiene items for the folks who stop at Catholic Charities. Whatever you pick up for your own family's needs is exactly what they need. Be generous! You may drop your gifts off in the Narthex, or, better yet, bring them to the baskets in the sanctuary at the time of the Offertory during Mass.

NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wed, March 18

**because schools are on spring break.
Let's hope it's spring by then.**

PARISH SUPPORT

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

Needed each week: \$17,400.00

Received 3/8 \$12,723.00

Why do folks pay money to go up to the top of tall buildings, then put money in binoculars to see what's on the ground?

COMING UP

Mar 15 Catholic Basics, 9-9:45 am

Mar 16-22 Our week for Mobile Meals

Mar 18 Reservations by today for Senior Dinner

Mar 21 First Reconciliation for Communicants, 9 am

Mar 22 Senior Dinner hosted by Confirmandi

Mar 28 Pilgrimage to the Cathedral of St. Paul in St Paul, Mn.

June Family pictures taken for Parish Pictorial Directory – details to follow

MUSIC NOTES

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

CHILDREN'S CHOIR will sing at the 10:00 Mass

Mar 29. Practices: Mar 21, **10:00 (following First**

Confession for our 2nd graders) and Mar 28, 9:30

\$crip News

You can reach the \$crip Office easily by using the Service/Meeting door (the first one you come to) in the alley entrance. Follow the signs. A \$crip salesperson is on board during office hours.

\$crip phone number for orders and inquiries:
782-2953, ext. 6.

LOOKING AHEAD TO HOLY WEEK

If you would like to be a reader, extraordinary minister of the Eucharist, server, or usher for the Masses and Services during Holy Week call Pauline at 782-2953, ext. 3.

REST IN PEACE

Lucille Monti, mother of Kay Schneider

LENTEN SOUP SUPPER, 5:45 Friday

After Stations of the Cross at 5:15

Can you help out with setting up, cooking, or cleaning up on March 20 or April 3? Let Eenie know at ext. 2.

See you Friday evening for prayer and fellowship.

If you or someone you know is very ill, facing surgery, or needs our prayers, please call the office so our ANGELS OF MERCY PRAYER GROUP can be notified.

ST. CAMILLUS OUTREACH MINISTRY is made up of men and women who visit the home-bound or residents of nursing homes. We are in need of more generous souls to join us. If you are a Eucharistic Minister you could even bring Holy Communion to those you visit. To find out more, call Dave Allen, 784-5189, or Eenie in the office, 78202953, ext. 2.

CATHEDRAL FORUM Sat, Mar 21, 9-10 am, Undercroft. Fr. Gorman will discuss the history of cathedrals and give a tour. All are invited; refreshments served.

LENTEN ORGAN RECITAL Sun, Mar 22, 3 pm, Wesley United Methodist Church. Free will offering.

FEED THE BIRDS & YOUR FELLOW MAN Mar 15-21. For every \$5 worth of non-perishable food you bring to *WILD BIRDS UNLIMITED*, 1226 Crossing Meadows Dr (near Festival), you will receive \$5 off your \$25 purchase; for \$10 in food you receive \$10 off your \$50 purchase. Your name will also go into a drawing for gift certificates. Sponsored by *WILD BIRDS UNLIMITED* and Catholic Charities.

ST. PATRICK'S DANCE Sat, Mar 21, 7-11 pm, Cashton Community Center, to benefit Sacred Heart School in Cashton.

THE PASSION AND DEATH OF JESUS CHRIST: A PHYSICIAN'S PERSPECTIVE presentation by Dr. Peter S. Diamond, Thurs, Mar 19, 7 pm, Recital Hall at Viterbo Fine Arts Center. Sponsored by the La Crosse Guild of the Catholic Medical Association, Dr. Diamond's presentation will cover both the medical and spiritual aspects of the Passion.

A MONTHLY STUDY GROUP using Pope Benedict XVI's *Jesus of Nazareth* will meet in our Parish Center Tues, Mar 24, 6-7:30 pm, led by Fr. Peter Damian Fehlner, Rector of the Shrine Church. This group is open to all, but a background with the Catechism and/or Scripture would be helpful. The book and study guide are available at the Marian Catechist office, 782-0011. Read the intro in the Study Guide and Chapter 1 in the book for the first meeting. To sign up, contact Luna Chou, 788-5752.

CATHOLICS AT THE CAPITOL Tues, Mar 31. Check the flyer in the Narthex for details. Plan to attend and make your voice heard.

KC MEAT RAFFLE Tickets from any KC member. \$2 each or 3/\$5. Winners drawn Mar 17 at the Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner at the KC Club, 5-8 pm. Call 788-6444 for dinner reservations or to purchase raffle tickets.

THE NEXT STEP RETREAT, for high school students thinking about a vocation to the priesthood or religious life, will be held at St. Bronislava and St. Peter Parishes in the Stevens Point area. Cost is \$15 and registration is due by Mar 27. Call Chris Rogers at 791-2659.

HAVE YOU LOST SOMEONE TO SUICIDE? A support/discussion group meets at Holy Trinity Leo Hall. Next gathering will be Wed, Mar 18, 7-9 pm.

3RD ANNUAL LENTEN LUNCHEON, sponsored by Catholic Charities, will be held Wed, Mar 25, 11:30-1 pm, Diocesan Center. "In My Name" Honorees are: Joe and Barb Kruse and the Benedictine Sisters of St. Bede's Monastery. Call 782-0710 x 202 to make reservations.

PROLIFE LENTEN RETREAT Mar 27 & 28, Durwards Glen Retreat Center near Baraboo. Fr. Martin, retreat master. To register call Laura Karlan, 608-445-2064.

SMELT FRY Fri, Apr 3, beginning at 4 pm, St. Joseph Ridge Parish. \$8.50/adult; \$4/kids (4-10) Carry outs available. Also: raffle, bake sale, and cash raffle.