

Blessed Sacrament Parish

130 Losey Boulevard S. La Crosse, Wisconsin 54601

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March 22, 2009

Parish Penance Service

Wednesday, March 25, 6:30

Prayer Service and opportunity for individual confession (several priests will be here)

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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 22, 2009
4th Sunday of Lent

Dear Parishioners:

During Lent, generally, our focus is on the Cross of Christ by which our sins are taken upon the Son of God, and we are redeemed by the price of Christ's blood. This Sunday we have celebrated Laetare Sunday, when the disciplines of Lent are relaxed a bit so that we focus on the hope of the Resurrection rather than on the Cross. Though we keep the Cross in mind, our hope must always be in the Resurrection, the sign that the sacrifice by Jesus is indeed accepted by the Father.

Again this week on March 25, Lent's austerity is interrupted as we solemnly keep a feast in honor of the Annunciation. The Annunciation is a mystery that belongs to the temporal rather than to the sanctoral cycle in the Church's calendar, for the feast commemorates the most sublime moment in the history of time, the moment when the Second Divine Person of the most Holy Trinity assumed human nature in the womb of the Virgin Mary. Thus it is a feast of our Lord, even as it is of Mary, although the liturgy centers wholly around Mary, the Mother of God. Again we relax Lent on this Solemnity as we recognize the very moment in time when our Hope takes on flesh.

May God make the remainder of our Lenten observance fruitful as we await the Resurrection.

Let us pray for one another.

Fr. Olson

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Friday
2:15 led by school children
5:15 followed by soup supper

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
March 23 - 29, 2009

This week's reader: Steve Pavela
Communion Minister: Pete Fiorini

Mon, Mar 23 Lenten Weekday, Toribio de Mogrovejo

7:30 **Intention of Betty Nelson**
Server: Bill Chamberlain

Tues, Mar 24 Lenten Weekday

7:30 **+Jack & Phil Knothe**
Server: Pete Fiorini

Wed, Mar 25 Annunciation of the Lord

7:30 **+Joe & Coletta Doyle**
Server: Jason Hutzler

9:00 **+Ruth Hefti**

5:15 Evening Prayer and Benediction
Server: Riley Campbell

Thurs, Mar 26 Lenten Weekday

7:30 **+Lauretta Jahimiak**
Servers: Thomas Gallagher, Clare Roop

Fri, Mar 27 Lenten Weekday

7:30 **+Thelma Volz**
Servers: Claire Craig, Danielle Dolan

Sat, Mar 28 Lenten Weekday

7:30 **+Bob Weiske**
Servers: Emilie Steingraeber, Charlie Hlavacka

5th Sunday of Lent

Sat, Mar 28

4:30 +Edward Landskron

MC: Pete Fiorini

Servers: Kate Riley & Grace Riley, Erin Roop

Readers: John & Libby Lyon

Petitions: Luke Riley

Eucharist: Walt & Jean Susdorf, Luci Johnson, Ruth Wills, Dave Allen

Ushers: Bill Kroner, Harlan Wills, Tony Flottmeyer, Dave Sweeney

Offering family: Bill & Carey Kroner family

Sun, Mar 29

8:00 For the People of the Parish

MC: Mike Vanderploeg

Servers: Connor Rademacher, Sam Scheidt, Nathan & Carson Schneider

Readers: Jeanne & Steven Pavela

Petitions: Maggie Clements

Eucharist: Mary Ritter, Bill Chamberlain, Gaylord Perry, Pat Lyga

Ushers: Pat Cavadini, Bob Schaefer, Paul Lyyga

Offering family: Earl & Lucille Newton

10:00 +Dick & Sally Pearse

MC: Scott Doberstein

Servers: Sam & Mark Steingraeber, Luke Schuttemhelm, Peter Coppola

Readers: Ted/Luke Riley, Dale Kusmitch

Petitions: Bob Steingraeber

Eucharist: Marianne Pittman, Mary Ellen Robertson, Mary Ann Brownell, Terry Felt, Cheryl Pearse

Ushers: Jim Kroner, Syl Schaub, Tom Richert, Dan Skaff

Offering family: Hlavacka family

AROUND THE PARISH

Men's Club Meeting

Monday, March 23, 7 pm

Conference Room

Guys, come to share ideas and fellowship.

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" The plants will be donated to nursing homes after Easter time.

Pilgrimage to St. Paul

We are sorry to have to cancel the pilgrimage due to lack of the needed number of participants.

Baptisms

Elijah Abraham & Marquise Samuel Ihle
Sons of Cheryl Ihle

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.

The Social Justice Committee of the Pastoral Council needs willing hands and autos to deliver food items and other necessities. If you can help out call Marcia at 790-5342, Scott at 782-1833, or the parish office, ext. 2.

WINDOW WASHERS

The windows in our parish center need their spring wipe-down. Would someone be willing to head up a group of volunteers to tackle the task? Give Eenie a call in the office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wed, March 25

Class time for grades 1-7; students in grades 8-10 will be attending the Parish Penance Service

PARISH SUPPORT

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

Needed each week: \$17,400.00

Received 3/15 \$14,120.00

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Consider the postage stamp: its usefulness consists in the ability to stick to one thing until it gets there.

COMING UP

Mar 22 Senior Dinner hosted by Confirmandi

Mar 23 Men's Club meeting, 7 pm

Mar 24 Finance Council meeting, 6:30

Mar 25 Parish Penance Service, 6:30

Apr 4 & 5 All Masses for Palm Sunday will begin in the Parish Center with a procession to church

Apr 6 Confessions all day at Cathedral

Apr 13-19 Our week for Mobile Meals

Apr 19 Divine Mercy Sunday

Apr 19 Low Sunday second collection

Apr 26 First Communion at 10:00 Mass

June 16-20 Family pictures taken for Parish Pictorial Directory. Say, "cheese."

MUSIC NOTES

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

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

Mar 29. Practice will be Sat, Mar 28, 9:30 – 10:15.

DIOCESAN CHILDREN'S CHOIR will sing at 4:30 Mass Mar 28.

\$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.

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 April 3? Let Eenie know at ext. 2. See you Friday.

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.

Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday

Would you like to be part of the ministries during these beautiful days? Call Pauline at 782-2953, ext. 3, this week to volunteer. Needed: servers, ministers of the Eucharist, readers, ushers.

TRIDUUM SERVICES

Holy Thursday, April 9, Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 pm (no morning Mass)

Good Friday Service, April 10, 12:15 pm (only one service)

Easter Vigil, April 11, 8:30 pm

Easter Sunday Masses, 8:00 and 10:00 am

MORNING OF RECOLLECTION, sponsored by the DCCW, will be held at the Cathedral on April 4. Mass at 8:00, breakfast following in the Undercroft, speaker: Christopher Ruff of *The Catholic Times*.

This is just one of the activities to which The Catholic Daughters are invited. This wonderful organization of women gathers for fellowship and prayer. Want to join them? Call Mary Ellen Robertson, 788-2882.

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

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.

COVERING THE UNINSURED WEEK is March 22-28. Catholic Charities can aid anyone who is uninsured to gain coverage through BadgerCare Plus. Apply at their offices, 3710 East Ave. S.

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.

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.

THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST, movie by Mel Gibson, will be shown Wed, Apr 1, 6-8 pm, in the Cathedral Undercroft. Because the movie is so graphic in portraying Christ's suffering, it may not be appropriate for young children. Books on the Passion will be available, and refreshments will be served.

LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION, led by Fr. Sam Martin, will be held at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe Sat, Apr 4. Cost: \$15 includes lunch. 9:30-3:30 with Mass at 11:00. Call 782-5440 to register.

INMATE RE-ENTRY PROGRAM teams groups of volunteers with someone who is being released from jail or prison to help them successfully transition back to life in the community. Two informational meetings will be held: Mon, Mar 30, 6:30-8 pm, Trinity Lutheran Church, 1010 Sill St, and Sat, Apr 4, 10-11:30 am, Spirituality Center, 920 Market. For more information contact Tom Skemp at 785-9772.

SPRING CARNIVAL at St. Charles School, Genoa, Mar 22, 11-2:00. Food, games, and fun for everyone.

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.

CHICKEN QUE at the KC's Sun, Apr 5. Serving: 11-3:00. \$7.00/adult/ \$4/children under 12. Drive-through carryout or eat in. Bake sale, too. Proceeds support seminarian education.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

March 4, 2009

OPENING PRAYER

REVIEW 1/13/09 MEETING MINUTES - no revisions as distributed

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FAMILY LIFE (Tim Brennan) – no report but meeting will be scheduled soon

SACRED WORSHIP (Karen Perry) – Lenten season is ready to go including flowers for Easter. Next meeting is 3/17 for Easter prep. Question raised about who/what group is responsible for Friday night soup gatherings?

EDUCATION (Scott Doberstein) – Committee met in February and discussed our role with Blessed Sacrament School. Father prefers that a CCS rep is present at our pastoral council meetings to debrief us on pertinent topics. Dave and Marie Allen are working with Father on education efforts for the parish about Tanzania. Jennifer Kulzer has agreed to take the lead in starting a bible study group in the fall. Jeff Reinhart is going to work with John Lyon in offering educational lectures for our parishioners. We worked with the social justice committee to solicit interest for Catholics at the Capitol on March 31st. Galen Pittman will be working on the Men of Christ retreat in Milwaukee in winter 2010. The committee is looking for someone to head up the Catholic Environment Stewardship cause given to us by Father.

SOCIAL JUSTICE (Marcia Kolaczkowski) - Committee met recently with a good turn out of parishioners and several potential projects were discussed including parish nursing program, increasing food donations during Lent, and possible dissolution of Causeway.

NEW BUSINESS

Pictorial Directory – Father announced that Ken Hanson's wife might be interested in coordinating this project and Jason Hutzler will further investigate this.

AED – The donated AED has been placed at the handicapped entrance to church off of Losey. Many ushers and staff have been trained in its use and now we will investigate the possibility of getting one for the school.

Deanery Pastoral Council is being revived and our parish council needs to identify a representative. Jeff Reinhart is willing to serve but would like a co-rep in case he cannot make a meeting so he will contact Dave Reinders to see if he is interested in sharing this duty.

St. Paul Pilgrimage – Tim Brennan sought feedback about this trip on March 28th. It was decided that we would need a minimum of 30 people, each paying \$20-25 in order to make this work. Tim will make a plea at all the weekend masses to see if there is enough interest.

Seder meal – Tim Brennan and Helen Roop will look into the possibility of holding this Passover event in the parish center.

Volunteer Coordinator – the parish council would like to investigate the possibility of finding a parish member who would be the go to person to keep track of all potential parish members interested in volunteering with the parish. Many ideas were brought forward that need further discussion to see if this is a worthwhile idea to pursue.