

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.

May 10, 2009 5th Sunday of Easter

Mary, Mother of Christ, Mother of God.

In this month of May, which is traditionally dedicated to Mary, I think it good to reflect on the role of Mary in our redemption. Mary is, of course, first among the saints and higher than all others by reason of her motherhood of Jesus, the Christ. In the Catholic Tradition we refer to Mary frequently as the Mother of God. We must always be careful not to confuse this with making Mary more than human; she is not a goddess nor is she some version of Wonder-Woman, and she also, like each of us, stood in need of redemption by Christ. Mary by a special grace did not have original sin, but this was because she was to give birth to Jesus, not because she is more than human.

We say that Mary is the Mother of God, because we can speak of Jesus both in his human nature and his divine nature. The divine nature of Christ was eternally present when the "Word became flesh." What Mary contributes in the birth of Christ is his humanity. She is not, and cannot be, the mother of his divinity.

You might think these picky sorts of distinctions, but they caused much trouble in the Church when we fought over whether to call Mary the Mother of God or the Mother of Christ. Much of the fighting was over misunderstandings of what was meant by the phrases. This was settled in 1994 by John Paul II in a statement with the Assyrian Church of the East. Under both titles Mary is honored and both of these phrases in the Tradition recognize the divine nature and human nature of the one Redeemer, Jesus the Christ. The 1994 *Common Christological Declaration* stated:

The humanity to which the Blessed Virgin Mary gave birth always was that of the Son of God Himself. That is the reason the Assyrian Church of the East is praying to the Virgin Mary as "the Mother of Christ our God and Saviour." In the light of this same faith, the Catholic tradition addresses the Virgin Mary as "the Mother of God" and also "the Mother of Christ."

By the way, the Assyrian Church of the East is truly one of the ancient and noble Churches of Christianity which has suffered much because it was and is present in the area of the world controlled by Islam.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK May 11 - 17, 2009

Reader: Luna Chou
Extr. Minister of the Body of Christ: Karen Perry

Mon, May 11 Easter Weekday

7:30 **+Jean Collins (Anniv.)**
Server: Dick Meyer

Tues, May 12 Easter Weekday, Nereus & Achilleus

7:30 **+Norbert Schmidt**
Server: Pete Fiorini

Wed, May 13 Easter Weekday, Our Lady of Fatima

7:30 **+Don Roesler**
Server: Jason Hutzler

9:00 **+George Kohlmeier**
5:15 NO Evening Prayer and Benediction

Thurs, May 14 Matthias

7:30 **+Carol Burkhart**
Servers: Aly & Rachel Steingart

Fri, May 15 Easter Weekday, Isadore

7:30 **+Mae C. Smith**
Servers: Kellan Doberstein, Joe Cambio
6:30 pm Nuptials Roesler/Jensen

Sat, May 16 Easter Weekday

7:30 **+Mary Mashak**
Servers: Dylan English, Courtney Frick

6th Sunday of Easter

Sat, May 16

4:30 +Verna Quillin

MC: Pete Fiorini

Servers: Anna Schuttenhelm, Eliza Skemp, Claire Craig

Readers: David & Anna Curtis

Petitions: Helen Kirch

Eucharist: Walt Susdorf, Mary Ann Bradley, Marilyn Holland,

Deb Brannon, Pauline Jagodzinski

Ushers: Ralph Jagodzinski, Mike Watunya, Dave Sweeney

Offering family: Tom & Michelle Dolan family

Sun, May 17

8:00 For the People of the Parish

MC: Mike Vanderploeg

Servers: Matt Brannon, Eric Clements, John Brennan,
Evan Dolan

Readers: Betty Nelson, Jeff George

Petitions: Grace Riley

Eucharist: Mary Ritter, Bill Chamberlain, Bernice Lansing,

Denis Kuennen, Carol Melde

Ushers: Dave Herlitzke, Paul Lyga, Joe Durst, Pat Cavadini

Offering family: Don & Helen Flynn

10:00 +Dick & Sally Pearse

MC:

Servers: Nathan & Carson Schneider, Josh Alexander,
Casey Cooper

Readers: Jonella Rademacher, Patti Keil

Petitions: Bob Steingraeber

Eucharist: Marianne Pittman, Mary Ellen Robertson, Mary

Ann Brownell, Terry Felt, Cheryl Pearse

Ushers: Tony Weisse, Tim Desmond, Dan Skaff, Steve

Flottmeyer

Offering family: Jim & Maxine Kroner

AROUND THE PARISH

WOMEN'S CLUB MEETING

Tues, May 19

Potluck Supper at 5:30

The meeting will include election and installation of officers.

FAMILY PORTRAIT SIGN-UP

Please sign up for your FREE portrait to be used in the new Parish Pictorial Directory.

Sign up in the narthex after all Masses, or online at signup.olanmills.com, until June 7. Enter the parish phone number, 608-782-2953, to register. If you need to change or cancel an appointment, call Olan Mills at 1-800-866-2263. Pictures taken: June 16-20.

TOTUS TUUS ("Totally Yours")

July 25-31

This is a wonderful enriching week for young people in grades 1-12. Four college-age presenters bring the Faith to life for the kids through stories, song, prayer, and example. We will again host the program in July. Hoping all families will take advantage of this terrific opportunity. Put it on your summer calendar NOW. We'll also need housing for the 4 presenters and parent help each day for snacks and lunch. The grade schoolers meet during the day; high schoolers in the evening.

Invite your friends from other parishes, too.

WELCOME

Becky & Ryan Rosenberg
and Owen

Boxtops for Education, Moo-la bottle tops, grocery receipts, Campbell soup labels drop off in the Narthex of church in the basket. Proceeds from the collection help fund special activities at school.

REST IN PEACE

Maurice Cook, father of Carol Hall

"No act of devotion on the part of the faithful gives God more pleasure than the support that is lavished on the poor." Pope St. Leo the Great

Of particular need right now: shampoo, razors, paper products, canned tuna & meats, cereals, oatmeal. If you can help take our collected food to food pantries, call Marcia at 790-5342.

PARISH SUPPORT

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

Needed each week: \$17,400.00

Received 4/26 \$17,368.00

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Always do right. This will gratify some and astonish the rest.

Mark Twain

COMING UP

May 9-10 Rose Sale

May 11-17 Our Week for Mobile Meals

May 19 Women's Club Potluck, 5:30 pm

May 26 Finance Council meeting, 6:30 pm

June 13 Rummage Sale

June 16-20 Family pictures taken for Parish Pictorial Directory.

July 25-31 TOTUS TUUS

MUSIC NOTES

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

8:00 CHOIR If you enjoy singing, join the grand group of folks who meet in the loft and lead our singing at the 8:00 Sunday Mass. All ages are welcome!

BAPTISMS

Emily Ann Bagniefski

Daughter of Paul & Megan

Evie Amelia Gerke

Daughter of Brad & Betsy

\$crip News

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***The national retailers' cards are good any place in the US. Why not send them as gifts to out-of-town relatives and friends?**

We have 9 Pappa John Pizza cards, \$10 each

***JC PENNEY ALERT!**

Effective sometime prior to May 31, 2009, JC Penney will no longer accept gift cards as payment for JC Penney charge card balances! Please plan accordingly.

***CHOW DOWN LOCALLY**

Rudy's Drive-In gives our parish 20% on \$crip sales – WOW. Next time you slide in for a root beer float be sure to thank Gary. Have a chili dog, too!

CORRECTION: The Jesus of Nazareth Study Group will meet Tues, May 26. Time: 6:00-7:30 pm.

UNIVERSITY OF ST. FRANCIS SCHOLA CANTORUM will perform Renaissance music at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe Tues, May 12. The Schola will perform before and during the 6 pm Mass. At 7:15 there will be a special dinner titled "A Renaissance Evening" at the shrine restaurant. The schola will perform music described as a "Concert Feast of Musical Gems." Cost for the dinner is \$25, and reservations can be made by calling 788-8400.

RELEVANT RADIO PLEDGE DRIVE May 11-17. The goal is \$1.5 million. Your help is greatly appreciated. You can make a contribution online at www.relevantradio.com, by calling 1-877-291-0123, or by mailing to Relevant Radio, PO Box 10707, Breen Bay, WI 54307-0707.

ORGAN RECITAL at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church Sun, May 17, 3 pm. Organist: Brian Luckner. Free will offering will be taken.

MARIAN CONFERENCE at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe Sun, May 31, 9 am- 6:30 pm.
Featured will be Catholic singer-songwriter Dana Scallon, Dr. Mark Miravalle and Fr. Peter Damian Fehler,
with Fr. Thomas Euteneuer (president of Human Life International), Fr. Pablo Straub, Fr. Joe Hirsch, and
others. Mass will be celebrated at 11:30 am. To register call 782-5440 or go to:
www.guadalupeshine.org.

FEED THE KIDS, summer nutrition program by the Salvation Army, will be in need of volunteers this summer to pack and distribute lunches to meal sites in the community. It's great to have a group work together. If you and your friends/family can volunteer for a day or two, or even a week, call the Salvation Army at 782-6126, and ask for Laurie Duncan.

SERENITY RETREAT FOR RECOVERING ALCOHOLICS will be June 5-7, at St. Anthony Retreat Center, Marathon. Call 715-443-2236 to register.

CATHOLIC CRUISE TO THE EXOTIC WESTERN CARIBBEAN Oct 3-10. Prices begin at \$991. Daily Mass and Rosary. Space is limited. Contact Doug or Eileen at 860-399-1785 or email dpayttc@aol.com.

A gift in the amount of \$1,500 has been made to Blessed Sacrament Parish in support of our Catholic School and Religious Education Program. The gift is from River Bank.

Have you lost someone to suicide? A group meets at St. Leo's Hall, Holy Trinity Parish, to support one another. The next meeting will be Wed, May 20, 7-9 pm.

BENEFIT CONCERT at Providence Academy May 16, 6:30-8:30. \$5/person; \$20/family. Variety of music, dancing, enjoyment for the family.

ADULT DAY CARE programming is available at Merit Centre South, 3900 East Ave. Socialization, recreation, noon meal and afternoon snack. For more information contact Marlene at 788-2900.

ST. CAMILLUS OUTREACH is a ministry here at Blessed Sacrament Parish that visits homebound and nursing home parishioners who appreciate some kind words and/or company. If you feel called to be part of this ministry contact Dave Allen at 784-5189. If you are an extraordinary minister of the Eucharist you could also bring Holy Communion on your visit.

CHICKEN-QUES

Thurs, May 14, Mary, Mother of the Church, 11-6 pm, \$8.00.

Wed, May 20, Holy Trinity Parish, \$6.50 in advance; \$7 at the door.