

Blessed Sacrament Parish

130 Losey Boulevard S. La Crosse, Wisconsin 54601
Father David Olson, Pastor

May 3, 2009

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES 2009

Teneesha Boudreau

Mary Franke

John Percy

Mark Carrk, Jr.

Max Gierszewski

Michelle Percy

Eric Clements

Austyn Houlihan

Riley Reinhart

Callinna Cooper

Avri Jones

Kimberly

Richardson

Peter Coppola

Helen Kirch

Michael Servais

Olivia Curti

Joshua Lenth

Cassandra Steele

Kylie Doberstein

Kyle McElligott

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Mary Dolan

Melinda Nichols

Elizabeth Wall

Megan Dorsey

Natalie Nordeen

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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 3, 2009 4th Sunday of Easter

Notes from the Pastor:

Communion and Confirmation

This past week we saw the wonderful event of 31 of our young people receiving the Body and Blood of Christ in the Holy Eucharist for the first time. It is a grace filled moment for them and for our parish. This Monday, May 4th, Bishop ListECKI will be here in the evening to bestow the sacrament of Confirmation on 29 of our young men and women. We will be joined by the parishes in West Salem and Bangor for this event, with 30 of their own young people being confirmed. These are grace filled moments for our parish as the Holy Spirit comes among us with His power to make these young men and women greater witnesses to their Catholic faith. For us, who have been confirmed for some time, it is as well the opportunity to ask how we have lived out the grace of confirmation in giving witness to Christ in our own lives.

Pictorial Directory

The Parish Pictorial Directory is off to a good start with many of you already having signed up to have photos taken. This Directory will coincide with the 60th anniversary of the building of Blessed Sacrament church and I'm sure you will want to have your photo in it and have your own copy. Please sign up to have your photo taken and encourage your friends, too!

May is Mary's month

You will notice the Mary statue in the Narthex of the church for the month of May. This becomes a sign for us of our friendship with the Mother of God, a further sign of the communion of saints. Please feel free to add a flower or two to the area around the statue. May the Mary, the Mother of God, intercede for us.

Let us also pray for one another.

ADORATION FOR VOCATIONS

All are invited to attend the next Adoration for Vocations on Mon, May 4, 7-8:00 pm, in the Crypt Chapel of the Diocesan Center. Anyone who has questions may call Deacon Joseph and Carol Richards at 788-3938.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK May 4 - 10, 2009

Reader: Betty Nelson

Extr. Minister of the Body of Christ: Tom Larkin

Mon, May 4 Easter Weekday

7:30 **+Jerry Tepp**

Server: Bill Chamberlain

7:00 pm **+Raymond Jahimiak**

Tues, May 5 Easter Weekday

7:30 **+Phil Knothe**

Server: Pete Fiorini

Wed, May 6 Easter Weekday

7:30 **+Pat Peterson**

Server: Jason Hutzler

9:00 **+Thelma Volz**

5:15 Evening Prayer and Benediction

Server: John Paul Soldner

Thurs, May 7 Easter Weekday

7:30 **+R. Mary McCormick**

Servers:

Fri, May 8 Easter Weekday

7:30 **+Keith Szymkowiak**

Servers:

Sat, May 9 Easter Weekday

7:30 **+Maxine Skemp**

Servers: Ryan Scheidt, Claire Craig

5th Sunday of Easter

Sat, May 9

4:30 +Robert Silha & +Patty Silha

MC: Pete Fiorini

Servers: Anna Schuttenhelm, Eliza Skemp, Claire Craig

Readers: Dave & Mary Jo Reinders

Petitions: Emily Walker

Eucharist: MaryAnn Bradley, Loretta Clarkin, Susan Fukuda,
Chris Papke, Luci Johnson

Ushers: Wayne Levi, Walt Susdorf, Dave Sweeney

Offering family: Rob & Kathy Hancock family

Sun, May 10

8:00 For the People of the Parish

MC: William Arnold

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

Readers: Bob Skemp, Ruth Vanderploeg

Petitions: Kate Riley

Eucharist: Mike Vanderploeg, Florence Koenig, Dave & Marie
Allen, Karen Perry

Ushers: Bob Peshak, Joe Sweeney, Lloyd Koenig, John
Gallagher

Offering family: Tom & Ann Gees family

10:00 +Lauretta Jahimiak

MC:

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

Readers: Scott Doberstein, Mark Steingraeber

Petitions: Emily Dolan

Eucharist: Betty Roth, David Coriden, Kathy Curti, Caryl
Doberstein, Carol Steingraeber

Ushers: John Sullivan, Jim Kroner, Syl Schaub, Tom Richert

Offering family: Kristine Schlicht & children

AROUND THE PARISH

ROSE SALE

FOR WISC. RIGHT TO LIFE

Long-stem red roses will be sold the weekend of Mother's Day, May 9 & 10, after all Masses.

What a thoughtful gift for the moms you know.

If you'd like to help with the sale contact Patti Keil at 895-3609.

RUMMAGE SALE

Sat, June 13

Put aside your good re-sale-able items as you spring houseclean. Remember, no cribs, mattresses, computer items, non-working appliances, bowling balls, broken anything. YES - your nifty clothing items that shrank over the winter, kitchen stuff, collectibles. (Keep your old yearbooks.)

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.olinmills.com, until June 7. Enter the parish phone number, 608-782-2953, to register. If you need to change or cancel an appointment, call Olin Mills at 1-800-866-2263.

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.

REST IN PEACE

Mary Bahl, sister of Dorothy Lawrence
Mary Roop, mother of Kevin

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We have concluded this year's session.

Thanks to the wonderful catechists who led our children to know and love Christ and our Faith.

PARISH SUPPORT

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

Needed each week: \$17,400.00

Received 4/26 \$12,250.00

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Long ago when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks
it was called witchcraft... Today it's called GOLF.

COMING UP

May 4 Confirmation Mass, 7 pm

May 5 Pastoral Council, 6:30 pm

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, and will sing at 10:00 Mass next Sunday.

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!

BAPTISM

Sarah Jean Stinson
Daughter of Susan & Gordon

\$crip News

\$crip phone: 782-2953, ext. 6

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***NEW ORDER DEADLINE: 9 am, Monday**

For pick-up after 1 pm Thurs.

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

***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.

KEEP THOSE NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS COMING! They are so needed right now! We'll look for a parade of folks – young and not so young – bringing items to the altar at weekend Masses.

THANKS TO ALL THE GARDENERS WHO BROUGHT DAFFODILS LAST MONDAY
FOR THE DCGW EVENING OF REFLECTION. THEY WERE BEAUTIFUL

GERANIUM SALE to benefit Viterbo and WTC nursing scholarships May 6 - 8, 9 am- 6 pm, Garage at 11th and Ferry Streets. 4 ½ " pots, \$4.00, red, white, bright pink, dark coral; 8" red patio pots \$15; 10" hanging baskets \$22; 2 ½ - 3' tree geraniums \$47. Sponsored by the Franciscan Skemp Auxiliary.

MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH, May 10, 9-2 pm, at Culina Mariana, Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. \$14.95/adult; \$7.95/children. Call 788-8400 for reservations.

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.

FOOD COLLECTION through Postal Carriers Sat, May 9. Food will be picked up as mail is delivered.

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.

MOTHER'S DAY TEA Sat, May 9, 1-3 pm, Forest Hills. Cost: \$12 includes dessert and refreshments. Topic: Don't Cross Your Eyes and Other Wisdom from Mom. Call 775-3079 to reserve your spot. Sponsored by Gundersen Lutheran Women's Health Services. Open to all (guys, too).

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.

SUMMER CAMP 2009, will run June 15-Aug 21, at Mary, Mother of the Church Early Childhood Center. Registrations received by May 1 will be guaranteed a spot. Call 788-5225 for cost information and registration form.

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.

COURAGE is a ministry for men and women struggling with same-sex attraction, and who seek to live in full communion with the teachings of the Catholic Church. For more information contact Fr. Hirsch at 791-2666.

EXHIBIT OF THE SAINT JOHN'S BIBLE at the Public Library through May 7