

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Next Sunday

After both Masses

Sponsored & prepared by the Men's Club

Blessed Sacrament Parish
Losey Boulevard S. La Crosse, Wisconsin 54601
Father David Olson, Pastor

October 4, 2009

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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.

October 4, 2009
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Blessed Sacrament Parishioners:

Many of you have probably already gotten the mailing asking for your generous support of the Diocesan Annual Appeal. I am also sure that you get many other letters asking for your financial support. There are many good causes; all of them in need in these tougher economic times. The reality is that the pie from which everyone seems to want a slice has gotten smaller since the Fall of 2008. You will also, as members of this parish, be seeing other requests from the Diocese and requests from the parish. I felt it only proper to give you some advance notice of the timing.

September to the first week of October is the mailing for the Diocesan Annual Appeal.

October 31-Nov. 1. Fr. Sebastian will be here asking for your support for Casa Hogar.

October 31-Nov. 1 You will *also* get an envelope for the Annual Mission Appeal.

November 15-16 Blest Art will be here with sales of olivewood carvings to support the Christians in the Holy Land. They were here two years ago.

My purpose is not to scare you away from Mass on Sunday, but instead to draw attention to the needs present and to allow you to have some notice so that you could prioritize your giving and feel at ease in doing so.

Your parish does need your support financially. From July 1 to the end of September we are behind in our budget by some \$42,000. This may be a year in which it is necessary for you to make some difficult choices in cutting back on supporting some causes. I think giving should come from the heart, and so the first priority should be to give to the charity most dear to you, whether that be the parish or not. Then certainly to support Blessed Sacrament, which is your parish, and, for many of you reading this, built by you and by your parents. Though the Diocesan Annual Appeal may not tug at your heart, it is among the best ways to support the parish because the parish itself is obligated to pay the target amount regardless of our actual income. For some of the other groups requesting money this year you may not be able to be as generous as past years. Regardless, giving to, at least, the point of some small personal sacrifice is most laudable, and I firmly believe the Lord does reward those who make sacrifices.

I think personal sacrifice can be in some ways quantifiable. I know one person here who gives an extra five dollars a week, because it represents one less stop at Starbucks during the week. It is a small personal sacrifice. It would be a worthwhile conversation to have between husband and wife and in the family about what does personal sacrifice look like in your own and in your family's life. This doesn't just apply to charitable giving. All things worth achieving take some sacrifice.

Come to Mass, give what you can, stretch that a little, and let us pray for one another.

Fr. Olson

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
Oct 5 - 11, 2009

Reader: Craig Sallander

Extr. Minister of Body of Christ: Mary Ritter

Mon, Oct 5 Weekday

7:30 **+Phil Knothe**

Server: Bill Chamberlain

Tues, Oct 6 Weekday, Bruno

7:30 **+Miriam Mueller**

Server: Pete Fiorini

Wed, Oct 7 Our Lady of the Rosary

7:30 **+Tessie, Helen & Leo Fleming**

Server: Jason Hutzler

9:00 **+Raymond & Laretta Jahimiak**

5:15 Evening Prayer and Benediction

Server: Sam Steingraeber

Thurs, Oct 8 Weekday

7:30 **+Joseph Robertson, Jr. (Anniv.)**

Servers: Patrick Brannon, Ryan Dee

Fri, Oct 9 Weekday, Denis & his companions,

John Leonardi

7:30 **+Olga Bilek**

Servers: Danielle Dolan, Maria Franke

Sat, Oct 10 Bl. Weekday, BVM

7:30 **+Mary Kneiff**

Servers: Ryan Scheidt, Emilie Steingraeber

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat, Oct 10

4:30 +Debbie Watunya

MC: Pete Fiorini

Servers: Claire & Derek Craig, Anna Schuttenhelm

Readers: Steve & Marian Pavela

Petitions:

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

Ushers: Wayne Levi, Walt Susdorf, Allan Fukuda, David Sweeney

Offering family: Dale & Priscilla Reinhart

Sun, Oct 11

8:00 For the People of the Parish

MC: Mike Vanderploeg

Servers: Tim, John & Matt Brennan

Readers: Bob Skemp, Ruth Vanderploeg

Petitions: Kami Doberstein

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

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

Offering family: David & Anna Curtis family

10:00 +Ruth Hefti

MC:

Servers: Riley Reinhart, Peter Coppola, Eric Clements

Readers: Scott Doberstein, Mark Steingraeber

Petitions: Cora Keil

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

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

Offering family: Kim & Julie Boudreau

AROUND THE PARISH

Parish Women's Club Potluck Meeting

Tuesday, October 6, 5:30

Parish Center

*note date change

Gals, lock in the date and time, come and enjoy some great food, fine fellowship, and your ideas.

We will enjoy a great speaker, Adam Huising, prefect from the House of Formation, who, along with some of the residents, will talk about the process of discernment of a priestly vocation.

Also bring along the following items for our sisters at New Horizons who so badly need a boost:

Gallon zip-lock baggies, crayons, 5x7 notebooks, and new wash cloths.

Christmas Fair Craft Party

Thurs, Oct 8, Conference Room, 10 am

Ornaments for the giving tree will be made; fun will be had.

Bring a nice sharp scissors for paper.

An opportunity to be part of our History

This year we are putting together a commemorative calendar for the year 2010 to mark the 60th anniversary of the dedication of our parish church. The calendar features full color portraits of our beautiful stained glass windows. You are invited to be part of our history by sponsoring a portion of the cost of this calendar. The sponsorship of one page would be \$250 with recognition of your gift on one of the months of the calendar. We will include in the calendar a separate page listing sponsors for those who would want to contribute, but at a lesser amount than the \$250.

This is a great way to be part of our history and perhaps as a memorial or remembrance of an anniversary or birthday. To be included simply drop off in the offertory or mail a check to BSP marked 60th anniversary Calendar. Deadline: Tues, Oct 6.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades 1-10

Wed, Oct 7, 6:30-7:45

Families, join us in church to pray the Rosary together at 7:15.

PARISH SUPPORT

COLLECTIONS UPDATE: July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010
Needed each week: \$14,000
Received: September 27 \$ 9,469

YEAR-TO-DATE

Needed: \$182,000
Received: \$139,319

FIRST QUARTER

- \$ 42,681

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When you're over the hill you pick up speed.

COMING UP

Oct 4 Respect Life Sunday; Life Chain, 2 pm

Oct 6 Women's Club Potluck meeting, 5:30

Oct 8 Craft-making party, 10 am

Oct 11 Pancake Breakfast, after both Masses

Oct 13 Widows & Widowers Group, 6 pm, Blue Moon
in Onalaska

Oct 18 Youth Group, 11 am

Oct 25 Parish Packer Party & Fall Social (rescheduled
from Aug 30)

Oct 26-Nov 1 Our week for Mobile Meals

Oct 29 & 30 Set up Rummage Sale, 8am-8pm

Oct 31 Rummage Sale, 8-1 pm, school basement

MUSIC NEWS AND NOTES

CHILDREN'S CHOIR will sing Sunday, Oct 18, at the 10:00 Mass and will practice Sat, Oct 17, 9:30-10:15.

Children in grade school are most welcome to join us!

ADULT CHOIR will practice Thurs, 7-8:00 pm, and will sing at the 10:00 Mass next Sun. Singers of high school age and older are invited to join our choir.

\$crip News

\$crip phone: 782-2953, ext. 6 email:bspscrip@yahoo.com

Let us know how we are doing. Any ideas on how we can improve our \$crip program – greatly appreciated!

We can use a few good sale volunteers. If you can commit to one morning or afternoon a month, we'd surely appreciate your help.

ADORATION CHAPEL

If you plan to use the Adoration Chapel between 9 pm and 6 am, please come into the parish office to receive the new code for the door. It will be changed on Oct 15.

To sign up for a weekly hour or two of adoration, anytime, day or night, contact Florence or Lloyd Koenig at 782-3834.

Jerome & Barbara Rusch
50th Wedding Anniversary
September 26

LIFE CHAIN 2009 will be held Sun, Oct 4. The life chain begins at La Crosse Street and continues along Losey Blvd, 2-3:00 pm. Signs will be available. Suggested donation is 50 cents per person and \$1.00 per family. Stand with thousands of others across the country in prayerful silence witnessing to the belief in the sanctity of life.

CONCERT by the Rose Ensemble will be presented Sun, Oct 4, 7 pm, in Maria Angelorum Chapel at St. Rose Convent. Tickets are available at the door.

ADORATION FOR VOCATIONS in the crypt chapel at the Diocesan Center Mon, Oct 5, 7-8 pm. Join us in praying for vocations to the priesthood, consecrated life, dedicated single life, and holy marriage.

BASIC CATECHISM STUDY GROUP will meet Tues, Oct 6, 6:15-7:45, in our Parish Center Conference Room. We will use the Fr. John Hardin text, and for the Oct 6 meeting, will study lessons 1 and 2. For more information contact Luna Chou at 788-5752.

READING TUTORS FOR ADULTS may volunteer and be trained Sat, Oct 10, 8:30-12:30, at Western Technical College, Rom 121 in the Academic Resource Center, 7th and Badger. For more information call 789-4752.

OFFICE SPACE (small) is urgently needed by Birthright effective Oct 31. Location near UWL and on a bus line is preferable. Bathroom accessibility is a must. Please also keep Birthright in your prayers. Call 782-0373 or 787-6541, if you can help.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA is the largest national organization of Catholic women in the world, dedicated to strengthening their spiritual life, supporting the Church and the Holy Father, and participating in social and charitable activities. We welcome all Catholic women to join our local court. Please contact Mary Ellen Robertson, 788-2882, or Rita Weber, 788-0010, for more information.

MENTORS needed for the Interfaith Collaborative for Affordable Housing. Individuals offer 1 hour/month to help folks connect with resources and just be a friend. Contact Mary Fitzpatrick at Catholic Charities, 782-0710, ext. 220.

PORK CHOP DINNER for Sacred Heart School, Cashton, Oct 4, 11-1:30, Community Center in Cashton.

BRAT SALE, sponsored by the Holy Trinity Youth Group, Sat, Oct 10, 11-5 pm, Quillins Foodfest on Mormon Coulee Rd.

SCARECROW FESTIVAL Sun, Oct 11, 12-3pm, Southside Neighborhood Center, 1300 S 6th St. Food, fun, prizes. Register by calling 789-8298 or at <http://parks.cityoflacrosse.org>.

OKTOBERFEST at St. Mary's, Tomah, Oct 10 & 11. Homemade sauerkraut & pork dinner, raffles, kids' games on Sun.

2010 MEXICO PILGRIMAGE Feb 25-Mar 2, under the spiritual direction of Bishop Joseph J. Madera, is sponsored by the Queen of the Americas Guild. Cost: \$1299/person includes 5 nights in a first-class hotel in Mexico City, all meals, sight-seeing and fees. Airfare not included. More information is in the parish office.

At any one time we may all find ourselves in a difficult situation. Catholic Charities is there to offer confidential, compassionate assistance. We seek volunteers to join us in the demanding work the Lord has given us the privilege to carry out, including general office work, mentoring, special events, projects, and mailings. Contact Karen Becker at 782-0710 x202 to find out how you can help.