

February 21, 2010

First Sunday of Lent

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
Wednesday – 9:00 am

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday after 7:30 am Mass & 3:30-4:00
Confessions heard in church; other times by appointment

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday: 2:25 and 5:15 (with Benediction)

EVENING PRAYER DAILY

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.

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Dear Parishioners:

Lent is a season of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. These are three of the pillars of the spiritual life. Often, however, almsgiving (acts of charity), increased time in prayer, and especially fasting or doing some other act of penance can seem burdensome. Almost as if it were something we “have to do” and like many things we are compelled in a sense to do, we shrink away from them. For this reason I think it is very important that we recognize that our acts of penance, increased prayer and generous charity in the season of Lent are meant to be motivated by love of Christ.

In doing these things for the love of Christ they can seem less burdensome and more a privileged way of showing our love for God and for each other. This, however, requires that we have a real and personal sense of the love of Christ. In this Lenten season I would particularly encourage you to come to know Jesus better. This is most effectively accomplished through reading and praying with the Bible, particularly the New Testament and most especially in reading and praying with the Gospels. The more we come to know Christ the more we will fall in love with Him who is the fullness of the love of the Father.

May your Lenten practices be fruitful and may you come to know more and more the love of God which is found in the love of Christ.

Let us pray for one another,

Fr. Olson

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Fridays during Lent**

2:15, led by Grade Schoolers

5:15, with Benediction following
Soup supper at 5:45 in the Parish Center
Everyone is invited to come!

STOP ABORTION AND SUPPORT FAMILY LIFE

Mass intention for a novena of Masses on First Saturdays from Oct to June. The March Mass will be Sat, Mar 6, 7:30 am, at St. James. Everyone is invited to participate and pray for these intentions. Sponsored by the La Crosse Deanery DCCW

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
Feb 22 - 28, 2010**

Reader: Steve Pavela
Extr. Minister of Body of Christ: Pete Fiorini

Mon, Feb 22 Chair of St Peter

7:30 **+Mary Shimanski**
Server: Bill Chamberlain

Tues, Feb 23 Lenten Weekday, Polycarp

7:30 **Intention of Dorothy Heberlein**
Server: Pete Fiorini

Wed, Feb 24 Lenten Weekday

7:30 **+Irene Sweeney**
Server: Jason Hutzler

9:00 **+Rachel Cody**

5:15 Evening Prayer (No Benediction in Lent)

Thurs, Feb 25 Lenten Weekday

7:30 **+Raymond & Loretta Jahimiak**
Servers:

Fri, Feb 26 Lenten Weekday

7:30 **+Alex Skover**

Servers:
Stations of the Cross: 2:25 & 5:15 (with Benediction)

Sat, Feb 27 Lenten Weekday

7:30 **+Virgil Grabinski**
Servers:

2nd Sunday of Lent

Sat, Feb 27

4:30 +Georgina Roesler

MC: Pete Fiorini

Servers: Clare & Erin Roop, Anna Schuttenhelm

Readers: Gene Kolaczowski, Christine Skemp

Petitions: Kelly Kroner

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

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

Offering family: Sylvester & Therese Schaub

Sun, Feb 28

8:00 For the People of the Parish

MC: Mike Vanderploeg

Servers: Mitchell Degenhardt, Carson & Nathan Schneider

Readers: Tom Kieffer, Steve McGovern

Petitions: Maggie Clements

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

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

Offering family: John & MaryLou Smalley

10:00 +Jeanne MacLaughlin

MC: Scott Doberstein

Servers: Joe Cambio, Kellan Doberstein, Danielle Dolan

Readers: Jason Hutzler, Bob Kelemen

Petitions: Kami Doberstein

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

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

Offering family: Jeanette & Ronald Hammes

AROUND THE PARISH

MEN'S CLUB MEETING

Monday, February 22, 7 pm

All men of the parish, give the Club a "try" this Monday. It's a great time to get together and do something good for the parish family.

WOMEN'S CLUB MEETING

Monday, March 1, 6 pm

Bingo (yes, we mean it) and potluck

All women of the parish, you'll enjoy the company and activities of our Women's Club. Join us!

First Reconciliation and First Communion Meeting

Sat, Feb 27, 9 am, Parish Center

Parents and students, see you there.

MEN'S CLUB RAFFLE

You received tickets in the mail. Don't put them aside and forget to send them back.

The BIG winner will take home \$1000 with other winners also receiving cash prizes.

The drawing will be at our

PARISH FUN NIGHT

Saturday, March 20

Circle that date and watch for details to come.

And (as they say at the casino), "Good luck!"

Do you think they really mean that?

Our Church is open during Lent at these times:

Mon-Thurs: 6:30am – 4 pm; Fri: 6:30am-6:00 pm

Sat: 6:30am-6:00pm; Sun: 6:30am-noon

During Lent especially, you are always welcome to stop in the Adoration Chapel which is open until 9pm daily.

Rest in Peace

Jeanette Pearse

Dave Hammes

Fred Cambio, father of Matthew

Craig Meyers, nephew of Pat Gerke

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS

Wed, Feb 24, 6:30-7:45

During class time Grades 1-3 will participate in the Stations of the Cross in church. Families are welcome to join us.

PARISH SUPPORT

COLLECTIONS UPDATE: July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010

Needed each week: \$14,000

Received: 2/14 \$ 9,768

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The best safety device in a car is a rear view mirror with a police car in it.

COMING UP

Feb 22 Men's Club meeting, 7 pm

Feb 23 Adult Study Group, 2-7:30 pm

Feb 23 RCIA, 7 pm

Feb 26 Stations of the Cross, 2:25 & 5:15

Feb 26 Soup supper, 5:45

Feb 27 1st Reconciliation & Communion meeting, 9 am

Mar 1 Women's Club Bingo & potluck, 6 pm

Mar 15 – 21 Our Week for Mobile Meals

Mar 20 Parish Fun Night and raffle drawing

MUSIC NEWS AND NOTES

ADULT CHOIR will practice Thurs, 7-8 pm.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR will sing at 10:00 Mass next Sun and will practice Sat, 9:30-10:15.

\$crip News

Call 782-2953, ext. 6

Email: BSPSCRIP@yahoo.com

Have you checked out the updated \$crip order form? Besides what you see there, we have \$crip available from hundreds of other businesses, from cruise lines to hotels. And many of those offer extremely generous percentage profit amounts. Call one of our knowledgeable \$crip volunteers for details.

WELCOME TO BSP

Kurt and Brittany Larson

Keagan and Owen

Mark and Stephanie Dickson
and Jackson

To everyone who helped make our ENCHANTED EVENING such fun!

The food preparers, decorators, servers, drink pourers, cleaner-uppers were marvelous.

AND thanks to everyone who came. Got some ideas for next year? Wait about a week so we can recover, then let us know.

The Women's Club

From one of the guests:

"Heartfelt thanks for the beautiful event last Sunday night – the food was beyond description and the entire evening was fantastic!"

Francksen Family Benefit
Sunday, February 21, 12:30-3:00 pm

Aquinas High School Commons

Join the Aquinas students in an afternoon of family-filled fun playing Bingo.

Food will be available for purchase, along with a raffle and silent auction.

JESUS OF NAZARETH STUDY GROUP will meet Tues, Feb 23, 6-7:30pm, in our Parish Center. Presenter: Fr. Peter Fehler, rector of the Shrine church. Topic: Chapter 8 – The Principal Images of John’s Gospel. All are welcome. Contact Luna Chou for more information, 788-5752.

PANCAKE & OMELET BREAKFAST Sun, Feb 21, 7:30-noon, Cathedral Undercroft.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA and DCCW will hold a morning of reflection March 13, in the Cathedral Undercroft. Mass at 8:00, breakfast following, reflections by Father Del Malin, and lunch. \$10.00 offering. Reservations please by March 6 to Bernice Lansing, 793-1972.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING – OPEN TO LIFE, OPEN TO LOVE
99% EFFECTIVE - 100% SAFE

Natural Family Planning (NFP) offers a reliable way to avoid or achieve a pregnancy without artificial chemicals or devices. Classes will be offered beginning Feb 21. For information or to register call 1-800-255-6226 or email:nfp@dioceseoflacrosse.com.

4th ANNUAL LENTEN LUNCHEON, sponsored by Catholic Charities, will be held Mon, Mar 8, at the Diocesan Center. Archbishop Listecki will be presenting awards to the “In My Name” recipients. \$25 per person; tables of 8 available. Reservations to Catholic Charities Development Office, 782-0710.

CHILI CHILL-OUT, sponsored by and benefiting the Youth Group of Holy Trinity Parish, will be held Sat, Mar 13, 4-7 pm, and Sun, Mar 14, 10:30am-2pm, in Leo Hall. All you can eat chili and the fixings for \$6/age 12 to adult, and \$4 under 12. Carry-outs available.

UNDERSTANDING VATICAN II A 3-session series presented by Chancellor Ben Nguyen will be held Mondays beginning March 1, at 6:30, in the St. James Parish Library. For more information, call 782-7557.

MONDAY MORNINGS ON MAIN, lifelong learning for ages 50 and better, 9:30-11am. Sessions are held in the La Crosse County Historical Society Swarthout Museum. Refreshments served. Drop in and enjoy. No charge.

YOUTH PILGRIMAGE Steubenville Rockies in Denver, July 13-20.

St. Elizabeth’s is sponsoring a bus. This is a fantastic opportunity for young people to grow their faith and take in a week of fellowship, beautiful scenery, and fun with others from our area. The cost is projected to be about \$415. A firm number of those attending is needed soon. Call 782-2953, ext. 2, to sign up.

EMBRACING YOUR CALL TO HOLINESS
Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Conference
Saturday, March 6

St. Mary’s Community Center, Altoona

Mass, Confessions, uplifting one-day conference, elegant luncheon

Registrations by Feb 26 to Julie Brindle at 715-874-6716 or chillaquin1@yahoo.com