

February 7, 2010

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

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Notes from the Pastor:

It is good to be back at Blessed Sacrament after a couple of weeks at Mundelein Seminary spending time in their library doing research. I also had time to meet with our seminarians who are studying at Mundelein. The young men there are all fine candidates for priesthood in varying years of study toward ordination. For those who have not gone through college seminary, the process usually involves two years of study of philosophy then four years of the nuts and bolts of theology before ordination. Remember to pray for vocations and to pray in support of those who have already responded to God's call.

As you know the parish purchased the small white house north of the rectory, at 108 Losey Blvd. and we have now rented that out. For the foreseeable future it will be giving us some rental income. It needs, however, a refrigerator. Let us know if you can help.

The Aquinas Catholic Schools held its first annual state of the schools meeting last week. If you didn't have opportunity to attend, the information is on the ACS website. Our Catholic schools fulfill an essential function of the Church in passing on the faith and promoting education with virtue. Much credit goes to dedicated teachers and parents willing to sacrifice to hand on the faith through Catholic education. Please pray for and support Catholic education.

February 17 is Ash Wednesday. Catholics from 18 to 59 are to fast and abstain from meat on that day and Good Friday and all Catholics 14 or over are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent.

Let us pray for each other. Father Olson

ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Masses at 7:30, 9:00 (grade schoolers attending) and 6:45 pm (religious ed students and families attending)

Ashes will be distributed at all Masses.

There is Mass at Cathedral at 12:10 pm.

A Mass at the Shrine is at 5:30 pm (Stations at 4:30 & soup supper at 6:30. \$5 registration.)

BAPTISM CLASS

If you are planning to have your baby baptized here at Blessed Sacrament, come to Baptism Class on Tues, Feb 9, 6:30. Please call 782-2953, ext. 2, to let us know you will be coming.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
Feb 8 - 14, 2010

Reader: Don Gilbert

Extr. Minister of Body of Christ: Mary Ellen Robertson

Mon, Feb 8 Weekday, Jerome Emiliani, Josephine Bakhita

7:30 **+Norbert Schubert**
Server: Bill Chamberlain

Tues, Feb 9 Weekday

7:30 **+Al Skover**
Server: Pete Fiorini

Wed, Feb 10 Scholastica

7:30 **+Miriam Mueller**
Server: Jason Hutzler

9:00 **+Mary Roop**

5:15 Evening Prayer and Benediction
Server: John Brennan

Thurs, Feb 11 Weekday, Our Lady of Lourdes

7:30 **+Joe Colling**
Servers:

Fri, Feb 12 Weekday

7:30 **Special Intention**
Servers:

Sat, Feb 13 Weekday, BVM

7:30 **+Poor Souls**
Servers:

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Sat, Feb 13

4:30 +Neal & Ruby Stearns

MC: Pete Fiorini

Servers: Pat & Riley Campbell, Derek Craig

Readers: Dave & Mary Jo Reinders

Petitions: Erin Roop

Eucharist: Mary Ann Bradley, Loretta Clarkin, Susan Fukuda,

Chris Papke, Luci Johnson

Ushers: Wayne Levi, Walt Susdorf, Allan Fukuda, Dave

Sweeney

Offering family: Scott & Tracey Servais family

Sun, Feb 14

8:00 For the People of the Parish

MC: Mike Vanderploeg

Servers: Eric Clements, Grace & Kate Riley

Readers: Bob Skemp, Ruth Vanderploeg

Petitions: Elise Flottmeyer

Eucharist: Sandy/Jerry Borreson, Florence Koenig, Dave &

Marie Allen, Gaylord/Karen Perry

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

Gallagher

Offering family: Joe & Carol Melde

10:00 For members of the Felt family

MC:

Servers: Emilie, Mark & Sam Steingraeber

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: Tom & Beverly Oney

During Lent, Benediction will be moved to Fridays with the Stations of the Cross at 5:15. There will be NO benediction on Wednesdays with Evening Prayer.

AROUND THE PARISH

RETIRED MEN OF THE PARISH

WHAT? Won't you join us for Mass and breakfast?
Great Blessings and Great Companionship!

WHEN & WHERE? Wed, Feb 10, 7:30 Mass, then
breakfast at La Crescent American Legion.

HOW? We'll car-pool to Minn. after Mass. Call one
of us for a reservation: Bill Chamberlain, 788-3553;
Gene Hafner, 784-7235; Earl Newton, 788-1738;
Joe Sweeney, 782-3652.

WIDOWS & WIDOWERS

Dinner at Boot Hill
(in the old Footwear Bldg. on St. Andrew's St.)
Tues, Feb 9, 6 pm
Questions? Call Barb Schmitz, 788-1667,
or Loretta Clarkin, 784-9917.

ENCHANTED EVENING

Sunday, February 14, 4:30-7:30

*The Women's Club again offers an evening full of fun,
food, refreshments, entertainment, and fellowship.*

Cost is just \$8 per person.

*Tickets are on sale now in the parish office or the
Narthex after weekend Masses.*

WELCOME TO BSP

Jennifer & David Christenson
daughters Ellie & Katie

Stephanie & Mark Dickson
son Jackson

Sigried & Mark Johnson
daughters Sierra, Kiersten, Gabrielle

FYI

Our Xcel bill for just the church building in Jan was
\$3450. OUCH!

We need to have your yellow stewardship commitment
sheet back in the office soon. Drop it off, mail it in, or
toss it in the Sunday collection basket. Thanks!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS

Wed, Feb 10
6:30-7:45

PARISH SUPPORT

COLLECTIONS UPDATE: July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010
Needed each week: \$14,000
Received: 1/31 \$ 9,969

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Son: "Dad, how did you find my contact lens on the floor so
quickly?"

Dad: "You were looking for a piece of plastic. I was looking
for \$200."

COMING UP

Feb 9 Widowers & Widowers, 6 pm, Boot Hill

Feb 9 Enchanted Evening reservations due

Feb 9 Baptism Class, 6:30 pm

Feb 10 Retired Men's Breakfast, after 7:30 Mass

Feb 10 Family Life Committee meeting, 7 pm

Feb 14 Rite of Sending at 10:00 Mass for RCIA

Feb 14 Enchanted Evening

Feb 15 – 21 Our Week for Mobile Meals

Feb 21 Benefit at Aquinas for the Francksen family

Feb 27 1st Communion family meeting, 9am

MUSIC NEWS AND NOTES

ADULT CHOIR will practice Thurs, 7-8 pm.

TEEN CHOIR will sing at Mass on Feb. 14 and will
practice at 9:15 before Mass. All teens are welcome to
come. Call Michelle Skemp at 397-6251, if you have
questions.

\$crip News

Call 782-2953, ext. 6

Email: BSPPSCRIP@yahoo.com

My Funny Valentine

Deserves a lovely gift,

Something sweet or pretty

To give her a little lift.

Use \$crip and shop at Finnottes, Monets, Bittersweet

Floral, Macy's, or Bath & Body Works.

(Hint: Ace, Cabela's, Menards – maybe not this time)

SOUP SUPPERS IN LENT

Following Stations of the Cross on Fridays, we will again
offer a simple soup and bread supper. Can you help out
by preparing and/or serving on one or some of the
Fridays? Call 782-2953, ext. 2, to sign up. What a
wonderful Lenten family project.

Rite of Sending

We have 2 parishioners who will be received into full
communion with the Church on Holy Saturday. At the
10:00 Mass next Sunday we, as a parish, will formally send
them to join other Candidates at the Cathedral as another
step in their conversion. Let us pray for them both and all
who are seeking the Lord.

MEN OF CHRIST CONFERENCE 2010 will be held in Milwaukee Feb 20
We'd like to caravan or perhaps bus. Call Nick Nicks, 788-5536, if you can go.
Use the registration form on the enclosed flyer.
This is a fantastic conference for men of all ages!

BABY BOTTLES FOR BIRTHRIGHT You may pick up an empty baby bottle in the Narthex, take it home and fill it with your spare change. Bottles should be returned to church the weekend of Feb 13 & 14. Birthright offers a hand to anyone affected by a troubling or unwanted pregnancy.

“PRIDE AND PREJUDICE” will be presented at Aquinas Feb 12 & 13 at 7:30pm & Feb 14 at 2pm.

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. On going research findings on the long-term relationship, health and environmental risks of synthetic hormones (IVF, pill, patch, shot) have made many couples rethink their family planning options. NFP is completely safe, effective, and environmentally friendly. Most importantly, NFP is in harmony with God and the teaching of the Catholic Church. Classes will be offered beginning Feb 21. For information or to register, call 1-800-255-6226 or email: nfp@dioceseoflacrosse.com.

NEW HORIZONS TRAINING FOR VOLUNTEERS will be held at First Baptist church, 1209 Main, Wed, Feb 10, Mon & Tues, Feb 15 & 16, 5-9 pm. To register call Sharon at 791-2610, ext. 301, by Feb 5.

LA CROSSE CHAMBER CHORAL will present a concert Sun, Feb 7, 3pm, in Maria Angelorum Chapel at St. Rose Convent. Featured will be a “Bluegrass Mass.” Tickets: \$15 adult; \$12 seniors; \$8 students may be purchased at www.chamberchorale.org or by calling 780-6107.

CATHEDRAL SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP & REGISTRATION Tues, Feb 16, 1 pm, for 5-yr-old Kindergarten, and Feb 23, 1 pm, for 4K. The 4K program is 5 days/week, 8:15 – 11:00. Extended Care is available 11:00-2:50. More information will be available at the round-up.
5K BUMP-UP DAY will be Tues, Feb 9, 9:15-10:30.

ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL will hold preschool & kindergarten round-up on Tues, Feb 9.

MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH will host an Open House Thurs, Feb 11, 9:30-10:30 & 6-7 pm.

MARDI GRAS AT CRUCIFIXION SCHOOL, La Crescent, Tues, Feb 16, 12:30-6 pm. Games, food and fun for everyone. BINGO, of course.

COME & SEE DAY at Holy Cross House of Formation Fri & Sat, Feb 12 & 13. Contact Fr. Sam Martin, 788-9095, for more information. No charge. Students in Grades 6-11 are invited.

FRIDAY FISH FRY is back at the KCs on Hwy 16. Fish and other great food is served; under new management.

REFRIGERATOR NEEDED Call Sandy at 782-0238.

BLOOD DRIVE (& book sale) in the Cathedral Gathering Area Thurs, Feb 11, 1-5 pm. Call 782-0322, ext 0, to make an appointment. Hosted by Cathedral and Holy Trinity Parishes.

ALUMINUM CANS may be dropped off in the bin in the Aquinas parking lot. Proceeds to the Boosters.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES
May 11-18, 2010

Cost of \$2449 (\$200 deposit due by Feb 12) includes airfare from Boston, hotel, 3 meals/day, all tips, daily Mass, time at the Grotto, processions, confession, side trips.

Contact the Marist Fathers Lourdes Center for information: 617-536-2761. Or Terry Felt, 784-0952.