

January 24, 2010

Third 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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We are pleased to provide the 2009 financial summary of the Blessed Sacrament Parish Scrip Program.

Total sales for the year were \$866,000, resulting in a profit of \$40,000. \$18,000 was earned by participating families as direct credit toward their Aquinas Catholic Schools tuition. The remaining \$22,000 will be used by the parish for education costs.

Some interesting facts about the Scrip program in 2009:

- The top five vendors (Kwik Trip, Woodmans, Festival, Walmart and Quillins) account for 71% of sales.
- Average profit margin is 4.6%.
- Our Scrip program stocks cards from 92 vendors, & we are able to order from an additional 600 other vendors.
- 34 parishioners volunteered to sell Scrip and maintain records.
- 1700 volunteer hours were logged.
- Approximately 200 of our 700 registered families purchased Scrip.

This program has certainly been a success! We thank you all: purchasers and volunteers. Because of you the Scrip program has provided a unique tool to assist families in paying tuition and has become an important revenue source for the parish.

Our goal in 2010 is to expand the program; in order to do that we need more families to participate. Purchasing and using Scrip gift cards is easy---just ask your friends! We also need more sales volunteers; if you can give three hours a month many hands make light work.

Joe Melde and Paul Poehling
Scrip Coordinators

The Francksen family lost their home and all possessions to a fire last week. If you would like to contribute to a fund for Eenie, Carl, and family, you can do so through the parish. Contributions can be made to Blessed Sacrament Works of Charity Fund and sent to the parish office. These will be given to Carl and Eenie. Our parish will join with Aquinas H.S. Feb 21, 12:30-3:00, in a Francksen Family Benefit. Mark your calendar! Questions? Call Jeanne, 784-0287

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
Jan 25 - 31, 2010**

Reader: Gaylord Perry
Extr. Minister of Body of Christ: Florence Koenig
Mon, Jan 25 Conversion of St Paul

7:30 **+Marie Doll**
Server: Bill Chamberlain

Tues, Jan 26 Timothy & Titus

7:30 **+Jack & Phil Knothe**
Server: Pete Fiorini

Wed, Jan 27 Weekday, Angela Merici

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

9:00 **Intention of Dorothy Heberlein**

NO 5:15 Evening Prayer and Benediction today

Thurs, Jan 28 Thomas Aquinas

7:30 **+Dr James Griffin**
Servers: Alex Harris, Joe Cambio

Fri, Jan 29 Weekday

7:30 **+Jim Hammes**
Servers: Dylan English, Zach Snyder

Sat, Jan 30 Weekday, BVM

7:30 **+Scott Weinberger**
Servers: Emilie Steingraeber, Courtney Frick

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat, Jan 30

4:30 **+Dorothy Turner**

MC: Pete Fiorini

Servers: Clare & Erin Roop, Kristen Sauer

Readers: John & Elizabeth Lyon

Petitions: Helen Kirch

Eucharist: Walt & Jean Susdorf, Luci Johnson, Ruth Wills, Dave Allen

Ushers: Bill Kroner, Tony Flottmeyer, Harlan Wills, Dave Sweeney

Offering family: William & Carey Kroner

Sun, Jan 31

8:00 **For the People of the Parish**

MC: Mike Vanderploeg

Servers: Claire & Derek Craig, Casey Cooper

Readers: Jeanne & Steven Pavela

Petitions: Olivia Curti

Eucharist: Mary Ritter, Bill Chamberlain, Gaylord Perry, Pat Lyga

Ushers: Pat Cavadini, Bob Schaefer, Paul Lyga

Offering family: Paul & Pat Lyga

10:00 **+Dick & Sally Pearse**

MC: Scott Doberstein

Servers: Mitchell Degenhardt, Carson & Nathan Schneider

Readers: Students from Bl. Sac. School

Petitions: Student from Bl. Sac. School

Eucharist: Marianne Pittman, Mary Ellen Robertson, Mary Ann Brownell, Terry Felt, Cheryl Pearse

Ushers: Jim Kroner, Syl Schaub, Tom Richert, Dan Skaff

Offering family: Students from Bl. Sac. School

If you wish to contribute to relief efforts in Haiti after this weekend we will take donations in the office and forward them to Catholic Relief Services. Let us pray for all those affected.

AROUND THE PARISH

MEN'S CLUB MEETING

Mon, Jan 25, 7 pm

All men of the Parish are invited; we'd love to
see some new faces. Bring a friend.

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION PARTY

Nearly 180 parishioners came last Sunday and enjoyed a wonderful time of fellowship with food prepared and served by friends of Tim Hall who love to cook, the Gentlemen Gourmands. Thanks to these talented men. AND thanks to everyone in the parish who so freely and generously volunteer in so many, many ways. You are a treasure!

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.

REST IN PEACE

Edward Weisse, father of Tony

ENCHANTED EVENING

Sunday, February 14

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.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Join us at 10:00 Mass next Sunday to celebrate our Catholic Schools.

Grade Schoolers will take on several roles at Mass and lead our singing.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS

Wed, Jan 27
6:30-7:45

PARISH SUPPORT

COLLECTIONS UPDATE: July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010
Needed each week: \$14,000
Received: 1/17 \$ 7,277
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Despite this jet age, man hasn't developed anything that goes faster than a vacation.

COMING UP

Jan 25 Men's Club Meeting, 7 pm
Jan 26 Yoga, 11:15
Jan 26 Jesus of Nazareth Study Group, 6 pm
Jan 27 NO Benediction today
Jan 31 10:00 Mass Celebrate CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK
Jan 31 Mardi Gras Festival, 11-5, La Crosse Center
Feb 10 Retired Men's Breakfast, after 7:30 Mass
Feb 14 Enchanted Evening
Feb 15 – 21 Our Week for Mobile Meals

MUSIC NEWS AND NOTES

ADULT CHOIR will practice Thurs, 7-8 pm.
CHILDREN'S CHOIR practice Sat, Jan 30, 9:30-10:15.
GRADE SCHOOLERS will lead our music at the 10:00 Mass on Jan 31.

\$crip News

Call 782-2953, ext. 6

Email: BSPSCRIP@yahoo.com

Planning a winter get-away? Check out the hotels, airlines, car rentals, etc. for hundreds of destinations. Many offer huge percentage profits, too.

If you aren't going away but would like to, throw another log on the fire and order a pizza. We have lots of \$crip for pizza places.

Can you help out a few hours in the \$crip office during the week? Give a call. Thanks!

Need a nice little gift for Valentine's Day?

We have packets of 10 unique blank greeting cards which feature scenes from near our sister parish in Tanzania, Africa. Cost is \$10, and all proceeds go to them. For a peak, stop in at the parish office.

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.

MARDI GRAS Family Festival

January 31, La Crosse Center, 11-5 pm
Entertainment, food, raffle, games, talent show, beads, beads, beads
Buttons at the door; under 12 free
Proceeds benefit Aquinas Catholic Schools

JESUS OF NAZARETH STUDY GROUP will meet Tues, Jan 26, 6-7:30, in our Parish Center. Please read Chapter 7 – The Message of the Parables. Fr. Peter Damian Fehler, Rector of the Shrine Church, is the presenter. For more information contact Luna Chou, 788-5752.

BABY BOTTLES FOR BIRTHRIGHT We will again participate in helping this organization by filling up empty baby bottles with spare change. Bottles may be picked up next weekend and should be returned on Feb 14. Birthright has been helping anyone affected by a troubling or unplanned pregnancy with non-judgmental, loving assistance for 34 years.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS Our generous parish sent \$790.00 to the diocese for this fund. For those of us lucky enough to have had Sisters as teachers and wonderful parish priests as we grew up, it means much to be able to reach out to them in their elder years.

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.

FIRST SATURDAYS at the Shrine. Join us Feb 6. 9:30 presentation of Our Blessed Mother by Fr. Peter Damian Fehler; 10:30 Rosary; 11:00 Holy Mass at the Shrine Church. Call 782-0011 for more information.

DIVORCED AND LOOKING FOR CLOSURE? The Diocesan Matrimonial Tribunal may be able to help. Contact us at 791-2684 or email: Tribunal@dioceseoflacrosse.com, with your questions.

**“State of our Schools” presentation by President Kurt Nelson
Aquinas Catholic Schools parents, staff, and friends are all invited
Tuesday, January 26, 7 pm, Aquinas Theater
Door prizes of \$100 tuition vouchers to 5 lucky parents in attendance**

REFRIGERATOR NEEDED: Call Sandy at 792-0238.

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. More information will follow, or you may contact Pat Brueggen, Youth Director at St. Elizabeth Parish, Holmen.

PILGRIMAGE FOR LIFE in Washington, D.C. 5 buses are going from our Diocese. Pray for all attending.