

# Epiphany of the Lord

January 3, 2010

**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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*A little note on Christmas traditions:*

Epiphany, the Feast of the Wise Men, is celebrated in many ways in different parts of the world. In Italy, for example, gifts for Christmas are not brought by Santa Clause, but instead by Befana, an old woman who bears gifts. (Befana is slowly giving way to Santa because of the strong influence of the American emphasis on Santa.) The legend of Befana goes like this: It is said that the Wise Men on their way to Bethlehem passed an old woman busily cleaning her house. When she learned where they were going, she asked them to wait until she had finished her work so she could go with them. But the Kings said they could not wait; they told her to follow them when she was ready and catch up with them. As she was a careful housekeeper and also took time to prepare a gift to take to the Child, when she finally started on her way, the others were so far ahead that she never found them. Ever since, she wanders through the world, seeking the Child so that she may give Him her gift. In Italy, as Befana — a corruption of Epiphany — she leaves gifts at the houses she visits in the hope of finding the Child she seeks.

May we all seek more dearly the Child who is the Savior.

Fr. Olson

If you are planning to have your baby baptized here at Blessed Sacrament Parish, we offer a Baptism preparation class on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month. For January this class will be held on January 12 at 6:30 pm. Please call Eenie in the parish office if you plan to attend. 782-2953, ext. 2.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**  
**Jan 4-10, 2010**

Reader: Mary Ann Bradley  
Extr. Minister of Body of Christ: Mary Kachel  
Mon, Jan 4 Elizabeth Ann Seton  
7:30 **+Bernice Oliver**  
Server: Dick Meyer  
Tues, Jan 5 John Neumann  
7:30 **+Thelma Volz**  
Server: Pete Fiorini  
Wed, Jan 6 Christmas Weekday, Bl Andre Besette  
7:30 **+Deceased members of Levi family**  
Server: Jason Hutzler  
9:00 **+Jim Landskron**  
5:15 Evening Prayer and Benediction  
Server: Kellan Doberstein  
Thurs, Jan 7 Christmas Weekday, Raymond of  
Penafort  
7:30 **+Patricia Sweeney (Anniv.)**  
Servers: Patrick Brannon, Kellan Doberstein  
Fri, Jan 8 Christmas Weekday  
7:30 **+Connie Koehne (Anniv.)**  
Servers: Zach Snyder, Joe Cambio  
Sat, Jan 9 Christmas Weekday  
7:30 **+Poor Souls**  
Servers: Courtney Frick, Lucy Wiggert

**Baptism of the Lord**

Sat, Jan 9  
**4:30 +Keith Szymkowiak (Anniv.)**  
MC: Pete Fiorini  
Servers: Claire & Derek Craig, Evan Dolan  
Readers: Steve & Marian Pavela  
Petitions: Annie Joslyn  
Eucharist: MaryAnn Bradley, Loretta Clarkin, Susan Fukuda,  
Chris Papke, Luci Johnson  
Ushers: Wayne Levi, Walt Susdorf, Allan Fukuda,  
Dave Sweeney  
Offering family: Henry & Ellen Funk

Sun, Jan 10  
**8:00 +Dorothy Schwei (Anniv.)**  
MC: Mike Vanderploeg  
Servers: John, Matt & Tim Brennan  
Readers: Bob Skemp, Ruth Vanderploeg  
Petitions: Elizabeth Brennan  
Eucharist: Mike Vanderploeg, Florence Koenig, Dave & Marie  
Allen, Gaylord Perry  
Ushers: Bob Peshak, Joe Sweeney, Lloyd Koenig, John  
Gallagher  
Offering family: Ken & Kathleen Hanson

**10:00 For the People of the Parish**  
MC:  
Servers: Emilie, Mark & Sam Steingraeber  
Readers: Scott Doberstein, Mark Steingraeber  
Petitions: Lydia Skemp  
Eucharist: Betty Roth, David Coriden, Kathy Curti, Caryl  
Doberstein, Carol Steingraeber  
Ushers: John Sullivan, Jim Kroner, Syl Schaub, Tom Richert  
Offering family: Tim & Michelle Dolan family

# VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION PARTY

Sunday, January 17

3:00-5:00

Parish Center

Because your time and talent are so needed and appreciated,  
I invite all adult volunteers and spouses to join me  
for a time of fun, food, and fellowship.

Please call Eenie at 782-2953, ext. 2, to say you'll join me.  
I will look for snow-shovellers, holy water font cleaners, money  
counters, singers, adult servers, window washers, computer  
wizards, \$crip sellers, vacuumers, Scripture readers, stamp  
lickers, pot stirrers, and all the rest of you who give so  
generously of yourself.

Father Olson

## AROUND THE PARISH

### VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION PARTY

*Do you volunteer in any capacity here at the parish?  
Help in the office, trim bushes, shovel you-know-what,  
vacuum, wash windows, sing at Mass, count money,  
proclaim the readings, dust the window ledges, sweep,  
mop.....*

*Father Olson invites all adult volunteers to a  
recognition party on Sunday, January 17, in the Parish  
Center, 3-5 pm.*

*Mark your calendar and call Eenie if you will be  
attending.*

*There will be some pretty fabulous food served.*

### RIDES TO CHURCH

We have some parishioners who do not drive in the winter weather. If you can help them by bringing them to Mass on the weekend, please call 782-2953, ext. 2.

### REST IN PEACE

*Verna Clements, mother of Joe*

*John Ottens, Jr., son of the late Hazel & John, Sr.*

RESTORATIVE YOGA (stretching and flexibility)  
Classes will begin again on Jan 12. If interested in attending, call Eenie at 782-2953, ext. 2, to sign up.

### Pro-life Ad in the TRIBUNE

**Sign the form in the Narthex of church by Tues, Jan 19, for your name to appear on Sun, Jan 24. A donation is also appreciated to cover the cost of the ad. Checks payable to Wisconsin Right to Life. This is one way to take your stance in support of legal protection for unborn children.**

### Soup-makers Alert

During Lent we will have Parish soup and bread suppers after the Stations of the Cross on Fridays. If you'd like to volunteer to prepare and/or serve soup on one of those days, give Eenie a call to reserve your date. Lent begins Feb. 17.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS

**Wed, Jan 6  
6:30-7:45**

## PARISH SUPPORT

COLLECTIONS UPDATE: July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010  
Needed each week: \$14,000  
Received: December 25 & 27 \$37,392

END OF 2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER

Needed: \$364,000  
Received: \$317,850

When everything is coming your way, you're probably in the wrong lane.

### COMING UP

Jan 4 Bishop ListECKi installed in Milwaukee as Archbishop  
Jan 5 Pastoral Council, 6:30 pm  
Jan 10 Pancake Breakfast  
Jan 12 Yoga session begins, noon  
Jan 12 Widows & Widowers, 6 pm, Schmidty's  
Jan 12 Finance Council, 6:30 pm  
Jan 13 Family Life Committee meeting, 7 pm  
Jan 16 Women's Club Holy Hr & lunch, 10-noon  
Jan 17 Volunteer Appreciation Party, 3-5 pm  
Jan 18 – 24 Our week for Mobile Meals  
Jan 19 Yoga, noon  
Jan 20 – 24 March for Life, Washington DC  
Jan 23 Mardi Gras Ball  
Jan 23 Senior Dinner – MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

### MUSIC NEWS AND NOTES

**Thanks to the FAMILY CHOIRS** who led our music at the Masses on the Feast of the Holy Family.

4:30 The Vach and Lyon families

8:00 Family of Bob & Fran Skemp

10:00 Family of Rich & Diane Franke

**ADULT CHOIR** will sing at Mass next Sunday and will practice Thurs, 7-8 pm. Have you always wanted to sing in the choir? High School age and older are welcome to join us. Questions? Call Pauline Connell at 782-2953, ext. 3.

**TEEN CHOIR** will sing at the 10:00 Mass on Jan 17.

### \$crip News

Call 782-2953, ext. 6

Effective 1/1/10:

Outback discount increases 5% to 8%.

Dominoes cards change from \$5 to \$10 denomination.

### Snowbirds

Please let Eenie know in the Parish  
your forwarding address

Office of  
for your end-of-  
year statement.

**BLOOD DRIVE** by the Blood Center of Wisconsin at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Hwy 16, Thurs, Jan 7, 3-7 pm. Call Dennis Hansen at 769-3079 to schedule your appointment. Refreshments provided.

The Blood Center supplies the blood used at our local hospitals.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** at the Village on Cass during mealtimes of the weekends. If you can come, 11:00 – 1:00 or 4:30-6:30, please call Jan Pohlman at 392-9578. Cheerful service and enjoying a meal with the residents will surely be rewarded!

**YOU CAN SAVE YOUR MARRIAGE** Retrouvaille offers hope for couples seeking ways to heal and rebuild their marriages. The next weekend is Feb 19-21. For confidential information and registration call 1-877-922-HOPE(4673).

**PLACE OF GRACE** is always looking for volunteers. Call Ben Kruse at 782-6224 for when and how.

**BASIC CATHOLIC CATECHISTS STUDY GROUP** will meet Tues, Jan 12, 6:15-7:45, SMALL Conference Room. (Date changed from Jan 5)

**HOSPITALIZATION** coming up? Be sure to let the hospital know you are a member of our parish so you can receive a visit from Father Olson. Because of privacy concerns, hospitals no longer give us the names of parishioners unless the parishioner requests that they do.

### OPEN HOUSES

**Aquinas Middle School**  
Monday, January 11, 6:30, Auditorium

**Blessed Sacrament School (grades 3-6)**  
Thursday, January 14, 9 am – 2 pm

**ALUMINUM CANS** piling up? Drop off in the bin in the Aquinas parking lot. Proceeds benefit Booster Club activities.

**EUROPEAN CATHOLIC HERITAGE TOUR** Aug 25-Sept 8, 2010, to South Germany, Austria & the Czech Republic, led by Fr. John Schultz from St. James Parish, Eau Claire. It will include the Oberammergau Passion Play. Cost: \$3475 plus airfare. Deposit of \$750 is due Jan 15. For more info contact Thorpe Tours at 866-533-8687 or go to: [thorpetours@att.net](mailto:thorpetours@att.net).

**QUILT-MAKERS**, there will be an auction of handmade quilts to benefit Independent Living Resources, an agency which provides services to persons with disabilities in our area at no charge. If you can donate a lovely quilt, call 787-1111. by Feb. 1. All sizes and shapes accepted; tax deductible

**ADORATION FOR VOCATIONS** in the Crypt Chapel at Holy Cross Diocesan Center Mon, Jan 4, 7-8 pm. Come and join us in praying for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life, for holy married life and dedicated singlehood.

**MARCH FOR LIFE** Jan 20-24 in Washington, D.C. Join the thousands who travel to our nation's capitol to make their voices heard. Travel is by bus. For more information contact the Youth Ministry Office at the Diocese, 788-7700.

### MARDI GRAS

#### Costume Ball

January 23, Stoney Creek in Onalaska  
Reservations please by Jan 12. Call 782-3169.  
Cost: \$50/person or by sponsorship

#### Family Festival

January 31, La Crosse Center, 11-5 pm  
Entertainment, food, raffle, games  
Talent show