

March 21, 2010

Family Reconciliation Service

Wednesday, March 24, 6:30-7:30 pm

There will be a brief prayer service followed by individual confession with several priests in attendance.

Bring your family!

Fifth 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 the time for prayer, fasting and works of charity. It is also the time to prepare ourselves well for Easter. This preparation should certainly include the sacrament of Reconciliation if one is aware of any serious sin, but also it is a time for a spring house cleaning of lesser sins. Our parish will be having a Parish Reconciliation Service with an opportunity for individual confession on Wednesday, March 24, at 6:30 in the evening. We will have several priests available to hear confessions. Please take advantage of this opportunity to pray together as a parish family and to use the opportunity for confession.

The La Crosse Deanery priests also work with the Cathedral in offering confessions the Monday before Easter from 9:00 am until 6:00 pm if you cannot make it to the Parish Reconciliation Service.

May God bless us in our final days before Holy Week as we prepare for the Resurrection.

Fr. Olson

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Fridays during Lent

2:25, led by Grade Schoolers
5:15, with Benediction following
Soup supper at 5:45 in the Parish Center
Everyone is invited to come!
NO Benediction on Good Friday, April 2.

FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY

During this Lenten season consider picking up some non-perishable items, laundry & cleaning supplies, personal hygiene supplies, etc., and dropping them off at church, or bring them to the altar at the time of the Offertory at Sunday Mass. This is a REAL, NEEDED form of alms-giving! Our food collection from church goes to Catholic Charities. The food collected by our grade schoolers during Lent is being delivered weekly to Place of Grace.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
March 22 - 28, 2010

Reader: Craig Sallander
Extr. Minister of Body of Christ: Mary Ritter

Mon, Mar 22 Lenten Weekday

7:30 **+Bernice Krucunas**

Server: Bill Chamberlain

Tues, Mar 23 Lenten Weekday, Toribio de Mogrovejo

7:30 **Intention of Betty Nelson**

Server: Pete Fiorini

Wed, Mar 24 Lenten Weekday

7:30 **+Irene Sweeney**

Server: Jason Hutzler

9:00 **+Mary Roop**

5:15 Evening Prayer (No Benediction in Lent)

Thurs, Mar 25 Annunciation of the Lord

7:30 **For the Intention of Roy & Millie Schlickman**

Servers: Danielle Dolan, Emma Thilgis

Fri, Mar 26 Lenten Weekday

7:30 **+Millie Finn**

Servers: Zach Snyder, Dylan English

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

Server: Matt Brannon

Sat, Mar 27 Lenten Weekday

7:30 **+Joseph Larson**

Servers: Kellan Doberstein, Maria Franke

Palm Sunday

Sat, Mar 27

4:30 **+Georgina Roesler**

MC: Pete Fiorini

Servers: Courtney Frick, Kristen Sauer, Claire Craig

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, David Sweeney

Offering family: Craig Sallander & family

Sun, Mar 28

8:00 **+Elaine Lee**

MC: Mike Vanderploeg

Servers: Grace & Kate Riley, Eric Clements

Readers: Tom Kieffer, Steve McGovern

Petitions: Maggie Clements

Eucharist: Helen Flynn, Joe Clements, Earl & Lucille Newton, Jean Kachel

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

Offering family: Joe & Barb Durst

10:00 **For the People of the Parish**

MC: Scott Doberstein

Servers: Kellan Doberstein, Joe Cambio, Danielle Dolan

Readers: Jason Hutzler, Bob Kelemen

Petitions: Olivia Curti

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

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

Offering family: Lorie Dolan & family

AROUND THE PARISH

TRIDUUM SCHEDULE

HOLY THURSDAY, 7 pm, Mass of the Lord's Supper

We invite our First Communicant especially to join us all as we remember the Last Supper, recall Christ's Institution of the Eucharist and establishment of the Sacrament of Holy Orders, Jesus' humbly washing His disciples' feet, and the beginning of His Passion in the Garden of Gethsemane.

GOOD FRIDAY, 12:15pm Service

We read the Passion, pray for the needs of our world, venerate the Cross, and receive Holy Communion.

HOLY SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL, 8:30pm

In the darkness of the evening we light the new fire, solemnly proclaim Christ's victory over death, hear the story of salvation through history, bless water and recount our membership in God's family through baptism, and we will welcome 2 adults into full communion with our Church by their reception of the sacrament of Confirmation.

FLOWERS FOR EASTER

We again will adorn the sanctuary and church with pretty fresh flowers for the Easter season. You may bring a blooming plant of your choice to the Parish Center on Fri, Apr 2, or Sat, Apr 3, by 10am. Besides the lovely lilies, there are so many colorful blossoms available. We ask you to sign the clipboard with the names of those whom you are honoring or remembering with your plant. That list will appear in the church bulletin the Sunday after Easter.

FINDING HEALING DURING LOSS

The various kinds of losses we face in life can overwhelm our mind and heart with confusion, anger, fear, guilt or loneliness. Coping is made much easier when we understand the demands and dynamics of grief, learn healthy and effective coping strategies and help ourselves to see and cooperate with the grace and help of God being extended to us as we slowly heal and find our way. Come find strength for mind, heart and soul and share your insights and guidance as well: Friday, March 26, 1-2:30pm, in our Parish Center. Use the door marked "Service/Meeting" off the alley. Short presentation with refreshments and question and answer time following.

Call Marcia Kolaczowski, 790-5342, for more information.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS

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

Students in Grades 7-10 will attend the Penance Service in church during class time. All other grades meet as usual. There will be NO class on March 31.

PARISH SUPPORT

COLLECTIONS UPDATE: July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010
Needed each week: \$14,000
Received: 3/14 \$12,279
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You have to give George Washington credit. Surrounded as he was by troubles, he couldn't blame the previous administration.

COMING UP

Mar 24 Parish Family Penance Service, 6:30

Mar 26 "Finding Healing During Loss" 1-2:30

Mar 27 First Reconciliation, 9 am

Mar 29 Confessions all day at Cathedral

Apr 2 Parish Office closed; NO \$crip sales

Apr 5 Parish Office closed; NO \$crip sales

Apr 5 Women's Club meeting, noon

Speaker: Fr. Joe Hirsch

Apr 11 Mercy Sunday

Apr 12-18 Our week for Mobile Meals

Apr 18 First Communion, 10:00 Mass

June 12 Rummage Sale (start cleaning your closets)

MUSIC NEWS AND NOTES

ADULT CHOIR will practice Thurs, 7-8 pm, and will sing at the 10am Mass on Palm Sunday, the 7 pm Mass on Holy Thursday, Good Friday Service at 12:15 pm, and on Easter at the 10am Mass.

EASTER VIGIL musicians, there will be a practice on Holy Saturday at 10:00 am.

\$crip News

Call 782-2953, ext. 6; Email: BSPSCRIP@yahoo.com

Those nice little gift cards make great Easter gifts!

Reminder for Holy Week & Easter:

Our Parish Office will be CLOSED on Good Friday and Easter Monday, Apr 2 & 5. There will be NO \$crip sales on Easter Sunday before & after Masses. So plan ahead.

Martha's Meals

Do you know someone from our parish who is in need of meals due to family illness, surgery, or a new baby?

Please contact Natalie Bennett if you or someone you know could benefit from home-cooked meals for a temporary time. If you'd like to be a volunteer for Martha's Meals, phone Natalie at 788-4711.

WELCOME TO BSP

David & Tammy Ebner

Dan & Dana Skemp
sons Andrew, William & Jonathan

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED at “The Canticle,” a gift shoppe located in the Franciscan Skemp Onalaska Clinic. Hours are Mon-Fri, 9am to 4pm. Flexible hours in the morning or afternoon. Retail experience is preferred, but not required. Call 392-9766.

JESUS OF NAZARETH study group will meet Tues, Mar 23, 6-7:30, in our Parish Center. Father Peter Fehlner, Rector of the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, will guide the study using Pope Benedict’s book *Jesus of Nazareth*. This meeting will focus on Chapter 9 – Two Milestones of Jesus’ Way. For more information contact Luna at 788-5752.

GODSPELL, JUNIOR will be performed by Aquinas Middle School Thurs, March 25, 6:30. No charge; reception following. Everyone is invited to attend.

SISTER PARISH TRIP to Tanzania is being planned for June 20 to July 22. Cost of \$3500 includes airfare, meals and lodging. You will be challenged, renewed and inspired by the generosity and kindness of the people you encounter on this unique trip of faith. For more information contact Dave or Marie Allen at 784-5189, or go to sdstanzaniamission.net.

ARTWORK BY AQUINAS SCHOOLS ELEMENTARY STUDENTS will be on display ay the Pump House through April 16.

SMELT FRY at St. Joseph Ridge Parish Fri, March 26, starting at 4 pm. Carry outs available. There will also be a raffle table, bake sale, and cash raffle.

FUND-RAISER from U BAKE Bring in a church bulletin when you shop at U Bake through **April 11**. 10% of your tab will be refunded to our parish. One customer per bulletin. The church with the highest purchases will receive an additional \$100 from U Bake. Have you tried the cinnamon rolls yet? For a complete list of items available go to: Kris@UBakeUSA.com.

SHADOW STATIONS OF THE CROSS

*Holy Trinity Church Mon, Mar 22, 7 pm, by students from Assumption High School.

*St. Elizabeth’s, Holmen, Fri, Mar 26, 7 pm; Sun, Mar 28, 7 pm; Wed, Mar 31, 7 pm. The Youth Group from St. Elizabeth’s will enact the Stations.

BAKE AND BOOK SALE at St. James Parish, 1032 Caledonia St, Sat, Mar 27, 9-5:30.

READING TUTORS NEEDED for adults Training will be held Sat, March 27, 8:30 – 12:30, Western Technical College. Register by calling Heather at 789-4752, or email: biedenbenderh@westerntc.edu.

BIRTHRIGHT BABY BOTTLES

On behalf of Birthright of La Crosse please accept our sincere appreciation. The Parish’s generous gift of \$921.42 will go a long way in the support and care of many area girls and women facing challenging pregnancies. Our moms and babies thank you for making life and living a precious reality.

Sincerely, The Board and staff of Birthright of La Crosse

(Just in case you still have a baby bottle at home, bring it to church when you come and give it to an usher to be turned in, or drop it off at the Parish Office. Thanks!)

Sharon Stubler, Class of 1983

daughter of John

Aquinas High School Wall of Fame Inductee
Dinner and ceremony Saturday, March 27. Call 784-0287 for reservations.