



Blessed Sacrament Parish

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Rev. Peter Raj

Deacon
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Blessed Sacrament Parish

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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time August 11, 2019

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening 4:30 pm
Sunday Morning 8:00 & 10:00 am
Monday - Friday 7:30 am

CONFESSION

Saturday 3:30-4:00 pm
Other times by appointment

EVENING PRAYER

Daily 5:15 pm in Adoration Chapel

BENEDICTION

First Friday 8:00 am

Call the Parish Office to make
arrangements:

- To join the parish
- For a wedding (6 months in advance)
- For Baptism class information
- For 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.
- If you are home-bound because of illness and would like to be visited, please call.

MINISTRY LEADERS

MCs: *Pete Fiorini*
Mike Vanderploeg
William Arnold

Weekend Servers
(Middle and High Schoolers):
Holly Gorman

Readers: *Mary Jo Reinders*

Extraordinary Ministers of the
Eucharistic: *Carolyn Steingraeber*

Petition Readers: *Barb Clements*

Ushers: *Tom Kratt*

Offering Families: *Call the office to
volunteer*

Rosary Leader Schedule:
Kathy Nicks

Weekday Servers (Grade Schoolers):
Stephanie Gauger

Weekday Readers: *Caryl Doberstein*

Weekday Eucharistic Ministers:
Carolyn Steingraeber

PARISH CONTACTS

Secretary: *Elizabeth Skemp*

Finances: *Steve McGovern,*
Eenie Francksen

Building Maintenance:
Carl Francksen

Scrip Coordinators: 782.2953 xt6
Paul Poehling, Pat Hammes

Website: *Jennifer Kulzer*

Music Director: 782.2953 xt3
Pauline Connell

Religious Education: *Pauline Connell*

RCIA & Confirmation Preparation:
Jennifer Kulzer

First Communion & Reconciliation
Preparation: *Pauline Connell*

Funeral Lunch Coordinator:
Bernice Lansing

Bulletin Editor: *Pauline Connell*

Sacristan: *Jean Kachel*

Women's Club: *Helen Roop*

Men's Club: *Ken Hanson*

Widow & Widowers Group:
Barb Schmitz, Loretta Clarkin

August 11, 2019

THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY

On 1950 in the Apostolic Constitution *Munificentissimus Deus*, Pope Pius XII proclaimed the Assumption of Mary a dogma of the Catholic Church in these words: "The Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heaven."

The Assumption is the oldest feast day of Our Lady, but we don't know how it first came to be celebrated. Historically, from the time of Emperor Hadrian (76-138) until the time of the Roman Emperor Constantine (c.285-337), Jerusalem had been a pagan city wherein every memory of Jesus was obliterated, where the sites made holy by His life, death, and Resurrection became pagan temples. With the rebuilding of the holy sites, reverence was given to the "Tomb of Mary," close to Mount Zion where the early Christian community had lived. The "Memory of Mary" was celebrated, and by the 7th century was celebrated under the title "Falling Asleep" ("Dormitio"). The belief that her body was taken up to heaven dates back to the apostles themselves. From those early days onward it was recognized that there were no relics of her body to venerate.

In the 8th century St. John Damascene, known for his powerful preaching, expressed the belief of the Church on the meaning of the feast: "Although the body was duly buried, it did not remain in the state of death, neither was it dissolved by decay... You were transferred to your heavenly home, O Lady, Queen and Mother of God in truth."

All the feast days of Mary mark the great mysteries of her life and her part in redemption: Immaculate Conception, Christmas, Mother of God (Jan 1). The Assumption completes God's work in her since it is not fitting that the flesh that had given life to God Himself should ever undergo corruption. The Assumption looks to eternity and gives us hope that we, too, will follow Our Lady when our life is ended.

(from Catholicculture.org and [Catholic Heritage](#), Fr. Clifford Stevens)

**School will resume on August 27,
so our Wednesday morning Mass time
will move to 9:00 beginning on August 28.**

August 12 - 18, 2019

EUCCHARIST: Florence Koenig **READER:** Ruth Vanderploeg

MON 8/12 Weekday; Jane Frances de Chantal

7:30 **+Marianne Pittman**

Servers: Don Flynn, Mike Vanderploeg

TUES 8/13 Weekday; Pontian & Hippolytus

7:30 **+Janet Rentmeester, mother of Pat Hammes**

Server: Pete Fiorini; Mike Vanderploeg

WED 8/14 Maximilian Kobe

7:30 **For the intention of Pete Fiorini**

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

WED 8/14 5:15 pm **+Betty Nelson**

THU 8/15 7:30 am **+Dave & Betty Hammes**

Servers: Shane & Eva Willenbring

FRI 8/16 Weekday; Stephen of Hungary

7:30 **+Don Gallagher**

Servers: Teagan Staffaroni & Rachel Egan

SAT 8/17 Weekday; BVM

20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SAT 8/17 *Intention of Abraham Anzor Jamokha*

Celebrant: Fr. Peter Raj

MC: Pete Fiorini

Servers: Clay Berra, Craig, Gorman

Readers: Tom Kieffer, Joan Mueller

Petitions:

Eucharist: Caryl Doberstein, Donna Cramer, Ruth Wills,
Pauline Jagodzinski

Ushers: Ken Kresky, Allan Fukuda, David Sweeney

Offering family: Jane & Erna Gallagher

Rosary Leaders: Ken & Grainne Quillin

SUN 8/18 8:00 +Donald Schreier

Celebrant: Fr. Peter Raj

MC: Mike Vanderploeg

Servers: Jack Clements, Ken Mikshowsky, Rylan Schneider

Reader: John Gallagher

Petitions: Lindsay Boland

Eucharist: Bill Chamberlain, Bernice Lansing, David

Schreier, Ruth Vanderploeg, Bob Kachel

Ushers: Pat Cavadini, Tom Roob, Dave Herlitzke

Offering Family: Dean & Maxine Rink

Rosary Leader: Barb Swieczak

10:00 For the People of the Parish

Concelebrants: Fr. Peter Raj

MC: William Arnold

Servers: William Cambio, Bobby & Stephanie Skemp

Readers: Tony Weisse, Patti Keil

Petitions:

Eucharist: Ellen Kallies, Terry Felt, Patti Sans Crainte,
Mary Kay Richert

Ushers: Steve Flottmeyer, Mark Hyde, PJ Paulino,
Matt Cambio

Offering Family: Tom & Patti Keil & Family

Rosary Leaders: Kevin & Helen Roop

AROUND THE PARISH

SHARE YOUR GARDENS' BOUNTY

*Drop off your excess veggies, herbs, etc. at church in the Narthex. Others who can use it are welcome to take these treats home. Drop off a little donation in the flower pot to be given to Place of Grace.

OFFERTORY FAMILY CALLERS

At each weekend Mass our gifts of bread and wine are presented at the time of the Offertory by a family or friends. Those folks are contacted beforehand by a caller. We are in need of 4 callers; each takes just one month of Sundays to schedule the offering families. Could you spare time to help out? You will be supplied with the list of folks who wish to be called. Let Elizabeth in the office, 782-2953, ext. 2, know if you can help out.

If you received an email supposedly from Father Raj this past week concerning helping out a parishioner through the purchase of gift cards, it was a hoax. You should have received an email from the Parish Office regarding this scam. If you did not, please call the office at 782-2953, ext. 2.

OH, OH, DID YOU FORGET?
If you perhaps forgot or didn't know we had a food drive for Catholic Charities this weekend, fear not! You can drop off your donated items at the Catholic Charities Office at 413 South 3rd St. during the week.

BACK 2 SCHOOL

La Crosse Center
August 14, 8 am – 6 pm
All who need help are invited to fill out an application at www.cclse.org.
If you can help at the event go to cclse.org to sign up.
The list of needed items is at this website, as well. If your business would like to collect items, contact Karen Becker at 519-8002.
We are collecting school supplies and backpacks in the Narthex.

Do you have questions about our faith or the liturgy? Visit our parish website or the questionnaire box in the Narthex to fill out a form to get the answers you need.

\$CRIP NEWS

Phone orders: 782-2953, ext. 6.

Email orders: [SCRIP@](mailto:SCRIP@bsplacrosse.org)

bsplacrosse.org

School supplies are a must! Use \$crip from almost all suppliers of supplies. There is a \$crip order form on our parish website for your use, or call the above number to place an order for pick-up (just like the grocery store)

DIOCESAN SCHOOL OF BIBLICAL STUDY

A new 4-year program will begin in the Fall and is welcoming registrants now. The program joins the best of contemporary Catholic biblical learning with a desire for spiritual growth in the Church. Classes are held one Saturday a month in Wausau and in La Crosse. Catechists, teachers, deacons, parish Bible study leaders, and regular readers of the Bible looking for something "beyond the basics" will profit from the program. An outline of the course study can be found at the DSBS website (<http://diocesanschoolofbiblicalstudies.weebly.com/>) or by calling Father Mark Pierce at St. Michael's Parish, Wausau, 715-842-4283 or e-mail: fmarkpierce@gmail.com.

PARISH SUPPORT

BUDGET

July 1, 2019- June 30, 2020

Needed Weekly	\$13,000
Received July 28	7,543

Q: Where are average products made?
A: At the satisfactory

COPING WITH CAREGIVING, ILLNESS, OR LOSS?

The Rosary Support Group meets Wednesday, Aug 28, 10:00-11:30, in the Conference Room for prayer and friendship, and to gain strength as we share and seek wisdom in coping with life's challenges. Use the entrance off the alley by the office or the side hallway after 9:00 Mass. For questions call Marcia Kolaczowski, 790-5342, or Margaret Cunningham, 782-3885. Note: school will be back in session so please park on the street or in the alley.

COMING UP

Aug 11 Choir sings at 10:00 Mass
Aug 12-18 Our week for Mobile Meals
Aug 24 & 25 Anniversary Weekend
Aug 28 School Mass; 9:00 (no 7:30 Mass)
Aug 28 Rosary Support Group, 10:00
Sept 2 Labor Day, Office closed

RCIA

Do you know someone who is interested in learning about our Catholic Faith with the thought of joining the Church? Our parish offers a study-prayer program to help folks learn about the Faith and dive into our liturgical practices. Perhaps you or someone else has been baptized, but not confirmed. Here's the place to make preparations for this sacrament. More information will be coming. If you have questions, contact Jennifer Kulzer at 385-3459.

FORMED.ORG

Our summer with the saints on Formed.org continues this week with a look at St. Philomena. Martyred for her purity and fidelity to Christ, St. Philomena is truly a saint for our times. Learn why so many love this young saint, the only one ever to be canonized solely on the basis of the profound miracles attributed to her intercession. Listen this week on Formed.org.
Use this code to sign up: K2768J

There's still time to register for the 2019-2020 school year in an Aquinas Catholic School. Our schools are open to families of all faiths, and we offer several tuition assistance programs. Schedule a tour today. www.aquinaschools.org or call 784-8585, ext. 23.

AROUND TOWN

CARE FOR CAREGIVERS

In partnership with Shalom World TV, Nourish for Caregivers is excited to announce the release of its new 12-episode faith-based TV series, "Be Nourished!" Nourish is a Christ-centered ministry that supports the practical, emotional and spiritual needs of family caregivers. Often caregivers feel alone and isolated. "Be Nourished" has proven effective at addressing this challenge. Go to:
shalomworldtv.org/benourished.

JOB OPENINGS AT St. JOSEPH VILLA

Nursing and Food Service depts.
Full and part time positions open
Apply online at fspa.org/employment by Aug 15

HOLY TRINITY SUMMER PROGRAMS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL for Grades K-5
August 19-23, 9-11:30 am
Prayer, songs, stories, crafts
MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY CAMP for grades 6-8
August 20-22, 6:30-8:30 pm
Info & registration: holytrinityreled@charter.net

PILGRIMAGE TO GUATEMALA

FOR BEATIFICATION OF BROTHER JAMES MILLER

Led by Father Tom Lindner
December 7, 2019
Brother James was martyred in 1982 during Guatemala's civil war. He was a Stevens Point native.
Info:
www.ctscentral.net/trips/guatemala/beatification-pilgrimage-to-guatemala/.

LAY FORMATION INSTITUTE

2-year program; one weekend/month
(Fri evening through Sat afternoon)

*Deepen your knowledge of our Faith in company with other learners

*Become a joyful disciple

*Discover the treasures of Sacred Scripture, the Catechism, Church history, Vatican II, Christian Prayer, and more!

New session beginning in Sept.

Go to: diolc.org/lay-formation

BIRTHRIGHT OF LA CROSSE

115 S 5TH Ave, Office # 406
782-0373

If you know of someone who is struggling with an unplanned pregnancy, let them know we are here to help.

AQUINASFEST

Friday, September 6
Save the date!

Order raffle tickets at aquinascatholicsschools.org.

SUMMER FESTIVALS AND FUN

August 17 & 18

St. Patrick's Parish, Sparta

Aug 17: Fiesta beginning at 8:30 am

Mariachi Band, 6-9

Aug 18: Chickenfeast beginning at 10:30

St. Joseph Parish, Black River Falls

Aug 17: rummage sale, vendors, silent auction, family night with movies and games

Aug 18: Chickenque beginning at 11:00

LITTLE FLOWERS GIRLS CLUB

Girls, K-5th grade – are invited to join the Little Flowers Girls Club – a Catholic club that teaches virtues through scripture, saints' biographies, and the Catechism. Like a scouting club, girls earn badges for virtues they practice and activities they complete, with their mothers participating as guides. Monthly meetings (Aug through May) will take place on the 2nd Monday 6-7:30 pm in the Parish Center. Please contact Jennifer Althoff at jpalthoff@gmail.com or 792-3200 for questions and registration.

JOB OPENING AT BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL

*Assistant cook for food service program

25 hours/week; 6:15 am-1 pm

Prepare and serve breakfast 2 days/week; lunch prep, serve, and clean-up school days.

Contact Kay Berra, Principal:

kay.berra@aquinasschools.org

FAMILY PAINT AND PICNIC EVENT

Create a lovely family painting together
August 15, 5-7:30 pm, Franciscan Spirituality Center
\$40 for first 2 participants; \$5 each additional
Includes dinner, one painting per family, s'mores
Register by Aug 1 at FSCenter.org; 608-791-5295

NOTHING CAN SEPARATE US

Retreat for those left behind by suicide

Aug 23-25, St. Anthony's, Marathon

\$190 includes meals and lodging

715-443-2236

or www.sarcenter.com.

We should not despair of the eternal salvation of persons who have taken their own lives. By ways known to Him alone, God can provide the opportunity for salutary repentance. The Church prays for persons who have taken their own lives. CCC #2283

HEALING WHILE GRIEVING

Support group for people living with loss or grief

Mon, Aug 19, 5:30-6:30

Lang Conference Room, Mayo Healthcare
(near the Marketplace)

Topic: Good Grief: Towards Healthy Mourning