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March 20, 2022 Third Sunday of Lent

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening 4:30 pm Sunday Morning 8:00 & 10:00 am Monday - Friday 7:15 am

CONFESSION

Saturday 3:30–4:15 pm Other times by appointment

BENEDICTION

First Friday 7:45 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: Gabe Trussoni Mike Vanderploeg William Arnold

Weekend Servers (Middle and High Schoolers): Gabe Trussoni

Readers: Mary Jo Reinders

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharistic: Carolyn Steingraeber

Petition Readers: Barb Clements

Ushers: Tom Kratt

tomkratt@charter.net

Offering Families: Call the office to

volunteer

Rosary Leader Schedule: Mary
Schuttenhelm & Barb Clements

Weekday Servers (Grade Schoolers): Stephanie Gauger

Weekday Readers: Caryl Doberstein

Weekday Eucharistic Ministers: Carolyn Steingraeber

PARISH CONTACTS

Office Ass't Dir: Elizabeth Skemp

Finances: Steve McGovern,

Luci Johnson

Building Maintenance: Carl Francksen

Scrip Coordinator: 782.2953 ext. 1

Pat Hammes

Website: Jennifer Kulzer

Music Director: 782.2953 ext. 4

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

THE SEARCH

Answering often-asked questions about our Faith

Mondays, Feb 21-Apr 4, 6:00-7:30 Blessed Sacrament Parish Center Led by Deacon Allen

Tuesdays, Feb 22-Apr 5, 6:30-8 pm St. Patrick Parish, Onalaska

Led by Fr. Aaron Becker

Fridays, Feb 25-Apr 8, 9:00-10:30

Cathedral Undercroft Led by Msgr. Gilles

Fridays via ZOOM, Feb 25-Apr 8, 5:30-7 pm

Access at:

http://www.roncallinewmancenter.com/

Each session includes a video and open Q & A session with the priest/deacon.

No registration or fee required.

This week's topic: Who is Jesus?
The most beautiful part of this story is that we can know God's love, personally. This is the person of Jesus. But how did this seemingly insignificant carpenter, born into poverty is a dusty corner of the Roman Empire, become the most pivotal figure in all of history? Christianity isn't simply a philosophy for life – the Center of Christianity is a Person! We look at the life of Jesus and what He came to do. Ultimately, we need to decide if Jesus really was Who He said He was. We can't sit on the fence. Because, if Jesus really was Who He said He was, we need to make Him the Lord of our lives, and everything changes.

FRIDAYS IN LENT

Stations of the Cross & Benediction, 5:30
Soup & Bread following in the Parish Center
If you'd like to help with the supper by cooking or
serving, call 782-2953, ext. 4, or email
music@bsplacrosse.org.

HOLY WEEK HEADS UP

Palm Sunday: Our Masses will begin in the Parish Center so we follow in the steps of Jesus walking into church, as He entered Jerusalem to shouts of "Hosanna!"

Holy Thursday: We will again offer the Washing of Feet as part of our celebration of the Last Supper. Call the office at 608-782-2953, ext. 4, or email if you would like to be "an apostle" at that Mass. Easter Vigil: We will begin at 8:30 pm so the lighting of the new fire and Easter candle are easily appreciated in the dark.

MASS INTENTIONS

This week's reader: Ruth Vanderploeg

MON 3/21 Lenten Weekday

7:15 +Samuel Smith

TUES 3/22 Lenten Weekday

7:15 +Doris Skemp

WED 3/23 Lenten Weekday; Turibius of Mogrovejo

7:15 +Stephen Pavela 8:15 +George Allen

8.15 +George Alleri

THUR 3/24 Lenten Weekday; Oscar Romero

7:15 +Jaci Jagodzinski

FRI 3/25 Annunciation of the Lord

7:15 +Don Gallagher 5:30 pm Stations of the Cross; Benediction

SAT 3/26 Lenten Weekday

NO 7:15 Mass

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Celebrant: Father Raj

SAT 3/26 4:30 pm +Tucky Skemp

Servers: Matthew B., Kyle C.

Readers: Gene Koloczkowski, Christine Nelson

Rosary Leaders: Scott & Caryl Doberstein

SUN 3/27 8:00 +Terri Levi

Servers: Mike & Elizabeth H. Readers: Ed Noelke, Bob Kelemen Rosary Leaders: Joe & Barb Clements

10:00 For the People of the Parish

Server: Bobby S.

Readers: Ann Lankford, Theresa Kivi Rosary Leader: Galen Pittman

> CONFESSIONS Saturdays, 3:30-4:15 or by appointment.

THURSDAY ROSARY, 6:30 PM

Do you have a special intention and need Our Lady's intercession? Join us as we pray the Rosary Thursday evenings at 6:30 in the main church. Please use the alley handicap door.

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

Father Raj and all our priests are an amazing help in our spiritual growth. Without them we would not have the sacraments to help us on our journey to Heaven. Every Wednesday at 1:30 you are invited to join us as we pray for priests. Call Barb Clements at 608-782-5777 to get the details. We would love to have you!

AROUND THE PARISH

HELP UKRAINE

The wonderful outreach mission Chalice of Mercy has arranged for goods to be shipped to those fleeing the fighting in Ukraine. You may contribute items to this cause by dropping them off in the entry to our Parish Center (not the Narthex of church). The door along Losey Blvd will be open during office hours, and a table ready to receive your donated items is located there. Be as generous as you can, and keep our brothers and sisters in your prayers.

> Mary, Queen of Peace, Pray for us.

SAINT CAMILLUS OUTREACH

Parishioners and friends who are home-bound or in nursing homes or care centers so appreciate a connection with others, especially the parish. Our Saint Camillus Outreach Group has had to take a break during COVID because visits were not allowed. It's time to "resurrect" this needed ministry. If you'd like to learn more and perhaps join this group, contact Deacon Allen at david.j.allen@charter.net.

A gathering of interested folks is being planned.

LIGHTHOUSE MEDIA BOOKS/ CDs

There is a need for books and CDs on saints, apologetics, Biblical truths, Church teaching and theologians, etc. for the Lighthouse Media display in the entry to the Adoration Chapel. If you wish to donate, just drop off your items in the parish office and designate them for the Lighthouse.

SCRIP NEWS

Gas and grocery prices - YIKES!
Use \$crip to help your Aquinas tuition bill.

Formed.org

Friday is the Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord when Mary's "Yes" set in motion the wheels for our redemption with the coming of Jesus into the world. Mary conformed the entirety of her life to the Divine Will. In doing so she became the model of perfect discipleship. This week on formed.org in the talk "Say Yes to Christ: Allowing Jesus to Be the Lord of Your Whole Life," Dr. Scott Hahn discusses why we too should surrender our lives to the Lord. Check it out on Formed.org.

Tribute to Sister Thea Bowman
Look for information on Sister's life
coming soon
from the Education Department at
Viterbo.
A week of celebration
will be March 27 through April 1.
Sister Thea, Servant of God, pray
for us.

ANGELS OF MERCY PRAYER GOUP

If you or someone you know is seriously ill, facing surgery, or needs prayers, please contact the Parish Office so our ANGELS OF MERCY Prayer Group can be notified.

PARISH SUPPORT

BUDGET

July 1, 2021- June 30, 2022

Needed Weekly \$13,000 Received Mar 13 \$8,452

Have you ever been told that your train of thought might need a caboose?

COMING UP

Mar 23 Religious Ed classes
Mar 26 First Confession, 9:00
Mar 29 Catholic Daughters Spirituality
Day, 9:30-2:30, Marathon
Apr 6 Confessions, 6 pm, here at BSP
Apr 11 All day Confession at Cathedral
Apr 11-17 Our week for Mobile Meals
Apr 12 Chrism Mass, 10:30, Cathedral
Apr 20 Confirmation, 6:30 pm
May 1 First Communion, 10:00

COMING UP

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELL-DESERVED

Kay Berra

2022 recipient of the Catholic Charities IN MY NAME award

Kay served Blessed Sacrament School, first as a teacher beginning in 1984, and then as Principal from 1990 until 2021. Her 35 years of dedicated service don't begin to tell the story of a woman who so dedicated her life to the education of young people. But, even further, her nurturing the souls of all she touched – students, teachers, parents, parishioners – was her daily way of life. We were so fortunate to have had her in our midst.

Thank you, Kay. God bless you!

LIFE TEEN CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY CONVENTION

June 12-15, Scottsdale, Arizona Get your batteries recharged to inspire your work with youth. Scholarship monies available. Contact Andrew Brueggen: youthdir@stpatsonalaska.com.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS SPIRITUALITY DAY Tuesday, March 29, St.

Anthony's, Marathon; 9:30-2:30
Prayer and reflection by Father
Sam Martin, pastor of Holy Name
Parish, Wausau
All women are invited to spend
time in prayer and reflection
\$15 with lunch
Send registration & payment to:
Barb Olson, 1806 Heuss Ave
Schofield, WI 54476.

AROUND TOWN

SAINT PATRICK PARISH LENTEN FISH FRY

School gym, 11th & Main St, Onalaska 5-7:30 pm, Fridays

3 piece dinner - \$15; 2-piece dinner-\$12; 1-piece or grilled cheese dinner- \$9; food for children under 5 – free; carry-outs available

FISH FRY AT MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

March 25, 4-7 pm; dine-in or carry-out \$12/2 pieces; \$14/3 pieces; \$5/kid's meal

SEMINARIANS TO PRAY FOR THIS WEEK

Mon David Nowicki
Tues John Duranso
Wed Joseph Glatczak
Thurs Matthew Szymanski

Fri Brian Ward Sat Kyle Lang Sun Alex Radtke

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Heavenly Father, bless Your Church with an abundance of holy and zealous priests, deacons, brothers, and sisters. Give those You have called to the married state and those You have chosen to live as single persons in the world the special graces that their lives require. Form us all in the likeness of Your Son, so that in Him, with Him, and through Him, we may love You more deeply and serve You more faithfully, always and everywhere. With Mary we ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Consider offering an Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be for the seminarians on their special day, along with the Prayer for Vocations

If you or someone you know is interested in discovering more about a call to the priesthood, please contact me: Father Nate Kuhn, Director of Vocational Recruitment for the Diocese of La Crosse, 3710 East Ave. S, PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004; or phone 608-791-2667.

FRANCISCAN CORE

June 19-24 at Viterbo
Resident experience for late teens
Service Camp includes time for prayer, education on
Church social teachings, direct service, meditation
with counselors.

Apply online at www.viterbo.edu/franciscan-core

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION PREPARATION

Do you wish to help others discover a personal, intimate relationship with God? Are you interested in preparing for retreat ministry? Are you looking to hone your deep, compassionate listening skills? Franciscan Spirituality Center is offering a 3-year program to prepare for these steps. The new cycle begins in September, 2022, with application deadline of June 1. Go to www.FSCenter.org to download a brochure and application.

AQUINAS NEWS

MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSICAL "GODSPELL"

Thursday, March 24, 6:30; Friday, March 25, 12:45 Free will offering

BOOSTER CLUB AUCTION April 2, 5:30, Aquinas gym

Come for fun in person or join us online for the silent auction. 150 Golden Tickets (raffle tickets) are being sold for \$100 each. One will be selected on April 2 with the winner offered a choice of 15 designated live auction items. Buy tickets at aquinas.bc@gmail.com. Refreshments and light appetizers.

2022-2023 ENROLLMENT

Enrollment and re-enrollment for the 2022-23 school year is now open. If you are interested in exploring your options when it comes to education, we would be happy to show you what Aquinas has to offer. We have options for financial aid beginning in 5K, after school care options, and wide-reaching bus routes throughout the area. Aquinas Catholic Schools is a Christ-centered family devoted to nurturing students of all faiths through educational excellence in its vibrant Catholic tradition. Contact info@aquinasschools.org with any questions or visit www.aquinascatholic schools.org/enrollment. Follow @AquinasCatholicSchools on Facebook.

WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

Weekly dialogue in person or virtual using Pope Francis' 'Fratelli Tutti' (*On Fraternity and Social Friendship*, the study guide.)
Thursdays, 9:30-11 am or 6:30-8 pm
Coordinator: Adele DiNatale-Svetnicka
She has had 12 years of experience in parish ministry and is an FSPA affiliate.

Reserve your spot at <u>www.sarcenter.com</u> or call 715-443-2236. Free will offering.

Mar 24: Ch 6: Dialogue & Friendship in Society Mar 31: Ch 7 & 8: Paths of Renewed Encounter & Religion at the Service of Fraternity in our World

MISSION TRIP TO LOUISIANA, JULY 24-31

Those who have finished Freshman year in High School are invited to help Catholic Charities there rebuild following the damage from hurricane Ida of Aug, 2021. Dorm-style accommodations, meals and transportation provided. Cost of trip is \$400; deposit of \$200 by March 15. Contact Holy Family Parish, Prairie du Chien: 563-329-0149 or email: mstoeffler64@gmail.com.

LA CROSSE CATHOLIC CEMETERY

As many of us know, the roads through the Catholic Cemetery are showing their age (last backtopped in the 1960's). If you would like to help finance this project contact the Cemetery at 608-782-0238 or email jreinhart1@yahoo.com. During Lent, pray the Stations in the Cemetery; they are beautiful!