



# Blessed Sacrament Parish

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### Blessed Sacrament Parish

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## 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time September 8, 2019

### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening 4:30 pm  
Sunday Morning 8:00 & 10:00 am  
Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 7:30 am  
Wed 9:00 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*

**September 8, 2019**

**BECOMING A PRIEST**  
**By Bishop Callahan**

The recruitment, formation and education of every future generation of priests is squarely placed on the shoulders of the present generation. We must safeguard and secure the solid and positive delivery of what Jesus taught and died for with His first band of priests, the Apostles. The message – the Truth – doesn't change. The Church is built on the Rock of Faith. The ages of humanity – civilization – change. So with this change the delivery of the Truth needs to be relatable to everyone in every age in which the Gospel is preached and expected to be lived. In our time, this unbroken line of communicating the true faith has been passed on through the bishops and the priests.

The education and formation of future priests is an essential and important part of the Church's growth and life in the world. We are taking the lead offered by the Church to create two new programs for the education and formation of the men whom God has given us to study for the priesthood. The first program is truly new and will impact the future of all men coming to the seminary (at whatever level) to study for the priesthood. Men, while not yet seminarians, enter into their first year of formation by way of a program called Journey. We see this year as an initiation into a measured and planned lifestyle, opening the man to the idea of the seminary and the disciplined and ordered life of priestly service.

The second program called Regency is open to seminarians, typically at college level or those in later years as they are preparing for entry into sacred theology. Regency is a year set aside to work on human formation. The seminarian will have a chance to deepen his prayer life, experience fraternal life in community, and work for a local business, study at Viterbo University and receive counseling with an in-house mentor. After his Regency experience, the seminarian is ready to complete his formal time of study in preparation for ordination.

I would doubt very much that given today's social needs and concerns, very few of us would want more doctors faster, speeding up their time in medical school. Few of us would want a lawyer who took a quick trip through law school. These ideas go on and on in various professions – except the priesthood. The need for priests is great; we cannot rush a man's priestly formation. We cannot have the Church without priests; we cannot have the Eucharist (the living presence of Jesus Christ) without priests. Yet, many seem to believe that we "invent" the Church on our own. It cannot be done, and we need to start to understand that we cannot do so. We need properly and completely educated priests. The Church knows this to be true, and She is serious about addressing the issue today.

Pray for priests.

**September 9 - 15, 2019**

**EUCHARIST:** Pete Fiorini

**READER:** Caryl Doberstein

**MON 9/9** Peter Claver

7:30 **+Ann Marie Pint**

Servers: Don Flynn, Mike Vanderploeg

**TUES 9/10** Weekday

7:30 **+Don Gilbert**

Server: Pete Fiorini; Mike Vanderploeg

**WED 9/11** Weekday

9:00 **+James & Arlene Johnson**

**THU 9/12** Weekday; Most Holy Name of Mary

7:30 **+Maxine Kroner**

Servers: Marcus & Ryann Klar

**FRI 9/13** John Chrysostom

7:30 **+Deceased members of Swieciak family**

Servers: Kyara Cayasso, Eliot McKnight

**SAT 9/14** Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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**24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**SAT 9/14** **+Irene Juza**

Celebrant: Fr. Peter Raj

MC: Pete Fiorini

Servers: Craig, Alexa Myre, Thomas Gorman

Reader: Tom Kieffer, Joan Mueller

Petitions:

Eucharist: Caryl Doberstein, Donna Cramer, Ruth Wills,

Pauline Jagodzinski

Ushers: Ken Kresky, Allan Fukuda, Dave Sweeney

Offering family: Loretta Clarkin & Theresa Schaub

Rosary Leaders: Ken & Grainne Quillin

**SUN 9/15 8:00** **For the people of the parish**

Celebrant: Fr. Peter Raj

MC: Mike Vanderploeg

Servers: Skemps

Readers: Tom Michel, 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: David & Jeanette Schreier & family

Rosary Leader: Barb Swieciak

**10:00** **+Deceased family, friends, & members  
of Aquinas Class of 1964**

Concelebrants: Fr. Peter Raj

MC: William Arnold

Servers: Gaugers

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: Kathy & Nicholas Nicks

Rosary Leaders: Helen & Kevin Roop

**WEDNESDAY MASS TIME IS 9:00 DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR**

## 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.

### REST IN PEACE

Donald Houlihan  
father of Teresa Hollnagel

### From the Office desk:

If you have moved, please oh please let the office know your new address.

You can call or email:  
office@BSPLaCrosse.org

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.

### FOOD DRIVE THANK YOU

What a huge out-pouring of generosity!

The shelves at Catholic Charities are once again ready for folks who have need of groceries. Thanks to everyone who helped!

### BSP WOMEN'S CLUB

**Monday, Sept 9, 6 pm**  
**Parish Center**

#### Potluck supper

*Speaker: Leticia Silva from the  
Catholic Charities Warming Center*

*Door prizes  
Fun, fellowship*

*Come to this first meeting of the  
year and learn what a vibrant  
active group of women we have!*

*Questions? Call President,  
Helen Roop, 796-2644*

### REJOICE CHOIR

The Choir will sing on Sun, Sept 15, at 10:00. Come a few minutes early to warm up. We welcome singers of all ages; music-reading skill is not essential. The Choir practices once a month and sings at 2 weekend Masses and for special occasions.

### \$CRIP NEWS

Phone orders: 782-2953, ext. 6.

Email orders: SCRI@  
bsplacrosse.org

Hurry up! Chili dogs from Rudy's are a great Fall treat, but time is running out to get yours.

### APPLE PIES ARE COMING

On Friday, Sept 20, many hands will be needed to peel apples and assemble pies for the sale on the 21st and 22nd. Sharpen your peeler and get out your apron. Needed ingredients (drop off in the box in the Narthex):

\*flour  
\*sugar  
\*shortening  
\*butter

### ADORATION CHAPEL

The chapel is located just off the alley between the church and the Parish Center. There is a ramp for ease of entrance. The Chapel is open daily, so just drop in. If you wish to visit during the night, call the office to obtain the access code.

Our chapel is a most peaceful place for your visits with Our Lord.

## PARISH SUPPORT

### BUDGET

**July 1, 2019- June 30, 2020**

|                 |          |
|-----------------|----------|
| Needed Weekly   | \$13,000 |
| Received Aug 18 | 10,250   |
| Aug 25          | 17,224   |

If Mama ain't happy, ain't nobody happy.  
If Grandma ain't happy...*RUN*

### ANNUAL APPEAL

**Kick-off Sept 14/15**  
**Video at Mass**

The Annual Appeal is a yearly drive to fund the various offices and initiatives of our Diocese. It is vital to supporting seminarians' education, to the work of the Missions, outreach to the needy, catechetical and evangelization programs, communication, youth programs, marriage preparation, and the upkeep of the Diocesan Center building.

## COMING UP

### FORMED.ORG

Prayer is one of the most basic elements of a life of faith, but sometimes it feels like a one-way "conversation." In the Formed.org Study series "Lectio: Prayer" Dr. Tim Gray shows how the solution to this problem can be found in the scriptures. As we head back into the school year, check out this and all the other great studies available on Formed.org.

Use this code to sign up: K2768J

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Wednesdays beginning Sept 11

\*Grades 1-5, 6:00-6:55 Blessed  
Sacrament School

\*Grades 6-8, 6:45-8:15 Mary,  
Mother of the Church

\*Grades 9 & 10, 7:00-8:30 Blessed  
Sacrament Parish Center

Watch your mail for registration info or call Pauline Connell, 782-2953, ext. 3, or email her: musiconlosey@yahoo.com.

Sept 9 Women's Club potluck meeting, 6 pm  
Sept 11 First class for Religious Education  
Sept 14/15 Kick-off for Annual Appeal  
Sept 15 Choir sings at 10:00 Mass  
Sept 16-22 Our week for Mobile Meals  
Sept 20 Apple pie making  
Sept 21 & 22 Apple pie sale  
Sept 22 First session of Bible Study (Tuesdays, 8:15-9:45)  
Oct 5 Catholic Daughters luncheon & program  
Oct 26 Men of the Cross Conference, Aquinas

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Mar 14 First Reconciliation, 9:00

Apr 15 Confirmation, 6:30,  
Cathedral

Apr 26 First Communion, 10:00

Boxtops for education may be dropped off in the Narthex. Proceeds help with school activities.

## AROUND TOWN

### **MEN OF THE CROSS CONFERENCE**

Saturday, October 26, at Aquinas

8:50 am through 4:30 Mass with Bishop Callahan  
Inspirational speakers to help men of all ages (and  
their sons) recharge their batteries.

One of the Keynotes: **STEVE RAY** is a best-selling author and  
international speaker, pilgrimage guide to Israel and Biblical  
Lands. He is a video producer, Bible study writer and teacher,  
frequent guest on radio and TV. The Ray family entered the  
Catholic Church in 1994. It was an unintended journey from the  
Baptist tradition to Catholic. Since then Steve has been busy  
writing books, traveling around the world, teaching the truth of the  
Catholic Church, leading pilgrimages and producing the award-  
winning documentary series with Ignatius Press "The Footprints of  
God: The Story of Salvation from Abraham to Augustine." Steve's  
Footprints of God apostolate is one of adventure and education,  
demonstrating the truth, beauty and excitement of the Christian  
life lived in the heart of the Catholic Church.

Register today at: [menofthecross.org](http://menofthecross.org).

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### **RURAL LIFE DAY**

Sept 13, 2019, 10 am Mass

Otter Creek Farms, Cty Rd A, Pittsville

Following Mass there will be recognitions and  
awards, the blessing of crops and machinery, and a  
meal.

For more information: [diolc.org/rural-life](http://diolc.org/rural-life) or  
608-791-0161

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### **COULEE REGION HUNGER WALK**

Sunday, October 13

Myrick Park

To benefit the Hunger Task Force, WAFER Food  
Pantry, Catholic Charities and other non-profits.  
Mark your calendar. There will be sponsor sheets.

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### **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/](http://www.ctscentral.net/trips/guatemala/beatification-pilgrimage-to-guatemala/).

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### **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](http://diolc.org/lay-formation)

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### **COAST TO COAST ROSARY led by the KC's**

Sunday, Oct 13, 3 pm

(Anniversary of the Fatima miracle)  
Corner of King St and Losey Blvd.

### **AQUINASFEST**

**The Aquinas Schools Foundation extends a huge  
THANK YOU**

**To all the wonderful sponsors, volunteers, and  
families who made the 42<sup>nd</sup> FEST a success!**

Witness the difference an Aquinas Catholic Schools  
education can make for your child. At Aquinas  
students explore their passions, give back to their  
communities, grow in faith, and prepare for a  
successful future. Schedule a tour today and consider  
joining the Blugold family. [www.aquinasschools.org](http://www.aquinasschools.org) or  
call 784-8585.

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### **FALL FESTIVALS**

**\*St. Mary's Parish, Colby**

Sunday, Sept 8, Mass 10:00; ham/chicken dinner 10:30  
Auction, treasures, petting zoo, kids' games,  
refreshments; cash raffle at 4 pm

**\*St. Kevin's & Guardian Angels Parish, Melrose**

Sunday, September 15, 11-2:00

Family Style turkey & ham dinner  
Country Store, raffles, Packers on TV, kids' games

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### **BIBLE STUDY FOCUSING ON THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES**

This Book of the Bible shows us how the Holy Spirit  
works through normal human beings to spread the  
Gospel message. If you have asked yourself recently,  
"What am I supposed to do in this crazy world we are  
currently living in?" this class is for you.

Sessions will begin Sept 24 here at BSP, 8:15-9:45 am,  
Tuesdays. Other times and parish places are  
available, as well. \$10 for the full 10 sessions.

Sign up today.

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### **CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS**

**SALAD LUNCHEON & BLACK DRESS SKIT**

Sat, Oct 5, 11:00, Parish Center; Save the date

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### **GOOD GRIEF: HEALING WHILE GRIEVING**

Mon, Sept 9, 5:30-6:30

Lang Conference Room, Mayo Healthcare

Topic: Anamnesis: Rituals of Re-member-ing

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### **MMOC CHICKEN-QUE**

Thurs, Sept 12, 11-6:00 or until sold out. \$10 per meal.

Presales and deliveries: 518-6145.

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### **ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S**

Sat, Sept 14 at Myrick Park

Register at [alz.org/walk](http://alz.org/walk)

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### **FALL CAMPOREE 2019**

October 4-6, Camp Decorah

Diocesan Scouts BSA & Venturer Crews  
Call Cindy Sjolander, 783-4911