Roman Catholic Churches of La Crosse, WI Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | July 16th, 2023

## **MASS TIMES** SATURDAY

4:30PM Blessed Sacrament (BSP) SUNDAY

9AM Blessed Sacrament (BSP) 11AM Roncalli Newman (RNC)

#### **DAILY MASS TIMES**

Monday - Friday - 8:00AM (BSP) Tues - 5:15PM (RNC) Wed/Fri - Noon (RNC)

#### **CONFESSIONS**

3:30PM - 4:15PM Saturdays or by appointment

## **OUR PARISH IS SERVED BY: PASTOR**

Fr. Billy Dodge 608-860-6001 ext.8

#### ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Fr. Sam McCarty 608-860-6001 ext. 9

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Dcn David Allen Dcn Dave Belland

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Mon - Fri: 8:30<sub>AM</sub> - Noon office@bsplacrosse.org 608-782-2953 ext. 2

#### **RNC OFFICE HOURS**

Mon - Thurs: 9AM - 12PM, 1PM - 4PM Fri: 9AM - 12PM office@newmanlc.org 608-860-6001 ext. 1

# FROM THE DESK OF FR. SAM MCCARTY

A reflection this week on my mission trip to Brazil. One of the things that struck me while down there was that although a lot (almost everything) in my day-to-day was different from my life here at home, I still encountered the presence of Jesus in the same ways that I do every day. For example, every day I pray the liturgy of the hours - basically a collection of Psalms and other Scripture passages organized into five daily prayers - and even while I was failing to speak Portuguese and eating different foods and trying to be a missionary in a foreign country, I was still coming into contact with God through the prayers I say every single day. This was true for Mass also: half of the time it was in a different language but there I was 5,000 miles from home running into Jesus just like I do in La Crosse.

I was surprised by this: I kind of expected things to be different and God to come only in new fresh ways. And certainly he did, but he was there more powerfully and more clearly in the ways that I already knew. This taught me two things. First, God is consistent and the life built on him has a sure foundation. Second, the habits we form in order to draw close to God are very powerful.

It was a good lesson and a good trip! There were a total of 11 of us from La Crosse on the trip and it was definitely a powerful experience for all. I think part of the goodness was that the Lord worked in many different ways; each person would tell a different story about how God was working which I think is pretty cool. Say a prayer that we all will remain missionaries and continue to spread the Good News! Peace, Fr. Sam

# AROUND OUR PARISHES

**Appreciation for the New Kitchen Linens** 

Thank you to all who donated new kitchen cloths and towels for the RNC kitchen. We were able to recycle the stained, ripped, old towels upstairs to use as cleaning cloths. Students will be happy to have clean, new linens to use this Fall. Thanks again!

The Sundaes are Coming on Saturday, July 29! Come to the annual AAUW ART FAIR ON THE GREEN, this year's new location at the Viterbo Courtyard 10am to 5pm. Newman will sell our homegrown Strawberry/Hot fudge Sundaes and Root beer Floats. Proceeds from our booth go toward hunger relief and other projects to help the poor. Recent Social Justice Committee donations include Hosea's Heart, LaCrosse Jail Ministry, free books, international Catholic Relief Services, and Bread for the World. Your enjoyment of a summertime treat is greatly appreciated.

**Gathering Loaves & Fishes** 

Gathering Loaves and Fishes will be getting together at Luigi's Italian Restaurant, 235 Sandlake Rd., Onalaska on Sunday, July 16th at 12:30. Please call Colleen at 608-787-1120 if you would like to join us.

# **AROUND OUR PARISHES**

Vacation Bible School Registration is Open!

You heard right! Vacation Bible School for all the Catholic parishes in La Crosse is back! Save the date August 7-11th from 9am-12pm for children entering Kindergarten-5th Grade hosted at Holy Trinity Parish. We will be taking a Super Cool Undersea Bible Adventure this year at Vacation Bible School. A week of prayer, songs, stories, crafts, and diving deeper into the power and mystery of God! Adults, middle, and high school youth volunteers needed too! Register using the QR code here:



First Reconciliation and Eucharist Preparation

All families with children eligible (age 7 and/or entering 2nd grade) to begin preparing to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist for the first time should have received an invitation letter along with an application form in the mail. If you did not receive this please contact Kristin Johnson at kjohnson@mmoclacrosse.org or 608-788-5483 Ext. 4. A friendly reminder that application forms are due by July 31st.

## Help Needed!

Blessed Sacrament School is looking for After Care workers for the 23-24 school year. These positions offer flexible hours Monday-Friday from 2:30-5:30pm. If interested, please contact Kate Moll at 608-782-5564 or kate.moll@aguinasschools.org.

## Save the Date | Art Fair at Blessed Sacrament Parish | August 26th

Help to support our Priests and Seminarians! Aug., 26th, 2023, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Many vendors available, food, drinks, silent auction, bake sale and an ice cream social.

#### Coffee and Donuts after 11 am Mass

We have resumed Coffee and Donuts at Roncalli Newman after the 11 am Mass on Sunday. Last week was well attended as we ran out of donuts very early. Adjustments have been made and this week there will be plenty for all who want to visit after Mass. So join us in the Gathering Space right after Mass for a sweet treat and a cup of coffee or lemonade. We have truly missed each other.

## **Our Sympathies**

Rest in Peace Dr Paul Felion, longtime member of Blessed Sacrament who passed way on July 1st.

#### **Looking for Volunteers**

We need YOUR help! We are in need of volunteers to serve at Salvation Army - it is a true need in our community! Sign up on the Roncalli Newman website. Thank you!

# LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE JULY 22/23

## Sat, Jul 22, 4:30 PM (Mass at Blessed Sacrament)

Judy Kabat Reader (1) Mark Steingraeber Reader (2)

Kristin Johnson & Mary Blaha-DeBoer Cantor & Accompanist

Hunter J Server

Pat Abraham & Donna Cramer **Hospitality Ministers** Mike Vanderploeg Sacristan/MC Caryl Doberstein & Thomas Miller **EMHCs** 

#### Sun, Jul 23, 9:00 AM (Mass at Blessed Sacrament)

Jim Bagniewski Reader (1) Steve McGovern Reader (2) Jennifer Kulzer & Mary Blaha-DeBoer Cantor & Accompanist Matthew B. & Greg Sauer Servers John Gallagher & Karen Gamoke **Hospitality Ministers** Sunny Onyeabor & Bruce Simones **Hospitality Ministers** William Arnold Sacristan/MC Tad & Erin Strittmater **EMHCs** 

#### Sun, Jul 23, 11:00 AM (Mass at Roncalli Newman)

Tom Hench Reader (1) Kathleen Hench Reader (2) Andy Manson & ME Haupert Cantor & Accompanist Ginger & Ken Horth **Hospitality Ministers** Vanessa & Ressano Machado **Hospitality Ministers** John Horman & Richard Kotovich **Gift Bearers** Sacristan/MC Debbie Clarkin

#### Rosary Leaders at Blessed Sacrament

6/22 4:30pm - Scott and Caryl Doberstein 6/23 9am - Galen Pittman

**See the Liturgical Ministry Schedule** for July 29/30 on the back page.

# MUSIC & LITURGY: FROM THE DESK OF MARY ELLEN HAUPERT

#### WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM A SURVEY?

First, thank you to all parishioners who have completed the liturgical ministry and outreach survey. You provide contact information and feedback that is important for programming. Fifty-nine parishioners from both Blessed Sacrament (23.7% participation) and Roncalli Newman (76.3% participation) have completed the survey to date. Given that our average combined Sunday Mass attendance is about 600, I'm hoping to see more participation throughout the summer months.

I will be in town the weekend of July 15/16 and will make an announcement at all the Masses; there will be paper copies of the survey available to parishioners who struggle with technology. I will also be present after Mass to help anyone who needs help or has questions/concerns. I have done a fair amount of traveling to visit family this summer and haven't yet generated a paper version of the survey; my plan is to have it available at the doors of both parishes from the middle of July through the end of August. Trust that this information will be used for personal and parochial growth, as well as for programming and discussion among staff and pertinent committees. It will be very helpful to have your input as we plan for this fall!

#### **HOVER YOUR PHONE OVER THIS QR CODE!**

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# **MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY, JULY 15** 

4:30pm BSP +Gary Evers

**SUNDAY, JULY 16** 

9am BSP +Ray & Florence Mashak

+John Withers 11am RNC

**MONDAY, JULY 17** 

+Marianne Pittman 8am BSP

**TUESDAY, JULY 18** 

8am BSP +Ray and Genevieve Kelzer

+Leo Mashak 5:15pm RNC

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 19** 

8am BSP Deceased Relatives of

Mary Blaha DeBoer

Noon RNC +Mary Ann Bradley

**THURSDAY, JULY 20** 

8am BSP +Bob Kachel

FRIDAY, JULY 21

8am BSP +Ron Hammes Noon RNC +Tom Strange

**SATURDAY, JULY 22** 

4:30pm BSP +Bernard Volz

**SUNDAY, JULY 23** 

9am BSP +Matt Haug 11am RNC +Leo Mashak

> Stewardship of Treasure 07/09 BSP \$6,250 | RNC \$11,073 Thank you for your support!

# YOU'RE APPRECIATED!

In recognition of all our dedicated volunteers Father Dodge, Father McCarty and the staff from Blessed Sacrament and Roncalli Newman invite you to a Volunteer Recognition Picnic

**WHO:** For anyone who volunteers their time and talents whether that be selling scrip, cleaning, serving as a Eucharistic minister, reader, hospitality greeter, altar server or rosary leader. If you serve on the finance or pastoral council, sacred worship or social justice committees, you are invited. Do you help at funeral lunches, count money, serve soup during lent, work the Warming Shelter, or sing in choir? If so, please come. If you volunteer in any capacity at either of our parishes, you are invited!

WHEN: Wednesday August 16th 4:30-7:00pm

WHERE: Lower Myrick Park at the Gun Club

Shelter

WHAT: Food, Drink and Fun

**HOSTS**: Fr. Billy, Fr. Sam, along with the Staff of

**BSP** and RNC

\*\*In order to have an idea of how much food to prepare, please RSVP by calling the office at BSP at 608-782-2953 or RNC at 608-860-6001

or email to office@bsplacrosse.org

**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!** 

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Margaret Anderson

Judy Kabat

Reader (2) Michelle Johnson & Mary Blaha-DeBoer Cantor & Accompanist Servers

Maria J. and Michael J.

Sean O'Flaherty & Mary O'Mara

Mike Vanderploeg Debbie Clarkin & Ellen Kallies

Sun, Jul 30, 9:00 AM (Mass at Blessed Sacrament)

John Gallagher

Chris Dresen & Mary Blaha-DeBoer

Marie Allen & Kathi Hancock (sub req.) EMHCs

Sun, Jul 30, 11:00 AM (Mass at Roncalli Newman)

Bill Leonard Michele Thorman

Peg Manson & Ryan Howe

Debbie Dahl-Schultz & Erma Hafner

Mike & Becky Kreiling

Alice Mcquire Backlund & Cindy Sjolander(sub req.) Gift Bearers

Mary Lou Balts

Reader (2)

Cantor & Accompanist **Hospitality Ministers** 

**Hospitality Ministers** 

Sacristan/MC

## Greg Sauer

Michele Cook & Jack Kallies

Scott Smerud & John Wissing

William Arnold

Reader (2) Cantor & Accompanist Server

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# AROUND THE COMMUNITY

# Domestic Church Retreat | Aug. 26-27

## St. Joseph Parish, 911 Wilson Ave., Menomonie, WI 54751.

This Domestic Church Evangelization Retreat begins on Saturday morning at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 4:30 p.m. the following Sunday. During the retreat, couples are invited to delve more deeply into the graces of their shared spiritual journey. The goal of the retreat is to strengthen the couple's spousal union and lead them to experience complete harmony and joy in their marriage through simple formation and meaningful dialogue that intentionally places Christ in the center. Please visit diolc.org/marriage/marriage-enrichment/ or use your smartphone's camera to scan the QR code to the left for more information.

## Join the Lay Formation Institute (LFI) – Watch testimonials of recent graduates!

Watch short videos of what the most recent graduates are saying about their Lay Formation experience, how it has deepened their relationship with Christ and their Faith! Registration is now open for the next two-year cycle that begins in the fall of 2023. For the video clips and more information, visit diolc.org/lay-formation. Discuss enrollment with your pastor and contact the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns at ministries@diolc.org or call 608.791.0161.

## Priests for Tomorrow | July 30 at the Waterfront in La Crosse.

Would you like to enjoy a delicious meal while supporting our Priests for Tomorrow? Join us July 30th for a wonderful evening. Tickets are \$150 or \$250 per couple. A table for 8 (including name posted on table and listed in program) is \$1,200. Contact rorth@diolc.org for more information or to make a reservation.

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The survey is divided into six parts: I) Contact information and parish affiliation, II) Liturgical Ministry, III) Music and Worship, IV) Adult Faith Development, V) Social Justice & Outreach Ministries, and VI) Campus Ministry Support. There are 26 questions total which will take a minimum of 5 minutes to complete. (You may take more time for additional comments and feedback at the end of the survey.)

## Specifically,

- I. **Contact Information and Parish Affiliation** We need to know who you are and how we can contact you for various programs and prayer opportunities.
- II. **Liturgical Ministries** We are always in need of volunteers to serve as readers, hospitality ministers, gift bearers, extraordinary ministers of holy communion, sacristans, and servers. We are looking to see if you are actively involved or interested. We have training sessions after all the Masses at least three times per year but are happy to provide training as the need arises.
- III. **Music & Worship** In addition to providing feedback about the worship aid, this section lets us know if you are interested in getting involved in music ministry, Liturgy Committee, or being a Rosary Leader before Masses at BSP and RNP.
- IV. **Adult Faith Development** The parish is committed to providing faith development activities for adults, and the survey asks if parishioners are interested in participating or providing some leadership in retreat opportunities, Adoration Hour at BSP, RCIA/OCIA Becoming Catholic, Bible studies for stationary members, Catholic Christian Outreach, prayer classes, Environmental Advocacy/Creation Care, or a faith-based book study. You are also welcome to suggest programs that might appeal to parishioners.
- V. **Social Justice & Outreach Ministries** Jesus' teaching is clear: Mt 25:40, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." You could serve on Social Justice Committee, or as a volunteer at Bethany-Riverside, Salvation Army, Warming Center, or be part of a network of parishioners who pray for specific intentions.
- VI. **Campus Ministry Support** Would you be willing to donate snacks or serve as a host for student dinners on Tuesdays while UW-L is in session?

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