Roman Catholic Churches of La Crosse, WI Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | August 13th, 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

DEACONS

Dcn David Allen
Dcn Dave Belland

CONTACT US BSP OFFICE HOURS

Mon - Fri: 8:30_{AM} - 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

*Are you homebound and need to be visited for Communion? Please call our parish office!

AROUND OUR PARISHES

Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary Mass Times Monday, August 14th Tuesday, August 15th

5:30 PM (BSP)

8:00 AM (BSP) 5:15 PM (RNP)

Please join us at our Volunteer Recognition Picnic!

It's not too late to come sign up for the Volunteer Recognition Picnic for all of those who volunteer in any capacity at either parish. Please bring a few lawn chairs if you have them. Please call either office by noon on Monday to sign up.

Special Appeal this Weekend

Sister Salome Nnambi, IHMR from Uganda, be giving an appeal this weekend Blessed Sacrament and Roncalli Newman Parishes. The collection is for funds to complete the dining hall for the students at Our Lady of Guadalupe School. Special collection envelopes will be placed in the pews and in back of the church. Please make checks payable to Blessed Sacrament or Roncalli Newman Parish, with "Mission Coop-Uganda" in the memo. Many thanks for your kindness and generosity.

Gathering Loaves & Fishes August 17th

Have an evening out with Gathering Loaves and Fishes along the Mississippi River at the Pettibone Boat Club on Thursday, August 17th at 6pm Please call Colleen at 608-787-1120 to join us.

Art Fair August 26th

Please join us in supporting our Priests and Seminarians Education Fund at our Art Fair, August 26th, at the Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall from 9am - 4pm. There will be 23 vendors displaying and selling their art, also food, drinks, bake sale, silent auction, ice cream social and door prizes. This event is hosted by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, please come and support your Priests and Seminarians. Free admission!

Happy Anniversary!

Congratulations to Dave and Mary Jo Reinders who will be celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary this week. God bless you both.

RCIA Beginning Soon!

ARE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW SEARCHING FOR ...

- •A deeper relationship with God?
- •A sense of belonging in a faith community?
- A greater understanding of your mission in life?

HAVE YOU BEEN CURĬOUŚ...

- •What Catholics actually believe?
- •Why Catholics do what we do at Mass?

ALREADY CATHOLIC...?

•Invite someone you know who may be interested and accompany them on their journey.

Get answers to all of your questions about the Catholic faith; Our "no strings" inquiry program is starting soon. Contact the office for more information.

AROUND OUR PARISHES

Help support young victims of trafficking through Hosea's Heart

Thanks to the hard work and generosity of so many Roncalli and Blessed Sacrament parishioners, the Women's Club Plant Sale was able to raise \$3800 toward the sponsorship of a young girl. However we fell short by \$800 of the needed \$4600 for her complete cost of food, clothing, shelter, education, and counseling. Hosea's Heart puts a local LaCrosse touch to the sex trafficking evil. For anyone who has had the opportunity to view the movie Sound of Freedom, you know just how overwhelmingly deep and evil this business is. As Mary Kate and her team work to rescue young girls, we are only a phone call or email away. How blessed we are to help in this battle against evil on a very grass roots level. So one last time we come knocking on the door of your hearts asking for donations for this young woman's 2023-2024 tuition. We need \$800. 40 people giving \$20 will put us over the finish line. Checks can be made out to Blessed Sacrament's Women Club with Hosea's Heart in the memo. Thanks and God bless in advance.

PRESENTATION: God's Masterpiece-Christ Within Us / God's Masterplan-Christ Before Us

Take time with others and increase your knowledge of the greatest and most incredible miracle since the time of Jesus—Jesus' True Presence in the Eucharist. On Monday, August 21, 2023 from 5:30-8:00p.m. we will gather in the BSP hall for a live, virtual conference by Mark Hart, a nationally renowned speaker. His two presentations are titled God's Masterpiece, Christ Within Us and God's Masterplan, Christ Before Us. Cost is only \$10 and includes Mark Hart's book, The Divine Encounter. Sign up information is in brochures at the back of church, or register online at: diolc.org/witness. SEE YOU THERE!

Baptism Congratulations

Blessings to Sloane Grace McMahon, baptized this past weekend at Blessed Sacrament Parish

Wedding Congratulations

Congratulations to Liz Pardoe and Adam Dickey who were married last Saturday at Blessed Sacrament

Hosea's Heart Production in La Crosse! | August 19 @ Aquinas High School

Come to a transformative and empowering event as Hosea's Heart presents "Scars: Up From Ashes," a production that combines dance, vocals, poetry, and spoken word to tell a story of hope, forgiveness, and redemption. Hosea's Heart is a girl's safe home in Eswatini, Africa, serving girls who have been/are at risk for sexual abuse or trafficking. Through education, skill building, and, most importantly, fostering a relationship with God, Hosea's Heart gives girls a chance to envision a bright future, where they are capable and worthy of success. It costs \$375 per girl per month to provide all necessities for living. In lieu of admission fees, donations will be accepted to support these young women. Items made by the girls will also be for sale. See www.hoseasheart. org for more information.

Join us in celebrating Mary Ellen August 20th!

In recognition of Mary Ellen Haupert's 25 years of dedicated service to the Roncalli Newman Parish, we will be having a salad and dessert potluck (with entertainment) on August 20th, in the Newman Center Hall after the 11:00 Mass. Both parishes are welcome to attend. Check out the online bulletin for an RSVP link!

Newman Baked Goods Booth at Great River Folk Fest

Newman will have a food booth for one day only on Saturday, August 26 at the Great River Folk Fest, featuring home baked goods. We are asking parishioners to bake cookies, bars, muffins, quick breads and snack mixes and bring them to the Newman kitchen on Friday, August 25 from 4-7pm. Labeling goods and indicating items that are gluten free is very helpful. Volunteers will be there to receive the goods and package them for sale. If you would be willing to bake goods, or volunteer to sell items, (two hour shifts from 9am - 5pm), please sign up at the Main Street Entrance of Newman. This fundraiser helps us fund Social Justice projects that help those in need. As always, we couldn't do it without our generous parishioners. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Youth Faith Formation 23-24

The new school year is upon us, which means it's time to register your child/ren for their Faith Formation program. All families with youth in 1st through 12th grade should have received a letter and registration form in the mail. If you haven't, contact Kristin Johnson: kjohnson@newmanlc.org or Samuel Obert: sobert@mmoclacrosse.org. OR Register using the QR code below. Early-bird registration ends **August 31st**; price will increase thereafter.



Sacramental Preparation Programs

All families with children going into 2nd grade or 10th grade should have received information (via email) regarding applications for the prep. programs for the Sacraments of first Communion/first Confession (2nd graders) and Confirmation (10th graders). If you haven't received anything and would like your child to receive these Sacraments, contact Kristin Johnson: kjohnson@newmanlc.org or Samuel Obert: sobert@mmoclacrosse.org. Applications are due as soon as possible!

Volunteers Needed for Faith Formation

Our Family Formation program and Youth Program are in need of volunteers to help with this year's collaborative programs serving families and youth from five of the La Crosse parishes:

- Family Formation meets approximately twice a month from 5:30pm-6:45pm on Wednesdays at Mary Mother of the Church. Catechists and assistants are needed to teach monthly topics to children in grades 1st-5th. We are also in need of adults willing to serve as small group leaders to facilitate discussions with parents. Contact Kristin if you are interested or would like more information kjohnson@mmoclacrosse.org 608-788-5483 Ext. 4
- Youth Formation (middle and high school aged youth) takes place weekly on Wednesdays from 7:00pm-8:30pm at Blessed Sacrament Parish. If you are a faith filled person with a heart for young people your gifts are needed to serve as a small group leader for teens. Contact Samuel if you are interested or would like more information sonbert@mmoclaacrosse.org 608-788-5483 Ext. 5

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE AUGUST 19/20

Sat, Aug 19, 4:30 PM (Mass at Blessed Sacrament)

Judy Kabat Reader (1)
Caryl Doberstein Reader (2)
Kent Stein & Mary Blaha-DeBoer Cantor & Accompanist
Elizabeth H. & Mike H. Servers

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Donna Cramer & Mary O'Mara
Mike Vanderploeg
Paulette & Peter Drozdowicz

Servers
Hospitality Ministers
Sacristan/MC
EMHCs

Sun, Aug 20, 9:00 AM (Mass at Blessed Sacrament)

John Drake Reader (1)
John Gallagher Reader (2)
Chris Dresen & Mary Blaha-DeBoer Cantor & Accompanist

Chris Dresen & Mary Blaha-DeBoer
Dave Schreier
Steve Flottmeyer & Mark Hyde
Cantor & Accompani
Server
Hospitality Ministers

LuAnne Kratt & Bob Roth William Arnold

Chris & Patti SansCrainte

Sun, Aug 20, 11:00 AM (Mass at Roncalli Newman)

Margaret Bluske Reader (1)

Maureen Neuville Reader (2)

Peg Manson & ME Haupert Cantor & Accompanist

Paul & Sue Grant Hospitality Ministers

Sam & Freddi Servais Hospitality Ministers

Ginger & Ken Horth Gift Bearers
Cindy Sjolander Sacristan/MC

Rosary Leaders at Blessed Sacrament

8/19 4:30pm -

8/20 9am - Kevin and Helen Roop

MUSIC & LITURGY: FROM THE DESK OF MARY ELLEN HAUPERT

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Q & A Generated from the Survey

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Worship Aid or Hymnal?

Regarding the worship aid, the survey asked parishioners if they were very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, and very dissatisfied. 75.9% of BSP and RNP parishioners were very satisfied, 14.7% were somewhat satisfied, 8.6% somewhat dissatisfied, and .9% were very dissatisfied. When BSP merged with RNP last summer, Father Billy Dodge made the choice for a worship aid so that Newman parishioners (who were down to one Mass/weekend) might feel more at home at Blessed Sacrament. One year later, the majority of those who worship at BSP and RNP are very satisfied. Some of the points making a case for hymnal use were evangelization, catechesis, and clarity – all worthy of discussion as we move forward...

Read more of Mary Ellen's article in the online bulletin

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

4:30pm BSP +Bob Saphner

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

9am BSP The Intention of Jerry Borreson 8am BSP

11am RNC +Tom Skogen

MONDAY, AUGUST 14

8am BSP +Robert Schmitz 5:30pm BSP +Bill Chamberlain

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15

8am BSP +Charlie Brendel 5:15pm RNC +Leo Mashak **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16**

8am BSP +Carol Arnold

Noon RNC +Valgean Anderson

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17

8am BSP 60th Wedding Anniversary of

Dave and Mary Jo Reinders

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18

8am BSP +Anita Berg Hertha
Noon RNC Mental Health Healing

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

4:30pm BSP +Lucille Newton

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

9am BSP +Ann Jahimiak Simonson 11am RNC +Alice Daranczyk Socha

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE AUGUST 26/27

Sat, Aug 26, 4:30 PM (Mass at Blessed Sacrament)

Mary E Saphner Paulette Drozdowicz Jennifer Kulzer & Mary Blaha-DeBoer **NOT FILLED**

Sean O'Flaherty & Greg Sauer Mike Vanderploeg

Caryl Doberstein & Dave Schreier

Sun, Aug 27, 11:00 AM (Mass at Roncalli Newman)

Margaret Anderson Bob Masewicz Mary Blaha-DeBoer & ME Haupert Pat Cavadini & Kathie Hanna Leigh & Kathy Running Judy Kabat & Jen Masewicz Mary Lou Balts

EMHCs Reader (1) Reader (2) Cantor & Accompanist **Hospitality Ministers** Hospitality Ministers Gift Bearers

Cantor & Accompanist

Hospitality Ministers

Reader (1)

Reader (2)

Sacristan/MC

Sacristan/MC

Servers

Sun, Aug 27, 9:00 AM (Mass at Blessed Sacrament)

Dave Weinberger John Gallagher Kent Stein & Mary Blaha-DeBoer Matthew B. & Hunter Pat Abraham & Karen Gamoke Sunny Onyeabor & Bruce Simones William Arnold Sandra Borreson & Bernice Lansing

Reader (1) Reader (2) Cantor & Accompanist Servers Hospitality Minister Hospitality Minister Sacristan/MC **EMHCs**

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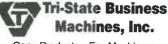
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Newman had this discussion 20 years ago. When I was hired as Roncalli Newman Parish's music director, I was told they had always used a worship aid, so there was no avoiding the weekly duties of generating one for Sunday Masses. I was encouraged to explore repertoire from all the major Catholic publishing houses, which included selections from GIA Publications, Oregon Catholic Press, and World Library Publications. Having the liberty to choose from a variety of different publishers didn't quelle the question of "Why don't we save a few trees?" – prompting a study considering the use of hymnals. Liturgy Committee advised that we retain the worship aid in order to explore a wider variety of repertoire, not to mention using 100% of what's printed. Our pastor supported that choice.

Blessed Sacrament was using the softcover "Word & Song," which is a subscription-based resource that contains both Sunday and weekday readings for each liturgical year, Roman Missal prayers, as well hundreds of musical selections. The parish reused plastic covers when the new shipment arrived in time for the First Sunday of Advent. The resource is excellent, but it is also expensive (\$18.50/copy). I'm sure that orders by volume offer financial savings, but even half of the sticker shock (\$18.50 X 300 = \$5,550/year X 2) is more than we can bear right now. On average, it costs about \$1,500.00 annually to produce 350 worship aids each weekend; this includes paper, copier expense, and copyright permission.

For now, we can be confident that the majority of people are very satisfied with the worship aid, and that we are complying with the pastor's instruction. Some people prepare for Mass with a subscription (i.e. GIVE US THIS DAY), or attending Mary Kerrigan's Sunday Scripture Study on Monday evening's at 7:00 PM in Bartl Lounge (lower level – RNP). I would also recommend visiting The Center for Liturgy at St. Louis University website (https://liturgy.slu.edu/index.html), which contains readings and commentary to guide you. A worship aid or hymnal isn't going to change your experience at Mass; only you and Christ Jesus can do that.

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

The Franciscan Spirituality Center, 920 Market St., LaCrosse, offers the following opportunities for grief support:

Listening Together: A Monthly Grief Support Group meets from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on the second Monday of the month. Laurie Swan facilitates. The next session is Aug. 14. Free to attend. No registration necessary.

Grief Circle, five-week series, meets from 10 a.m. to noon Wednesdays starting Sept. 13. Karna Marks and Kay Kienetz facilitate. Cost is \$50 for the series or \$20 with discount code GRIEF60.

Death Café, open conversation about death, dying, loss and grief, meets from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 28. Erica G. Srinivasan facilitates. Free to attend. No registration necessary.

Moving Through Grief, six-week series, meets from 10 a.m. to noon Wednesdays starting Oct. 4. Cathie Boerboom, RGS, facilitates. Cost is \$125 for the series or \$50 with discount code GRIEF60.

Unless otherwise indicated, advance registration is required at www.FSCenter.org or 608-791-5295.

The Franciscan Spirituality Center welcomes people of all faith backgrounds and traditions, or none.

A Minute with Jesus: The Eucharist is called Holy Mass

The word "Mass" comes from the Latin word "Missa." Missa is related to the word "missio," the root of the English word "mission." At Mass, we come to receive the Eucharist—the Real Presence of Jesus. He gives Himself to us out of love, to strengthen us in living out the Christian life. At the end of Mass, we are dismissed with the words, "The Mass is ended, let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord." Each of us is sent on mission, to show our love for God by loving and serving others and passing on the Catholic Faith to them. We want to help others to know the Truth – Jesus Christ – so that they also can find peace, which only He can give.

Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, please give me the courage to speak about my friendship with You in simple ways to others, when the opportunity arises. And let my actions speak louder than any words I say.

This week, read how we are to serve others in Hebrews 6:10. "Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another."



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