

Blessed Sacrament Parish

& Roncalli Newman Parish

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time // August 28th, 2022



BSP: (608) 782-2953. bsplacrosse.org // RNP: (608) 860-6001. www.roncallinewmancenter.com

RNP Office Hours:

Mon - Thurs 9am - 12pm, 1pm - 4pm
Fri 9am - 12pm

BSP Office Hours:

Mon - Thurs 9am - 1pm
Fri 9am - 12pm

Sunday Mass Times

Sat. 4:30pm @ BSP
Sun. 9am (BSP) & 11:15am (RNP)

Daily Mass Times

BSP Mon - Fri 7:15am
RNP Tues 5:15pm
RNP Wed & Fri Noon

Confession Times

Saturday evening @ 3:30pm
Available also by appt.

Baking Donations Needed

The Blessed Sacrament Women's Club annual apple pie sale is September 24-25, 2022, with pie assembly on Friday, September 23. Donations of flour, sugar, butter, and shortening can now be dropped off in the bin in the Narthex. Contact Helen Roop at 608-796-2644 with any questions.

Rosary in the Park

Calling young families! Join us as we pray and play. Bring a sack lunch, toys, or anything else to keep your little ones happy. Wednesdays at 11 AM Riverside Park near the fountain. Every Wednesday until the end of September, weather permitting. Text or call Christina for more info: 563-650-2606

Welcoming Back the College Students

In the following weeks we will be preparing to welcome our college students back to La Crosse! To help welcome the students, we are looking for donations of chips, granola bars, candy, crackers, etc. to hand out after Mass. Donations can be dropped off at Roncalli Newman by the campus ministry office. Thank you!

Little Flowers Group

Little Flowers Small group will begin starting next month, September 11, the second Sunday of each month, Sept - May in the Parish Center at BSP.

Script Sales

Since school is starting soon, we will be selling Script at Blessed Sacrament after the 4:30 pm Saturday Mass and the 9:00am Sunday Mass. However, we need your help. If you are willing to help sell Script after either Mass, please add your name to the list located in the Narthex. (See more information on script in the online bulletin).

Wanted-Tablecloths

BSP is replacing their purificators. The Papal encyclical, Laudato Si, calls us to protect the earth. In this spirit we plan to repurpose older cotton or linen tablecloths to make purificators. We will remove yellowing and stains. Please consider donating. You can drop them off at the BS parish office or the Newman Office. Thanks!

BSP/RNP small faith-sharing groups

Are you looking to deepen your faith? Do you want to know Jesus better? The Catholic Christian Outreach program (CCO) provides an opportunity to learn from one another in a small group. Our groups will meet weekly beginning in September, at the parish, specific time to be determined. Any questions please contact Natalie Bennett 608.385.5078 or bennetts6kids@gmail.com

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

September 3-4 @ BSP

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

Caryl Doberstein	Reader (1)
Barb Swieciak	Reader (2)
Maria J.	Server
Michael J.	Server
Michele Cook (sub req.)	Greeter/Usher
Thomas Miller	Greeter/Usher
Alie Toribio	Greeter/Usher
Sherwin Toribio	Greeter/Usher

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

Paul Thompson	Reader (1)
Luanne Kratt	Reader (2)
Charlee G.	Server
Ruby G.	Server
Carolyn Bagniewski	Greeter/Usher
Jim Bagniewski	Greeter/Usher
Bernice Lansing	Greeter/Usher
Bruce Simones	Greeter/Usher

September 10 – 11 @ BSP

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

Judy Kabat	Reader (1)
Christine Nelson	Reader (2)
Elizabeth H.	Server
Mike H.	Server
Tom Kratt	Greeter/Usher
Rose Porter	Greeter/Usher
Natalie Schwinn Weaver	Greeter/Usher
Scott Weaver	Greeter/Usher

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

Tony Weisse	Reader (1)
Ann Lankford	Reader (2)
Jackson W.	Server
Jonny W.	Server
Pat Abraham	Greeter/Usher
Michele Cook	Greeter/Usher
Sam Servais	Greeter/Usher
Freddi Servais	Greeter/Usher

Faith Formation Registration Early Bird Deadline Fast Approaching

A friendly reminder that the early bird registration date for Families Forming Disciples (grades 1st-8th) and high school Faith Formation is **August 31st**. Registration fees increase \$50 per child after this date. If you have not received registration materials please contact Kristin at kjohnson@newmanlc.org or 608-860-6001 Ext. 5

Mass Intentions

SAT 8/27	BSP 4:30pm +Mary Ann Bartel
SUN 8/28	BSP 9am +Robert, +Alice, +Larry, +Patty, and +Bill Silha RNP 11:15am Karl and Evelyn Reinecke
MON 8/29	BSP 7:15am + Robert, + Alice, + Larry, + Patty, and + Bill Silha
TUES 8/30	BSP 7:15am + Priscilla Reinhart RNP 5:15pm +Jack Niedfeldt
WED 8/31	BSP 7:15am + Charlie Brendel RNP 12pm Patricia Quicke
THURS 9/1	BSP 7:15am + Stephen and + Marian Pavela RNP Bernie Besl
FRI 9/2	BSP 7:15am + Ralph Schwanbeck RNP 12PM Robert Pruse
SAT 9/3	BSP 4:30pm + Cole Berra
SUN 9/4	BSP 9am for the intention of Ed Noelke RNP 11:15am Tom Adams



Follow our parishes on Facebook!

@RoncalliNewman

@bsplacrosse

Collection Totals for weekend of 8/14

BSP \$14,000.00 needed each week
\$10,000.00 collected last week

RNP \$3,685.00 collected last week

See more online!

Read about community events and hear from staff by checking out the online bulletin, found on both parish websites. If you have an article for the bulletin, please email Adele at media@bsplacrosse.org. Thank you!

From the Pastor From the desk of Fr. Billy Dodge

ANNOUNCEMENT: BLESSED SACRAMENT DAILY MASS TIME (MONDAY - FRIDAY) WILL CHANGE TO 8:00 AM STARTING MONDAY, AUGUST 29. Everything else written below is an explanation for this change.

The daily Mass Monday-Friday at Blessed Sacrament is changing from 7:15am to 8:00am. For years it used to be 7:30pm but changed to 7:15am this past January to accommodate a visiting priest while Father Peter Raj was in India. Before making this change to 8:00am I consulted the parishioners who attend daily Mass in order to get their feedback since they will be most affected. If the majority of parishioners attending daily Mass had protested this decision it would not have moved forward. I found great support from the parishioners who attend daily Mass once we discussed the reasons for this change.

A major impetus for changing the daily Mass time at Blessed Sacrament to 8:00am is to allow the elementary students at Blessed Sacrament School to come to Mass on a variety of days during the week. The old model was the students came to Mass on Wednesday simply because it was Wednesday. They also had their own special time for Mass apart from the parishioners. To come to Mass simply because it is Wednesday makes the Mass feel rote, almost mechanical. If the students are attending one Mass during the weekdays (some argue the students should go to Mass more often, but that is an argument for another day), then we want the students to come to Mass on days of greater celebration. For example, we celebrate the birthday of Jesus' mother Mary on September 8, and the feast day of the Archangels Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael on September 29. This year those dates fall on Thursdays. If the student daily Mass was only on Wednesday, then Father Sam and I would not be able to engage the students in these great realities of our faith at Mass. The second main reason for changing the Mass time is to allow the parishioners and students to worship together for the earliest the students can get to daily Mass is 8:00am. Your presence will have an impact on our students, and I know witnessing their worship will impact you. If you are not in the habit of attending daily Mass, if your schedule allows I encourage you to come to daily Mass on these special days with the students. My hope is to indicate in future bulletins when the school Mass occurs.

This decision was made in consideration of the other daily Mass times offered in the city. There are Masses at 6:30am and 7:30am at other parishes, so people who want to go to Mass before work have other options. I hope to try this new daily Mass time until Christmas, evaluate its effectiveness, and discern if we need to make another change starting in the new year.

Peace in Christ,
Father Billy Dodge

Music & Liturgy

From the desk of Mary Ellen Hauptert

JOIN LITURGICAL CHOIR THIS FALL!

Two weeks ago, I asked music ministers from both parishes to complete a survey asking about the possibility of a combined choir. Most of them are operating busy home schedules and have limited availability during the week...but are still interested in finding a way to sing together. My plan is to have two different practices each week: one at RNP @ 5:00 PM on Wednesdays in the chapel, and one at BSP @ 7:00 PM on Thursdays in the church balcony. These practices are open to musicians from both parishes, so it's possible for one person to attend both if desired. My intention is to teach music for the upcoming Sunday, as well as introduce choral works.

Our first rehearsals will begin after Labor Day: Wednesday, September 7 @ 5:00 PM at RNP; Thursday, September 8 @ 7:00 PM at BSP. Rehearsals will be about an hour long and will start/end on time. If you are interested in meeting people from the other parish, please contact me at your earliest convenience to get involved!

LITURGY COMMITTEE – Tuesday, August 30th @ 6:00 PM at RNP

Liturgy Committee met for the first time as a combined BSP/RNP group on Tuesday August 2nd to discuss liturgical ministries at both parishes. Subcommittees for readers, greeters/ushers, musicians, servers/sacristans, and environment & art were established. Each subcommittee was comprised of parishioners from both parishes, which was valuable in creating training documents that will serve the needs of each parish. Thanks to the following, who met, updated, and revised our training documents:

- READERS: Caryl Doberstein, Mike Porter, Rose Porter, Mike Mader, and Carol Mader
- GREETERS/USHERS: Bernice Lansing, Mike Mader, Sandy & Ollie Schulteis, and Maggie Bjorkquist
- MUSICIANS: Mary Blaha-DeBoer, Jennifer Kulzer, and Mary Ellen Hauptert
- ENVIRONMENT & ART: Mary Kerrigan, Bernice Lansing, and Sandy Johnston

MSP INFORMATIONAL MEETING - Wednesday, August 31st @ 5:00 at BSP

There will be an informational meeting this Wednesday, August 31st @ 5:00 PM for all new users at Blessed Sacrament Parish. The meeting will face-to-face, but can be accessed via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86955222035>

FEATURES of MINISTRY SCHEDULER PRO

- Creating an Account

Mary Ellen can easily create an account for you by typing your name, email, and preferred Mass times into the MSP volunteer roster.

- Collecting Availability from Volunteers

In preparation for the next schedule, volunteers are invited to submit their availability via email, online, or in the mobile app. Our parishes will have three 4-month schedules each year: October-January, February-May, and June-September.

- Creating a Schedule

MSP has the capability of creating conflict-free schedules across multiple ministries. Communication is key so parishioners should make sure that their account information is correct (email contact, preferred Mass times, team preferences, etc.) and that potential conflicts are registered in the system. Mary Ellen

- Weekly Reminders

Schedules are posted online, as well as in the bulletin. The MSP program has built-in email tools to send each volunteer their personalized list of assignments five days prior to their assigned ministry. Mary Ellen sends an additional reminder the Friday before Sunday services with reading and music links.

- Requesting a Sub

If something comes up and you're unable to serve, MSP allow volunteers to request subs online by generating an email batch to volunteers.

RCIA Classes Beginning Soon

RCIA or Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is a beautiful process where individuals seeking to become Catholic, or just to find out what we believe, come to learn and grow in their faith.

BSP and RNP both have well-run RCIA programs. BSP has been collaborating with MMOC and other local parishes to provide RCIA and RNP has been serving the student community at UWL. Because of student schedules and existing collaborations, BOTH programs will be continuing.

Deacon Belland and the RNP RCIA Team will continue to serve the student population on Wednesday nights and Jennifer Kulzer and the BSP/MMOC RCIA Team will continue to offer a program for adults on Tuesday nights. That being said, if schedules work better for individuals on one day or the other, anyone is welcome in either group.

The BSP Tuesday night RCIA sessions will begin on Tuesday September 6th. The RNP Wednesday night RCIA sessions begin with a 'Come and See' gathering on September 14 and 21, at 7pm. These are repeat informational sessions. Our first class is September 28, at 7pm. All sessions at RNP are held in the Conference Room, basement level.

If you or someone you know is interested in exploring the catholic faith, needs to receive First Communion or Confirmation or is getting married to a Catholic, think about inviting them to the RCIA process and maybe come along to support them on their journey. Please contact Jennifer at kulzerj@gmail.com or 608-385-3459 if interested in the Tuesday night session; or Dc Dave Belland at dbelland@newmanlc.org or 608-769-4423 if interested in the Wednesday night session.

More information on signing up for the students will be put out when the students return to campus in a few weeks

New Program Involvement Proposal by RNC Social Justice Committee

Safe Families for Children is a volunteer driven, professionally supported non-profit organization that began in La Crosse in August 2020. We are a family preservation movement motivated by radical hospitality, disruptive generosity, and intentional compassion to keep children safe and families together. We bring church and community together, mobilizing an army of volunteers to advocate for vulnerable children and socially isolated families. Our objectives are child welfare deflection, child abuse prevention, and family support and stabilization.

Families in need may be referred to us by themselves, schools, hospitals, government organizations, law enforcement, churches, and other community agencies. Our staff helps parents arrange for the services needed. For some, that may be hosting and we coordinate for their children to stay with a pre-screened, trained, and approved host family until the critical issues have been resolved. The program is voluntary and parents pay nothing for the service. They also retain all their parental rights. In fact, they are encouraged to build a relationship with the host family and to remain active in every aspect of their children's lives. The Host Family who accepts the child into their home receives no remuneration for doing so. When parents take advantage of this service, they know that the approved Host Family is motivated by compassion, not financial gain. They can feel secure in the knowledge that the Host Family is providing a safe and nurturing temporary home and that their motivation is compassion, not financial gain. Other services include connecting families to "Family Friends," families that can offer hot meals, babysitting, transportation help, and really give families a connection in the community. Safe Families for Children and the referral source work with the parents to determine how quickly the family can be reunited and help resolve the problems that created the crisis. When it's possible, children stay with families in their own communities. We are about family preservation and empowering parents through all of our services.

If you are interested in hearing more about Safe Families, the local Development Director will be available in the entrance after mass on September 17 and September 18. There will be a sign up for anyone interested in attending an informational session (in person or zoom) in the near future to hear more about how you can be part of this movement. If you would like to reach out to Tracy in the meantime, her email is tracy@safefamilieswi.org or call her at 608-844-8475x0. Check out the website at www.safefamilieswi.org.

Script Sales

Since school is starting soon, we will be selling Script at Blessed Sacrament after the 4:30 pm Saturday Mass and the 9:00am Sunday Mass. However, we need your help. If you are willing to help sell Script after either Mass, please add your name to the list located in the Narthex. The more helpers we have, the easier the task.

Script is a fundraising organization utilizing gift cards to cover your everyday purchases. The retailers involved offer a rebate or a percentage return from the purchase that is collected and used. In our case, it is used for the church and the tuition of Catholic education for you family. The Script program recently became Raise Right. It has evolved from just physical card purchases to also an electronic gift card purchase through your i-phone. This makes the program even easier to use.

There are 750+ retailers/brands with varying rebates. Through the Blessed Sacrament affiliation with Raise Right, we order and sell physical cards during office hours in the BSP office. We hope to return soon to also selling cards after each Mass at BSP. We take cash or checks as payment.

To be eligible to buy electronic cards the program connects to your banking account for immediate payment of your e-card purchases. The Raise Right program handles many data functions. Raise Right sends the physical cards, ordered usually on a weekly, or biweekly basis. That depends on need. Shipping costs have gone up. A recent directive from our priest is that non-parishioners are requested to offer a percentage of the rebate to our parish. The ultimate goal of all of this is the Catholic education of our children.

Habitat for Humanity looking for new Homeowners

Habitat for Humanity La Crosse Area is looking for FIVE future homeowners for our upcoming projects in La Crosse, West Salem, Tomah, and Eitzen (MN). They are accepting applications now through September 2. Anyone interested in applying can download the full application at www.habitatlacrosse.org/how-to-apply or contact info@habitatlacrosse.org or 608-785-2373, ext. 104 to request an application. Application packets are also available Wed-Sat from 10am-6pm at the Habitat ReStore. Applications are due by Friday, September 2nd at 5 pm.

Chicken Que @ MMOC

Mary, Mother of the Church Parish, 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, will be holding a Chicken-Que on **Thursday, September 8**, from 11:00 - 6:00 p.m. for pick up and delivery only. The price is \$12 and includes a half chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, homemade beans and a dinner roll. For pre-sale tickets (guaranteed) and deliveries, call (608) 518-6145. No minimum order and no delivery charge. Enter at Weston Street driveway.

Wisconsin March for Life

The second annual March for Life Wisconsin on Saturday, September 24, 2022, from 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the State Capitol! Hear from inspirational pro-life leaders, march, and pray for an end to all abortion. Pro-Life Wisconsin will once again provide buses from various Wisconsin cities for \$30/rider. Registration is not necessary if you are securing your own transportation. Whether riding the bus or driving yourself, please bring a pack of diapers to be donated to local pregnancy resource centers. For more information, visit: ProLifeWI.org/marchforlife

Exchange Student looking for host family

A Catholic exchange high school student from Spain is looking for a host family for 10 months. She enjoys tennis and sports, comes with her own insurance and spending money. Please contact Ann Wells with Pan Atlantic if interested - 608-260-5227

A special opportunity for you and for our parish!!

James Cherf, owner of By James Galleries, would like to give you the opportunity to help your parish while putting artwork in your home. Between August 17th and September 17th, 75% of the sale of any piece of artwork will be donated to your parish by James as he sells off his entire inventory at 111 South 5th Street. Just let him know the name of your intended parish at the time of the purchase and he will send a check!! Store hours are Wednesday through Friday from noon to 5:00pm and Saturday from 10:00am to 2:00pm and by appointment.

First Responder Mass, Sept. 11

Law enforcement officers, firefighters, emergency medical service personnel, and dispatchers are invited to attend the 4th Annual Blue Mass on Sunday, September 11, at the 10:30 am Mass at St Patrick Parish in Onalaska. The Blue Mass celebrates the men and women who serve our communities and their families. It includes prayers and a blessing for those who work to keep us safe. Participants are invited to attend in their full-dress uniforms, if applicable. Participants should arrive between 9:50 and 10:10 am. The Blue Mass is open to all. Please contact Steve Nott, Liturgical Planner, for more information: liturgyplanner@stpatsonalaska.com, (608) 783-5535ext8.

Aquinas Wall of Fame Induction Ceremony

Saturday, September 10, 2022

5:00pm - Cocktail Hour

6:00pm - Dinner & Ceremony

Aquinas High School (Cameron Street & AHS Parking Lot)

Join us in honoring the Wall of Fame Class of 2022 Inductees for their exceptional athletic accomplishments at Aquinas High School. Our honorees this year are the 1997 Girls Basketball Team, Coach Joe Gaspard, Jennifer Pavela Althoff '97, Steve Kamla '70, and Pat Murphy '65!

RSVP by calling (608) 784-0707.

Aquinas Fest 2022

Friday, September 9th, 2022

3:00pm-8:00pm

The Aquinas Catholic Schools Foundation will host the 45th annual Aquinas Fest on Friday, September 9, 2022. Aquinas Fest is the Aquinas Catholic Schools Foundation's annual fundraiser for unrestricted operating income.

These funds allow the Foundation to annually support the students, staff, and mission of Aquinas Catholic Schools. Additionally, this annual festival serves as a community builder, bringing together current students, current and past parents, alumni, faculty, staff, and friends to celebrate Aquinas Catholic Schools.

Attractions:

Youth Cornhole Tournament by Coulee Region Cornhole (Mike Taggart)
Basketball Contest
Kids Games
Bounce Houses
Kiddie Train courtesy of Rotary Lights

Food:

Pig Roast courtesy of The Skemp Family & Kory Keppel '86
Brats & Hotdogs courtesy of Bakalars Sausage
Chips & Candy

Drink:

Beer Garden
Soda & Water courtesy of Pepsi of La Crosse

Entertainment:

Music by Ryan Sauter

Sweepstakes:

This year the tradition continues featuring the annual sweepstakes and block party. You are invited to join Blugolds from near and far to support and celebrate!

The annual sweepstakes is your chance to WIN BIG and show your Blugold pride, as we kick off this annual fundraiser. Please help us by participating in the Annual Aquinas Fest Sweepstakes.

Grand Prize:

\$10,000 CASH or \$15,000 MRSP Discount from Clason Buick GMC

Sweepstakes Entries:

Contact the Aquinas Catholic Schools Development Office to purchase your entries at (608) 784-0707 or stop by their office at Aquinas High School (Room 105).

Feel free to contact us at info@aquinasschools.org with any questions!