

Sunday Bulletin

Blessed Sacrament & Roncalli Newman

Roman Catholic Churches of La Crosse, WI

Fifth Sunday of Lent | March 17, 2024

MASS TIMES

SATURDAY

4:30PM Blessed Sacrament (BSP)

SUNDAY

9AM Blessed Sacrament (BSP)

11AM Roncalli Newman (RNC)

8:30PM (RNC)

DAILY MASS TIMES

Monday - Friday - 8:00AM (BSP)

Tues - 5:15PM (RNC)

Thurs - 7pm (RNC)

Wed/Fri - Noon (RNC)

CONFESSIONS

3:30 - 4:15PM Saturdays or by appt.

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FROM THE DESK OF FR. BILLY DODGE

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION OPPORTUNITY:

This Tuesday, March 19, at 7:00pm, Roncalli Newman is hosting a communal penance service. Several priests will come to help Father Sam and me with hearing confessions. We are offering it at 7:00pm because the Confess-a-thon at Cathedral on Monday, March 25, goes from 9:00am - 6:00pm, and that is not late enough for some work schedules. If Tuesday evenings work for you then this is your opportunity. If it has been a long time since your last confession just tell the priest how long and they will happily walk you through it.



AROUND THE PARISHES

THIS WEEKEND: MARCH 16-17 LENTEN FOOD DRIVE at Masses both parishes. Checks should be made to LaCrescent Food Shelf, or SEMCAC-Caledonia Food Shelf, or WAFER, or Catholic Charities. Non-perishable food will be collected at the entrances. Gluten free is always appreciated. Monetary donations will be collected after all masses. Thank you very much!

Women's Club Meeting | March 18

Reminder of the Roncalli Newman/Blessed Sacrament PCCW meeting this Monday, March 18th at 5:30pm in the Blessed Sacrament Parish Center. Let's join together for prayer, food and fellowship.

Roncalli Newman Lenten Penance Service | March 19

Roncalli Newman will be hosting a penance service Tuesday, March 19th at 7pm. The evening will include Lenten prayers, songs and the opportunity for Confession. Whether it's been 2 weeks or 20 years since you've been to Confession, you are welcome here! Join us in this beautiful way to prepare for Easter.

EASTER LILIES AND FLOWERS AT BSP AND RNC

Let's fill the BSP sanctuary with loads of blossoms to celebrate Easter! Please call the office at 608-782-2953 to order an Easter Lily in honor or in memory of a loved one. A small plant is \$18 and a large is \$32. You may also drop off a spring blooming plant on Thursday March 28th in the Parish Center Hallway between 8:00 and 3:00. Thank you for adorning our altar.

Help us fill the RNC sanctuary with gorgeous Easter lillies in memory of a loved one. Envelopes are available at the Main Street doors for flower donations. Thank you for beautifying our church for Easter!

AROUND OUR PARISHES & COMMUNITY

At Church Sacramental Preparation Session

Our next At Church Nourish session for families with a child preparing to receive First Eucharist will be this Wednesday March 20th from 5:30pm-6:30pm at Mary Mother of the Church. Families should complete Family Meetings 3, 4, and 5 prior to this session. Dinner will be served at 5:00pm. Contact Kristin with any questions kjohnson@mmoclacrosse.org 608-788-5483 Ext. 4

Family Faith Formation

Family Faith Formation does NOT meet Wednesday March 20th or March 27th. Families should be completing At Home Lesson 6-2 The Eucharist and 6-3 Going to Mass. We will see you again on April 3rd. Contact Kristin with any questions kjohnson@mmoclacrosse.org 608-788-5483 Ext. 4

Stations of the Cross & Soup and Sustenance Fridays during Lent

Join us Friday evenings during Lent for Stations of the Cross beginning at 5:30pm, followed by Soup at 6pm. Our next Soup and Stations evening will be this upcoming **Friday, March 22nd at Roncalli Newman**, beginning in the church. Our guest speaker will be Lee Rasch. Hope to see you there!

ALL ARE INVITED --- to help clean the church on Saturday, March 23, from 9 AM to Noon. Stay for an hour or three! Many hands will help as we clean the church for the upcoming celebrations. Please bring rags and a bucket if possible. Questions, call Marie Allen at 608-784-5189

Confession Opportunity at Cathedral | March 25

All Day Confessions will be heard at the Cathedral on Monday, March 25th from 9am - 6pm.

HOLY THURSDAY ALL PARISH POTLUCK DINNER

5:30 pm—Newman basement—Thursday March 28th

Please join your fellow parishioners for a potluck dinner before the Holy Thursday Mass. Stationary members please be very generous in sharing your favorite main dish, side, salad, or dessert. Newman will provide beverages and breads. Students please just bring yourselves. This is one of the few times we gather our stationary and student families together outside of worship. Hope to see everyone there! Sign-ups for attendance, food, and help are at both doors.

Welcome New Blessed Sacrament Parishioners!

Blessed Sacrament would like to welcome new members Emilio and Emily Alvarez and their children Lucia, Blaise, Violet and Marie.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 23/24

Sat, Mar 23, 4:30 PM (BSP)

Caryl Doberstein	Reader (1)
Debbie Clarkin (sub req.)	Reader (2)
Kent Stein & Mary BD	Cantor & Accompanist
Maria J. & Michael J.	Servers
Scott Weaver & Natalie SchwinnWeaver	Hospitality Ministers
Mike Vanderploeg	Sacristan/MC
Jo Anne Burgmaier & Dave Schreier	EMHCs

Sun, Mar 24, 9:00 AM (BSP)

Dave Weinberger	Reader (1)
Kris Gerke	Reader (2)
Kristin Johnson & Mary BD	Cantor & Accompanist
Hunter J & Tad S	Servers
Roger Korger & Sunny Onyeabor	Hospitality Ministers
Bruce Simones & Scott Smerud	Hospitality Ministers
William Arnold	Sacristan/MC
Sandra Borreson & Bernice Lansing	EMHCs

n, Mar 24, 11:00 AM (RNC)

Meredith Houge	Reader (1)
John Houge	Reader (2)
Peg Manson & ME Hauptert	Cantor & Accompanist
Alex B	Server
Jim & Carolyn Bagniewski	Hospitality Ministers
Debbie Dahl-Schultz & Sean O'Flaherty	Hospitality Ministers
Carolyn Bagniewski & Carol Mader	Gift Bearers
Kathy Running	Sacristan/MC

Rosary Leaders at Blessed Sacrament

03/23 4:30pm - Scott and Caryl Doberstein
03/24 9am - Melissa Vach

AROUND OUR PARISHES & COMMUNITY

Divine Mercy Sunday - April 7: The Deanery of the La Crosse Diocese has chosen the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe for the celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday on Sunday April 7th. The schedule for the day is as follows: 9AM Latin Mass, 11AM Spanish Mass, 1PM English Mass, 2:30PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 2:45PM Divine Mercy Reflection and Family Consecration to the Divine Mercy led by Cardinal Burke, 3:00PM Divine Mercy Chaplet led by Cardinal Burke, 3:15PM Benediction, 3:30PM Blessing with the relic of St. Faustina. Confessions will be heard in English and Spanish 8:30AM - 4:00PM. For more information, please call the Shrine at (877) 799-4059.

Abby Johnson speaking in La Crosse April 13th

Abby Johnson, the author of *Unplanned* and a prominent pro-life advocate, is scheduled to be a guest speaker at the La Crosse Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Biennial Convention. The convention will take place on April 13, 2024, at the Radisson Hotel located at 200 Harborview Plaza, La Crosse,. It's a wonderful opportunity to hear her insights and engage in meaningful discussions. Secure your tickets by March 24th. Men and women are invited to attend the lunch and talk, even if they don't stay for the whole day. Go to the website to purchase tickets.
<https://www.ldccw.org/>

Roncalli Newman Campus Ministry Fundraiser Dinner | April 27th

Our young Church is alive! Join us **Saturday April 27th** at BSP Hall for dinner, fellowship, and inspiration as we hear from and support the Catholic students of La Crosse, in their growth in virtue and fervor for the faith. The evening will include testimonies from alumni and current students, a silent auction, and swing dance led by Fr. Billy Dodge. Our hope is to invite parishioners, student parents, community members - anyone with an interest in our young Church - to come hear about the great things the Lord is doing at the Newman Center. Registration and more information can be found at roncallinewmancenter.regfox.com/making-saints

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

4:30pm BSP Deceased Members of the
Richard & Sheila Steele Family

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

9am BSP +Donald Schreier
11am RNC +Oscar G Peterslie
8:30pm RNC

MONDAY MARCH 18

8am BSP The Intention of Sister Rosalia Bauer FSPA

TUESDAY, MARCH 19

8am BSP For the People of Blessed Sacrament
Parish - SCHOOL MASS
5:15pm RNC +Liesel Peterslie

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

8am BSP The Intention of Eileen Knothe
Noon RNC +Fr Camillus Gott

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

8am BSP +Mary Ann and Howard Bradley
7pm RNC +Jean Gadow

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

8am BSP +Ann Jahimiak Simonson
Noon RNC Mental Health Healing

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

4:30pm BSP +Cyril and Shirley Murphy

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

9am BSP +Denny Hartogh
11am RNC Julie & Dennis Montabon
8:30pm RNC

Holy Week

SCHEDULE

March 28 - Holy Thursday

5:30pm Holy Thursday Potluck at RNC

7pm RNC followed by a
Eucharistic Procession to BSP

March 28 - All Night

Overnight Prayer Vigil at BSP
into Friday morning

March 29 - Good Friday

12:15pm BSP & 5:15pm RNC

March 30 - Easter Vigil

8:15pm RNC

March 31 - Easter Sunday

9am BSP & 11am RNC

NO 8:30pm Mass Easter Sunday

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Thank you for your support!

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

Your feedback requested by Bishop Callahan!

Your input is requested! With the ongoing Synod on Synodality, the Church values your feedback regarding how Church structures and organization further or hinder the Church's mission and how such structures can help all the baptized to respond to the call to proclaim the Gospel. Please take some time to offer consultation using an online questionnaire at <https://forms.office.com/r/SVPGxJChAv> Consultation must be received by March 20, 2024. Thank you for your participation.



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AROUND THE COMMUNITY

St. Patrick's Swing Dance

Come to the St. Patrick's swing dance event at the St. Pat's school gym on Saturday, March 16th! A dance lesson, taught by Fr. Timothy Reither and DRE Anne McMenomy-Rodman will start at 6:30 PM. Following the lesson, there will be dancing (along with drinks, snacks, and crafts) from 7-9 PM. The cost of entry for the dance is a free will donation supporting the St. Pat's youth group. We hope to see you there!

2024-2025 ACS Enrollment

Enrollment for Cathedral Elementary School, St. Patrick Elementary School, Blessed Sacrament Elementary School, Aquinas Middle School, and Aquinas High School is currently open for returning and new families for 2024-2025! ACS is committed to providing a safe and structured learning environment for its students. Call (608) 784-8585 to schedule a tour! 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.aquinascatholicschools.org/enrollment to get started.

Wisconsin Parental Choice Program

Open enrollment starts February 1, 2024. Enrollment ends on April 18, 2024. Visit schoolchoicewi.org to find out if you qualify, learn how to apply, read FAQs and step-by-step instructions.

Job Opportunity at the Diocese of La Crosse

Please go to the diolc.org website, Human Resources, (at the bottom of the site) Employment Opportunities.

“the ANSWER” La Crosse Eucharistic Rally | June 7th

Have you heard of the Eucharistic Rally coming to La Crosse? Say “Yes!” to this life-changing event being held **June 7, 2024** at the **La Crosse Center**. The rally will include a Eucharistic Procession, Adoration and Confession, Catholic speakers such as Chris Stefanick, Immaculee Illabagiza, and Father Jusin Kizewski. Discounted tickets are now available for purchase. Please check out the official website for all the detailed information, including the link to purchase online tickets diolc.org/the-answer/ or use your smartphone's camera to scan the QR code on the right.



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St. Patrick Catholic Church Lenten Friday Fish Fry, Onalaska, WI | March 22

\$15 3-piece Fish Dinner | \$12 2-piece Fish Dinner | \$9 1-piece fish or grilled cheese dinner

FREE Grilled Cheese dinner to children age 5 and under

Dine-in meals include:

Baked or batter-fried Cod, Baked potato or fries, Salad bar, Dinner roll, Coffee or milk. (Beer, wine, soda, and desserts are available for an additional cost.) Carryout Available: Priced as above - coleslaw instead of salad bar St. Patrick's School Gymnasium Corner of 11th and Main St., Onalaska, WI 54650 | Serving 5 to 7:30 pm |

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La Crosse Wide Blessed is She Women's Brunch | April 13th

Are you a woman who desires prayer and community? Blessed is She is a sisterhood of women who want to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ through their Catholic faith.

Come join us on April 13th from 11 am - 1 pm in the Parish Hall at Mary, Mother of the Church for our first Blessed Brunch. It's a potluck brunch for women of all ages and stages (so that's you!) We'll enjoy food, conversation and prayer.

Scan the QR code to sign up to bring an item to the brunch and/or RSVP to attend! Contact Jamie Thompson at jlwthomps@gmail.com for any questions.



What do we Really Know About St Patrick?



Saint Patrick, celebrated around the world on March 17 by Catholics and non-Catholics alike, is seen today as a jolly figure who brought Christianity to Ireland with his trusty shamrock. But we rarely hear the story of Saint Patrick—a man who courageously followed God’s mission for his life, against all odds.

Born in Britain around 386 AD, Patrick's early life was marked by a terrifying event: at 16, he was kidnapped and enslaved by Irish raiders. It would have been easy for Patrick to abandon his faith during his six years of enslavement, but instead he embraced his work as a shepherd and grew closer to Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

In what he later described as a divinely inspired vision; Patrick found the courage to escape his captors. Despite the risks, he journeyed across Ireland until he miraculously found a passage back to Britain and reunited with his family.

After returning to Britain, Patrick experienced another vision, compelling him to return to Ireland, not as a slave, but as a missionary. He lived by the supernatural grace of courage that God gave him. Patrick returned to Ireland, determined to spread Christianity in a land ruled by pagans. Today he is the patron saint of Ireland, and generations of Christians owe their faith to his bravery.

Founded in the 17th Century, **Saint Patrick’s Day** is both a commemoration of Ireland’s patron saint as well as a popular celebration of Irish culture enjoyed worldwide by the Irish and the Irish-at-heart. Beyond the colorful lore stands a real person whose deeds and words continue to inspire and affect us.

Here are fascinating facts about Ireland’s very first bishop:

1. Patrick was not born Irish. While he spent most of his life living among and ministering to the Irish people, Patrick was a Roman Briton by birth. His exact birthdate and birthplace are uncertain, but it is believed he was born in Scotland, England, or in northern Wales around 386 A.D.

2. Patrick first came to Ireland as the captive of Irish pirates. Patrick was a teenager when he was stolen and sold into slavery by Irish raiders. This began a six-year stay of captivity in Ireland, during which Patrick’s spiritual conversion began while he labored as a shepherd.

3. Patrick escaped slavery with help from a dream. After years of suffering and intense prayer, a voice in his dream said, “You have fasted well. Very soon you will return to your native country”. The voice then told him where he would find a ship, to carry him home to Britain and his family.

4. Patrick spent time studying for the priesthood in France. After his return to the Britons, Patrick travelled and continued his studies in Christianity in, France.

5. Patrick received a vision calling him back to Ireland. Patrick received another dream in which a man approached him carrying letters from the Irish people and

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implored his return. Patrick was invited to live among the Irish people as Christ's witness.

6. Patrick's Irish mission was unpopular. Few of Patrick's brother clergy shared his sympathy for the Irish people, who were viewed as barbaric and hostile. Patrick's superiors disapproved of his calling; his *Confession* (first-person account of his life) was written partially as a defense and a response to critics of his mission.

7. Patrick taught the Gospel through Celtic language and symbolism. Patrick preached effectively in the Gaelic tongue, and he employed pre-existing pagan symbols in transmitting the faith. While Patrick's use of the three-leaf clover to illustrate the Trinity was likely a later addition to his legend, Patrick's *Confession* specifically details his distinctions between Irish pagan sun worship and Christian worship – including Old Latin wordplay of the words *sun* and *Son*. Irish priest Fr. Liam Lawton notes, “the Celtic cross we know today was basically a cross superimposed on the sun... Patrick convert[ed] *sun* worship to *Son* worship.”

8. Patrick wasn't always associated with the color green. Saint Patrick's Day celebrations first bloomed in America in the early 1700s, where the Irish diaspora developed them into the holiday we recognize today. However, it wasn't until 1798, the year of the Irish Rebellion, that the color green became officially associated with the day. Before then, “The color associated with St. Patrick was *blue*, as it was featured both in the royal court and on ancient Irish flags.”



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