

Sunday Bulletin

Blessed Sacrament & Roncalli Newman Parishes
May 21st, 2023 | Solemnity of the Ascension

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

Sunday Mass Times

Saturday

4:30pm (BSP)

Sunday

9am (BSP) | 11:15am (RNP) | 8:30pm (RNP)

Daily Mass Times

Blessed Sacrament

Mon - Fri 8:00am

Roncalli Newman

Tues 5:15pm | Wed & Fri Noon | Thurs 7pm

Confession Times

Saturday evening @ 3:30pm or by appt.

Roncalli Newman Office Hours:

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

Fri 9am - 12pm

Blessed Sacrament Office Hours:

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

Fri 9am - 12pm

Around the Parish

Corpus Christi Procession June 11th

Save the Date! June 11th we will have a Eucharistic Procession in celebration of Corpus Christi, with a celebration afterwards. More details to come.

Climate Change Talk

Tom Schlesinger will be giving a talk on 'Climate Change and Preserving That Which We Value' on **Sunday May 21 after the 11:15 Mass in the Newman basement, and June 3rd and 4th after the 4:30 and 9:00 Masses at Blessed Sacrament.** Climate change is the most important issue that will confront us this century. Come learn the facts of climate change so you can make an informed decision on your own actions. Learn what you can to help fight climate change and preserve that which we value: our energy independence, the quality of life of future generations, our stewardship over this planet, our jobs and businesses.

Vacation Bible School is BACK!

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 >>>



Tootsie Roll Drive Thank You

The Knights of Columbus Council 839 completed the **2023 Intellectual Disabilities Campaign (Tootsie Roll Drive)** on the last weekend in April, and a final report was rendered at the Council meeting last week. With the help of your faithful parishioners, Council 839 was able to raise just over **\$4,000.00** for people with special needs in our community. **Thank you for supporting this worthwhile cause!**

Families Forming Disciples Wrap Up

Thank you for a great first year of our city-wide collaborative program Families Forming Disciples. Check out our photos from our May Crowning that took place at our final sessions in the online bulletin.

Speak Risen Lord, Your Servants Are Listening

Join us for a few songs of praise followed by prayerful, quiet reading of the Sunday readings, after which we close with shared intentions. Lectio Divina, or divine reading, is said to date back to the 6th century and is an ever fruitful way to seek the Lord's presence and receive the words He would have our hearts heed, savor and act upon. Come pray with us: **Wednesday, May 24th 5:30 - 7pm** Newman Center, fireplace room. For questions, please call Marcia Kolaczowski 608.790.5342

Our Sympathies

Our deepest sympathies and love go to Mary Blaha-DeBoer and her family on the passing of her husband last week.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

May 27/28

Sat, May 27th 4:30 PM (BSP)

Paulette Drozdowicz
Mary E Saphner
Jennifer Kulzer
Mary Blaha-DeBoer
Kyle Craig
Maria J. and Michael J.
Alice Mcquire Backlund
Tad Strittmater (sub req.)
Mike Vanderploeg
Dave Schreier
Mary Schuttenhelm

Reader (1)
Reader (2)
Cantor
Accompanist
Server
Servers
Hospitality Minister
Hospitality Minister
Sacristan/MC
EMHC
EMHC

Sun, May 28th 9:00 AM (BSP)

Patty Keil
Bob Kelemen
Andrea Fritts
Mary Blaha-DeBoer
Greg Sauer (sub req.)
John Gallagher
Kathi Hancock
Bruce Hrabak
Bonnie Hrabak
William Arnold
Marie Allen
Luci Johnson

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Sun, May 28th 11:15 AM (RNC)

Margaret Bluske
Bill Leonard
Michelle Skemp
Mary Ellen Hauptert
Paul Grant
Sue Grant
Ginger Horth
Ken Horth
Sam and Freddi Servais
Mary Lou Balts

Reader (1)
Reader (2)
Cantor
Accompanist
Hospitality Minister
Hospitality Minister
Hospitality Minister
Hospitality Minister
Gift Bearers
Sacristan/MC

June 3/4

Sat, June 3rd 4:30 PM (BSP)

Judy Kabat
NOT FILLED
Maggie Schreiber
Mary Blaha-DeBoer
Elizabeth and Mike H.
Donna Cramer
Thomas Miller
Mike Vanderploeg
Paulette and Peter Drozdowicz

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

Sun, June 4th 9:00 AM (BSP)

John Drake
Barb Swieciak
Michelle Johnson
Mary Blaha-DeBoer
Jackson and Jonny W.
John Gallagher
Karen Gamoke
Sunny Onyeabor
Scott Smerud
William Arnold
Sandra Borreson
Bernice Lansing
Chris and Pattie SansCrainte
Katie Woolover

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Hospitality Minister
Sacristan/MC
EMHC
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Sun, June 4th 11:15 AM (RNC)

Margaret Bluske
Grace Nicholson-Maly
Peg Manson
Ryan Howe
Mike and Becky Kreiling
Mary Mundt Reckase
Aaron Zivney
Carol and Mike Mader
Cindy Sjolander

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 20

4:30pm BSP +Charlie Brendel

Sunday, May 21

9am BSP +Robert A Burg
11:15am RNP Roncalli Newman Parish Families

Monday, May 22

8am BSP +Don "Porky" Finn

Tuesday, May 23

8am BSP +Hank Schneider
5:15pm RNP +Msgr Malnar

Wednesday, May 24

8am BSP +Gary Evers (SCHOOL MASS)
Noon RNP +Connie Garland

Thursday, May 25

8am BSP +Mary Crowley
7pm RNP Reparation for Offense Against the Name of Jesus

Friday, May 26

8am BSP +Mary Ann Bradley
Noon RNP Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, May 27

4:30pm BSP +Dean Peterson

Sunday, May 28

9am BSP +Angeline Becker
11:15am RNP Roncalli Newman Parish Family

This Week

Saturday, May 20

- Confessions, 3:30pm @ BSP
- Rosary, 4:05pm

Sunday, May 21

- Rosary, 8:35am
- 'Climate Change and Preserving That Which We Value' talk, after the 11:15am Mass RNC

Monday, May 22

- Salvation Army Service, 4:15pm
- The Secret of the Rosary Study, 6pm BSP
- Sunday Scripture Study, 7pm RNC

Tuesday, May 23

Wednesday, May 24

- Dogma and Donuts Men's Group, 8:45am BSP
- Liturgical Choir, 5pm RNC
- Speak Risen Lord Series, 5:30pm RNC

Thursday, May 25

- Salvation Army Service, 4:15pm
- Rosary, 6:30pm BSP

Friday, May 26

Saturday, May 27

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- Rosary, 4:05pm

Sunday, May 28

- Rosary, 8:35am

Weekend Collection 05/14
BSP \$6,920 // RNP \$11,482

Music and Liturgy

From the desk of Mary Ellen Hauptert

TAKE A FEW MINUTES FOR SYMPATHY

Some of you are probably aware that RNP/BSP Music Director Mary Blaha-DeBoer recently lost her husband to complications from stroke and other health issues. Less than a month ago, she buried her mother. Despite the significant losses in her life, Mary continues to dutifully serve both Blessed Sacrament and Roncalli Newman Parishes. Sympathy cards can be sent to: 3220 E. Fairchild Street; La Crosse, WI 54601.

MSP SCHEDULE NEEDS YOUR SUMMER CONFLICTS

The next MSP scheduling cycle is from June 1st through September 30th. Register your conflicts or contact Mary Ellen with the dates that you're going to be out of town. The deadline for registering your own conflicts is May 24th, after which you can email Mary Ellen (who can manually enter dates into the program). Please take a few minutes to look at your calendars and enter dates you're unavailable. It will reduce the number of emails coming to your INBOX! Mary Ellen: mehauptert@viterbo.edu.

We have a shortage of the following ministerial roles:

- BSP Hospitality Ministers – There is plenty of help at Newman but low numbers of BS parishioners who are willing to get on the schedule. We tried scheduling only two Hospitality Ministers at the 4:30 PM Mass but were getting into a situation where one of the two would request a swap, leaving only one to recruit Mass-goers to help. If you were an usher in the past, please consider returning to that ministry.
- BSP Servers – If you have young children who would like to learn out to serve, please let Mary Ellen know so that she can get you on the schedule, as well as William Arnold, Dave Schreier, or one of the priests so that they can set up a time to get you trained.
- Musicians – If you sing or play a musical instrument, please contact Mary Blaha-DeBoer at your earliest convenience: marybdmusic@gmail.com.

PARISH SURVEYS

There will be two surveys, one for students and one for stationary members. Both surveys will provide information that will be useful for decision-making. It's important to know that majority preference doesn't determine the outcome. Father Billy will consider all factors impacting any changes made at either BSP or RNP.

STUDENT SURVEY: We only had 44 respondents for the student survey, which is due to the many distractions that students have at the end of the semester. We ran last year's survey and received only 22 responses. It is my hope that the priests, FOCUS director John Collins, Campus Minister Maddie Stoffel, and former CM Adele Gligorevic can meet after Memorial Day to discuss the data and options for the future.

STATIONARY SURVEY: Tom Schlesinger (RNP parishioner and political scientist who conducted surveys at Gundersen Lutheran) met with Mary Ellen on Friday, May 12th to discuss the stationary member survey. The data we receive will help us recruit liturgical ministers, track parishioner attendance at our various Mass offerings, and develop a list of parishioners interested in social justice outreach, Rosary leadership, bible studies, book studies, and more. Please take the time to complete the survey.

UPCOMING SOLEMNITIES

Pentecost (5.28.2023)

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity (6.4.2023)

Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ/Corpus Christi (6.11.2023)

Around the Parish | May 21st, 2023

Holy Hour/Happy Hour and more dates to save coming up!

Join us for Holy Hour/Happy Hours each month this summer. One hour of Adoration starting at 6pm, followed by an hour of fellowship in the parish center at BSP. The dates will be **Wednesday June 14th , July 12th, and August 9th**. The women's club and the men of the parish will help provide a potluck snack and dessert with beverages for fellowship.

Monday August 21st from 5:30-8:00pm there will be a group viewing of the **virtual Witness to Christ conference** in the Parish Center

Saturday, October 14th will be the **Men of the Cross Men's Conference** at the La Crosse Center. More details to come.

RNC SJC Book Collection

There's a saying "Children's books serve as a mirror for children to see themselves and their families. Creating and fostering self-esteem that can grow and be transformed. Books can be a window for children, to perceive new experiences, people, and ideas. Knowledge and empathy for others can be gained." With that thought in mind, Social Justice is planning a 'little free library', featuring children's and tween books at the Juneteenth celebration this year on Sunday, June 18, at Riverside Park.

Juneteenth is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States. This Holiday Commemorates June 19, 1865, when the last of enslaved people heard they were free. It is a US Federal Holiday. People who visit our 'little free library table' can select a book to read and return, or keep, or pass on to another reader. SJ has chosen books based on current suggested books lists.

We have started a collection of these books, but are in need of more. If you would like to donate to this project by providing a book(s), a wish list of these wonderful books is available on the following amazon wish list. https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/EE3Y5C99AWVT?ref=wl_share

If you prefer not to shop on Amazon, please feel free to use the list as a reference to purchase from a local bookstore (new or gently used)! To volunteer see the sign up link on the Social Justice webpage on the Newman website. For questions, please contact Wanda Wochos at wjwochos@charter.net

BSP Plant Sale

Thank you to all the wonderful folks of our two parishes who are organizing, growing plants, and purchasing flowers for the Hosea's Heart Plant Sale. **A few updates on the logistics** of the sale - Plants can be dropped off at BSP on **Thursday June 1st 8am-4pm or Friday June 2nd 8am-12pm**. Please leave the plants near the office entrance. Please identify your plant and include any special growing instructions. Cash donations (tax deductible) can be made out to Blessed Sacrament Women's Club or by Venmo to Hosea's Heart (also tax deductible, please mention Plant Sale) Questions ... Nancy 608-385-7825; Helen 608-780-7787. The Plant Sale is **Saturday JUNE 3, 7am-1pm**. Saint Josephine Bakita, thank you for all your help. Please continue to pray for us and for the young woman we will be sponsoring.

Calling All Artists

You are invited to show and sell your art on Saturday, August 26, 2023 from 9am - 4pm at the Blessed Sacrament Parish Center. A designated 11 x 10 ft. space will be available for each vendor for \$50., added half space for additional \$25., double space \$90. ALL SALES WILL REMAIN YOUR PROFIT. For more information or a registration form, contact Sandra at (608) 787- 6482 or sandyborreson@gmail.com. See more info in the online bulletin.

Host an International Student

Catholic Global Outreach is in search for two host families for two international students from Czech Republic, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Slovakia, or Ukraine to attend Aquinas High School in the fall. Please consider bringing the light of peace to a student, and making a difference in their life forever. For more information, please contact Todd at 608 799 7143 or email Barbara at barbara.totaboryczka@globaloutreach.com

A Minute with Jesus May 21 – The Ascension of Our Lord into Heaven

31) Receiving the Eucharist – Our Closest Union with Jesus on Earth

The Mass is a re-presentation of the Holy Sacrifice that Jesus made of Himself on the cross for our salvation.

Because God is outside time and space, at Mass the same sacrifice that Jesus offered for our sins is made present. When we receive Holy Communion at Mass, we are receiving Jesus Himself, which is our closest union with Him on earth. Taking His Body and Blood into our own bodies, we are united with Him in a deep and intimate bond. Jesus feeds our souls, strengthening us to be faithful by loving and serving Him through serving others, most especially those in need.

Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus please strengthen me to be committed to coming to Mass early so that I can spend some time quietly preparing to be united with You in Holy Communion

This week read the words of Jesus about remaining in Him and He in us in John 6:54-58

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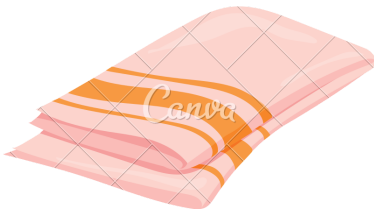
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If you prefer not to shop on Amazon, please feel free to use the list as a reference to purchase from a local bookstore (new or gently used)!

To volunteer see the sign up link (Also available on the Social Justice Site. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c054daaaf28a0fe3-juneteenth#/>

For questions or to volunteer at our table, please contact Wanda Wochos at wjwochos@charter.net

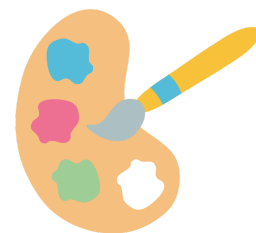


RNC Linen Kitchen Donations

Roncalli Newman's kitchen is in need of new linens. Dishcloths and dish towels have been worn thin and need to be tossed. If you are able to donate new dishcloths or dish towels please drop them in the box in the kitchen marked DONATED KITCHEN LINENS. Thank you so much for donating.

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You are invited to show and sell your art on Saturday, August, 26, 2023 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Blessed Sacrament Parish Center, 130 Losey Blvd, La Crosse, WI. A designated 11 x 10 ft. space will be available for each vendor for \$50., added half space for additional \$25., double space \$90. ALL SALES WILL REMAIN YOUR PROFIT. There will be food and drinks available with an ice cream social, a bake sale and a silent auction. Set up time on Friday Aug. 25, from 3 - 7 p.m. there will be tables available at \$10., card tables \$5., all vendors will be indoors. "No Commercial Vendors." This event is hosted by The Catholic Daughters of the Americas to help support our Priests and Seminarians Education Fund. For more information or a registration form contact Sandra at (608) 787- 6482 or sandyborreson@gmail.com.



Families Forming Disciples May Crowning Photos



RNC Social Justice

Social Justice - Get Involved

Social Justice is always looking for ways to get the Parish involved and update you on what help might be needed. If you haven't seen the updated section of the Roncalli Newman Social Justice Website, make sure to check it out.

<https://www.roncallinewmancenter.com/social-justice-ministries.html>

May is mental health awareness month - a time to remember that mental health is essential to our overall health. We are sharing this information because we care about our community at Roncalli Newman and Blessed Sacrament. Reach out if help is needed, we are here for each other.

For an overview of information regarding mental health and mental illness, click on the link below.

[Mental Health: Illnesses and Conditions | Wisconsin Department of Health Services](#)

Helpful community resources include:

Great Rivers 211 (24-hour crisis line and referral service) Dial: 211 or 1-800-362-8255

988 National Suicide & Crisis Lifeline

HOPELINE (24/7 - Free - Trained Crisis Counselor) Text "HOPELINE" to 741741 Mayo Clinic Health System Behavioral Health: 608-392-9555

Gundersen Health System Behavioral Health: 608-775-2287 or 1-800-362-9567 ext 52287

La Crosse County Crisis Line: 608.784-HELP (784-4357)

La Crosse County Resource Center (Aging and Disability): 608-785-5700

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI): 608-784-7532

All up coming events:

Juneteenth Little free library (June 18th) Riverside. Sign up at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c054daaaf28a0fe3-juneteenth#/>

The Strawberry Booth at Art Fair on The Green (July 29th) We need committee members to help with planning. Please contact Wanda at wjwochos@charter.net to join the committee

Roncalli Newman Social Justice Committee Jail Ministry Volunteer Opportunity

Jail Ministry needs volunteers to work with youth. There is an opportunity to provide services/studies for the youth once a week, as needed in the Juvenile Detention Center. We are looking for volunteers that would be interested. They would be placed on a weekly rotation list and would need to call the facility first to see if there is a need that week. If there is, they would provide the service/study. Once we have the volunteers, the specific evening and time will be decided. The facility has on average of 4 youth and they do come from around the state. We are hoping the volunteers would have connections to other churches so when they get out, they could find continued fellowship. The ages are 10 to 17 with most of them being 15 to 16.

If someone wants to volunteer, contact Chaplain Ann Wales at Lacrossejailministry.org. She will explain the process.

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ChickenQue at St. Patrick Parish, 1031 Main Street, Onalaska

Tickets are now on sale for this spring's St. Patrick Parish ChickenQue to be held Monday, May 22. Serving from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm or sold out. Tickets are available at the Church and School offices during the week.

Aquinas Golf Scramble

Registration for the Aquinas Golf Scramble is now open! The event will take place on July 5, 2023, at Cedar Creek Golf Club. For more information visit:
www.aquinaschools.org/golf-scramble

Aquinas All Schools Art Show

Aquinas Catholic Schools, alongside Central and Logan High School, have many works of art from students being displayed at The Pump House Regional Art Gallery in downtown La Crosse. The show runs from April 19 - May 16.

INTERACT Shoe Drive

The Interact Club is hosting a shoe drive to raise money for the Anointed Community Academy in Mutamba, Kenya. This school educates and provides meals for 350 children, 4K - 8th grade. Gently used shoes are needed, mostly children's sizes. Tennis shoes and flats are preferred. Collection boxes are located at both entrances of AHS.