

# Blessed Sacrament Parish

# & Roncalli Newman Parish

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time // August 7th, 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.

## Around RNP & BSP // August 7th, 2022



### Pre-Mass Sunday Rosary

Join us for the Sunday Rosary 25 minutes before the 4:30pm and 9am Masses at BSP - a 10 year tradition! Contact Barb Clements if interested in leading - 608-782-5777



### Save the Date!

All are welcome to a Swing Dance in the basement of Roncalli Newman. We will begin with lessons from Fr Billy followed by a Swing Dance. Mark your calendar and watch the bulletin for more information

### Food Drive Aug 6th & 7th Both parishes, all Masses

Our first joint food drive will be Aug 6-7. This will benefit food shelves at WAFER, UWL, Western Tech, and Place of Grace. Bring non-perishable food items, cleaning supplies, and cash/check donations to Mass at both parishes. There will be volunteers at the entrances after all Masses accepting cash / check donations. **Checks should be made out to WAFER where each \$1 donated provides 4 meals.** Your generosity is appreciated by those in need.

### Thursday Rosary

Do you have a special intention and need Our Lady's intercession? Join us as we pray the rosary Thursday evenings at 6:30 in the main church at BSP. Please use the alley handicap door. The Rosary is also prayed before BSP weekend Masses

### 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

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# MASS INTENTIONS

- SUN 8/07** BSP 9am for the intention of Kyle Muenzenberger  
RNP 11:15am +Jack Niedfeldt
- MON 8/08** BSP 7:15am +Taylor Vanderploeg
- TUES 8/09** BSP 7:15am +Deacon Richard Sage  
RNP 5:15pm Stephan Thrower
- WED 8/10** BSP 7:15am +Jim and Millie Finn  
RNP 12pm +Mary Boland
- THURS 8/11** BSP 7:15am +Elizabeth Berns  
RNP +Edna Spohn
- FRI 8/12** BSP 7:15am for the intention of Jennifer Kulzer  
RNP 12PM +Ken Balts
- SAT 8/13** BSP 4:30pm People of the Parish
- SUN 8/14** BSP 9am +Sam Smith  
RNP 11:15am +Jack Niedfeldt
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## Pray for Priests

Wednesdays, 1:30 pm @ BSP  
Join your prayers with others for all our priests. Call Barb Clements at 608-782-5777 to get the details.

## Loaves&Fishes Gathering

Roncalli Newman's Gathering Loaves and Fishes dining group will be meeting at Pettibone Boat Club on Wednesday, August 17th at 6:00 p.m. Blessed Sacrament members are graciously invited to join us. Please call Colleen at 608-787-1120 to make a reservation.

## Volunteers Needed

The Great River Folk Fest is coming up August 27 and The Roncalli Newman Social Justice Committee is doing their annual Bake Sale! We need bakers, and volunteers, if you can offer your time and talents we would greatly appreciate it. Not only do we need cookies, breads, bars, brownies and more, we also need people to help package these goodies at the Roncalli Kitchen AND we need people to sell them at the Festival that Saturday (August 27th). See the links on the RNP Social Justice webpage for more information.

## Salvation Army Ministry

Roncalli Newman has been part of a longstanding tradition of serving weekly at Salvation Army. We could use extra volunteers during the summer months, especially while students are away. Sign up on the Roncalli Newman website to help serve. Thank you very much!

## See more online!

Hear more about upcoming community events and hear from other staff members by checking out the bulletin online, found on both parish websites.

**If you have an article for the bulletin, please email Adele at [media@bsplacrosse.org](mailto:media@bsplacrosse.org). Thank you!**

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## From the Pastor

### From the desk of Fr. Billy Dodge

The photo is from Friday, July 29, in my brother's dining room. I had finished Mass and my niece and nephew were excellent congregants! Mary Grace was born February last year and Declan was born this January. Holding them for this photo did not help my back!

Father Sam is now in France for his friend's wedding. I look forward to hearing about his experience because France is on my bucket list of places to visit. I am waiting for the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris to be repaired. I pray for Father Sam's safe return while I hold things together on my own!

After a number of conversations with parishioners from both parishes I realized it may be helpful to have a large group brainstorming and listening session. People have many ideas, but do not realize that other people have other ideas too, and we cannot do everything. Many parishioners feel comfortable talking to me, but I want the parishioners to hear from each other. I want to discuss topics such as, "What do you love most about Blessed Sacrament or Roncalli Newman?" "What would you hate to lose as we move forward?" "What do you hope to gain?" I really want to hear from you.

It is impossible for me to explain everything one on one because there are too many parishioners. There are also too many rumors flying around. So please take this opportunity to hear from me, and from each other, about the future of our parishes. These sessions will take place after each weekend Mass on August 13 and 14 either in the Blessed Sacrament parish hall or the lower level Newman social hall.

God bless,  
Father Billy Dodge



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## Music & Liturgy

From the desk of Mary Ellen Hauptert

### TRANSFIGURATION

Saturday, August 6th, was/is the Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord. We Catholics forget this because we also celebrate it on the Second Sunday of Lent. The August date is notable because it is also the day that atomic bombs were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945. This coincidence has invited many spiritual writers to dissect and explore. Here is a poem by Brian Zhand which is worth printing and reading.

### JESUS IS WHAT GOD HAS TO SAY by Brian Zhand

When Jesus was transfigured, God spoke from heaven and said,  
“This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased; listen to him!”

**Jesus is what God has to say.**

Harry Truman can justify as due vengeance the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima...

**But Jesus is what God has to say.**

Militarists can concoct arguments to rationalize killing 200,000 civilians with two bombs...

**But Jesus is what God has to say.**

Biblicists can point to God-sanctioned killing in the Old Testament...

**But Jesus is what God has to say.**

And what does Jesus say?

He says this...

Love your enemies!

Do good to those who hate you.

Bless those who curse you.

Pray for those who hurt you.

Love your enemies!

Do good to them.

Then your reward from heaven will be very great.

You will be acting like children of the Most High.

For he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil.

Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

-Luke 6:27–28; 35–36

Hiroshima Day and Transfiguration Day.

They are the same day.

Transfiguration and Anti-Transfiguration.

Which will we bless?

I have repented, forever justifying the Anti-Transfiguration.

I have returned to listening to the truly Transfigured Christ.

Because...

**Jesus is what God has to say.**

# Music & Liturgy // From the desk of Mary Ellen Hauptert

## HONESTY AND THE ORANGE

This past Tuesday evening (August 2, 2022), Liturgy Committee members from both BSP and RNP met at my house to begin discussions about our common worship, as well as the challenges of blending two distinctly different parishes. We shared a meal and pondered questions about parish identity (what we love about each of our parishes), the use of the worship aid at BSP, and thoughts related to liturgical ministries. I shared a paradigm of two people sharing an orange: One person wanted the rind for zesting and the other wanted to eat the fruit. They lacked the ability to communicate their needs/wants/truth and ended up settling for each getting half the orange, cut down the middle. Those in attendance were honest, thoughtful, and willing to openly share their thoughts regarding the posed questions.

The discussion about parish identity was particularly important and timely. All of us have reasons why our respective parishes have felt like home, and many of us have been members at BSP and RNP for most of our adult lives. Common to members at both parishes is the friendly bond we have with others, while the architecture (which lends itself to worship styles) will remain the most distinct difference (and possible hurdle) between BSP and RNP.

There is no question that the choice of Mass times will affect parish identity. When we were clustered, we shared priests but maintained separate Mass schedules and parish staffs. Our present merger has eliminated two of three Mass options for stationary members at Newman, while preserving some of the "spirit of Newman" under the leadership of one director of music and liturgy. Considering those two factors alone, it feels like we've "cut the orange in half" rather than separating "the peel" and "the fruit" - a.k.a. the opportunity to remain distinctly Roncalli Newman Parish and Blessed Sacrament Parish.

Our work is complicated by how much we love our respective parishes and the people who inhabit our pews. I appreciated the voiced concern for the older folks who don't have access to technology at BSP, and for the students who are less and less connected to stationary members at RNP. How much can realistically be blended? What aspects of both faith communities should remain distinct? What means of communication can help quell fear, confusion, and frustration, while welcoming the opportunity for more diverse worshiping assemblies? What questions for further study and consideration should be posed to clergy and respective Pastoral and Finance Councils? These are all questions for the future that will need to be addressed.

Liturgy Committee meeting generated action items that will be tackled this fall:

1. There will be subcommittee discussions of liturgical practices for readers, greeters/ushers, musicians, servers/sacristans/MCs, and Environment & Art.
2. Offer training sessions for readers, greeters, servers, and Eucharistic ministers (RNP - yes, BSP?) after all the Masses on the weekend of September 17-18, 2022.
3. Offer a parish-wide Q & A w/training for all users of Ministry Scheduler Pro - TBA. (Wednesday, August 31st @ 5:00 PM?)

You will hear more from this formidable group of BSP/RNP believers.

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RONCALLI NEWMAN PARISH



BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

Thank you to Mary Ann Roesler for sending in these banners of our two parishes!

## Organ Recital at Cathedral

The third in a series of three summer organ recitals will be performed at the Cathedral on Sunday August 7 at 3:30 by Samuel Holmberg, principal organist at the Basilica of St. Mary in Minneapolis. He is a graduate of the Eastman School of Music and Luther College and was formerly the director of music at St. Peter Cathedral in Marquette, Michigan. The recital will be about one hour in duration. Admission is free; a freewill offering will be accepted. Ample parking available. An opportunity to hear great organ music performed on a magnificent Noack organ!

## 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](http://www.habitatlacrosse.org/how-to-apply) or contact [info@habitatlacrosse.org](mailto: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.

## Chris Stefanick speaking @ Diocesan Conference

Chris Stefanick will be speaking about Living Joy at our virtual Conference on Wednesday, August 24th from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Cost is \$10 and the first 240 people who register will receive his new book "Living Joy", a \$23 value. More information can be found here: [diolc.org/catechesis/witness-joy/](http://diolc.org/catechesis/witness-joy/)

## Welcome to our newest parishioner!



Our media coordinator Adele Gligorevic and her husband Despot welcomed their second baby this past Tuesday Aug. 2nd, just over a month early! Baby George was born at 6:29pm weighing 5lb 15oz. Mama and Baby are both doing well!

## Visit by the Luxembourg Cardinal

Our La Crosse area is being honored with a visit by Cardinal Hollerich of Luxembourg on August 9th. He will be celebrating a Mass at 5 PM at Holy Trinity, a parish founded and built by Luxembourg immigrants to the La Crosse area. Our hope is the Newman and Blessed Sacrament Parishes will turn out in full force to show the continued strong Catholic faith our ancestors passed on to all of us.

## 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.

## Aquinas open for enrollment!

Aquinas High School and Aquinas Middle School welcome you to enroll for the 2022-2023 school year. Aquinas is committed to providing a safe and structured learning environment for its students. There is much to be excited about with the launch of the Viterbo Education Program, NEW STEM lab, and over fifty extracurriculars to get involved with. Call (608)-784--0287 to schedule a tour! The first day of school will be Wednesday, August 24, 2022. 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](mailto:info@aquinasschools.org) with any questions or visit [www.aquinascatholicschools.org/enrollment](http://www.aquinascatholicschools.org/enrollment) to get started.