Blessed Sacrament & Roncalli Newman Parishes April 16th, 2023 | Divine Mercy Sunday

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# Congratulations to our High School Confirmation Candidates! Roncalli Newman Blessed Sacrament

Ava "Clare" Belland
Leah "Cecilia" Marie Beyer
Eden "Lea" Margaret Devine
Elsa "Veronica" Marie Fortner
Anderson "Michael" Scott Fortney
Katherine "Adelaide" Jeanne Fortney
Mitchell "Peter" Theodore Fortney
Jenna "Olivia" Marie Gansen
Elijah "Ignatius" Ronald Horstman
Alexa "Mary" Raleigh Wissing

Maxwell "Raphael" James Maliszewski
Claire "Edith" Elizabeth Miller
Christian "Thomas" James Milliren
Tessa "Pauline" Marjan Miskowski
Jack "Peter" Thomas Neumeister (Apr. 19)
Oliver "Hildegard" Stephen Olson
Jonah "Luigi" Richard Sdano (Apr. 19)
Gabriel "Carlo" Verdoliva Weber
Rosa "Gemma" Lin Weaver

# Benton "Patrick" Thomas Arnold

Helen "Philomena" Lydia Arnold Thomas "Bernard" Paul Bagniefski Thomas "Juan Diego" James Gorman(Apr. 19) Declan "Jude" John Gregg Camille "Clare" Susan Kellogg-Johnson David "Christopher" Onyekachi Onyeabor Riley "Mary" Nicole Wiczek

# **Around the Parish**

#### Join our mission for 24/7 Adoration

There are 168 hours in a week and we want to pray unceasingly! We are looking for people to sign up and commit to a weekly 60 minute slot to be with Jesus in adoration in the chapel at Blessed Sacrament. Sign up: lacrosse.weadorehim.com. We are hoping to begin 24/7 adoration on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 16.

# **Hungering for God? Holy is His Name**

Please join us **Wednesday**, **April 19**, **6pm** at Newman for our video series, Holy Is His Name. Come learn with us and pray with us as we continue the journey. Attending previous sessions is not required; brief recap will be given. All are welcomed! Questions: please call Marcia Kolaczkowski 608 790 5342

# **Sympathies**

Condolences to Yvonne Kaplan on the recent death of her husband Robert.

# **Families Forming Disciples**

FFD meets this Sunday April 16th from 10:10am-11:10am at Blessed Sacrament and Wednesday April 19th from 5:45pm-6:45pm Mary Mother of the Church. Families will share their At Home Mission and conclude Lesson 8 Living the Easter Season fully.

# **High School Faith Formation**

High School Faith Formation meets **Wednesday April 19th from 7:00pm-8:30pm** at Blessed Sacrament.

# **April Men's Prayer and Fellowship**

Men's prayer and fellowship gathering will be **Monday April 17th from 6-7:30pm** in parish center. All men from both Parishes invited including the guys that just came into the church at Easter Vigil. Once again we will have a segment from Father Mike Schmitz. Bring your Rosary and a friend. Hope to see you then.

#### **BSP Plant Sale**

Blessed Sacrament Women's Club has undertaken the sponsorship of a high school girl from the Hosea's Heart ministry. This ministry was founded by a former Roncalli Newman parishioner, Mary Kate Martin. She has established a home in Swaziland for girls who have been victims of poverty and all the brokenness, darkness and damages that poverty breeds. Her home provides shelter, food, clothing, education, counseling, and healing for the young girls. The cost of one year at her shelter is \$4500. The Women's Club's hope is to be able to raise the \$4500 through a sale of your indoor or outdoor plants, perennials, along with cash donations. The sale will take place in the Blessed Sacrament parking lot on Saturday June 3, from 7am-1pm. We are in need of your help in supplying the plants from your home or garden; if you are shopping for your own spring planting, consider buying an extra plant to donate. We also welcome cash donations. As our winter fades into the beauty of Spring, we are reminded that Hope Springs Eternal... and ask you to join us in planting this same gift of Hope in the life of a young woman. Saint Josephine Bakhita, pray for us and the success of our sale.

# **Liturgical Ministers Schedule**

April 22/23 Saturday, Apr 22, 4:30 PM (Mass at Blessed Sacrament) Mary E Saphner Reader (1) Reader (2) Paulette Drozdowicz Michelle Johnson Cantor

Mary Blaha-DeBoer Accompanist Maria J. Server Michael J. Server

Gretchen Myre **Hospitality Minister** Mike Myre **Hospitality Minister** Mike Vanderploeg Sacristan/MC

Luci Johnson **EMHC EMHC** Donna Cramer

Sunday, Apr 23, 9:00 AM (Mass at Blessed Sacrament)

Reader (1) Patty Keil Bob Kelemen Reader (2) Andrea Fritts Cantor Mary Blaha-DeBoer Accompanist Dave Schreier Server

**Bonnie Hrabak Hospitality Minister** Hospitality Minister Bruce Hrabak Tad Strittmater Hospitality Minister John Gallagher Hospitality Minister William Arnold Sacristan/MC

**EMHC** Sandra Borreson **EMHC** Bernice Lansing

Sunday, Apr 23, 11:15 AM (Mass at Roncalli Newman)

Tom Hench Reader (1) Kathleen Hench Reader (2) Michelle Skemp Cantor Mary Ellen Haupert Accompanist Sandy Sieck **Hospitality Minister** Carol Knox **Hospitality Minister Bobbie Wilson Hospitality Minister** Hospitality Minister Pat Wilson Teresa Walter Gift Bearer

Janelle Vanderzee Gift Bearer **NOT FILLED** Sacristan/MC

April 29/30

Saturday, Apr 29, 4:30 PM (Mass at Blessed Sacrament)

Gene Kolaczkowski Reader (1) Reader (2) **Annie Berendes** Kent Stein Cantor Mary Blaha-DeBoer Accompanist Elizabeth H. & Mike H. Servers

Natalie Schwinn Weaver Hospitality Minister (usher/greeter) Scott Weaver Hospitality Minister (usher/greeter)

Sacristan/MC Mike Vanderploeg

Paulette Drozdowicz **EMHC** Peter Drozdowicz **EMHC** 

Sunday, Apr 30, 9:00 AM (Mass at Blessed Sacrament)

Roger Korger Reader (1) Reader (2) Natalie Bennett Jennifer Kulzer Cantor Mary Blaha-DeBoer Accompanist Matthew B. Server

Hospitality Minister (usher/greeter) **Jack Kallies** Hospitality Minister (usher/greeter) Hospitality Minister (usher/greeter) Karen Gamoke John Gallagher Hospitality Minister (usher/greeter) John Wissing

William Arnold Sacristan/MC Fran Sauer **EMHC EMHC Greg Sauer** 

Sunday, Apr 30, 11:15 AM (Mass at Roncalli Newman)

John Houge Reader (1) Reader (2) Meredith Houge Kelley Manson Cantor Mary Ellen Haupert Accompanist

Hospitality Minister (usher/greeter) Denise DeBonville Hospitality Minister (usher/greeter) Sherwin Toribio Alie Toribio Hospitality Minister (usher/greeter) Karen Lange Hospitality Minister (usher/greeter)

Kathy and Leigh Running Gift Bearers Cindy Sjolander Sacristan/MC

#### **Mass Intentions**

Saturday, April 15

Noon RNC +Alice Howe 4:30pm BSP +Dolores Zabolio

Sunday, April 16

9am BSP People of the Parish 11:15am RNP +Michael Myers

Monday, April 17

8am BSP The intention of ILARIA & ELLEANA Thompson

Tuesday, April 18

8am BSP +Larry Reinders +Therese Skemp 10:30am BSP

Reparation for offense against the 5:15pm RNP

Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday, April 19

8am BSP Teachers and Staff at Blessed Sacrament School

Noon RNP +Greg Randall

Thursday, April 20

8am BSP +Mary Ann Bradley 7pm RNP +Bill Grauman

Friday, April 21

8am BSP +David Borreson Noon RNP +Paul Martin

Saturday, April 22

+Bill Chamberlain 4:30pm BSP

Sunday, April 23

9am BSP +Ron Hammes 11:15am RNP +Mary Baron

#### This Week

Saturday, April 15

• Funeral Mass for Alice Howe, 12pm RNC

Confessions, 3:30pm @ BSP

Rosary, 4:05pm

Sunday, April 16 - Divine Mercy Sunday

Rosary, 8:35am (led by Kevin and Helen Roop)

Families Forming Disciples, 10:10am

Monday, April 17

Salvation Army Service, 4:15pm

April Men's Prayer and Fellowship, 6pm BSP

Sunday Scripture Study, 7pm RNC

Tuesday, April 18

Funeral Mass for Therese Skemp, 10:30am BSP

Wednesday, April 19

Dogma and Donuts Men's Group, 8:45am BSP

Liturgical Choir, 5pm RNC

Families Forming Disciples, 5:45pm MMOC

Holy is His Name Video Series, 6pm RNC

High School Faith Formation

Thursday, April 20

Salvation Army Service, 4:15pm

Adoration & Confession w/ Music 6pm RNC

Friday, April 21 Saturday, April 22

Confessions, 3:30pm @ BSP

Rosary, 4:05pm (led by Scott and Caryl Doberstein)

Sunday, April 23

Rosary, 8:35am (led by Joe and Barb Clements)

Weekend Collection 04/09 **BSP** \$11,382 // **RNP** \$2,235.11

#### **Easter Flowers at Blessed Sacrament**

In Honor or In Memory Of
Ryan Poehling and Christopher Poehling
Bill and Lyda DeGise & John and Laura Levi
Seth Hammes
Denny Hartogh
Dr & Mrs Richard and Arlene Carley
Donald Schreier and Frank, Doreen & Mike Schuh
Deceased members of the Ray & Lauretta Jahimiak Family
Virgil Grabinski
Marianne Pittman
Ron Hammes
Alvin and Elizabeth Gerke
Don Gallagher, Blanche & Sylvester Gallagher, Ray & Genevieve Kelzer
Taylor Vanderploeg
Carl & Pat Minguski and Edward Horvath
The Drozdowicz and Matushek Famlies
Leonard & Margaret Degenhardt and Lloyd Herlitzke
Gilbert and Joyce Gerke
Mary Ann Bradley and Marianne Pittman

# Thank you to all who helped adorn our sanctuaries with flowers for Easter!

#### Easter Flowers at Roncalli Newman

From	In Honor or In Memory Of
Katie Barton	Pauline & Hilgart Families
Randy & Marian Schiesser	Marvin & Marie Schiesser
Randy & Marian Schiesser	Joseph & Lottie Smotucha
Jane Korducki & Tom Miller	William Miller & Stanley Korducki
Kathyryn Barth	Barth & Klaas Family
Joan Poeschel	Clarence & Gertrude Poeschel
Joan Poeschel	Jason Oke & Sister Dorothy Brenner
Cathi Baus	David Baus
Katherine Niedfeldt	Niedfeldt Families
Ellie & Dennis Dorman	Dorman Families
Chip &Alice McGuire- Backland	McGuire Backlund Families
Lorrie Brimer	Slonski & Koszyk Families

# Offering of Letters April 22/23

Social Justice will hold its annual Offering of Letters on April 22 & 23. Each year, Roncalli Newman joins with Churches around the nation in writing to congress to advocate for the passage of bills that will help end hunger. This year, Congress is working to renew farm bill programs such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and international food aid programs. Among the measures that should be included are strengthening nutrition security in domestic and international programs; creating a more equitable SNAP program; and increasing food systems sustainability. Tell your senators and representatives to support the reauthorization of the farm bill in order to build healthy, equitable, and sustainable food systems. Look for post cards and sample letters at the doors April 22 & 23 and join us in the Offering of Letters. Go to to www.bread.org for more information and updates.

# **Attention Art Enthusiasts (all forms of art)**

You are invited to show and sell your art on **August**, **26**, **2023** from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Blessed Sacrament Parish Center. A designated space for each vendor will be available for \$50. or a shared space for \$75. To reserve a space and more information contact Sandy at (608) 787- 6482. More information to follow.

# **Funeral Mass for Therese Skemp**

Condolences to the family and friends of Blessed Sacrament Parishioner Therese Skemp.

Funeral Mass for Therese Skemp will be held this **Tuesday, April 18th 10:30am** with Visitation beginning at 9:30am in the BSP chapel.

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#### **Music and Liturgy**

#### From the desk of Mary Ellen Haupert

#### **EASTER GRATITUDE**

Heartfelt thanks to priests, deacons, readers, hospitality ministers, gift bearers, sacristans, MCs, servers, and all who contribute to our beautiful liturgies. Thanks, especially, to musicians from both Roncalli Newman and Blessed Sacrament who combined their talents to sing at both parishes throughout Holy Week! Specific thanks to Mary Blaha-DeBoer as she provides leadership in her role as music director, and to Mike Porter and Mike Mader for composing the Prayers of the Faithful that are prayed each week at our Sunday liturgies.

Thank you to members of the Liturgy Committee who have met consistently since our parish merger to discuss the liturgical practices of both parishes. Their constructive dialogue has helped steer difficult decisions; the members, which consist of representatives from both parishes, have been honest and respectful of one another.

Thank you to all those who contributed time and talent to Lenten stations of the cross at Blessed Sacrament Parish and Soup and Sustenance for the Soul at Roncalli Newman Parish. Soup and Sustenance speakers Emily Sustar, Mike Porter, Mike Kreiling, Beth Piggush, Annie Berendes, and Mike Haupert deserve praise for their well-prepared and inspirational talks; thanks also to the many cooks at both parishes who served delicious soups at both parishes.

Thank you to Jim and Carolyn Bagniewski for hosting the Holy Thursday Potluck, and to Annie and Gabe Berendes and Mike and Carol Mader for hosting the reception at the Easter Vigil. These events are meaningful ways that we can interact with our college students and with one another.

#### **Associate Pastoral Notes**

From the desk of Father Sam McCarty

Hi All.

We are fruitful! For the next few weeks I'd like to highlight the ones who just entered the Church at Easter and have them share their stories: these show that God is working, calling his children to himself. First up is Brandon, a student at UWL who received Confirmation and First Communion at the Easter Vigil.

-Fr. Sam

Coming from a protestant background, I thought that RCIA was very helpful in the transition from the spiritual background that I had to Catholicism. I feel like it helped clear a lot of questions that I had before joining RCIA as well as bring in new questions that I had during that time (and into the future). The vigil was a very special experience because everyone there was able to witness to me receiving Jesus for the first time. Since the middle of RCIA, I picked up a bible study with some of the guys at Newman as well as some from RCIA and it has been really influential on growing closer to God and in the community.

-Brandon

#### **Pastoral Notes**

#### From the desk of Father Billy Dodge

First, over the course of Lent I had many people return to the Sacrament of Confession. No one was yelled at for staying away, and I think there were some powerful encounters with the mercy of Jesus. For those who did not get a chance to go to confession during Lent, there is a special opportunity for confessions this Sunday, April 16, which is called Divine Mercy Sunday. The confessions will be heard at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe from 9:00am-4:00pm (check their website to confirm start and end times). There will be multiple priests hearing confessions throughout the day. If it has been 30 years, just tell the priest it's been 30 years and the priest will be happy to help walk you through the process. I do recommend taking some time in prayer asking the Holy Spirit to reveal over the course of that time what needs to be brought into the light - a good examination of conscience can help too. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website has some good guides to help you examine your conscience before confession (https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/sacraments-and-sacramentals/penance/examinations-of-conscience)

Second, thank you again to everyone who made the Triduum and Easter Sunday liturgies possible - from decorators, greeters, lectors, the amazing choir and musicians, and many more. We had a great turn out for the Saturday Easter Vigil to welcome 8 people from both parishes who came into the Church, with a wonderful reception that followed in the lower level social hall.

Third, I like to point out that the liturgical season of Lent is 40 days, but the Easter season is 50 days and ends at Pentecost Sunday. The liturgical calendar reminds us that the Easter joy of the resurrection is greater than the penitential season of Lent. May this seasonal liturgical observation be born out in our lives.

### 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.

### **Aquinas Schools Enrollment open**

Aquinas High School and Aquinas Middle School welcome you to enroll for the 2023-2024 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!

#### **Founder's Day**

The Aquinas Catholic Schools Foundation is celebrating Founder's Day on Sunday, April 23, with an award dinner at the Radisson Hotel Ballroom. Mrs. Julie Wagner, Mark Hansen, Phil (PJ) Esten, and The Weber Group will all be honored at the event. If you would like additional information about this event or to RSVP, please visit aquinascatholicschools.org/founders-day

# **MMOC Rummage Sale**

Mary, Mother of the Church, 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, will be holding a Spring Rummage Sale on Friday, April 21, 11 AM - 3 PM, \$6 a bag; and on Saturday, April 22, 8 - 11 AM, \$3 a bag. Some items priced individually.

Spring Luncheon Saturday, April 29th, 2023 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

St. Mary's Parish, 900 Central Ave., Coon Valley, WI 54623
Only \$7 per person. Open to the general public. Invite your family and friends and join us for lunch and door prizes. Lisa Olson, a children's book author, will present her latest book starting at 11:30 AM. For more information call 608-452-3841.

#### More events!

Check out more events and activities happening around the diocese by visiting the chancery bulletin: diolc.org/chancery/past-bulletins/

Chicken-Q Wednesday, April 19 • 11:00 am - 6:00 pm Aquinas High School - Cass Street Parking Lot \$12.00 per meal