Roman Catholic Churches of La Crosse, WI Feast of the Transfiguration | August 6th, 2023

# MASS TIMES SATURDAY

4:30PM Blessed Sacrament (BSP) **SUNDAY** 

9AM Blessed Sacrament (BSP) 11AM Roncalli Newman (RNC)

### **DAILY MASS TIMES**

Monday - Friday - 8:00AM (BSP) Tues - 5:15PM (RNC) Wed/Fri - Noon (RNC)

### **CONFESSIONS**

3:30PM - 4:15PM Saturdays or by appointment

# OUR PARISH IS SERVED BY: PASTOR

Fr. Billy Dodge 608-860-6001 ext.8

### ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Fr. Sam McCarty 608-860-6001 ext. 9

### **DEACONS**

Dcn David Allen
Dcn Dave Belland

# CONTACT US BSP OFFICE HOURS

Mon - Fri: 8:30<sub>AM</sub> - Noon office@bsplacrosse.org 608-782-2953 ext. 2

### **RNC OFFICE HOURS**

Mon - Thurs: 9AM - 12PM, 1PM - 4PM Fri: 9AM - 12PM office@newmanlc.org 608-860-6001 ext. 1

\*Are you homebound and need to be visited for Communion? Please call our parish office!

### FROM THE DESK OF FR. BILLY DODGE

Summer is flying by, and I am going on vacation before the school year begins. I will leave later this Sunday, August 6, and return for the Holy Day of the Assumption of Mary on August 15. The last time I went on a week-long vacation was August 2019. I have been away for my annual spiritual retreat and work conferences, but not vacation. The plan is to drive to the Upper Peninsula Michigan. Along with enjoying the cooler weather and natural beauty, I especially look forward to praying at the tomb of Bishop Frederick Baraga. Baraga came to the United States in 1830 and died in 1868, and his cause for sainthood is being considered. At one point he was the only Catholic priest ministering in the UP, the entire northern part of Wisconsin, and the Duluth area! Walking 30 miles in a day, or 20 miles by snowshoe in the winters, he risked his life countless times to bring Jesus and the sacraments to the people. It makes my assignment seem like a walk in the park! I often draw inspiration from his stories and pray for his intercession in my priestly ministry. Please pray for me as I will be praying for you everyday of my vacation, and I look forward to seeing you upon my return for Mass on August 15 as we celebrate what Jesus did for his Mother by bringing her body and soul into heaven!

# **AROUND OUR PARISHES**

Holy Hour/Happy Hour Wednesday, August 9th

Hope to see you for the final Holy Hour/Happy Hour of the summer - August 9th with Adoration from 6pm-7pm. After, join us for fellowship in the Parish Center until 8pm. Everyone welcome. Bring your friends.

**Sacramental Preparation Programs** 

All families with children going into 2nd grade or 10th grade should have received information (via email) regarding applications for the prep. programs for the Sacraments of first Communion/first Confession (2nd graders) and Confirmation (10th graders). If you haven't received anything and would like your child to receive these Sacraments, contact Kristin Johnson: kjohnson@newmanlc.org or Samuel Obert: sobert@mmoclacrosse.org. Applications are due as soon as possible!

**School Supplies Drive for Catholic Charities** 

Our annual school supplies drive is back. This year we're in need of: Pencil Sharpeners, Pencils, Highlighters, Glue Sticks, packs of markers, packs of crayons, Folders, Wide Ruled Notebooks, Binders 2-3in, Simple Calculators, Scientific Calculators, Blunt Scissors, Pencil Bags, Glue Bottles, Head Phones, Ear Buds. Items can be dropped off in the BSP Narthex. Thank you very much!

# **AROUND OUR PARISHES**

### **Wedding Congratulations**

Congratulations to Christie Gees and Zack Abraham who were married at Blessed Sacrament on July 22nd.

### **Baptism Congratulations**

Blessings to Renata Marie Hanson (parents Theodore and Lindsey) and Maevyn Kaylyn Collins (parents Ty and Delaney) who were both recently baptized at Blessed Sacrament

### **Sympathies**

Our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Peggy Geiger, Roncalli Newman Parishioner, who passed away last week. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

### **Gathering Loaves & Fishes August 17th**

Have an evening out with Gathering Loaves and Fishes along the Mississippi River at the Pettibone Boat Club on Thursday, August 17th at 6 p.m. Please call Colleen at 608-787-1120 to join us.

### Hosea's Heart Production in La Crosse! | August 19 @ Aquinas High School

Come to a transformative and empowering event as Hosea's Heart presents "Scars: Up From Ashes," a production that combines dance, vocals, poetry, and spoken word to tell a story of hope, forgiveness, and redemption. Hosea's Heart is a girl's safe home in Eswatini, Africa, serving girls who have been/are at risk for sexual abuse or trafficking. Through education, skill building, and, most importantly, fostering a relationship with God, Hosea's Heart gives girls a chance to envision a bright future, where they are capable and worthy of success. It costs \$375 per girl per month to provide all necessities for living. In lieu of admission fees, donations will be accepted to support these young women. Items made by the girls will also be for sale. See www.hoseasheart. org for more information.

### Verso l'Alto Hike: Saturday August 19th, Devil's Lake State Park.

All middle and high school-aged youth are invited to participate in this day of hiking, friendship, and prayer. We will learn about the life of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, which was full of prayer and the outdoors, about each he proclaimed, "verso l'alto" or "to the heights!" Chaperones will be needed to help with carpooling. If interested please contact Samuel Obert: sobert@mmoclacrosse.org.

### "Spiritual Armor for Everyday Life: Prayer, Humility, and Hope" | August 19

The La Crosse Guild of the Catholic Medical Association is sponsoring breakfast and spiritual reflection at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Saturday, August 19, 2023, following the 8:30am Mass. This event is open to all persons. Cost for buffet breakfast is \$15. Registration deadline is Monday, August 14th. To register, please send check to Charlie Peters, MD, N8536 County Road TT, Holmen, WI 54636. For questions, contact Dr. Pavela at: slpavela@gmailcom.

Join us in celebrating Mary Ellen August 20th! In recognition of Mary Ellen Haupert's 25 years of dedicated service to the Roncalli Newman Parish, we will be having a salad and dessert potluck (with entertainment) on August 20th, in the Newman Center Hall after the 11:00 Mass. Both parishes are welcome to attend. Check out the online bulletin for an RSVP link!

### Newman Food Booth at Great River Folk Fest

Newman will have a food booth for one day only on Saturday, August 26 at the Great River Folk Fest, featuring home baked goods. We are asking parishioners to bake cookies, bars, cupcakes, muffins, quick breads and snack mixes and bring them to the Newman kitchen on Friday, August 25 between 4:00-7:30 PM. Labeling goods and indicating items that are gluten free is very helpful. Volunteers will be there to receive the goods and package them for sale. If you would be willing to bake goods, or volunteer to sell items, (two hour shifts from 9am - 7pm), please sign up at the Main Street Entrance of Newman. This fundraiser helps us fund Social Justice projects that help those in need. As always, we couldn't do it without our generous parishioners. Your support is greatly appreciated!

### Youth Faith Formation 23-24

The new school year is upon us, which means it's time to register your child/ren for their Faith Formation program. All families with youth in 1st through 12th grade should have received a letter and registration form in the mail. If you haven't, contact Kristin Johnson: kjohnson@newmanlc.org or Samuel Obert: sobert@mmoclacrosse.org. OR Register using the QR code below. Early-bird registration ends **August 31st**; price will increase thereafter.



### YOU'RE APPRECIATED!

In recognition of all our dedicated volunteers, Father Dodge, Father McCarty and the staff from BSP and RNC invite you to a Volunteer Recognition Picnic!

WHO: For anyone who volunteers their time & talents in our parishes in any capacity, you are invited! WHEN: Wednesday August 16th 5:00pm-7:00pm

WHERE: Lower Myrick Park at the Gun Club Shelter

WHAT: Food, Drink and Fun

Please RSVP by calling the office at BSP at 608-782-2953 or RNC at 608-860-600. **HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!** 

Reader (1)

Reader (2)

Cantor & Accompanist

# LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE AUGUST 12/13

Carol Mader

Annie Berendes

Sat, Aug 12, 4:30 PM (Mass at Blessed Sacrament)

Reader (1) Tom Kieffer Joan Mueller Reader (2)

Maggie Schreiber & Mary Blaha-DeBoer Cantor & Accompanist Hunter J Server Chip Backlund & Alice Mcquire Backlund Hospitality Minister

Mike Vanderploeg Sacristan/MC Debbie Clarkin(sub req.)& Caryl Doberstein EMHC

Sun, Aug 13, 9:00 AM (Mass at Blessed Sacrament)

Jim Bagniewski Reader (1) Steve McGovern Reader (2)

Michelle Johnson & Mary Blaha-DeBoer Cantor & Accompanist

Dave Schreier Server

Karen Gamoke & Kathi Hancock **Hospitality Ministers** Scott Smerud & John Wissing Hospitality Ministers William Arnold Sacristan/MC

Dennis & Carlene Ulrich

Sun, Aug 13, 11:00 AM (Mass at Roncalli Newman)

Michelle Skemp & Maggie Schreiber

Mike Mader & Lois Martin Hospitality Ministers Hospitality Ministers Lois Martin & Sean O'Flaherty Gift Bearers Debbie Clarkin Sacristan/MC

Rosary Leaders at Blessed Sacrament

8/12 4:30pm - Mary Schuttenhelm 8/13 9am - Les and Terry Lachine

See the Liturgical Ministry Schedule for August 19/20 on the back page.

# MUSIC & LITURGY: FROM THE DESK OF MARY ELLEN HAUPERT

### CONGRATULATIONS FOR GETTING THROUGH YEAR ONE OF MSP!

**EMHC** 

Congratulations to all of you who have successfully used the Ministry Scheduler Pro software. I'm especially proud of the Blessed Sacrament liturgical ministers, most of whom are requesting swaps and/or filling in open spots on the schedule without any trouble. The learning curve for MSP has been frustrating at times (which RNP folks know from experience) but so helpful in managing both parishes. Thank you for taking the time to learn something new.

The current schedule will run through the end of September and contains schedules for deacons, readers, hospitality ministers, servers, sacristan/MCs, cantors, accompanists, and Bethany-Riverside volunteers. If you are still having trouble with the program, please don't hesitate to contact me via email: mehaupert@viterbo.edu. My last task at RNP/BSP will be to launch the MSP schedule for October 2023 – January 2024.

### **VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION**

Donna & Larry Lee

We want to thank all of our volunteers at the Volunteer Recognition Picnic, which will be held at the Gun Shelter at Myrick Park on Wednesday, August 16th from 5:00 – 7:00 PM. RSVP at either the RNP or BSP offices with the names of family members who will be in attendance. Thank you for your service!

### **EXERCISE HOSPITALITY**

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Read more of Mary Ellen's bulletin article in the online edition!

### MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 5** 

4:30pm BSP +Mary Brennan

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 6** 

9am BSP The Intention of Eileen Knothe

11am RNC +Tom Strange

**MONDAY, AUGUST 7** 

8am BSP +Mary Ann Bradley

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 8** 

+Arthur Gomez 8am BSP 5:15pm RNC +Leo Mashak

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9** 

8am BSP +Richard Coaty

Noon RNC Mental Health Healing

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 10** 

8am BSP +Ron Hammes

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11

8am BSP +Monsignor Bernard McGarty

Noon RNC +Susan Marcotty

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 12** 

4:30pm BSP +Bob Saphner

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 13** 

9am BSP The Intention of Jerry Borreson

11am RNC +Tom Strange

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Judy Kabat Caryl Doberstein Kent Stein & Mary Blaha-DeBoer

Elizabeth H. & Mike H. Donna Cramer & Mary O'Mara

Mike Vanderploeg

Paulette & Peter Drozdowicz

### Sun, Aug 20, 11:00 AM (Mass at Roncalli Newman)

Margaret Bluske Maureen Neuville Peg Manson & ME Haupert Paul & Sue Grant Sam & Freddi Servais Ginger & Ken Horth Cindy Sjolander

Reader (1) Reader (2)

Cantor & Accompanist Servers

Hospitality Ministers Sacristan/MC

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Dave Schreier

Steve Flottmever & Mark Hyde LuAnne Kratt & Bob Roth

William Arnold

Chris & Patti SansCrainte

Reader (2)

Cantor & Accompanist

Server

**Hospitality Ministers Hospitality Ministers** Sacristan/MC

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# FROM THE DESK OF MARY ELLEN HAUPERT CONTINUED

### TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

We celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord this weekend because August 6th falls on a Sunday. We Catholics forget this because we also celebrate the Transfiguration of Our Lord on the Second Sunday of Lent; which had the same Gospel reading from Matthew (17:1-9). The Catholic News Agency reported on Pope Francis' homily on March 5, 2023:

Pope Francis said that we must "see the same beauty on the faces of the people who walk beside us every day," such as family, friends, and colleagues. "How many luminous faces, how many smiles, how many wrinkles, how many tears and scars reveal love around us," the pope said.

"Let us learn to recognize them and to fill our hearts with them. And then let us set out in order to bring the light we have received to others as well, through concrete acts of love diving into our daily occupations more generously, loving, serving, and forgiving with greater earnestness and willingness," the Holy Father said.

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In her book, "Making Room: Recovering Hospitality as a Christian Tradition," Christine Pohl challenges readers to radical hospitality, dignity, and the power of recognition. The last paragraph of her book reads, "As a way of life, an act of love, an expression of faith, our hospitality reflects and anticipates God's welcome. Simultaneously costly and wonderfully rewarding, hospitality often involves small deaths and little resurrections. By God's grace we can grow more willing, more eager, to open the door to a needy neighbor, a weary sister or brother, a stranger in distress. Perhaps as we open that

# AROUND THE COMMUNITY

### Mark Hart to speak on the Eucharist in Scripture

During this National Eucharistic Revival, all Catholics are invited to grow in their understanding of Jesus' True Presence in the Eucharist. Join Mark Hart, the renowned "Bible Geek," on Monday, Aug. 21st from 5:30-8 p.m. for this live, virtual Conference on the Eucharist in Scripture. Mark presents in a compelling way, making the Scriptures on the Eucharist come alive. Register: diolc.org/witness or by using your smartphone's camera to scan the QR code to the right. Cost is \$10 per person and includes Mark's book entitled "The Divine Encounter" (a \$7.95 value). Join with others at Blessed Sacrament parish or family at home. – Don't miss it!

### A Minute with Jesus: The Eucharist is called the Holy Sacrifice

A sacrifice is an offering of love for someone. Jesus rescued us and set us free from the bondage of sin by offering Himself through His painful sacrifice on the Cross. At each Mass, Jesus offers Himself to the Father for love of us. Jesus is not being "re-sacrificed" but the sacrifice of Calvary is being made present at each Mass. To express our gratitude and to open our hearts more deeply to Him, we can show our love by offering small sacrifices to Him: our willingness to forgive after being hurt by someone, cutting our time short with TV to take time for prayer, visiting someone who is sick etc. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: "Thank You, Jesus, for loving me so much that You were willing to die in order to save me and set me free from the bondage of sin." This week, read how we are to imitate Jesus by walking in the way of love in Ephesians 5:2 "Walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved me and gave Himself up for me as a fragrant offering

and sacrifice to God" (Ephesians 5:2).



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