

Blessed Sacrament Parish & Roncalli Newman Parish

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time // July 24, 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.

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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.

Party for Pauline

There will be an Appreciation / Thank-You party for Pauline on August 4th from 5:30 - 8:30 pm at Schmidty's. Due to space constraints and to plan for food, please RSVP as soon as possible using the link provided in the weekly BSP Email or by contacting Jennifer at kulzerj@gmail.com or 608-385-3459

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

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

New Liturgical Ministers Scheduling

To incorporate all parishioners into our new worship schedule, we are transitioning to a new scheduling system, MSP (Ministry Scheduler Pro). To check the schedule, download the app, or contact Mary Ellen with questions - mehaupt@viterbo.edu

Salvation Army Ministry

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

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

School Supply Drive

School supply drive items can be dropped off in the BSP Narthex through July 31st. Thank you very much!

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.

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.

Rest in Peace

Our condolences to Joe and Barb Clements. Joe's sister Peggy Arentz passed away this past Sunday 7/17.

Contact RNP & BSP Staff:

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Social Justice Committee

"Roncalli Newman's Social Justice members will be sponsoring our annual Strawberry Sundae Fundraiser at the AAUW Art Fair on the Green on Saturday, July 30th. The Art Fair will be held in Myrick Park from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. The RNP SJ's fundraiser booth will be inside the Main Shelter. In addition to Strawberry Sundaes, we will also have Root Beer Floats. We raise money for social justice projects which includes hunger relief. Please come and support us."

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MASS INTENTIONS

MON 7/25 BSP 7:15am For the living and deceased members of the Burg family

TUES 7/26 BSP 7:15am Dorothy Hebertein
RNP 5:15pm +Maria Gaetner

WED 7/27 BSP 7:15am Patricia Lyga
RNP 12pm +Souls in Purgatory

THURS 7/28 BSP 7:15am Nancy Podesky
RNP +Souls in Purgatory

FRI 7/29 BSP 7:15am Tim Skemp
RNP 12pm +Liz Nutter

SAT 7/30 RNP +Dennis Montabon
BSP Georganna Mischler

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.

***To see or request changes to the upcoming liturgical ministry schedule, download the MSP (Ministry Scheduler Pro) app.

If you have an article for the bulletin, please email Adele at media@bsplacrosse.org. Thank you!

From the desk of Fr. Dodge

I missed being with my own congregation this past weekend. I was celebrating Mass at Saint Patrick's in Onalaska. This meant Father Sam McCarty had his first chance to preach at all the Masses at Blessed Sacrament and Roncalli Newman. When I returned I started asking parishioners what they thought of Father Sam. The reports were glowing. Several ladies said they loved that he is young and good looking. Then several different parishioners said they at first mistook Father Sam for me. So I will put the young and good looking comments together with the confusing Father Sam for me and take it as a roundabout compliment!

I have a wedding this weekend, so Father Sam will cover the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses at Blessed Sacrament. Then I will take the 11:15am Mass at Newman so Father Sam can go up north and see his priest friends. This coming Friday, July 29, I plan to go up north and see my family. I have not seen my family in almost three months. Last month I was going to go see them but I had COVID. Thankfully that is over!

Keep your priests in prayer as we are daily praying for you!

~Father Billy Dodge

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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!

NFP Educational Talk

Come learn about Natural Family Planning (NFP) and associated topics!

- What : Natural Family Planning Educational Talk
- When: 12 PM, Sunday, July 24th 2022
- Where: Undercroft, St Joseph the Workman Cathedral
- Who: Men and women (age 16+ years old)

Ruby Gravrok, medical student and NFP instructor, will be discussing Theology of the Body, Fertility, Natural Family Planning, Birth Control and much more!

Music & Liturgy

From the desk of Mary Ellen Hauptert

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SERVING ON LITURGY COMMITTEE?

The first joint Liturgy Committee meeting will be Tuesday, August 2nd @ 6:00 PM at my home (1632 Ferry Street). The lighter part of the evening will be a shared potluck meal with introductions, conversation, and a chance to get to know one another. The more serious business of the evening will be comparing protocols for reading and greeting/ushering (and many other ministries, if there's time). The blending of parishioners has already begun but we have yet to have a discussion about similarities and differences of our various ministries. We will also make decisions about whether or not we'll need subcommittees to better meet the needs of BSP and RNP. Invitations have already been sent but I don't intend to turn away any interested parishioners from either parish.

YES, THERE IS STILL A FUNERAL CHOIR.

I have friends who sing in the Blessed Sacrament Funeral Choir. They tell me that they have gathered to honor deceased members of their parish for years. It sounds like a group with quite a bit of "spiritual glue" which is why it will continue. Before she left, Pauline Connell asked for first refusal of funerals. Know that she will be contacted the next time someone at BSP dies.

THY WILL BE DONE...

Roncalli Newman parishioners were familiar with the fine character of Vince Hatt, whose Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Monday, July 18, 2022 at RNP. Vince was the director of the Franciscan Spirituality Center and had a column on the Faith page of the La Crosse Tribune. He also wrote the general intercessions for Sunday liturgies at Newman.

I have been reading his book, "5 Minutes Matter: End of Life Reflections," and found a chapter that fits today's Gospel from Luke 11 when Jesus teaches us The Lord's Prayer.

"What Is God's Will?" by Vince Hatt

By the age of five, I was praying "they will be done." I had no idea what this meant. By the age of eight, I knew what God's will was for me. It was "to know, love and serve God in this life and be happy with Him forever in the next." End of story. Or as I later learned in geometry class: QED. Which meant for us "Quite Easily Done," as we did not understand Latin. Then adolescence happened. I had strong feelings that did not fit conveniently in any categories of God's will.

I also heard adults say statements that did not fit for me as God's will. When a young man was killed in a car accident, an adult said, "It must have been God's will." When a baby died, I read on the funeral card, "God needed another angel in heaven." Why would it be God's will that someone be killed in an accident? If God needed another angel in heaven, why did he not simply create one and avoid the awful grief of the deceased child's parents?

During theology class in college I was given an explanation. I was taught by a Dominican priest. One motto of the Dominicans is "seldom affirm, never deny and always distinguish." Hence to the question, "Is it God's will that a child dies?" He answered as follows. He did not affirm "yes." He did not deny saying "no." He distinguished between God's active will and God's permissive will. God permits some things to happen because he gave us free will and set up the laws of nature. If we did not have freedom, we could never love. If there were not laws of nature, the world would be in continual chaos. Therefore, God does permit bad things to happen to good people because of the necessity of both human freedom and the laws of nature.

For example, when someone claims the coronavirus pandemic is God's punishment for our sins, I ask "How do you know the mind of God?" Couldn't the virus develop simply following the laws of nature? Later, midlife happened. It was then I realized I had more yesterdays than tomorrows. Mystery reentered my life as I struggled with what to do with the fast-disappearing years left. I discovered a prayer of Thomas Merton that I said hundreds of times. It begins, "My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going... Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following your will, does not mean that I am actually doing so." Then the prayer hopefully states that if I desire to do God's will, God "will lead me by the right road though I may know nothing about it."

In a complete surprise, I cautiously believe God led me by the right road to be on staff at Franciscan Spirituality Center. When I retired from FSC, I reactivated Thomas Merton's prayer: "I have no idea where I am going." I tried several opportunities to do volunteer work. Some I have continued to do. Yet something was still missing. Today, the best way for me to discern God's mysterious will is to discover the intersection of my gifts and the world's needs. I decided to write a few faith page commentaries.