

BLESSED SACRAMENT *Parish*

August 30, 2009
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MISSION STATEMENT

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Parish communicates the Word of God and its message of salvation through preaching, education and the promotion of peace and justice. This mission of evangelization, which entails forming ourselves in belief, sharing that belief and transforming the world around us, is achieved in the context of the Dominican tradition and its emphasis on the four pillars of celebrating God's presence through prayer, building up the Body of Christ through community life, serving God's people through ministry, and forming ourselves in Catholic Christian tradition through life-long study.



VISION STATEMENT

As a vibrant faith community, Blessed Sacrament Catholic Parish shall seek to involve all parishioners in the mission of evangelization.



All GOOD giving and every perfect gift is from ABOVE, coming down from the FATHER of lights, with whom there is no alteration or shadow caused by CHANGE.

JAMES 1:17

Pastor's Letter

We welcome back our students to the school this week. Obviously this one of the largest apostolates we have as a parish both in terms of scope of the commitment (enrollment) and the financial resources involved (parish subsidy to the school). We have over 300 children grades K-8 in the school in addition to our 4K program. Unlike many parishes with schools in which there is a relative balance between the numbers of students in the grade school and religious education program, in our parish the ratio is almost 5-1. So you can see the scope of the apostolate. Over the last seven years, in order to keep tuition lower, the parish has provided a subsidy of \$1,951,492 to the school out of normal operating revenue of \$6,027,874 (32%). In other words, for every \$10 that a retired person on a fixed income has put into the collection basket, \$3.20 has gone to help subsidize the tuition of parish children.

This obviously is a vast undertaking and an important one. The Catholic school system in the United States has historically provided the opportunity for immigrants and natives alike to receive a solid faith-based education. The system allowed many Catholics to mainstream into society, rising out of the ghettos. Catholic education continues to provide a valuable service today. In a world that is growing more and more secular and relativistic, Catholic schools provide a fine academic formation while emphasizing it is God who is the source of all creation and it is God who uses the arts, sciences and athletics to promote his greater glory. By studying the created world around us, we necessarily study the one who created it! Our parish therefore is greatly enhanced through the presence of the school. I am very grateful to the faculty, staff and school volunteers who each year renew their commitment to the importance of a faith-based education.

However, such an important apostolate is not without its tensions. As you know, working with the finance council, we have been very prudent as to how we have saved and spent money in the last several years. I am acutely aware of my responsibility to make sure that the \$10 that the person on social security puts into the basket on Sunday is used well to help fellow parishioners. For me, one of my greatest concerns is that there are a number of parish families (albeit a minority) who benefit from parishioner

tuition but do not act like parishioners as laid out in the school contract each year. Parishioner families are expected to attend Mass on a regular basis, volunteer for various Church ministries and support the parish financially. It's frustrating for me when people do not live up to this contract. I don't want to institute checking Mass attendance. Yet I was ready to go ballistic a couple of years ago when I received reports that some parishioner families were complaining that we had instituted weekly Mass at the school (before I came it was roughly once every 4-5 weeks). This suggested that some people were here for a private education, not a Catholic one. Similarly, when people do not regularly attend Mass or participate in other activities in the life of the parish, it is counter-productive to what the school is trying to teach. I say these things not to drive a wedge between people but to challenge parents not only to be just and fulfill their word as stated in a contract but to live the fullness of the life of faith. As Simon Peter told Jesus in last week's Gospel: "Master, to whom shall we go—you have the words of the eternal life." This is fundamentally what Catholic education should impart to us. We achieve happiness in the fullness of the life of faith!

Then there is understandably another tension in the parish because the sheer numbers ratio can create a seeming over-emphasis on the school vis-a-vis the religious education program. For example, because of the numbers, for every six children in a children's choir, five on average will be from the school. So sometimes it is a matter of sheer numbers. But other times I must apologize because we are not as sensitive to the needs or timetables of those not involved in the Catholic schools. For instance, after I first arrived, someone mentioned to me that our parish Mass and picnic in the park was scheduled towards the end of August after our school had started but before the public schools had started. Therefore, many of our religious education families perhaps were on vacation and missed out on the Mass and picnic. Therefore, I moved the picnic to the second Sunday in September after everybody had started school and was in town. There can be subtle ways that we can not be as sensitive as we should.

As we begin a new academic year these weeks, I invite us all to commit to a year of being inclusive as well as enthusiastic in living out a life of faith.

Fr. Pat



School News

Our 2009-10 school year begins on Monday, August 31, with the 8:30 PM liturgy. The APT will sponsor its annual Back-to-School Ice Cream Social on Tuesday, September 1st, from 6:30 to 7:30 PM in the Friary. Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 24. Blessed Sacrament School will celebrate its 85th anniversary with a reunion for alumni and friends! Look for more information in future bulletins!

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 29

5:00 PM Mary Kay Miller

Sunday, August 30

7:30 AM Our Parish Family

9:00 AM Shannon Kleinmaier

11:00 AM Benny Moten

Monday, August 31 - St. Aristedes

8:30 AM

Tuesday, September 1 - St. Fiacre

7:00 AM Aileen Pynnonen

8:30 AM

Wednesday, September 2 - St. Ingrid of Sweden

7:00 AM

8:30 AM

Thursday, September 3 - St. Gregory the Great

7:00 AM

8:30 AM Gladys & John Moran

Friday, September 4 - St. Rosalia

8:30 AM

Saturday, September 5

8:30 AM

5:00 PM Peter Matikiewicz

Sunday, September 6

7:30 AM Chuck Koval

9:00 AM Our Parish Family

11:00 AM Mike Manix



Michael Jones & Jessica Jones

Parish Staff

Fr. Patrick Norris, O.P.	ext. 117
Pastor	
Fr. Ron Kreul, O.P.	ext. 127
Parochial Vicar	
Ed Emmenegger	ext. 119
Pastoral Associate	
Maryann Slater	ext. 115
School Principal	
Kitty Maas	ext. 138
Director of Music and Liturgy	
Sr. Therese Rekowski, SSND	ext. 118
Director of Religious Education	
Melanie Ahern	ext. 116
Coordinator of Youth Formation	
Andy Robertson	ext. 145
Maintenance Director	
Mindy Wendt	ext. 110
Pastoral Administrative Assistant	
Brad Klingele	ext. 124
Young Adult Minister	
Diane Jones	ext. 120
Bookkeeper	
Sue Nolan	ext. 143
Liturgy/Religious Ed/YM Assistant	

Parish Calendar of Events

Sunday, August 30

12:00 PM New Family Welcome FR

Monday, August 31 - 1st 1/2 Day of School

Tuesday, September 1 - 1/2 Day of School

6:30 PM Back-to-School Ice Cream Social FR

Wednesday, September 2 - 1/2 Day of School

7:30 PM Little Rock Bible Study PC

7:30 PM Pastoral Council Meeting PC

Thursday, September 3

7:00 AM St. Vincent de Paul Meeting PC

8:55 AM Rosary CH

7:00 PM Prayer Group SCH

8:00 PM Teen/Adult Choir Practice CH

Friday, September 4

8:30 AM Virtus FR

8:55 AM Chaplet/Divine Mercy CH

Saturday, September 5

All Day UW Home Football Parking PL

9:00 AM Reconciliation/Holy Hour/Adoration CH

Church Basement-CB • Church-CH • School-SCH
Parish Center-PC • Friary-FR • Music Room-MR
School Library-SL • Parking Lots-PL

Administration

Week Ending August 23, 2009

Envelopes.....	\$18,663
Offertory.....	\$419
Totals.....	\$19,082

Fiscal Year July 1, 2009-August 23, 2009

Envelopes.....	\$112,359
Offertory.....	\$2,673
Totals.....	\$115,032

Annual Catholic Appeal Information

Parish Goal.....	\$78,849
Parish Pledges.....	\$59,869
Parish Paid.....	\$47,537

Readings for the Week

Sunday, August 30

Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/

Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Monday, August 31

1 Thes 4:13-18/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday, September 1

1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday, September 2

Col 1:1-8/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday, September 3

Col 1:9-14/Lk 5:1-11

Friday, September 4

Col 1:15-20/Lk 5:33-39

Saturday, September 5

Col 1:21-23/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday, September 6

Is 35:4-7a/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

Religious Education & Youth Ministry

**THE FOOD NETWORK PAYS ME NOT TO COOK...FOR REAL!**

Can you help Melanie with a very special Youth Ministry program this year? *The Young Life After-School Program* gathers teens for tutoring and dinner every Monday in the Parish Center. Parishioners are needed to donate home-cooked meals for approximately 15 teens/tutors during the academic year. Meals can be as simple as sandwiches, casseroles, soups, chili, BBQ, etc. Easy! Please prevent meals like fried Skittle and bacon wraps, salad on a stick, and pineapple tater tot shakes from being served from Melanie's gourmet kitchen! Call 238-3471 x-116 today!

J-Walking - Do you have a passion for justice? Do you like to express your passion in concrete acts of social ministry? Do you want to expand the work of social ministry in teen faith communities? Join J-Walking! J-Walking is short for Justice Walking. Teens will do direct service, discuss issues with local service agencies, speak with those afflicted by urban poverty and continue to their exploration of social justice issues through critical reflection. We will be serving at the following sites in August...

- Port St. Vincent's Soup Kitchen - Monday, August 31 - 4:45 to 7:15 PM
Joining the residents for dinner and playing games after dinner
- Salvation Army - Wednesday, September 16 - 6:00 to 8:00 PM
Cookie Decorating, Fall Art Project, and Games
- St. Vincent's Food Pantry - Thursday, September 24 - 4:45 to 7:00 PM
Helping clients shop for food in the pantry
- Habitat for Humanity - Saturday, September 26 - 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM
Helping build a home for a local family (must be 16 or older to participate)
- Port St. Vincent's Soup Kitchen - Tuesday, September 29 - 4:45 to 7:15 PM
Joining the residents for dinner and playing games after dinner
- The Road Home Halloween Fundraiser - Saturday, October 10 - 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Party like a pumpkin...hayrides, face painting, bobbing for apples, costumes, and more!
- CHWC: Blessed Sacrament Parish - Sunday, October 25 - TBA
Help parishioners in the parish with Fall clean-up, repairs, painting, etc. BBQ to follow!

For more details or to sign-up for any of the service sites, contact Cassidy Geoghegan (cassidy.geoghegan@yahoo.com) or Melanie Ahern at 238-3471 x-116.

Teen & Adult Contemporary Choir - Yup, it is true...ahhhh...a *practice date* has been set for the contemporary choir! We will be meeting on Thursday, September 3rd at 8:00 PM in the Church. We will introduce the choir to the parish at the teen mass on Sunday, September 20th at 5:00 PM. Still interested in singing, humming, or strumming? Please contact Linda Bridwell (lindabridwell@charter.net) or Melanie at 238-3471 x-116.

Teen Reflections at 2009-2010 Youth Ministry Masses! - Join us for the first teen mass of the 2009-2010 academic year on Sunday, September 20th at 5:00 PM. Katie Lucarelli, senior at Edgewood High School, will give a reflection about the readings and how they relate to her life and the lives of teens after communion. Don't forget teen masses are followed by dinner in The Friary! Whoohoo!

Catholic Heart Work Camp 2010 - The word is out on the street...BSP is opening registration for CHWC 2010! *Join us July 25 - 31, 2010 as we travel to St. Louis, Missouri.* Each day will be spent either renewing homes by doing such things as painting, housecleaning, yard work, and minor home repairs; or helping at day care centers for low income families by assisting with the children's programs, working at homeless shelters or helping at centers that distribute food to the needy. Teens will also experience morning/evening programs filled with videos, laughter, music, skits, dancing, and more. Do not miss your opportunity to participate! *Space is VERY limited.* Contact Melanie at 238-3471 x-116.

7th & 8th Grade Teens: Salvation Army & St. Vincent Food Pantry dates for 2009-2010!

If you are a middle school teen looking for the coolest volunteer projects in Madison, look no further! You can volunteer to attend Salvation Army on Wednesday nights at 6:15 PM or St. Vincent's Food pantry at 4:45 PM on the last Thursday of each month. Space is limited to 10 teens per trip. Sign-up sheets and permission slips are available in the Youth Room (Parish Center) or in the Gathering Space.

Middle School/High School Religious Education & Confirmation Classes -

Please watch your mail for information regarding 7-12 grade religious education at Blessed Sacrament Parish. Information may also be obtained from the parish website: www.blsacrament.org or by contacting Melanie.

Sacramental of Initiation



CALLING ALL THOSE WHO MAY BE THINKING ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC

Inquiry sessions are resuming this Monday, August 31, Monday at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center, for those beginning to explore the possibility of becoming Catholic, or for adults seeking Confirmation. You are welcome to consider being in the RCIA process (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) this coming year.

The parish RCIA team is also engaged in finding and training RCIA sponsors, parish members interested in walking with candidates during their initiation journey this year. Contact Ed Emmenegger, Pastoral Associate, extension 119 at the parish office, if you are interested in finding out more.

Bible Study Opportunities

Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta has said, "We have been created to love and be loved." Why not participate in one of our parish Bible studies to learn more about God's love for you and how to respond to it in loving others?

Invitation # 1 - The Bible Timeline

If you have ever wanted to read the Bible, but did not know where or how to begin, then the Bible Timeline study is for you. Discover God's plan for your life as you discover his amazing story. You will uncover the "big picture" of the biblical story as it is presented in specific books of the Bible. Join us and learn the major people, places, events and themes of the Bible. Perhaps for the first time in your life, you will understand the overview of the Bible story. This then makes your bible reading and even the Sunday mass readings come alive like never before. The Bible Timeline study will begin during the week of September 21st in the Parish Center. The day and time will be determined by class participants. Contact Tom Claridge at 238-3979 or tclaridge@tds.net for more information or to register by Monday September 7th.

Invitation # 2 - Matthew: The King and His Kingdom

Matthew: The King and His Kingdom presents the Gospel account in a way that brings the history of Christ to life. Witness for yourself how Jesus fulfills the promises and prophecies of the Old Testament. Experience how Christ demonstrates His authority and Divinity through his miraculous ministry. And recognize the power and importance of The Church, the Mass, and the Sacraments established by Christ. Join us for Matthew: The King and His Kingdom beginning the week of September 21st on Monday morning after the 8:30 AM mass (Parish Center), or Monday evening at 7 PM (Friary), or on Tuesday afternoon at 1 PM (Parish Center). Contact Tom Claridge at 238-3979 or tclaridge@tds.net for more information or to register by Monday September 7th.

Become Involved

YOUNGLIFE - If you're a caring adult who wants to make a positive impact in the lives of teens, consider being part of YoungLife!

YoungLife is a ministry for teens that has been active nationally for over 60 years. Adults work to build relationships with teens on their turf, showing an interest in their lives and providing events and activities where they can gather and have fun in a safe environment.

There are several ways that an adult in our community can get involved: Volunteer leader, Parent Support Team member, Advocates board, prayer and/or financial support. YoungLife in Madison is growing and needs help to develop this ministry for our teenagers.

Blessed Sacrament has leaders meeting with junior high students and would like to develop a WyldLife program as a part of our youth ministry. As a WyldLife leader, you'll hang out with middle school kids, build friendships with them, attend their events, and make an eternal difference. If you don't have a ton of time to offer each week, but you want to help out, maybe the Parent Support Team is right for you. The Parent Support Team is a team of adults that helps publicize, chaperon, and provide support to the volunteer leaders for WyldLife events.

YoungLife is funded by donations. There will be a golf outing September 21st. Come out to learn more and join Fr. Pat to support this wonderful ministry!! Brochures are in the back of church or can be obtained by contacting Joan Vandenbrook at 258-8005.

Consider what God is calling you to do! For more information or to get involved in any way contact Michael Haverkamp at 206-6988 or mhaverkamp@gmail.com.

Soldiers Prayer List

Jason Nichols & Joshua Nichols - Family friends of the John McDermott family, serving in Iraq
Cory Wendt - Nephew of Mindy Wendt, serving in Iraq

Micah Lillegard - Family friend of the Slater family, serving in Iraq

Please keep them and all people affected by war in your prayers.

Eucharist

Monday & Friday..... 8:30 AM
Tuesday-Thursday..... 7:00 & 8:30 AM
Saturday.....8:30 AM (Vigil 5:00 PM)
Sunday..... 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 AM

Contacts

Parish Office (608) 238-3471
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..... & 1:00-4:00 PM
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..... (add Fr to beginning of first name for Priest)
Parish Website..... www.blsacrament.org
School (608) 233-6155
Priory (608) 238-3472

Eucharistic Adoration- Benediction

Saturday Holy Hour 9:00-10:00 AM

Rosary

Thursdays after 8:30 AM Mass

Reconciliation

Saturdays following 8:30 AM Mass or by request and thru scheduled appointment with priests.
Seasonal communal rites

Infant Baptism

Expectant parents are encouraged to contact Ed Emmenegger at 238-3471, ext. 119.

Marriage

Initiate preparation program at least six months in advance.

Bulletin Deadline

Monday 1:00 pm. Please submit by e-mail, fax or copy.

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Process for adults interested in preparing for Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. Please contact Ed Emmenegger at 238-3471, ext. 119.

Homebound

Call Ed Emmenegger at 238-3471, ext. 119 to arrange for Communion or Anointing of the Sick.

Parish Membership

Please contact the parish office for information on becoming a member.

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

Saturday, September 5 at 5:00 PM

Lectors Cathy Porter & Ed Kolb
Gifts Annie Stroud
Sound Board Grace McMurray
Servers Max Bechtoldt & Eileen Healy
Ems Jane McMurray, Mickey Michuda, Scott McMurray, Joan VandenBrook & Janet Hogan

Sunday, September 6 at 7:30 AM

Lectors Richard Nodolf & Sara Jimenez
Gifts Viet Quoc Hoang
Servers Reilly Gierhart & Anh Hoang
Ems Gini Nodolf, Carey Chiesa, Mickey Chitwood, Paul Buckalew & Jennifer Fenne

Sunday, September 6 at 9:00 AM

Lectors Heidi Lucarelli & Bob Bright
Gifts Sarah Wanish
Sound Board Gabriel Bernhardt
Servers Becca & Katie Lucarelli
Ems Mark Lucarelli, Eric Domyan, Joan Witz, Sally Gleason, Jenny Bernhardt, Rochelle Engel & Michael Sullivan

Sunday, September 6 at 11:00 AM

Lectors Dave Provencher & Michael Jones
Gifts Mary Murphey
Sound Board Ken Emmerich
Servers Anh Hoang & Graham Provencher
Ems Viet Quoc Hoang, Jim & Jane Morgan, Frank Byrne, Pat Healy, Rita Harrington & Sarah Morgan

Blessed Sacrament Garden Parties

Come join a group of parishioners take on various sections of the church, school and priory grounds. Gardening parties are held every non-holiday Sunday this summer from 12:30 til 4 - meet by the Blessed Sacrament sign on Rowley Street at 12:30 or come find us on the grounds.

NO WEDNESDAY LUNCH FOR SENIORS



Because of traffic and parking issues during the first week of school, there will be NO meal this week. But join us again on Wednesday Sept. 9 at noon in the Parish Center. If you would like to socialize with other parish members in the "upper age bracket," you are always welcome to participate, as frequently as you'd like. Just let us know if you'll be joining us for the first time. Call us at 238-3471.

Parish News and Events


LUKE HOUSE: This is a reminder that Sunday, August 30, is our next Luke House meal. Food donations may be dropped off in the school kitchen by 4:00 PM Sunday afternoon. Please be sure to put ALL perishable items in the refrigerator and mark them "for Luke House."

On Labor Day weekend, Fr. David Ayariga from the Diocese of Navrongo/Bolgatonga in Ghana will be here to speak at all the Masses. Fr. David is from the village of Zuaranga in Ghana. He is here in the U.S. with the permission of his bishop, Bishop Lucas (many of you have met Bishop Lucas as part of our collaboration with his Diocese and the Ghana project). Fr. David is trying to raise funds to help remodel his church. Currently, twice as many people show up for Masses on Sunday as his Church, St. Martin de Porres, can hold. On one level it is a good problem indicating the vibrancy of a growing faith life for Catholics in Ghana. At the same time it causes logistical problems. So if we can be of help to our brothers and sisters in Ghana with whom we have a special relationship as a sister Diocese, this is all to the good. Thanks in advance for your help and prayers.

Our first Pastoral Council meeting of the new year will be on Wednesday night, September 2nd at 7:30 PM in the Parish Center. We welcome on board Ryan Fowler, Jean Robertson and Al Minnaert (pastor's appointee) to regular three year terms. Kathy O'Connor joins us as the new secretary trustee (two year appointment) and Eric Miller joins us as the youth representative. We thank our outgoing members for their years of excellent service: Pete Cavi, Jane Geier, Beth Neary, John Schmitz and Maddie Snider (youth). Our first Finance Council meeting of the year will be on Monday night, September 14th at 6:30 PM. We welcome Mike Conaghan and Terry Warfield to the committee. We thank our outgoing members for their expert advice and hard work over the years: Jerry Heinrichs and Jim Oeth.

Pregnancy Helpline Collection Drive - Adam Argall, a Blessed Sacrament parishioner and Edgewood High School student, is organizing a collection drive for Pregnancy Helpline of Madison for his Eagle Scout service project. He will be collecting the following items: baby clothes, maternity clothes, up to preschool-aged books, car seats, strollers, diapers, and formula. Any monetary donations received will go towards buying formula and diapers. A collection box will be set up in the back of the church and in the school foyer during the month of September. Adam will lead Blessed Sacrament Boy Scout Troop 16 in stocking Pregnancy Helpline's shelves on October 3rd (October is National Right to Life Month). If you have any questions, contact Adam at adamargall@charter.net or by phone at 273-8852 (home) and 512-7816 (cell). Your donations to this worthy cause would be greatly appreciated.

Have you attended a Virtus Training Session? - This is a reminder that all parents and parishioners who plan to volunteer in our school, religious education and youth programs need to attend a "Protecting God's Children" workshop on sexual abuse awareness. Sessions are being offered here at the parish and at other parishes around the diocese. A session will be offered on Friday, September 4 (note date correction) from 8:30-11:00 AM in the Friary. You may register on-line at www.virtus.org. (The password is "trust.") In addition, all employees and parent/parish volunteers are required to have a background check under the new procedures established by the Diocese of Madison. Forms are available in the parish office.



Mass in the Park

Please join us on Sunday, September 13th at Westmorland Park, 4114 Tokay Blvd. as we celebrate an 11:00 AM outdoor Mass together. This liturgy is followed by our annual picnic. The Menu includes: hotdogs, brats, burgers (including veggie burgers), bbq pork, baked beans, potato salad, fruit salad, chips, dessert and drink. We encourage you to bring lawn chairs and blankets for the Mass and picnic although we will have additional chairs. Tickets will be sold after all the Masses on August 29th-30th and September 5th-6th, as well as at the park on the day of the picnic. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. We strongly encourage you to purchase tickets in advance to help us order accurately. In case of rain, Mass will be held in the Church and our picnic will be in the Friary. We will need help in transporting chairs and equipment to the park on the morning of the picnic and returning the equipment to Blessed Sacrament after the picnic. Help with cleaning up would be greatly appreciated as well. If you can help us with any of these jobs, please call Ryan Fowler at 332-7950 or rwfowler@gmail.com.