

BLESSED SACRAMENT *Parish*

January 24, 2010
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MISSION STATEMENT

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.



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Pastor's Letter

The long range temperature predictions for last weekend had been for highs in the mid to upper thirties. I was hoping for a lot of snow-melt to help clear the parking lot (and golf courses). But the highs stuck around the freezing temperature.

It seems that often during the winter, the predicted highs do not materialize. Obviously there are a lot of reasons why winter-time temperature forecasts can be off target. One reason for this can be that clouds/fog block the sun's warming beams. A second possible reason is that even when there is a some sun, there is so much snow on the ground that the whiteness of the snow results in added reflection (rather than absorption) of the sun. Finally, the melting that does occur when the suns rays are absorbed requires energy that prevents further warming of the air.

This weather phenomenon can be a metaphor for what happens spiritually when certain realities block the effect not of the sun but of the Son. Christ's light is always shining but there are obstacles in our lives that prevent the Son from having its full effect. One of the major obstacles that hinders our experience and response to the Lord is the issue of the "different." What do I mean by that? This past week, as a country and/or a Church, we observed several important days. We observed a week for Christian Unity, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, and the anniversary of the landmark abortion decision *Roe v. Wade*. These three remembrances call to mind where the "different" often inhibits our ability to experience the full light of Christ.

Relationships between Christian denominations have improved remarkably from 60 years ago. At the same time, we have seemed to have lost a sense of urgency to follow the command of Jesus—to be one in him. We continue to let our *differences* divide us more than we allow our commonalities to unite us. Tension

still exists as we found out with the recent papal acceptance of a subset of the Anglican Church that sought admission to the Roman Catholic Church. Then if we move beyond ecumenical relationships such as the week for Christian Unity to inter-faith relationships, we see an escalating tension and strife between Christian and Muslim because of ignorance and fear of the different.

As we recognized the achievements of Martin Luther King this past week, polls indicate that with the election of President Obama, there is less racial tension in our country. However, because of the difference in skin color, we are still far from the vision of Dr. King when we will be judged more by our character than by the color of our skin. The tension over immigration in light of the Christian call to welcome the stranger continues to loom in societal consciousness. Although the issue of immigration reform is complex—the fact that immigrants were not even considered for coverage under health care reform is a sign that the "different" continues to divide us in contradiction of the Lord's example of universal love.

Finally, this week many people attended the March for Life in Washington, D.C. to challenge Congressional leaders to uphold the sanctity of human life. As Catholics we are called to remind people that even though human beings in the beginning stages of life as an embryo or fetus do not resemble us—that they look different—still they are part of our human community. They are individuals made in the image and likeness of God. As Christians we are called not to exclude them from the fundamental respect due them because they are "different." Down deep, we are the same, because Christ died for us all.

The light and the warmth of the Son can be obscured and diminished when we focus on what is different. Our Lord reminds us to recall what makes us one in the midst of our diversity.

Fr. Pat

Baptism Preparation

Our next preparation session will be Thursday, February 4, at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center. For parents expecting their first child, before birth or adoption may be the best time to schedule this one required session. It's about reflecting on the reasons for seeking Baptism, and looking at the key ingredients of celebrating the sacrament. Call Ed at the Parish Center 238-3471, extension 119 to arrange the details.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 23

5:00 PM William P. Huth

Sunday, January 24

7:30 AM Our Parish Family

9:00 AM Al Krueger

11:00 AM Ed Burdulis

Monday, January 25 - Conversion of St. Paul

8:30 AM

Tuesday, January 26 - St. Paula

7:00 AM John & Gladys Moran

8:30 AM Mother Pia Community Nuns and Families

Wednesday, January 27 - St. Angela Merici

7:00 AM

8:30 AM Deacon Raymond Lukesic & Family

Thursday, January 28 - St. Thomas Aquinas

7:00 AM

8:30 AM

Friday, January 29 - St. Gildas the Wise

8:30 AM Msgr. Robert Fox & Irving Houle

Saturday, January 30

8:30 AM

5:00 PM MaryLou & Joe Gower

Sunday, January 31

7:30 AM Our Parish Family

9:00 AM Robertson Family

11:00 AM Jerome Danzinger

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

Parish Staff

Fr. Patrick Norris, O.P.ext. 117
Pastor

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Pastoral Associate

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Bookkeeper

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Parish Calendar of Events

Sunday, January 24

After Mass	Coffee & Donuts (After 9 & 11)	FR
After Mass	Community Meal Drop-off	FR
9:45 AM	Ad Altare Dei Meeting	CB
10:15 AM	K-8 Religious Education	SCH&PC
12:00 PM	Pinewood Derby Cut-in	FR
1:00 PM	Young Adult Group	PC
6:30 PM	High School Basic Rel. Ed.	FR
7:00 PM	Ministry Training	CB

Monday, January 25

Morning	Community Meal Drop-off	FR
9:15 AM	Gospel of Matthew Bible Study	PC
3:30 PM	YoungLife Program	PC
7:00 PM	Gospel of Matthew Bible Study	FR
7:00 PM	Bell Choir	BR

Tuesday, January 26

1:00 PM	Gospel of Matthew Bible Study	PC
3:00 PM	1st Grade Girl Scouts	FR
6:30 PM	Troop #16 Boy Scouts	CB

Wednesday, January 27

12:00 PM	Senior Meal	PC
6:30 PM	Salvation Army	PC
7:30 PM	Bible Study	PC

Thursday, January 28

9:00 AM	Rosary	CH
3:30 PM	Forensics Festival	SCH
7:00 PM	Prayer Group	SL
7:00 PM	St. Thomas Talk	CH
8:00 PM	Teen/Adult Contemporary Choir	CH

Friday, January 29

8:55 AM	Chaplet/Divine Mercy	CH
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Saturday, January 30

9:00 AM	Reconciliation/Holy Hour/Adoration	CH
3:00 PM	Destination Imagination	CB

Sunday, January 31 - Catholic Schools Week

7:00 AM	Boy Scouts Pancake Breakfast	FR
9:45 AM	Ad Altare Dei Meeting	CB
1:00 PM	Young Adult Group	PC
6:30 PM	HS Rel. Ed. Mini Course	FR

Church Basement-CB • Church-CH • School-SCH
Parish Center-PC • Friary-FR • Music Room-MR
School Library-SL • Bell Room-BR

Youth Ministry

IT'S TRUE!! THE TEEN MASS AT BSP IS WAY COOL! - What do you get when you combine teens, parishioners, the redhead priest, and a contemporary choir? The most rad mass in Madison, of course! The next teen mass is scheduled for Sunday, February 21st at 5:00 PM. Lianna Schmidt, senior at Edgewood High School, will give a reflection about the readings and how they relate to her life/the lives of teens after communion. Don't forget to stay for dinner following mass.

J-Walking - We will be serving at the following sites this Winter & Spring...

MONTHLY SERVICE SITES

- Salvation Army (playing with kids) — Wednesday nights – 6:30 to 8:30 PM.
- Multicultural Center (babysitting) – Thursday nights – 5:30 to 7:30 PM.
- Port St. Vincent (dinner with residents) – 4th Tuesday of the Month – 4:45 to 7:15 PM.
- St. Vincent's Food Pantry (stocking shelves, hosting shopping) – 1st & 2nd Thursdays from 3:45 to 6:30 PM.

For more details or to sign-up for any of the service sites, contact Melanie at 238-3471 x-116.

YOUTH MINISTRY SAVE THE DATES:

- Teen Confirmation Retreat – January 30/31– Bishop O'Connor Center
- Sledding at Shorewood – Saturday, February 13th
- Up: Movie Party – TBA in February
- Middle School Lock-in – Friday, February 19th – Bishop O'Connor Center

Teen Confirmation – Sunday, May 2, 2010 at 4:00 PM – Immaculate Heart Parish in Monona.



School News

Blessed Sacrament Spaghetti Dinner - Join us on Sunday, February

14th for the 25th annual Blessed Sacrament Spaghetti dinner. We will once again be serving our fabulous "made from scratch" sauce with your choice of meatballs, sausage, or both! Dinner also includes salad, bread and a beverage. Beer and wine will be available to purchase, as well as delicious gourmet desserts. We will be serving from 11:30 AM until 6:30 PM in the Friary. Tickets are \$8.00 for Adults and \$5.00 for Ages 5-12 for advance sales and \$10.00 at the door. Tickets may be purchased from any BSS student athlete or from the school office. Proceeds benefit youth sports, gym maintenance and scholarships. Come have a romantic Valentine's Day meal with your family!

Young Adult Ministry



Emmas: Connect. Grow. Serve. A ministry for graduates, young professionals, engaged and very young families, and those who are 18-35yrs old. To contact Brad: brad@bbsacrament.org, 238-3471, x 124.

Mom's Wednesday (all ages) - Wednesday mom's play & faith sharing group near church, 9:30 - 11 AM. Contact Peggy at 215-4754 or writermom67@gmail.com, or Kathryn at 347-7641 or kmllewpea@gmail.com.

Drop in First & Third Thursdays - Dine. Discuss. Dialogue. Join us in the Parish Center on Hollister for one or two or all three!

- **Dine** 5:45-6:45 PM (\$4 per adult, \$10 for families) email or call Brad by 11 AM Thursday.
- **Discuss** the upcoming Sunday readings -we'll make small groups on the spot.
- **Dialogue** Join our young adult ministry coordinator Brad Klingele for an impromptu exploration of all things theological- you provide the questions. *Children welcome to hang with us. Childcare provided!!*

Discipleship Sundays (18-35) Sundays 12:35-2 PM, Nov. 15- Feb. 28

Interested in growing as a disciple? Willing to commit to weekly attendance, and 20 minutes of daily prayer with Scripture? We have started an intensive small group Nov. 15 - Feb. 28. Lunch, learn different ways to pray, reflect on Scripture, read from great spiritual authors from our 2,000 year tradition, learn a bit of theology, and generally try to grow as disciples of Jesus. Contact Brad for more information.

Emmas Social Events - Join us Sunday for coffee & doughnuts after the 9 & 11 AM Mass!

People can still donate to help our brothers and sisters in Haiti. You can put your donation in an envelope in the collection basket. Monies will be sent to the Diocese which will forward all donations on to Catholic Relief Services.

Contacts

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Parish Office Hours	
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Music Ministry

Calling All Liturgical Ministers!! January 24th at 7 PM is the All Ministry Renewal and Training evening. Pat Gorman of the Diocesan Office of Worship will lead the whole group session, and will also present a Diocesan Training for Extraordinary Ministers during the break out session. All extraordinary ministers will need to be in attendance, or attend another training session elsewhere. Gift Bearers are not expected at this training, but all other ministers should plan to attend, including servers. If you have questions, call or email Kitty Maas: 608-238-3471 x 138, kitty@bbsacrament.org.

Cantors and Other Musicians of the Parish: if you have a choir hymnal at home that you once used but no longer need, or had inadvertently borrowed and didn't know where to put or when to bring back, now is your chance! We are in serious need of these books. If you have one and wish to keep it because you were a long standing choir member or cantor, please just call me and let me know. All other books need to be turned back in as we have run out and our funeral choir and other regular members need them. Many thanks in advance – Kitty Maas

Religious Education - Elementary Level



There are Religious Education Classes for Kindergarten- Grade 6 on Sunday, January 24th in the school and Parish Center from 10:15-11:30 AM. There is NO Religious Education Classes on Sunday, January 31st.

More News and Events

You are invited to join a Bible Study group on Wednesday nights, 7:30-9:00 PM in the Parish Center. Each week we read 1-2 chapters from Scripture, making our way through a book the group has chosen. In our discussion of the readings, we aim to understand better the teaching and historical context as well as present-day application. We pray together and encourage each other in our daily lives. Discussion is informal; there is no homework. We will be starting the letter to the Hebrews on February 3. We welcome new participants at any time. For more information, contact Sarah Fowler at 608-346-3089 or sarahajewell@gmail.com.

Our Lenten Book club selection: The Gift of Peace by: Cardinal Joseph Bernardin. The late Cardinal of Chicago completed this book during the last few months of his life. He writes about his personal struggles during his final three years including his own imminent death from pancreatic cancer as a true lesson of the cross. A very moving last testament, written with simplicity and deep wisdom. The cost of the book is \$13. The books will be available after Masses the weekends of February 7th and 14th. We will be discussing the book on Sunday, March 21st at 7:00 PM in the Assembly Hall. If you have any questions please contact Amy Kothe at 301-9878.

Silent Retreat - Any and all men are invited to attend our annual "silent" retreat at the Jesuit Retreat House, situated on several beautiful acres on the shore of Lake Winnebago near Oshkosh, WI. "Silent" does NOT mean there is no sound for 3 days. The retreat director gives about 3 group talks (conferences) per day. In between the conferences, there is time for individual reading, prayer, walking, exercising and private discussions with Retreat House chaplains. Talking is also permitted at Thursday night's dinner and Sunday's lunch. On Friday and Saturday there is an optional hour after dinner for those who wish to talk in the Library. Perhaps half the retreatants stop in for part of the hour. The retreat begins Feb. 18 with Thursday night dinner at 7:15 PM and ends Sunday after lunch. Over 30 men from the Madison area have already signed up. Nearly 1/3 are from Blessed Sacrament. Car pooling is available. Although there is a suggested donation to cover the costs of the retreat, the \$40 registration fee is the only required cost. For more information about this renewing experience, contact Pete Cavi at 271-5405 or Stuart Herro, 255-2020.

UW Madison's finest musical talents, The Wisconsin Singers, will perform and entertain their audience with their New 2009-10 show, "Don't Stop the Music" on Sunday, January 31 at 4:00 PM at Edgewood High School. The Edgetones, a new a capella group, along with the EHS Show Choir will open for the Wisconsin Singers. Every Wisconsin Singers show promises entertainment, laughter and toe-tapping music the entire family can enjoy. Get your tickets now at 257-1023 X 369. Tickets are \$12/\$10 for students/seniors.

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.

Soldiers Prayer List

Jason Nichols & Joshua Nichols - Family friends of the John McDermott family, serving in Iraq
Kyle Cumbier - Family friend of the Rita Harrington family, serving in Iraq for a second time

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

Cory Wendt the nephew of Mindy Wendt, & **Micah Lillegard** a friend of the Slater family, have both returned safely to Wisconsin. Thank you for all of your prayers and thoughts. Please continue to keep them, all soldiers and their families in prayer as they adjust to being home.

Administration

Week Ending January 17, 2010

Envelopes	\$33,505
Offertory	\$298
Totals	\$33,803

Fiscal Year July 1, 2009-January 17, 2010

Envelopes	\$499,260
Offertory	\$11,669
Totals	\$510,929

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

Saturday, January 30 at 5:00 PM

Lectors Andy Hebert & Tim Kamp
 Gifts Mike Conaghan
 Sound Board Andrew Sotis
 Servers Nicholas Shellander & Rory Tisdel
 EMS Mary Warfield, Lisa & Bill Sotis,
 Dorothy Omdahl, & Kathy Wall

Sunday, January 31 at 7:30 AM

Lectors Lorrie Hylkema & Theresa Seeley
 Gifts Kelly Ryan
 Servers Reece Brown & Frank Hearn
 EMS Barbara Cahill, Gini Nodolf, Elaine
 Lindauer, Jane McMurray & Jenny
 Bernhardt

Sunday, January 31 at 9:00 AM

Lectors Tim Chisholm & Nick Reiland
 Gifts Janice & Phil Werner
 Sound Board Mark Werner
 Servers Evan Bondoc & Sammey Chisholm
 EMS Michael Sullivan, Stuart & Susanna
 Herro, Sylvia & Alan Minnaert, Eric
 Landsness & Viet Quoc Hoang

Sunday, January 31 at 11:00 AM

Lectors Paula Devroy Everard & Manuela
 Romero-Morales
 Gifts Jay Everard
 Sound Board Viet Quoc Hoang
 Servers Max Bechtoldt & Chloe Schomaker
 Ems Dana Maas, Jim & Jane Morgan,
 Daniel Neely, Connie Weisse,
 Michelle Affatati & Jan McNally

The second collection this week
 is for the Latin American Home
 Missions

Readings for the Week

Sunday, January 24

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/1 Cor 12:12-30 or
 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Monday, January 25

Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22/Mk 16:15-18

Tuesday, January 26

2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday, January 27

2 Sm 7:4-17/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday, January 28

2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Mk 4:21-25

Friday, January 29

2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday, January 30

2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday, January 31

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/1 Cor 12:31---13:13 or
 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

Parish News and Events

A Madisonian's Guide to Responding to Questions about your Faith - How can I respond to questions or comments about God or Jesus or the Church in a way that is respectful and compelling, without being overbearing or simplistic? We will focus on gracious ways to engage friends, co-workers, relatives, or our own children who ask questions because they are curious, confused, frustrated, or hurt. We will examine some of the downfalls of popular responses to these questions, and develop a more robust way to dialogue through the 3 R's "Reframe, Respect, and Resource" at the Thomas Aquinas talk, 7:00 PM, Thursday, January 28th in the Church. We begin with evening prayer at 7:00 PM followed by the presentation by Brad Klingele.

Connections - Join us for Connections during Lent. Connections is booklet for small groups with a weekly discussion of the upcoming Sunday readings. Please contact Brad Klingele if you are interested in helping or in participating in a group at bklingele@gmail.com or 238-3471 x 124.

An investment with a <<BIG>> pay off: Stock in Youth Ministry Summer Mission Trips. The teens of Catholic Heart Work Camp & Next Ministries will be selling stock in the summer mission trips to St. Louis, Missouri and Crown Point, New Mexico. Stock is \$25 per option. Purchasing stock helps the teens defray the costs of the trip and gives them an opportunity to live out their baptismal call to a life of service. Teens will provide all stock holders a dinner and presentation about the mission trips in August 2010. Teens attending CHWC in St. Louis will work with elderly, disabled, home-bound, and impoverished children. Teens attending Next Step in Crown Point will help rebuild homes and do community outreach on the Navajo Nation. If you would like to purchase stock, please see a teen after a weekend masses or contact Melanie at 238-3471 x-116. Please invest in the teens of the parish!

ALL GOD'S CHILDREN provides a place of safety, confidentiality and support for Catholic parents, family and friends of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender children. We choose to follow Jesus' example of inclusiveness in our love. The group will meet at 2:00 PM on Jan.24 in the Queen of Peace Church gathering space to watch a DVD on what schools can do to support LGBT students. For further information, contact Jane and Tim Geier at 270-6316 or jkgeier256@yahoo.com.

Save the Date! WOMEN'S RETREAT

Join us on March 6th starting with Mass at 8:30 AM. The day will end around 4:00 PM. Tapping into our Creative and Collective Wisdom. Please join us for a day of connecting and reconnecting with God, self and others: a leisurely day of remembering our strengths and nurturing our souls. Come and inspire each other, reflect in prayer, meditate the Labyrinth, mindfully (playfully) collage, celebrate life and honor our journeys. All woman are welcome. Annette Cleary will facilitate the day.

Who is Our Neighbor? - The horror of domestic abuse and ways to deal with it will be the subject of our next community visit to Domestic Abuse Intervention Services on Tuesday, February 9th. You will be asked to sign an affidavit of confidentiality if you choose to visit a shelter with us. We will meet at the back of Church after the 8:30 AM Mass. Space is limited. Domestic Abuse Intervention Services began in 1977 as a domestic violence hotline, operating out of a church basement and staffed solely by volunteers. Today DAIS offers seven comprehensive crisis intervention and prevention programs, including the only domestic violence shelter in Dane County. DAIS provides outreach and training to area businesses, schools, law enforcement agencies, community groups and other partners to help them recognize warning signs of domestic abuse. More than 7,000 people access DAIS services each year. Please contact Bob Bright at 274-0915 or rdlbright@wisc.edu or if you will be joining the visiting team as a new member.

LUKE HOUSE: This is a reminder that Sunday, January 31, 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."

Recycle the Warmth Blanket Drive

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will have a bin in the back of church on the weekend of Jan. 30-31 for donations of new or gently used blankets, pillows, and bedding as part of its 18th Annual Recycle the Warmth Blanket Drive. This drive helps us provide free bedding throughout the year to those who seek our help. You may also purchase new blankets or donate your gently used blankets and bedding to any one of the four Shopko stores in the Madison area. Thank you for all your generosity, support, and prayers.