

BLESSED SACRAMENT *Parish*

September 4, 2011
 Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

2116 HOLLISTER AVENUE • MADISON, WI 53726-3958

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.



Labor Day

Mass time on Monday, September 5th will be at 9:00 AM.

The School and Office will be closed Monday, September 5th, in celebration of Labor Day.

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Readings for the Week

Sunday, September 4
 Ez 33:7-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20
 Monday, September 5
 Col 1:24-2:3/Lk 6:6-11
 Tuesday, September 6
 Col 2:6-15/Lk 6:12-19
 Wednesday, September 7
 Col 3:1-11/Lk 6:20-26

Thursday, September 8
 Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
 Friday, September 9
 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Lk 6:39-42
 Saturday, September 10
 1 Tm 1:15-17/Lk 6:43-49
 Next Sunday, September 11
 Sir 27:30-28:9/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

Pastor's Letter

As we celebrate Labor Day weekend, our minds this year gravitate towards the controversy surrounding the rights of workers played out in our Capitol this spring. Obviously the issue is very complicated. One thing I noted is that rarely was the notion of the common good brought up (a central element in Catholic social teaching). A focus on this concept might have helped resolve some of the difficulties. Most of the discussion split along partisan lines or particular interest groups. A Catholic understanding of the common good tries to bridge these realities. The common good involves those situations or structures in society that allow for all people to flourish. This is different from a utilitarian ethic that stresses the greatest good for the greatest number of people. A common good ethic insists that while striving to maximize benefit for people, the basic rights of individuals may not be trampled upon which is not necessarily true in utilitarianism. On the other hand, a common good approach also avoids an individualistic ethic which primarily seeks to ask what is in it for me or for the group of people with which I am associated. A common good approach does believe that we are the keepers of our brothers and sisters. By way of a couple of examples—this is why an approach to unions that denies the possibility of collective bargaining over safety issues fails the common good test because it denies basic worker rights. This is also why an approach to unions that allows for union contributions to political parties fails the common good test because it opens up the possibility of conflicts of interests and leads to a more individualistic approach to ethical problem solving. Thus, a Catholic analysis of this spring's controversy would have indicated both sides in the right but also both sides in the wrong when it came to notions of the common good.

As time passes, ethical issues surrounding labor and capital are becoming more complex. As Catholics, we have a responsibility to approach these issues from a solid Catholic framework as informed and intelligent moral agents and citizens. One of the best sources for us in terms of a theology of work comes from Pope John Paul II. In 1981, he wrote a masterful encyclical (papal letter) entitled in Latin, *Laborem exercens*. You can easily access it via the internet (in English of course except for our resident Latin scholar and teacher Pat Frawley who can easily read it in the original language!). In it, Pope John Paul develops a theology of work and the worker that stresses the fundamental rights and dignity of the worker, the primacy of labor over capital, the meaning of work in fulfilling individuals, etc. On this labor day weekend (and perhaps beyond), I would invite you to read the Pope's document to help you understand the meaning of work in your own lives as well as its implications for broader society. It is a very thought-provoking document. However, because it is dense in places, you may not be able to read it in one sitting!

Next weekend, as you know, we will have an opportunity to reflect on the events of September 11, 2001 on the 10th anniversary of the attacks in Washington, New York and the fields of Pennsylvania. It will give us an opportunity to give thanks for people who risk their lives to keep us safe on a daily basis and offer our support to them. It will be an opportunity for us to think more broadly about the cause, nature and aftermath of the attacks. It will be a chance to reflect what is good about being in the United States but not in a jingoistic or uncritical manner.

Fr. Pat

School News & Events

There will be no school on September 5 in recognition of Labor Day.

The APT officers will meet on Tuesday, September 6, at 8:30 AM in the Parish Center

Mark your calendar for Back to School Night on Thursday, September 15 at 6:30 PM. This is an informational evening for parents.

Sacraments of Initiation



THINKING ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC?

A group of inquirers will begin to meet in mid-September. If you are even wondering about becoming Catholic, or being confirmed as an adult, you can start the process at any time during the year. Contact Ed Emmenegger at the Parish Center, extension 119, to find out more.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 3

5:00 PM Peter Matikiewicz

Sunday, September 4

7:30 AM

9:00 AM Our Parish Family

11:00 AM Bill Brown

Monday, September 5 - Bl. Teresa of Calcutta

9:00 AM

Tuesday, September 6 - St. Eleutherius

7:00 AM

8:30 AM

Wednesday, September 7 - St. Cloud

7:00 AM

8:30 AM

Thursday, September 8 - St. Adrian

7:00 AM

8:30 AM

Friday, September 9 - St. Peter Claver

8:30 AM

Saturday, September 10

8:30 AM

5:00 PM George Lane

Sunday, September 11

7:30 AM Our Parish Family

9:00 AM Vicente Valle

11:00 AM Joseph Bernards



Brendan Floyd & Sally Salvador
David Meicher & Lauren Pfeiler
Nils Wyosnick & Kristin Beilke

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

Saturday, September 10 at 5:00 PM

Lectors Meg Cates & Monica Oboagwina

Gifts Sharon Behrend

Servers Emma & William Omohundro

Sound Board Joe Olig

Ems Janet Hogan, Joan Statz, Monika Leonard, Annie Stroud & Kathleen Sass

Sunday, September 11 at 7:30 AM

Lectors Matthew Duchemin & Nick Reiland

Gifts Desirae Reale

Servers Grace Cooper-Herndon & Angela Roach

Ems Paul Buckalew, Eileen Pickett, Barbara Cahill, Elaine Lindauer & Cecelia Coyle

Sunday, September 11 at 9:00 AM - TBD

Sunday, September 11 at 11:00 AM

Lectors Michelle Affatati & Michael Wilson

Gifts Alfonso Morales

Sound Board Kristen Semrow

Servers Mia Landgraf & Chloe Swanson

Ems Marie & Chris Semrow, Dana Maas, Vincent Affatati, Jim & Jane Morgan & 1 Needed

High School & Collegiate Ministries

Welcome Back to the 2011-2012 Academic Year! I hope everyone had a great summer! I promised all of you a new and improved program. Here are just some of the changes you are going to start to see NOW at BSP...

Fr. Pat and I have spent a number of months talking about the Confirmation and High School & Collegiate Ministries Programs at BSP. We have committed to re-building both of our programs. The process will take two years to complete. In Phase I, we will be inviting teens and families in all high school and college grade levels to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in Spring 2012. In Phase II, teens in 9th grade (freshman year of high school) will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in Spring 2013. Teens in 10th-12th grades of high school as well as college students will be invited to be involved in additional Service-Leadership through High School & Collegiate Ministries following the Confirmation Program. Phase II will be one of Blessed Sacrament Parish's answers to the faith development of high school and college teens. All BSP registered families should have received a mailing.

The Teen Mass & Meal will be held 2x's a month. Please mark your calendar with these dates:

- Sunday, September 18th
- Sunday, October 2nd
- Sunday, October 16th
- Sunday, November 6th
- Sunday, November 20th
- Sunday, December 11th
- Sunday, January 8th
- Sunday, January 22nd
- Sunday, February 19th
- Sunday, March 4th
- Sunday, March 18th
- Sunday, April 1st
- Sunday, April 15th
- Sunday, May 6th -- Final mass of the semester; Graduation Mass/Meal

More teen masses = more teens & adults needed to play instruments and sing in the choir. There will be two choirs this year. One choir will be accompanied by guitars, piano, drums, and assorted instruments. The other choir will be accompanied by electric guitars, a keyboard, and drums. We know our teen and adult community is talented. Please consider singing and/or playing an instrument. We promise A-W-E-S-O-M-E music every month! If you are interested, please contact Linda Bridwell lindabridwell@charter.net or Melanie.

The teen mass is followed by dinner in The Friary. Parishioners are being sought to help with the teen meal program. The teen meal program will include pizza dinners as well as homemade dinners. Your help is needed to set-up, clean-up, and manage the meals. A meal is best handled by 2-3 families if the dinner is made from scratch. Homemade meals will be prepared for the following Sunday masses - September 18, October 16, November 20, January 22, February 19, March 18, April 15, and May 6. The other meals will be catered by local pizza establishments. If you are interested in helping with a teen meal, please contact Melanie asap!

The summer mission trips are wildly popular among the teens. We are proud to announce 2 of our 2012 summer service mission trips.

Next Step Ministries

Crown Point, New Mexico - Saturday, June 23 – Sunday, July 1, 2012

Catholic Heart Work Camp

Omaha, Nebraska - Sunday, July 8 – Saturday, July 14, 2012

All teens interested in participating in the summer mission trip program will be required to attend an information meeting with at least one parent on Sunday, October 2nd at 9:45 AM (during coffee/doughnuts) or at 6:15 PM (during the teen meal). Additional trips may be added by Sunday, September 11th.

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL FOOD PANTRY - Mary Murphey (mfmurphey@charter.net) and Mary Argall (maryargall@charter.net) coordinate Blessed Sacrament's Youth Ministry's involvement with the Pantry on the 1st and 2nd Thursdays of the month. Our shift runs from 4 PM - 6:30 PM. We encourage all High Schoolers to volunteer. You will receive community service hours and learn a lot about Dane County's busiest food pantry at the same time. We can either give rides from the parish or meet you at the Food Pantry. **We need 4 to 5 teens each week to help us.** The shift begins at 4:00 PM - if you need a ride we will meet you at the Blessed Sacrament Parking lot at 3:45 PM and give you a ride to the pantry. Contact us today!

SALVATION ARMY - Joan Vandenbrook, Linda Bridwell, & Melanie Ahern coordinate Blessed Sacrament's Youth Ministry's involvement with Salvo every Wednesday night. Junior high students must sign up in the youth room in order to participate. To allow everyone a chance to come we are asking to sign up no more than 2 times in a row. We leave from the Youth Room on Wednesday nights at 6:30 and return at 8:30 PM. Parents are needed as drivers and chaperones! Contact Melanie for more details!

Emmaus Ministry



Families with Very Young Children - A weekly family small group is starting soon, contact Brad for more information

Monthly Tap - If you are interested in a purely social Blessed Sacrament hang out event once per month at a local tavern or at the Memorial Union, contact Brad.

Small Community for Growing as Disciples - If you are looking to take your faith seriously by daily prayer, consider joining a small faith community for young adults, grad students, and young professionals. Contact Brad for more information.

Third Sunday Brunch at the Multicultural Center - This is a great way to meet other young adults, grads, and young professionals.

Interested in learning more about the Grad, YP, Young Adult & Families with Young Children opportunities? Contact Brad & set up a time to do coffee. Contact Brad at bklinge@gmail.com.

Parish News and Events

A series of yoga classes taught by parishioner Jane Held, will begin Saturday, September 10; from 7:00 to 8:15 AM in Assembly Hall. There will be 8 classes ending November 5th (skip October 29th). *First class will be free so come and check it out!* No obligation to continue. After the first free class, cost of remaining 7 classes will be \$56; 5 of the remaining 7 classes for \$45; or \$10 for drop ins. Beginners welcome but classes will also be appropriate for continuing yoga practitioners. Contact Jane at 259-9317 or jaheld@sbcglobal.net if interested or if questions.

Adult Fall Dinner - Please mark your calendar for the Adult Fall Dinner on Friday, October 7th starting at 6:00 PM. Once again we will have a wonderful meal catered by our own Phil Hurley and Sardine restaurant. Sign ups will be after all of the Masses the weekends of the 17th and 24th. Please call Amy Kothe with any questions at 301-9878.

Mark your calendars for our Blessed Sacrament golf outing at the Meadows of Six Mile Creek on Saturday, October 1st. We will have a shot-gun, scramble format with tee-off at 8 AM. We will have more details and a flyer in next week's bulletin. So begin the day with golf. Have your first tailgate party at the Meadows with our luncheon and prize give-away. Then have another tailgate party in the late afternoon and then watch the Wisconsin/Nebraska game. What could be better. Golf, food, more food, and football!

Children's Liturgy of the Word will begin on Sunday, October 2, 2011 and end on Sunday, March 18, 2012. Children's Liturgy is for Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten age children and takes place during the 9:00 AM mass. If you are interested in signing up your child/children, please take a form from the back of church after any 9:00 AM mass through October 2nd. Also, if you are interested in leading a Children's Liturgy of the Word group once a month, there is a place on the form to indicate this or you can email Corinne Engelman at cengelman@wisc.edu.

WEDNESDAY LUNCH FOR "SENIORS" - Come and join other parish members "of retirement age" this Wednesday and almost every Wednesday throughout the fall and winter. We meet at noon in the Parish Center dining room for good food and conversation - a \$3 free will offering is collected to help pay for groceries. You can come as often as fits your schedule. If you want to give it a try, call Ed at the parish office, 238-3471, ext. 119, to let us know you're coming.

Keeping the Connections - Keeping the Connections ministry will stay in touch with your college student, local or out of state, with cards from the children in the school, parishioners, staff, and Fr. Pat. The parish bulletin will be sent via email each week. Care packages filled with cookies, candy, and notes will be mailed out during exam week to your child - all at no cost to you! Please fill out a KTC form for NEW and RETURNING students by Sunday, September 11th. Forms are available at the back of Church, on the parish website, and from Melanie or Meg Meyer mrmeyer2@wisc.edu.

The September Collection for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be next weekend. Please mark your calendars for September 10/11. Thank you for the sacrifices you make to help feed and meet the needs of the hungry and homeless in our city.

Religious Education K-8



Religious Education Registration is on its way! - Blessed Sacrament Parish invites all student parishioners grades 1-8 to join our Religious Education Program on Sundays from October through April. Course work, service, social and community opportunities, and prayer are the main components of our program. Your child has the opportunity to break open the Word of God from 10:15 - 11:30 AM. Through class discussion, dramatization, activities, and prayer, he/she will learn about our Catholic faith, grow together as a child of God, and become aware of his/her connection to the Blessed Sacrament community. Enroll in the RE Connection and experience our faith in an upbeat, service orientated, and exciting way. For more information please visit our website at www.blsacrament.org or contact Mary Jo Vitale at mjvitale@blsacrament.org. Please watch the mail for registration materials for the Religious Education Program grades 1-8. * If you have not receive registration material contact Mindy at the parish office mindy@blsacrament.org or Mary Jo at mjvitale@blsacrament.org or visit our website at www.blsacrament.org.

Religious Education Volunteer Opportunities Await You! - The Religious Education Program is growing by leaps and bounds! Last year enrollment increased by 100%! As enrollment increases so does the need for volunteers. We are developing an exciting Religious Education Program and **NEED YOUR HELP!** I am asking for classroom teachers (seniors in high school, college students, and adults) as well as student aids (grades 6 through junior in high school) to help share our Catholic faith with students grades 1-8 at Blessed Sacrament Parish. Many of these opportunities provide service hours for confirmation as well as other service expectations. For additional information regarding teaching as well as other opportunities to help, please email Mary Jo Vitale at mjvitale@blsacrament.org.

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

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.

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.

There are extra envelopes for the Peter's Pence Collection in the pamphlet racks at the back of church (for those who do not get parish envelopes or use electronic giving). The Collection supports the charitable works of the Holy See.

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Parish Calendar of Events

Sunday, September 4

2:00 PM Floyd/Salvador Wedding CH

Monday, September 5 - Labor Day

No School and Office Closed

Tuesday, September 6

7:00 PM Troop #16 Boy Scout Meeting FR

Wednesday, September 7

12:00 PM Senior Meal PC

6:30 PM Salvation Army PC

7:30 PM Bible Study PC

7:30 PM Pastoral Council Meeting PC

Thursday, September 8

9:00 AM Rosary CH

1:00 PM Scrip Pick-up PC

3:30 PM Cub Scout Pack #16 Kick-off FR

4:00 PM YM Food Pantry OS

7:00 PM Prayer Group SL

7:30 PM Choir Practice MR

Friday, September 9

8:55 AM Chaplet/Divine Mercy CH

5:30 PM Wedding Rehearsal CH

Saturday, September 10

All Day UW Home Football Parking PL

7:00 AM Men's Group PC

9:00 AM Reconciliation/Holy Hour/Adoration CH

1:30 PM Meicher/Pfeiler Wedding CH

Sunday, September 11

Weekend of Thanksgiving and Remembrance

Assembly Hall-AH • Church-CH • School-SCH
Parish Center-PC • Friary-FR • Music Room-MR
School Library-SL • Bell Room-BLR • Garages-GR
Church Basement Band Room - BDR • Off Site-OS

Congratulations to



Michael & Anna Fehling
Married August 27, 2011

And

Benjamin & Molly Schmidt
Married September 3, 2011

Soldiers Prayer List

Jared Brnak - Cousin of the Jeff Schmidt family, serving in Afghanistan.

Benjamin Scheck - Nephew of Patrice Qualey & Scott Gilbertson, serving in Iraq.

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

Bible Study Offerings

First Corinthians: The Church and the Christian Community (11 weeks) by Dr. Tim Gray will be offered on Monday mornings from 9:15 AM to 11 AM in the Parish Center, Monday evenings from 7 PM to 8:45 PM in the Friary, or Tuesday afternoons from 1 PM to 2:45 PM in the Parish Center. This study explores the key elements that the apostle Paul introduced to a new and growing Church such as the nature of grace, the Church as the Body of Christ, and the powerful gift of the Eucharist. Sessions will begin on Monday, September 19th or Tuesday, September 20th. The format will include study questions, discussion, and a video. The course fee of \$25 will cover the cost of the materials.

The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation (24 weeks) by Jeff Cavins will be offered on Thursday evenings from 7 PM to 9 PM in the Parish Center beginning on Thursday, September 22nd. Depending upon interest, we may be able to offer the course either W. or Th. afternoon as well. This study takes you on a journey through the 14 historical books of the Bible. Using a unique color-coded system, you will learn the major people, places, and events of the Bible and see how they all come together to reveal the remarkable story of our faith and enhance your understanding of the Scriptures at Mass. The format will include study questions, discussion, and a video. The course fee of \$50 will cover the cost of the materials.

Hiding God's Word in Your Heart and Mind: The Catholic Topical Memory System (8 weeks) by Rich Cleveland. This course will be held on Thursday evenings from 7 PM to 8 PM in the Parish Center beginning Thursday, September 29th. Through this program you will acquire a basket of ready verses with which to discuss topics with friends and family, or to strengthen yourself in times of trial and need. It will show you how to memorize and meditate on Scripture more effectively, how to apply the verses you memorize in you life, how to review the verses, and how to continue memorizing Scripture. The course fee of \$17 will cover the cost of the materials.

Contact Tom Claridge at 238-3979 or tclaridge@tds.net by Sunday, September 11th to register for any of the above studies.

MEETING JESUS (seven weeks in fall; six weeks after Christmas) by Leighton Ford. This study will be offered on Monday evenings from 7 PM-8:15 PM in the Parish Center beginning October 3rd. This study assumes all of us need to take a fresh look at the real Jesus. Some of us, through familiarity, have given Jesus only a comfortable conventional place in our lives. Others have dismissed him as boring and irrelevant. Still others are fascinated with the person of Jesus and long to know whether he might, in truth, have the answers we are looking for. This study guide selects thirteen key facets of the story of Jesus which disclose his person, his teaching, his actions and his claims. Each study explores who Jesus was and what he can be in our lives today. It is our hope that you will not only study Jesus as a historical figure but meet him as your present friend and Lord. The course fee of \$7 will cover the cost of the materials. Contact Don or Jan Haasl at 203-6645 or don.haasl@yahoo.com by Sunday, September 11th to register.



A Weekend of Thanksgiving and Remembrance - 9/11

Next weekend we remember as a parish the 10th anniversary of September 11th by honoring our civil servants and military personnel - all heroes, and praying for all those affected by the events surrounding that day 10 years ago. We will have special prayers at all the masses, and afterwards plan to spend time exploring booths that will provide opportunities to support our troops with cards, care packages, and recognition of our wounded. Enjoy ice cream and cookies after the Masses, listen to our special speaker between the 9 and 11 AM Masses, and finish our weekend remembrance with a tribute at the school flagpole following the 11 AM Mass. Show your support and pride by wearing red, white and/or blue, or your uniform if you are one of our honored heroes!

Lastly, you might visit the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops special site for remembering 9/11: <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/september-11/>. It has a series of articles and remembrances, including survivors and workers from Ground Zero, and the spirituality and presence of God through the experiences shared there.