

# Sunday Bulletin

## Blessed Sacrament & Roncalli Newman

### Roman Catholic Churches of La Crosse, WI

### Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time | August 25, 2024

#### MASS TIMES

##### SATURDAY

4:30PM Blessed Sacrament (BSP)

##### SUNDAY

9AM Blessed Sacrament (BSP)

11AM Roncalli Newman (RNC)

8:30PM (RNC)

##### DAILY MASS TIMES

Monday - Friday - 8:00AM (BSP)

Tues - 5:15PM (RNC)

Thurs - 7pm (RNC)

Wed/Fri - Noon (RNC)

##### CONFESSIONS

3:30 - 4:15PM Saturdays or by appt.

#### OUR PARISH IS SERVED BY:

##### PASTOR

Fr. Billy Dodge  
billyjdodge@gmail.com  
608-860-6001 ext.8

##### ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Fr. Sam McCarty  
smccarty@diocclergy.org  
608-860-6001 ext. 9

##### DEACONS

Dcn David Allen  
Dcn Dave Belland

##### DIR. OF MUSIC & LITURGY

Mary Blaha-DeBoer  
marybdrmusic@gmail.com

##### DIR. OF FAMILY FAITH FORM

Kristin Johnson  
kjohnson@newmanlc.org

##### DIR. OF YOUTH FAITH FORM

Samuel Obert

##### COLLEGE CAMPUS MINISTER

campusmin@newmanlc.org

##### FOCUS TEAM DIR.

John Collins  
john.collins@focus.org

##### COMMUNICATION & ADVANCEMENT

Adele Gligorevic  
media@bsplacrosse.org

#### CONTACT US

##### BSP SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday 8:45 am to 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

#### FROM THE DESK OF FR. BILLY DODGE

I will be on vacation from Monday, August 26, through Saturday, September 7. I will be flying to Los Angeles, California, with two priest friends. I plan to see a couple of Cathedrals and mission churches, have some great food, and spend time on the beach! It is not the ideal time to go on vacation because Father Sam will have his hands full as the students return. But it is extremely difficult to coordinate multiple priest schedules when traveling together, so I had to take the opportunity when it was most possible for us to travel together. As I tell parishioners, we should never take a vacation from our relationship with Jesus! I plan to keep Jesus front and central and an integral part of my vacation. I will be lifting all of you up in prayer as I celebrate Mass and pray the Liturgy of the Hours each day of my trip. In return please continue to lift me up in prayer!

While I am away the Saturday and Sunday morning Masses will remain the same. The 8:30PM Sunday Last Chance Mass at Roncalli Newman begins September 1. The weekday Masses will be adjusted in order to accommodate one priest. Please check the bulletin for the weekday Mass changes.

Lastly, please read the article by our new parish missionary Caitlin Collins. Caitlin is a former FOCUS missionary who served for three years at Roncalli Newman evangelizing college students. Her husband John is the current Team Director of the FOCUS missionaries. Caitlin has agreed to use her training and experience as a former FOCUS missionary to help our parishioners grow deeper in their relationship with Jesus as Catholics, and help parishioners share their faith in a convincing way with others. Caitlin looks forward to meeting you and introducing you to her beautiful baby girl Chiara! Please keep Caitlin, her family, and this new missionary endeavor in your prayers.

#### AROUND THE PARISHES

##### Upcoming Altered Daily Mass Schedule

There will be NO regular 8am Mass at Blessed Sacrament:

Tue Aug 27, Thurs Aug 29, Tue Sept 3.

There will be NO regular noon Mass at Newman:

Wed Aug 28, Fri Aug 30, Wed Sept 4, Fri Sept 6.

##### College Students Returning, later Mass times returning

Sunday Sept 1 will be the first 8:30pm Mass of the school year, and Thursday Sept 5 will be the first 7pm Mass - these will continue through the year with the usual exceptions (i.e. while students are on break).

##### Mission Weekend this Weekend

We welcome Fr. Zawadi from the Crosiers Fathers and Brothers this weekend, Mission Weekend, at our parishes. The Crosiers have been serving the people of Asmat in Indonesia for nearly 90 years, providing social-economic, education and health challenges. Fr. Zawadi will be sharing the ways in which our parishes can be of support to the mission and the people of Papua, Indonesia. There are envelopes at the end of the pew if you would like to support their mission; checks can be made payable to the parish. Thank you for your support!

##### Faith Formation Registration Early Bird Pricing Deadline

Just a friendly reminder that the Early Bird Pricing for Faith Formation registration ends on August 31st and prices will increase by \$50. Register TODAY but using the QR code at right.



## AROUND OUR PARISHES & COMMUNITY



### Welcome to our New Parish Missionary, Caitlin!

Hello! My name is Caitlin Collins, I am here to serve Blessed Sacrament and Ronalli Newman as your parish missionary. I hope to be a resource to you in your faith life and in evangelization so that we can all grow closer to Christ and share Him with others! I will be offering mentorship, accountability, small groups, formation and evangelization training through discipleship. My greatest desire is to lead people to grow in deeper relationships with Christ. My life has been transformed by Jesus and I want to bring His joy and healing to others.

I graduated from UW Oshkosh with a degree in Nursing in 2020, afterwards I started working for the Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS) as a missionary at Roncalli Newman serving the students at UW La Crosse. During my three years in FOCUS, I received training in evangelization by professors and theologians in our Catholic faith. My husband, John (a FOCUS missionary) and I got married in November of 2022 and spent a year serving as missionaries on a team together at UWL, where John remains as the FOCUS Team Director. Last September, my husband and I welcomed our baby girl, Chiara, into our family and I stepped away from FOCUS to be home with her. I am honored and excited to start serving God through evangelization in the parishes! I look forward to meeting you and getting to know you! If you see me please come say hi, Chiara loves meeting new people too!

### Welcome new BSP Parishioners!

Blessed Sacrament is delighted to welcome several new members over the last few weeks. Warmest welcome to Mariah Hall and Dan Gorman and their daughters Laya and Ruby. Nikki and Nick West and their sons Zack and Drew. Cole Crubel and Gracie Hamann. And, Felix Rodriguez Fernsby.

### Baptism Congratulations

Congratulations to Janelle and Philip Francksen whose daughter Eleanor was baptized at BSP this past weekend

### Women's Club Potluck Salad luncheon, Tuesday, September 10, at Blessed Sacrament Parish Center

We will be saying the Sorrowful Mother Rosary at 11:30 in church. Luncheon and meeting follow at noon. Along with food and fellowship we will have fun with a demonstration on how to put together a charcuterie board for your fall gatherings. A short meeting will follow the demonstration. Mark your calendars. Look forward to seeing you.

### Welcome Back Sunday Picnic | September 15th

SAVE THE DATE! We are looking ahead to the return of our students. The Welcome Back Sunday Picnic will be in the Myrick Park main shelter, September 15th following 11:00 Mass. (The Packer game will be there too!) Please put this fun event on your family calendar now! Sign up sheets will be in the front and back of RNC this weekend.

## LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 31/1

### Sat, Aug 31, 4:30 PM (Mass at Blessed Sacrament)

Mary E Saphner	Reader (1)
Paulette Drozdowicz	Reader (2)
Jennifer Kulzern & Mary BD	Cantor & Accompanist
<b>NOT FILLED x 2</b>	Servers
Scott Weaver & Natalie Schwinn W	Hospitality Ministers
Dave Schreier	Sacristan/MC
Peter Drozdowicz & Luci Johnson	EMHCs

### Sun, Sep 1, 9:00 AM (Mass at Blessed Sacrament)

Dave Reinders	Reader (1)
Mary Jo Reinders	Reader (2)
Chris Dresen & Mary BD	Cantor & Accompanist
Robbie Del Rosario	Server
Michele Cook & Jack Kallies	Hospitality Ministers
Sean O'Flaherty & Sunny Onyeabor	Hospitality Ministers
William Arnold	Sacristan/MC
Sandra Borreson & Bernice Lansing	EMHCs

### **Rosary Leaders at Blessed Sacrament**

08/31 4:30pm - Natalie Schwinn Weaver  
09/01 9am - Helen Arnold

### Sun, Sep 1, 11:00 AM (Mass at Roncalli Newman)

Kathleen Hench	Reader (1)
Tom Hench	Reader (2)
Andy Manson & Joseph Louis	Cantor & Accompanist
Alex Boland	Server
Debbie Dahl-Schultz & Erma Hafner	Hospitality Ministers
Freddi & Sam Servais	Hospitality Ministers
Diane Foerster & Janelle Vanderzee	Gift Bearers
Mary Lou Balts	Sacristan/MC

## AROUND OUR PARISHES & COMMUNITY

### VBS Thank You!

A huge thank you to all the volunteers that helped make our VBS week such an amazing success! Over 30 volunteers from ALL the parishes in La Crosse helped over 50 children from ALL the parishes in La Crosse and beyond to explore the Marvelous Mystery of the Mass.

### Bug Spray Drive

RNC and BSP Social Justice Committee are holding a bug spray drive now through the end of August. Bug spray collected will be donated to the homeless camping near the marsh who are in desperate need to prevent disease or illness. Bug spray can be donated at the baskets at the entrance of both churches. Thank you for your generosity to those in need in our community!

## OCIA Beginning Soon!

### at Blessed Sacrament

ARE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW SEARCHING FOR...

- A deeper relationship with God?
- A sense of belonging in a faith community?
- A greater understanding of your mission in life?

HAVE YOU BEEN CURIOUS...

- What Catholics actually believe?
- Why Catholics do what we do at Mass?

ALREADY CATHOLIC...?

- Invite someone you know who may be interested and accompany them on their journey.

Get answers to all of your questions about the Catholic faith; Our "no strings" inquiry program is starting soon. Contact the office for more information.

### at Roncalli Newman

Have you or do you know someone that has wondered why we do what we do as Roman Catholics? Why the Holy Water? What are the Seven Sacraments and how are they effective? How does bread become the Body of Christ, wine the Blood of Christ?

Come and See at Roncalli Newman Parish! The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) has two Come and See gatherings: 11 or 18 September, from 7pm until 8pm. Our first OCIA Class will be 25 September. We meet every Wednesday from 7pm until 8:30pm through 16 April following the UWL Class Schedule. No UWL classes, no OCIA. Questions? Please call Deacon Dave Belland at 608-769-4423 or email him at [dbelland@newmanlc.org](mailto:dbelland@newmanlc.org).

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

4:30pm BSP      Hancock Family Marriages

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

9am BSP      +William & Georganna Mishler

11am RNC      +Jack Niedfeldt

### MONDAY, AUGUST 26

8am BSP      +Marianne Pittman

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 27

NO 8am MASS AT BSP

5:15pm RNC      +Frank Finn

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28

8am BSP      +Haley McConaghy- SCHOOL MASS

NO NOON MASS AT RNC

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 29

NO 8AM MASS AT BSP

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 30

8am BSP      +Mary & Lou Ritter

NO NOON MASS AT RNC

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

4:30pm BSP      +Kevin Ritter

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

9am BSP      +Mike Schuh

11am RNC      +Eleanor Gebhart

8:30pm RNC

### Birthright Regional Conference | Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall | September 14

Our La Crosse Birthright chapter is hosting the annual Birthright Regional Conference, which includes the Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Iowa chapters, on September 14, 2024, in La Crosse at Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall.

We are inviting all who would like to join us for our Saturday program, which will feature three dynamic and life-affirming speakers. The conference is free. We will be serving lunch, for which we ask \$10 to cover that cost. Registrations are due by September 1, 2024. We hope you can join us!

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Married Couples

Marriage is a journey! A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience can help you enrich your marriage and add some pizzazz to your journey. Whether you've been married 1 year or 50, a Marriage Encounter Experience may be just the thing you need to put a breath of fresh air into your relationship. The next weekends in our area are September 27-29 in Dubuque and Nov. 8-10 in Holstein. Call (563)920-9419 for more information or sign up at [wwme.org](http://wwme.org).

### Stewardship of Treasure 08/18

BSP \$7,074 | RNC \$8,293

Thank you for your support!



## AROUND THE COMMUNITY

### MMOC Chicken Que

Mary, Mother of the Church Parish, 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, will be holding a Chicken-Que on Thursday, September 12, from 11:00 - 6:00 p.m. for pick up and delivery. The price is \$12 and includes a half chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, homemade beans and a dinner roll. For pre-sale tickets (guaranteed) and deliveries, call (608) 518-6145. No minimum order and no delivery charge. Enter at Weston Street driveway.

### Discernment of Consecrated Life

Want to discover the call and gift of the ancient vocation of consecrated virginity for women living in the world? Join us at the Holy Cross Diocesan Center for the informational/discernment weekend on October 11-13. For more information about consecrated virginity for women living in the world go to the Diocesan web page: <https://dioc.org.consecrated-virgins/>

**TRUSTPOINT**  
*Invested in You*

- > Retirement Planning
- > Trust & Estate Services

[trustpointinc.com](http://trustpointinc.com) | 608-782-1148

**WHI** Since 1902  
*Celebrating 120 Years!*  
**INC**  
Winona Heating & Ventilating

[www.designzlacrosse.com](http://www.designzlacrosse.com)  
info@designzlacrosse.com  
LaCrosse, WI

**DESIGNZ**  
Screen Printing  
Embroidery  
Promotional Products  
Paul Grant

**50th Anniversary**  
1972-2022  
*Ron Hammes* REFRIGERATION  
SALES & SERVICE  
788-3110 24 HR. SERVICE  
HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING  
[ronhammes.com](http://ronhammes.com)

**Bernie Buchner**  
MECHANICAL CONTRACTOR INC.

**K**  
Kendle CPA  
ADAM KENDLE, CPA  
2028 ROSE COURT | PHONE 608-784-8355  
P.O. BOX 3129 | FAX 608-784-8048  
LA CROSSE, WI 54602-3129 | [ADAM.K@KENDLECPA.COM](mailto:ADAM.K@KENDLECPA.COM)  
[WWW.KENDLECPA.COM](http://WWW.KENDLECPA.COM)

When The Stock Market Crashes, Will You Wish That You Were In Something That is Safe and Guaranteed?

5 Year Contract.....4.35%  
8 Year Contract.....6.00%  
Works Well for IRA and 401(k) Rollovers.

**Mike Klug Agency**  
1402 Ferry Street LaCrosse WI 54601  
608-785-0080  
Interest Rates will rise with the market

**Grow your business!**  
Place your ad here and support our parish!  
Contact Sandy Johnston to set up.  
[office@newmanlc.org](mailto:office@newmanlc.org)  
608-860-6001 ext. 1

**ULRICH CONSTRUCTION LLC**  
New Homes • Additions • Remodeling  
Custom Carpentry & Cabinets  
Window Replacements  
W5594 Southdale Dr. • La Crosse, WI 54601  
DENNIS ULRICH (608) 788-2806

**SCHUMACHER**  
Funeral and Cremation Services | **KISH**

**LA CROSSE**  
200 West Ave S • (608) 782-1252  
**ONALASKA LA CRESCENT**  
907 Sand Lake Rd 111 S. Oak St  
(608) 782-1252 (507) 895-2518

**Tri-State Business Machines, Inc.**  
Copy Products • Fax Machines  
Laser Printers  
"OVER 56 YEARS IN BUSINESS"  
Ph 781-2100 3310 Hwy. 157 La Crosse, WI

**Bakalars**  
**Bakalars Sausage Co., Inc.**  
PURVEYOR OF FINE MEATS AND SEAFOOD  
2760 Hemstock St., La Crosse, WI 54603  
784-0384  
[bakalarssausage.com](http://bakalarssausage.com)

**Coulee Bank**  
BANK WITH CONFIDENCE

**CONTACT US**  
(866) 784-9550  
[info@couleebank.net](mailto:info@couleebank.net)  
[www.couleebank.net](http://www.couleebank.net) Member FDIC

**MAXWELL-WHITE PLUMBING** Done Right!  
608.786.4004  
[MAXWELL-WHITE.COM](http://MAXWELL-WHITE.COM)

**OELLINGER ELECTRIC, INC.**  
5416 S. 33rd. Street  
La Crosse, Wisconsin 54601  
608-788-6800

**Schmidt's** "A La Crosse Tradition Since 1955"  
A Place for Family & Friends  
Casual Dining With Quality Food & Spirits  
3119 State Rd 788-5110

**Blaschke & Schneider**  
Funeral Homes  
(608) 782-1346  
Adam Schneider  
1501 West Ave. So. • LaCrosse, WI  
Catholic Identity Since 1929

**Schneider**  
HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING  
"Your Comfort is Our Business"  
(608) 782-4035  
[www.schneiderheating.com](http://www.schneiderheating.com)

**BAGNIEFSKI**  
HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING  
• Sales • Service • Installation  
Hometown Proud Dealer for **TRANE**  
782-0664

**Cary**  
HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING  
"Your Residential Specialist"

**DICKINSON**  
Family Funeral Homes & Crematory  
Our Family, Serving Your Family  
[www.dickinsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.dickinsonfuneralhome.com) | (608) 784-0135

**KISH SONS ELECTRIC**  
Scott Finch  
608.783.5474 | [www.kishelectric.com](http://www.kishelectric.com)

**Gerrard-Hoeschler REALTORS®**  
**ELLIE MCLOONE**  
REALTOR® WI & MN, SRES®, PSA, ABR  
608-461-0817 | [ELLIE@GHRREALTORS.COM](http://ELLIE@GHRREALTORS.COM)

**COULEE CARPET CENTER**  
A PREMIER ABNEY CARPET & FLOOR DEALER  
Exclusive Flooring Solutions to Beautify Your Space  
carpeting, tile, hardwood, & more!  
free personal design consultation & onsite estimates  
3625 Mormon Coulee Rd La Crosse, WI 54601  
[www.couleecarpetcenter.com](http://www.couleecarpetcenter.com) | 608-788-6445

To place an ad, please contact Sandy Johnston at or [office@newmanlc.org](mailto:office@newmanlc.org)

## AROUND OUR COMMUNITY

### Walking with Women

Come and See! All women are welcome to attend Walking with Women, Praying with Scripture! This is NOT a physical exercise of the body. We practice the ancient exercise of lectio divina, engaging our five senses while reading the Gospels. This practice has been passed down through the church for ages, aiding the faithful to experience a deeper encounter with Jesus in His Living Word. As a group, we desire to offer Christian community for women of all ages. We will be gathering in the Undercroft at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral beginning on Thursday, September 19, at 6 p.m. Please contact Mari Erickson or Amy Mulhern at walking9praying8@gmail.com for more information.

### Voting as Catholics

What is a Catholic perspective on politics and voting? For resources, including materials from the bishops of the Wisconsin Catholic Conference (WCC) and the U.S. Catholic Conference (USCCB), visit [diolc.org/faithful-citizenship](http://diolc.org/faithful-citizenship) or scan the QR code to the right.



### Well Read Mom Club

Do you like to read? Would you like to have a group of Catholic women with whom you can discuss quality literature? Come join our Well-Read Mom book club! The mission of Well-Read Mom is to accompany women in the reading of great books and spiritual classics to encourage personal growth, friendship, and meaningful conversations in order to explore the human condition and reorient ourselves to what is good, beautiful, and true. Each month we read a piece of classic literature, then meet with other Catholic women to dive deeply into the various themes presented in the book and discuss how they apply to our lives. This year's theme is the Year of the Father. **All women are invited to join in, whether you are a mother or not. Our group has women from all ages and stages of life. You are most welcome!**

We meet at St. James the Less parish at 6:30 PM on the first Tuesday of the month. Join us for our first gathering on

#### September 3!

To register, visit [wellreadmom.com](http://wellreadmom.com). If you have any questions, please contact Monica Thomas at 608-387-4742. We look forward to you joining us!

### Come to Rural Life Day | Sept. 18, from 10 AM-2 PM | Schmidt Family Farm in Lone Rock:

Join hundreds of the faithful for the 43rd Annual Rural Life Day at the Schmidt Family Farm on Wednesday, Sept. 18 from 10 AM-2 PM at 29281 Fairview Rd. in Lone Rock. Bishop Battersby will celebrate Mass at 10 AM, after which he will present awards recognizing parishioners and farm families, and bless animals, crops and machinery. Lunch will be served. Join us as we joyfully thank God for the food that sustains our lives, the land on which it is grown, and the dedicated families who farm it.

### Pro Life Wisconsin 2024 Love for Life Gala

Come out to Pro-Life Wisconsin's 2024 Love for Life Gala at the Brookfield Conference Center on Saturday September 14th we raise the funds to protect all human life! The gala will feature keynote speaker Seth Dillon, CEO of the Babylon Bee. Doors open at 5:00pm, cocktail hour with open bar, games, and raffle from 5:30-6:30pm, and 6:30pm dinner program followed by live auction and keynote. Register by Monday August 26th at [ProLifeWI.org/gala](http://ProLifeWI.org/gala) or call our office at 262-796-1111.



### Donations Accepted for Advent Christmas Fair Children's Secret Store

The Advent Christmas Fair will be here before we know it! Donations are being collected outside Barb Swieciak's garage, 149 S 24th Street La Crosse. NEW candles, jewelry, mugs, tools, dolls, toys, and more are gratefully accepted. Lists of more items being collected are located on the box, as well as in the BSP Narthex. Thank you very much!

### Job Opportunity at the Diocese of La Crosse

Please go to [Indeed.com](https://www.indeed.com) and search for Diocese of La Crosse.



# ART FAIR

**Saturday August 24th, 2024**  
**Blessed Sacrament Hall | 9am - 3pm**  
 Benefitting the Priests & Seminarians Education Fund  
 Bake Sale, Silent Auction, Ice Cream Social,  
 Door Prizes, Food & Drink

130 Losey Blvd. South, La Crosse

*Hosted by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas*

Bring friends and family!



- Photography
- Leather goods
- Oil & acrylic paintings
- Gemstone bracelets
- Organic sculptures
- Crochet and drawings
- Jewelry
- Fairy hair & feather extensions

- Caricatures
- Magnetic jewelry
- Religious art
- Purses
- Jewelry boxes, puzzle boxes
- Wood vases, bowls & chimes
- Pottery
- Hand weavings

*Artists include members of Newman Center and Blessed Sacrament*

**You are invited to:**

2024 Fall Birthright Regional Conference

# Every Life Is Precious

Hosted by Birthright of La Crosse, Wisconsin

## SPEAKERS:

- **Vlad Mamaradlo**, Ontario, Canada, keynote speaker: Culture of Encounter.
- **Tracy Trussoni**, Director of Development for Safe Families: Serving Others.
- **Marie Allen** and **Jennifer Fisk**: Project Rachel and Rachel's Vineyard Retreat.

## CONFERENCE EVENTS: Saturday, Sept. 14

- Place: Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, Msgr. Anthony P. Wagener Parish Center, 130 Losey Blvd. South, La Crosse, WI.

10 a.m.–3:20 p.m. Speakers and Program

(Lunch will be served. Cost is \$10.) Check if having lunch ☐

## REGISTRATION FOR SATURDAY PROGRAM

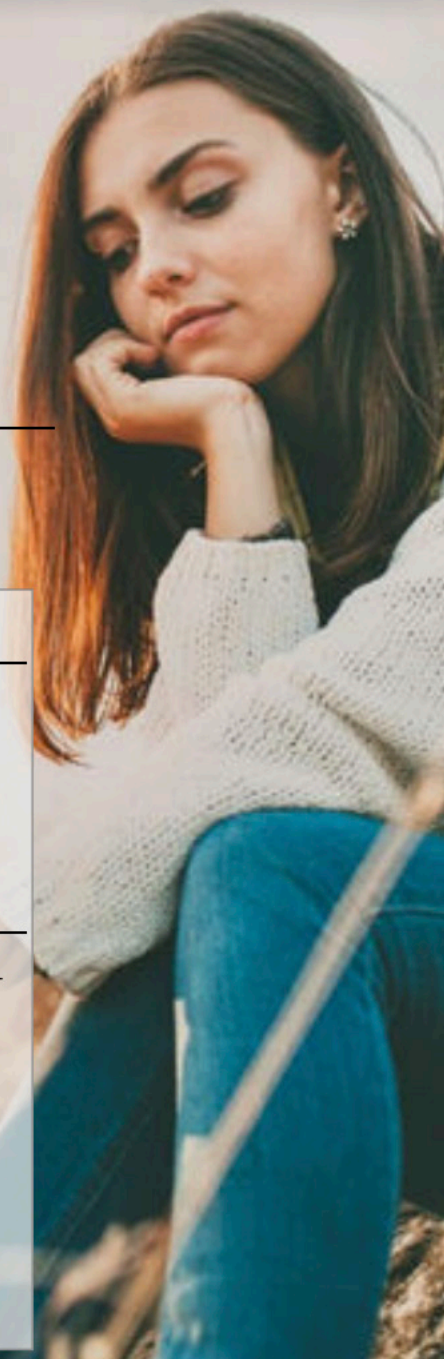
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(If a group, please provide a registration form for each person in your group.)

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Checks for lunch are payable to Birthright of La Crosse. Mail or email registrations by Sept. 1 to: Julie Dietz, 239 Elm St., La Crosse, WI 54603, [julie.dietz@gmail.com](mailto:julie.dietz@gmail.com), 608-797-0553. Questions? Contact Julie Dietz or Mona Craig at 608-799-9667, [rccraig.8260@gmail.com](mailto:rccraig.8260@gmail.com).







# Crosiers carry Cross throughout Indonesia

The Crosier Fathers and Brothers have been serving the people of Indonesia for nearly 90 years. The people of Asmat continue to seek help from the Crosiers to guide them to a life balanced with the Christian way of life. In 1958, the Crosiers began serving the Asmat people in the region of Papua, Indonesia. The physical needs of the Asmat people are very great, their homes are always sparse and diseases such as tuberculosis and malaria are widespread. The population of nearly 70,000 are scattered across 100 villages in a territory of roughly 16,875 square miles. There are 150 Indonesian Crosiers living and ministering in different areas of Indonesia.

Through their strong commitment to education, the Crosiers founded the first Catholic university in Indonesia. They also established the Holy Cross Foundation, which provides education from kindergarten to high school throughout the Diocese of Bandung, and employs nearly 5,000 teachers and other workers.

In 1972, the Crosiers began Bina Cahya, a Catholic vocational-technical school in Bandung to serve children from low-income families. This school, whose name translates to “becoming a light for others,” connects the Catholic Church and the whole of society in Indonesia. The vocational school prepares students for entering the workforce. The curriculum focuses primarily on the practical skills of different trades such as electrical, carpentry, construction, farming, culinary and sewing.



Eighty percent of graduates work in several factories, mechanic shops, restaurants and garment factories around the city. Others have become entrepreneurs. With a variety of programs offered at the school, it is an example of a place of light and hope where people of different faiths can coexist as brothers and sisters. In this educational environment, we encourage the students to become good examples of unity in diversity in a country that is rich in cultures, religions and races.

## Crosiers empower the people of Asmat

Helping the Asmat people with social-economic, education and health challenges is a pastoral priority. Currently, 10 Crosiers from Indonesia serve four parishes in the Diocese of Agats. They minister in many ways: pastoral and faith service; spiritual direction; Masses and sacramental services; education/schools; health and wellness and socio-economic education.



The Crosier Community in Papua serves the Diocese of Agats. It produces altar candles and altar bread for local parishes in the region, which helps sustain the Crosier Mission.

Crosiers provide ongoing formation to educate and train lay men and women to encourage others to live the Christian way of life. The Crosiers strive to help empower the people of

Papua by teaching them self-sustainability. Funding is vital to send local people to study to become catechists, teachers and nurses. Critical funds are also needed to support the Crosier mission in Indonesia and its numerous ministries.



The Crosiers, officially the Canons Regular of the Order of the Holy Cross, are a worldwide religious order of consecrated men whose mission is to touch suffering with hope. They spend their lives in service and provide spiritual support to communities where they are needed most. There are two communities in the United States—one in Phoenix, Arizona, and the other in Onamia, Minnesota. Crosiers also live and serve in Europe, Indonesia, the Democratic Republic of Congo and Brazil. [www.crosier.org](http://www.crosier.org)



**"WE WALK  
WITH OUR  
NEIGHBORS  
TO END HUNGER"**



## **Coulee Region Hunger Walk/Run/Bike** *In-Person & Virtual*

Form teams or participate as individuals.

**In-Person:** Sunday, October 13, 1:30 PM at Myrick Park Main Shelter

**Virtual:** October 6-13: Submit your individual or team name  
to register at:  
**[couleeregionhungerwalk.org](http://couleeregionhungerwalk.org)**

---

You might want to participate in person on October 13 & also virtually October 6-13.

*Proceeds to Hunger Task Force & WAFER Food Pantry & other non-profit food agencies,  
listed on website: [couleeregionhungerwalk.org](http://couleeregionhungerwalk.org)*

**Pledge Sheet:** Call 608-385-5422, or website, [couleeregionhungerwalk.org](http://couleeregionhungerwalk.org)  
or email: [couleeregionhungerwalk@gmail.com](mailto:couleeregionhungerwalk@gmail.com)