

BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

March 17, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Lent

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

| Date | Time | Intention | |
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| Saturday, March 16 | 5:30 p.m. | Arlie Jasnoch + | |
| Sunday, March 17 | 8:00 a.m. | Patrick Pokorski + | |
| Sunday, March 17 | 10:00 a.m. | Parish Family | |
| Tuesday, March 19 | 12:05 p.m. | Donna Kutschkau Mulligan + | |
| Wednesday, March 20 | 12:05 p.m. | Susie Engel + | |
| Thursday, March 21 | 12:05 p.m. | Tom Wieck + | |
| Friday, March 22 | 12:05 p.m. | Raymond Godziemski + | |
| Saturday, March 23 | 5:30 p.m. | Parish Family | |
| Sunday, March 24 | 8:00 a.m. | Marshall & Darlene Christensen + | 7 7 |
| Sunday, March 24 | 10:00 a.m. | Deb Mabon + | |

Reconciliation Times: Wednesday - 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Saturday - 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.



A Message from Fr. Marty dated 2021

"Unless a grain of wheat dies, it remains only a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." This quotation from the Sunday Gospel has great meaning for our spirit and our lives.

Our prideful self-reliance, while being a lauded value in our identity as citizens of the United States, is often misleading in our lives. An example that I can take from my own life may make this real. When my eyesight became weak, I prayed to God that my sight would get better. It did not. I became frustrated that God was not giving me what I asked.

A spiritual director at my annual retreat heard my problem and did not answer like I wanted. She said to me that I can tell God what I want but not to expect to get it, for God's way is not necessarily my way. As I began to work through my weakness, I became angry that I was not healed to my expectation.

Then I was given the verse, "Whoever loves his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life." This verse opened my mind to what Jesus did in the garden before his crucifixion. He prayed to God that if it is possible to let this cup pass him by, and he added, but let your will be done. Jesus had to die to what he wanted to let his will be united to God's will.

This is what we are called to do, as well. I want my sight to become clearer, but I do not know what God wills for me and my life, and so I am called to trust.

We all are called to die to our selfish will and to be willing to go according to the will of God, as it is revealed in our lives.

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Contact & Livestreaming Information

518 State St., Grand Island, NE 68801 308-384-0532 Office Hours: Monday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.; Tuesday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

| Sunday, 3/17 | St. Patrick's Day 8:00 a.m Mass 9:00 a.m Bishop Barron Series 10:00 a.m Mass 10:00 a.m Children's Church 11:00 a.m Bishop Barron Series Coffee & Rolls |
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| Monday, 3/18 | 12:00 p.m Chair Yoga 5:30 p.m Mindful Movement 6:30 p.m Centering Prayer Group 7:00 p.m Women's AA |
| Tuesday, 3/19 | 1:00 p.m Quilting Ladies 7:00 p.m Al-Anon Meeting 7:00 p.m AA Meeting |
| Wednesday 3/20 | 12:30 p.m Prime Time 5:00 p.m Rel. Ed. P-5 6:15 p.m Rel. Ed. P-5 7:00 p.m R.C.I.A. 7:00 p.m Confirmation Class 7:30 p.m Rel. Ed. 6-8 7:30 p.m Freshmen & Sophomore Godparent Groups |

- Thursday, 3/211:00 p.m. Quilting Ladies
5:30 p.m. Yoga
7:00 p.m. Catholic Daughters
- Friday, 3/225:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross
- Saturday, 3/23 10:00 a.m. Al-Anon Meeting 10:30 a.m. - Adoration 5:30 p.m. - Mass
- Sunday, 3/24 Palm Sunday 8:00 a.m. - Mass 10:00 a.m. - Mass Coffee & Rolls



Please remember the following individuals in your prayers:

Roseann Anderson Dawn Ferris Anita Graf Cindy Petersen Pat Pickerel Kathy Stava JoAnn Vodehnal Nancy Zahm

Anna Blake Stephanie Godziemski Sharon Jarecke Marcella Petersen Tim Puncochar Heather Tjaden Emily Webster

Pray for military personnel and pray for peace.

Our Deepest Sympathy to the Family of LEONARD MEYER Wing Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, Actionary and may perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen

| OUR GIFTS OF TREASURE March 9 & 10, 2024 | | | |
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| Adult Envelopes Plate Online Thrift Store | \$4,833.00 \$647.31 \$1,524.00 \$927.44 | | |
| Diocesan Appeal | | | |
| Our Goal | \$75,410.00 | | |
| Received to Date | 54,611.00 | | |
| Donor Goal 220 | 185 | | |
| Beligious Education | | | |

Attention: Parents & high school sophomores, juniors and seniors.

Higher Ground registration at Ft. Robinson (near Crawford, NE) opened February 1. This retreat is an incredible opportunity to grow stronger in your relationship with Christ, while making new friends from around the diocese. By the end of the retreat, you'll have a greater love for God and a new community of faith.

Register today at www.highergroundretreats.org. The parish will pay \$125 of this fee for you. Get your discount code from Deb Wetzel by calling 395-8521.

Attention: Parents & high school students in grades 9-12

Stuebenville of the Rockies Youth Conference will take place June 21-23 at the Gaylord Rockies Resort & Convention Center in Aurora, CO. Join hundreds of Catholic teens for this 3-day youth rally. Registration began February 1 at www.gidiocese.org/steubenville. Blessed Sacrament will pay \$125 of this fee for you to attend. Get your discount code from Deb Wetzel by calling 395-8521.

Attention: Parents & middle school students currently in 6th, 7th & 8th grades.

Higher Ground Extreme Faith Camp registration opened February 1. This retreat is held at Camp Maranatha near Maxwell, NE, from July 7 to July 11. It's a fun week and a great opportunity to grow stronger in your faith, while making new friends. Register today at

www.highergroundretreats.org. Call Deb Wetzel at 395-8521 for more information and to get your discount code. The parish will pay \$125 of this fee for you.

Vacation Bible School

Hosted by Blessed Sacrament and Resurrection Parish, will be held the week of June 3-7 from 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at Resurrection. Children age 4 to those just completing the 4th grade (so they can be going into 5th grade this fall) are invited to attend. Cost for the week is \$30 per child, with a \$75 family maximum. Online registration begins on April 15. Parents can register and pay online at

www.giresurrection.com. This year's theme is *Scuba Diving Into Friendship With God.*

I'm looking for some brass players for Easter Sunday, 10:00 am Mass. At minimum, I'd like 2 trumpets and 2 trombones, but I'd gladly take anyone interested! Email Scott Musil at <u>edisoncollector@gmail.com</u>.

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Located at 718 West North Front St. Store Hours: Friday & Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Donations can be dropped off on Mondays, Fridays & Saturdays 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. For more information, or to volunteer, please contact the Thrift Store at 308-398-3443.

Catholic Daughters Court Queen of Peace #2227

We hope you are taking time to stop at our Spiritual Adoption display in the south Gathering Area and pick up a prayer card. As the days, weeks & months go by, we will be changing out the fetal development posters. Our "adopted" baby is 10 weeks old right now. His/her skin is translucent. The earliest that scientists have recorded a baby's brain waves is at day 43. Please join us in praying for these precious unborn.

Catholic Daughters Court Queen of Peace #2227

We will be meeting March 21, at Blessed Sacrament in the North Breakout Room, at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in CDA, you are welcome to join our meeting.

CDA Court Queen of Peace #2227

Our applications are now available for a \$200 Scholarship for any high school graduating daughter/son of a Catholic Daughter Court member. Applications may be requested from Colleen Goodwin at Resurrection Parish 308-380-7953 & Chris McCarraher at Blessed Sacrament Parish 308-382-2069. Deadline is April 15, 2024.

The Chrism Mass for the Diocese of Grand Island is offered this Monday, March 18, at 4pm at St. Patrick's Church in North Platte. During this mass Bishop Hanefeldt will bless the Holy Oils to be used in the coming year, beginning at the Easter Vigil. Also during this mass, the



priests of the diocese renew the promises of priesthood made at their ordination. All are welcome to attend and participate in this mass.

Alter Server Training

Sister will be doing a training session late March or early April for any one in 3rd grade & up. Contact Sister if interested at 308-384-0532, ext. 202.

Habitat for Humanity

Please mark your calendar for Saturday, April 27. Once again, Blessed Sacrament will host a group for the Habitat for Humanity build day. Additional details will follow. If you have any questions, please contact Christi Rein atjcrein4@charter.net or Julie Markvicka at Jmmarkvicka@gmail.com.

Prime Time

Wednesday, March 20, 2024. Mass at 12:05 p.m. followed by lunch (free will offering). Speaker will be Brenda Wiltfong on *Advance Care Planning*.

EVENTS HAPPENING ELSEWHERE



First Communion is a special occasion when a child receives Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time. Come visit our Resurrection Gift Shop and find a gift for that special first communicant in your life. You will find First Communion gift sets that are a keepsake that include Mass Books, Rosary, & Pin; Girl's 1st Communion veils, Children's books, Bibles, Statues, Crosses and more.

Store hours Monday 9 am-3 pm; Tues 9 am-Noon; Weds 1-3 pm, Thurs 9-3 pm or call Barb for appt 308-379-7099.



| MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 23 & 24, 2024 | | | |
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| Mass Times | 5:30 p.m. | 8:00 a.m. | 10:00 a.m. |
| Lector | Volunteer | Kelley Sok/Greg Rempe | Anita Graf/JT Rein/Gary Houdek |
| Minister of Holy Communion | Paul Hempstead Coyne Quinn | Tony Koziol Marge Koziol | Dean Graf Jim Rein Pat Pickerel Andy Blake Coyne Quinn |
| Altar Server | Volunteer | Volunteer | Laura Blake |
| Hospitality | Volunteer | Larry Blauhorn | Volunteer |



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Blessed Sacrament Church

Sacrament of Reconciliation at Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday March 27 11:30 a.m. - Noon (There will be no Comfessions Thursday, Friday or Saturday of Holy Week.)

Communal Reconciliation Services

| Blessed Sacrament | March 24 | 7:00 p.m. |
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| St. Leo's | March 25 | 7:00 p.m. |
| St. Mary's Cathedral | March 26 | 7:00 p.m. |
| Resurrection | March 27 | 7:00 р.т. |

Holy Week Celebrations at Blessed Sacrament

| Saturday | March 23 | 5:30 p.m. | Mass |
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| Passion Sunday | March 24 | 8:00 a.m. | Mass |
| | | 10:00 a.m. | Mass |
| Tuesday | March 26 | 12:05 p.m. | Mass |
| Wedne <i>s</i> da y | March 27 | 12:05 p.m. | Mass |



| Holy Triduum | | | |
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| Holy Thursda y | March 28 | 6:00 p.m. | Mass of the Last Supper; |
| | | | +Reception of the Holy Oils; |
| | | | +Foot Washing and the blessing of ministries |
| | | | +Collection of Rice Bowls |
| | | | +Eucharistic Adoration until 11 00 p.m. |
| Good Friday | March 29 | 6:00 p.m. | Commemoration of the Passion of the Lord |
| | | | +With Veneration of the Cross |
| | | | +Holy Communion |
| | | | +Holy Land Collection |
| Holy Saturday | March 30 | 6:00 p.m. | Easter Mgil |
| | | | +Blessing of Fire, Baptisms, |
| | | | +Confirmations, |
| | | | +Holy Eucharist |
| Easter Sunday | March 31 | 8:00 a.m. | Mass |
| | | 10:00 a.m. | Mass |
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Share this with anyone who may need it. Extras can be found in the Gathering Area.

Please save for future reference

THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY: The triduum begins at sundown on Holy Thursday with the Liturgy of the Lord's Supper. During this liturgy we wash the feet of fellow parishioners, recalling that just as Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, so must we do in service to one another. We celebrate the Eucharist and then gather in the Jubilee Center to pray with the Blessed Sacrament in silence.

GOOD FRIDAY: On Good Friday we gather for the Liturgy of the Lord's Passion. This is not a Mass but a liturgy where we focus our prayer on the cross of Christ that symbolizes so much of the struggle of life and death, but also represents our salvation. We continue the fast and our waiting and praying in silence.

HOLY SATURDAY: On Holy Saturday evening, the apex of the Triduum comes when we celebrate the great Paschal Vigil, beginning with the lighting of the new Easter fire. We keep the vigil as we stay awake to hearthe great stories of salvation, to baptize the elect, to bring into full communion with the church those who are already one with us in baptism, and to feast at the table of the heavenly kingdom.

EASTER SUNDAY: On Easter Sunday we rejoice in the splendor of a new day of resurrection. We remember our own baptism while being sprinkled with water from the font that was blessed the night before. We are reminded that through the waters of baptism we share in Christ's own death and life. And so begins the fifty days of rejoicing!