



BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

March 3, 2024

Third Sunday of Lent

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Date	Time	Intention
Saturday, March 2	5:30 p.m.	Parish Family
Sunday, March 3	8:00 a.m.	Ernie VonBusch +
Sunday, March 3	10:00 a.m.	Alois Werth +
Tuesday, March 5	12:05 p.m.	Dianne Smollen Sizemore +
Wednesday, March 6	12:05 p.m.	Leonard and Pauline Hupf +
Thursday, March 7	12:05 p.m.	James Novakowski +
Friday, March 8	12:05 p.m.	Darlene Christensen +
Saturday, March 9	5:30 p.m.	Tom Wieck +
Sunday, March 10	8:00 a.m.	Parish Family
Sunday, March 10	10:00 a.m.	Sylvester Starman +



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



Message From Fr. Marty dated 2021

This past week we were blessed by warm temperatures. It made me think that spring had sprung. Even though this thought might be a little premature, I am reminded that the word "Lent" has its origins in old English and Old Dutch; the original words mean spring season.

Many people find winter the most depressing season, but I would rather run away from spring. This is not because of the weather, but rather because of the expectations. The newness of life that comes with spring used to spur my mother to cleanliness. Spring cleaning became the order of the day for the Egging family.

The gospel reminds us that we need not only cleanse the physical outside of the cup, but also the spiritual inside. A great place to start this cleansing is to review our lives in light of the Ten Commandments.

When we are spring cleaning, using the commandments, we can't stop at just doing what the words say. We are called to look beneath the words to their meaning.

A prime example would include the First Commandment: "I am the Lord your God; you shall have no other gods before Me." When asked, we usually will claim that we follow this Commandment, but do we?

What do we think about the most in our lives? Do we make the time to recognize God's action in our lives? Do we place our pleasure before honoring God?

This week we hear that Jesus cleansed the temple from the riff-raff that had worked their way inside. What extra stuff has worked its way into our lives and pushed God and a Godly life out?

Let us focus on removing the extra and let us let God and the way of God have its proper place in our life.

It's Lent. It is spring, let our spiritual cleaning begin that we may encounter God free from these roadblocks.

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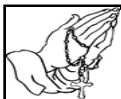
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THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Sunday, 3/3	8:00 a.m. - Mass 9:00 a.m.- Bishop Barron on the Mass
Mass	10:00 a.m. - Mass 11:00 a.m.- Bishop Barron on the Mass
Mass	Blood Pressure Checks
Monday, 3/4	12:00 p.m. - Yoga 5:30 p.m. - Mindful Movement 6:30 p.m. - Centering Prayer 7:00 p.m. - Women's AA
Tuesday, 3/5	1:00 p.m. - Quilting Ladies 6:15 p.m.- BeFriender Ministers 7:00 p.m. - Al-Anon Meeting 7:00 p.m. - AA Meeting 7:00 p.m. - Charismatic Prayer
Wednesday 3/6	No Religious Ed—Spring Break
Thursday, 3/7	1:00 p.m. - Quilting Ladies 5:30 p.m. - Yoga
Friday, 3/8	5:30 p.m. - Stations of the Cross
Saturday, 3/9	10:00 a.m. - Al-Anon Meeting 10:30 a.m. - Adoration 5:30 p.m. - Mass
Sunday, 3/10	8:00 a.m. - Mass 9:00 a.m. - Bishop Barron Series



Please remember the following individuals in your prayers:

Roseann Anderson	Anna Blake
Dawn Ferris	Stephanie Godziemski
Anita Graf	Sharon Jarecke
Cindy Petersen	Marcella Petersen
Pat Pickerel	Tim Puncochar
Kathy Stava	Heather Tjaden
JoAnn Vodehnal	Emily Webster
Nancy Zahm	

Pray for military personnel and pray for peace.

Next week our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and **reveal Christ's love** to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

OUR GIFTS OF TREASURE

February 24 & 25, 2024

Adult Envelopes
Plate
Online
Thrift Store

Diocesan Appeal

Our Goal	\$75,410.00
Received to Date	53,790.00
Donor Goal 220	180



No Classes during G.I. Public Schools Spring Break on March 6.

First Communion Family Meeting (Agape Meal)

March 10, at 5:00 p.m., Jubilee Center, for all 2nd graders and their families. Please bring a loaf of bread for your family, along with one of the following: a salad, vegetable dish or dessert. Fried chicken, Au Gratin potatoes, table service and drinks provided. Don't forget to bring your First Communion Banner.

Baptism Preparation Class

Tuesday, March 12, at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Room. This is for parents (and godparents) preparing for the Baptism of their baby. This class is required, unless you have already taken the class within the past year. Please call Deb Wetzel at 395-8521 to register no later than March 11. If we don't have any registrations, the class won't be held.

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

Steubenville 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.

Thrift Shop

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 are praying the **Spiritual Adoption** prayer written by Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen. Prayer cards are available at the display in the south Gathering Area. The fetal development of the unborn we are praying for is at the 2 month stage now and is known as a fetus. Fetus is a Latin word which means "little one." All of his/her organs are now present. Fingerprints are defined on the formed toes and fingers. Nerve cells are branching out. This little one is approximately 1" in size.

We will be collecting used and unused postage stamps for **"Stamps for the Wounded."** This nonprofit has been helping Veterans since 1942. The veterans enjoy sorting the stamps and mounting them in collection books. A labeled box is in the Gathering Area near the Sacristy. Leave a half inch margin of paper around the stamps when clipping from envelopes. Thank you for helping!

The court would like to thank all of the parishioners in and outside of our court members who came and helped clean the main part of our church on February 24 and March 2. Your help was greatly appreciated.

Eucharistic Revival Notes

Bishop Barron videos on the Mass as Meal, Sacrifice, and Real Presence will be shown in the South Breakout Room after the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Masses on March 3, 10 and 17.

National Eucharistic Congress: Grand Island Diocese has two blocks of hotel rooms in Indianapolis. The downtown rooms need to be reserved by March 14. The second block of rooms are outside the city center. If you are interested in either, please contact Michalene Iversen at miversen@gidiocese.org.

More information on the Congress and Procession can be found on the diocese website pages: <https://gidiocese.org/national-congress-registration>.



40 Cans for Lent: Plan to give your Alms to our parish Food Pantry by giving a can a day, every day, during Lent. Just drop your items off in the wooden carts found in the Gathering Area. When we collect 2,200 items, the Food Pantry will get \$200.00 from the National Knights of Columbus.

Women's 2024 Spring - A - Ling Event with Historian Michelle Setlik Stone's Speak: Translating Cemetery Symbolism to Life Stories

Please join us Tuesday, March 12, at the Blessed Sacrament Jubilee Center for an evening filled with great conversation, delicious food and a wonderful speaker. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with a light dinner served by Whitefoot Catering at 6:00 p.m. Michelle is an educator, writer and community historian. She will share her knowledge and stories regarding cemetery symbolism that has been used for centuries across the globe while focusing on Hall Country cemeteries.

Tickets are \$17 and can be purchased before or after Mass at Blessed Sacrament March 2 & 3. Tickets will also be available in the Parish Office beginning February 26. The final day to purchase tickets is March 7. Tickets will **NOT** be available at the door.

EVENTS HAPPENING ELSEWHERE

St. Mary's Catholic Church

We will be hosting a fish fry from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Cathedral Square, 112 S. Cedar St. The meal includes fish, mac and cheese, desserts and drinks. Freewill offering will be accepted. Dates are March 8 & 15. On March 22, we will be serving cheese enchiladas.

Plans are underway for GICC's family friendly Karnival Kapers 2024, March 17 at Central Catholic. Volunteers are needed. If you would like to volunteer to help, sign up on GICC's website at "signup.com."



Salads, cakes, baked goods, and 2 liter bottles of pop are needed and can be brought to the school March 16 from 8am til 12pm. There will be split the pot during lunch, bingo, cake walk and games for kids of all ages. Carry out and delivery dinners re available by calling the school 384-2440 March 17 from 8am to 12:30pm.

MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 9-10, 2024

Mass Times	5:30 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Lector	JT Rein	Alice Quick	Gary Houdek
Minister of Holy Communion	Pat Pickerel Jim Rein	Dan Quick Greg Rempe	Deb Houdek
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