

Blessed Sacrament Parish

February 23, 2020

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Scripture Readings for the Week of Feb. 23, 2020

Sunday- Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23;
Mt 5:38-48

Monday-Jas 3:13-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday-Jas 4:1-10; Ps 55:7-11a, 23; Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday-Ash Wednesday

Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17;

2 Cor 5:20—6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday-Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

Friday-Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19;

Mt 9:14-15

Saturday-Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6;

Lk 5:27-32

Sunday-First Sunday of Lent

Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17;

Rom 5:12-19; Mt 4:1-11



*But when you pray,
go to your inner room,
close the door, and
pray to your Father
in secret.*

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

On the Calendar

Feb. 26 ASH WEDNESDAY

Mass at 9 a.m. with ashes

Ashes at Noon

Feb. 27 Mass at 6 p.m.

Feb. 28 Fish Fry 5-7:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross 7:00 p.m.

Mar. 1 First Sunday of Lent

Youth Mass 8:30 Mass

March 4 NO MORNING MASS

Lenten presentation at 9:30 a.m.

and 6:30 p.m. Supper at 6:00 p.m.

March 5 NO MASS TONIGHT

March 6 First Friday Devotion

Please NOTE*** Adoration from 9-12:00

Mass at Noon

Fish Fry 5-7:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross 7:00 p.m.

Youth leave for Subiaco retreat

March 8 Second Sunday of Lent

FR. SIMON'S BIRTHDAY!

Daylight Savings Time begins

Mission Statement: *Blessed Sacrament welcomes everyone to experience the gifts, joy and personal growth through Christ's teachings. Celebrate your life by listening, adopting and practicing Christ's message.*

BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR OUR COLLABORATIVE

Monday, February 24 No Mass today

Tuesday, February 25 No Mass today

Mass at St. Margaret at 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, February 26 Ash Wednesday

9:00 a.m. † for Souls in Purgatory

Ashes distributed at 9:00 a.m. Mass and at Noon

Thursday, February 27

6:00 p.m. † Rose and Bob Kenninger Req. by family

Friday, February 28 No Mass today Office Closed

Mass at St. Margaret at 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, February 29 Vigil Mass at 4:00 p.m.

† Betty Simon Req. by Don/Cindy Simpson

Mass at St. Margaret at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 1 First Sunday of Lent

8:30 a.m. Offered for Blessed Sacrament Parishioners

Mass at St. Margaret at 11:00 a.m.



Charlotte Baird

Alyce Baker

Helen Brabon

Maddison Burke

Ryder Carlon

Emery Celina

Susan Cone

Sam Edgerton

Stephanie Fedora

Jessica Kelly Green

Rhonda Grinnell

Clarence Harris

David Harris
Mark Harris
Fr. Jerome Heyman

Ronald Heys

Tammy James

Tom Jansma

Sara Keift

David Krause Jr.

Kim Leslie

Dick Majewski

Joyce Mead

John Mellein

Bennett Meyers

Mark Meyers

Elizabeth Jean Molloy

Lisa Zugel Moul

Stewart Norby

Christine Pilarczyk

Tom Rochow
Maya Shreve
Chuck Setter
Ted/Leona Stough
Don Swartzlander
Lexie Suehr
Ron Wenzel
Terry Willyard
Jack Zugel
Joe Ziolkowski

And our homebound

and for the special intentions in our Parish Book of Intercessions on our prayer altar.

Weekly/BAA Financial Reporting for February 16, 2020

Stewardship Weekly Offering

Budgeted Amount	\$4,550.00
Collection	2450.36
Votives	
Capital Improvements	142.00
Total Capital Improvements to date	35,917.71
Number of Envelope	80

2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Blessed Sacrament's Goal	\$43,961.00
Pledged Amount	43,961.06
Pledge Balance	0!
Total number of Pledges	125

Attention High School Seniors!

The applications for the CCW Scholarships are now available through parish office or Religious Ed. class.

Deadline: Postmarked by April 1st!

And here we go! The "World Famous" K of C Fish Frys are soon to begin! Through the Fridays of Lent starting with February 28, come on down from 5-7 p.m. for great food and fellowship.... Bring your family, tell your friends but don't miss it! And then, we hope you'll join us for the Stations of the Cross which follow at 7 p.m.



Attention : Middle and High School Youth!

**It's time for our annual Subiaco Retreat
March 6-8, 2020**

The retreat is hosted and led by the Benedictine monks who live at Subiaco. An amazing weekend! The cost of this retreat is \$50 per child, which covers all lodging and food for the weekend. Ck out...Subiacoretreathouse.com Sign up in the church office!

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The Sanctuary Light will be offered the week of
February 16-22 in memory of
Kathleen Stephenson Req. by parish friends

Mass Appointments

Saturday, February 29 – Vigil Mass 4:00pm

Servers: Owen McClelland, Owen Clearwater

Readers: Jeff Clearwater, Tessa Joy

Extraordinary Ministers/Holy Communion:

Anne Marie Bartz, Ron & Cathy Rapa, Mark Zylema

Sunday, March 1 – 8:30 Mass

Servers: Emma, Noah Keubler, Jacob Clearwater

Readers: CCD STUDENTS

Extraordinary Ministers/Holy Communion:

Andrea Dulac, Jan Morgan, Paul & Vicki Hodge

FOR LENT

*God wants to give you more. How will you respond this Lent?
Has your relationship with God grown stale? Has it lost its spark?
Are you plagued by a particular sin? Something you can't shake?
Are you just tired from the day-to-day grind of your life? These all show that God wants to give you more. And this Lent can be when God gives it to you.*

Join us this Lent for **"A Personal Encounter with the Power of the Gospel"**

This is a video/discussion series from Ascension Press which will lead us to a deeper relationship with Christ during this Lenten season. The program also includes a weekly guidebook for more inspiration throughout the week!

Session dates are: March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1

Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. with supper at 6:00.

If anyone has reason to suspect physical, sexual or emotional abuse of any person of any age, please contact Protective Services (855-444-3911) or the police, as appropriate. The Diocese has and will continue to cooperate with the Michigan Attorney General's investigation and encourages anyone with information related to misconduct to call the reporting number set up by the Michigan Attorney General's office at 844.324.3374.



Dear members of Blessed Sacrament family,

Greetings of peace, hope and joy to each one of you!

Believe it or not, we are about to start the Lenten Season which begins with Ash Wednesday, on 26th February. It is one of the most important holy days in our liturgical calendar. It takes place exactly 46 days before Easter Sunday.

The ashes symbolize the dust from which God made us. As the Priest/Deacon applies the ashes to your forehead, he speaks the words: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." Alternatively, "Repent and believe in the Gospel." Ashes also symbolize grief, in this case, grief that we have sinned and caused division from God.

Ash Wednesday is a day we set aside for prayer and repentance. We fast, we abstain from meat, and we get ashes as a reminder of our human frailty. It is also a day to remember the spiritual reality that surrounds us; our earthly life is only part of the journey. Yes, we will die and our bodies will "return to dust." However, it doesn't stop there. As our bodies return to dust our souls go to heaven, hell or purgatory. These are important things to reflect on.

Therefore, Ash Wednesday is a gift. It gives us the opportunity to take stock of our lives. It is like a "spiritual New Year" where we can strengthen our relationship with God and with one another.

Have I grown in my relationship with the Lord over this past year?

Have I become lax or lukewarm?

In what areas of my life do I need to change in order to become the person God wants me to be?

From this reflection, we can make "resolutions" or a plan of action for how we will spend our Lent this year. This is where we can decide if we wish to work to change die-hard habits or sins which are holding us back and keeping us in bondage. Lent is also a great time to make a plan to learn more about our faith or pray the scriptures more often.

Ash Wednesday is NOT a holiday of obligation. We are not required to go to Mass, but it is strongly recommended that we go to Mass. It is certainly a wonderful way to start Lent off on the right foot.

Whether we go to Mass or not, we ARE obliged to abstain from meat and to fast on that day. The fasting requirement consists of one full meal and two smaller meals that equal one meal. No snacking between meals is allowed. Of course, water is allowed at any time. Everyone over the age of 14 is required to abstain from meat and everyone between the ages of 18-60 is required to fast. Pregnant women are exempt.

Prayer, fasting and alms giving are integral to the season of Lent. This weekend, we have in our midst a priest from "food for the poor". I think it is a wonderful occasion for us to reach out to our less fortunate brothers and sisters by doing our best to help them provide food, shelter, clothing and medicine. "Whatever you do to the least of my brothers, you do it to me", says the Lord.

In Christ,
Fr. Simon

Bits & Pieces

- ♦ If you are not receiving our weekly emails but would like to, please contact the parish office at blsacch@frontier.com to be put on the list.
- ♦ New to the parish? Attending but not registered? Email the parish office for info.
- ♦ Quarterly Finance Statements are available in the parish office.
- ♦ As we move into Lent, we are asking that you bring in old palms for burning. There is a basket in the Narthex.
- ♦ There are free copies of the pamphlet "Word Among Us" for Lent in the narthex. Please take a copy.

Breakfast Buffet

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Tuesday, Feb. 25

Lake Doster Golf Club. \$30
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This month-

Good Samaritan pantry

canned fruit, soups, jelly, and
we are in need of brown paper
grocery bags.

Diocesan Lenten Retreat

Sat, Feb. 29, 9 am to Sun, Mar.1, noon
at Pretty Lake Camp

"How do you encounter Jesus?" led by Fr.
Jose Haro, Diocesan Director of Vocations.
Cost is \$50.

Register at: imdisciple.com/lentenretreat.
Registration deadline is February 24.

All invited.

The Kalamazoo Diocesan
Council of Catholic Women
Lenten Day of Spiritual Renewal

The Real Presence

St. Catherine of Siena Parish
Wed. March 11, 8:00 Check-in
Register by Sunday, March 8th:
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carolynmorrison@hotmail.com

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Council of Catholic Women

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Robert and Milo Bartz families
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Brad Burke-special intention
Alice Burza
Alec Clark Family
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Manistique Cook family
Crisp and Osborne families

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