

The 40 Days OF LENT

Blessed Sacrament Parish

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Monday - Friday, 8:30am-4:00pm

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass:
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:30am
Wednesday: 10:30am
Weekend Mass:
Saturday: 4:30pm
Sunday: 9:00am & 11:00am

PARISHIONER MEMBERSHIP

New members are always welcome to our Parish. Parishioner status is maintained by registration in the parish, active participation in weekend liturgies and full participation in the parish stewardship program. All family members 18 years and older should be individually registered with the parish. Parish membership and participation is required of those desiring the Sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist, Confirmation and Matrimony.

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays at 3:30 pm or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parish registration of six months is required. Preparation session required. Contact the parish office for details.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Contact the parish office a minimum of six months prior to the preferred wedding date. Marriage preparation sessions are required.

The 2nd Sunday of Lent



Masses for the Week

Sat, Mar 7 4:30 pm	VIGIL: 2nd SUNDAY OF LENT Leo Boruta
Sun, Mar 8 9:00 am 11:00 am	2nd SUNDAY OF LENT Intention of Mary Preston & Family Parish Family
Mon, Mar 9	LENTEN WEEKDAY **No Mass**
Tues, Mar 10 8:30 am	LENTEN WEEKDAY Norton Thompson & Carolyn Szubinski
Wed, Mar 11 10:30 am	LENTEN WEEKDAY Thelma Bullock
Thurs, Mar 12 8:30 am	LENTEN WEEKDAY Vinh Quang Trinh
Fri, Mar 13 8:30 am	LENTEN WEEKDAY Robert Colon
Sat, Mar 14 4:30 pm	VIGIL: 3rd SUNDAY OF LENT James & Margaret Leonard; Wendelin Schmich
Sun, Mar 15 9:00 am 11:00 am	3rd SUNDAY OF LENT Parish Family Louise Connell

SACRED SCRIPTURE

Readings for the Week of March 8, 2020

Sunday	2nd Sunday of Lent Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9
Monday	Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday	Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday	Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday	Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
Friday	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday	3rd Sunday of Lent Ex 17:3-7; ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

~In Our Thoughts & Prayers~ Homebound Parishioner of the Week

Please remember in your thoughts and prayers our parishioner Jan Nemmers. Cards may be sent to 418 Homer St NE, 49505. Let Jan know you are a parishioner and that you are thinking of her.

PASTORAL TEAM

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BY GEORGE....

With the arrival of Lent it is now time for our annual Catholic Services Appeal. Hopefully you remember that the CSA is the annual collection to provide Bishop Walkowiak with the funds needed for the operation of programs in the Diocese. Some of these programs include the televised Mass each Sunday for shut-ins, the work of the offices of Catholic Charities, the support of the Prison Ministry program to evangelize those who have been incarcerated, and the offices that support our Catholic schools and religious education programs.

The way in which the formula works by which the assessments for the parishes are determined simply divides the parish income into the total Diocesan income to get a percentage. For instance, this past year Blessed Sacrament Parish's income of \$732,367 was 1.62509% of the total income of all of the parishes in the Diocese which was \$45,066,134. The total Diocesan CSA assessment this year is \$6,055,000. Multiply that amount by our percentage of diocesan income and we discover that our parish assessment this year is \$98,399.

This assessment is a decrease of \$2,462 from last year's tax of \$100,861 because the CSA is an income tax and our parish income has sadly decreased. For the past year's appeal (2019), as of the end of January, we had pledges in the amount of \$112,906.84. We have collected \$105,184.07. The amount still outstanding is \$7,722.77. As you will notice we have not yet collected all that was pledged but only 93.1% of pledges. There are still two months of payments to be received as the annual 2019 campaign ends with March's payments. This past year we had 331 pledges or donations, (including pledges or donations of \$0), down from 371 the previous year.

This week you may be receiving the mailing from the Bishop concerning this year's Catholic Services Appeal. Included should be a pledge card for you to complete and return to us here at the Parish Office (or drop it in the collection basket at Mass). Once again I thank you for your past support and ask you to be as generous this year as you can be given your family situation. It is my hope that everyone could give something (remember the widow's mite?) and that everyone will return their pledge cards promptly once you receive them. If you choose not to donate or pledge anything please simply fill out your card with \$0 and return it to us. If you wish to make a credit card donation you will need to do so on line at the Diocesan web site www.grdiocese.org/csa. Again thank you for your past support, and your continued support of the work of the Diocesan Church this year. If you have any questions about the CSA, as always, just let me know or contact Ken and Mary Lou West who coordinate the CSA for us each year.

STEWARDSHIP - Week of February 29 & March 1

Week 36/53

Adult Envelopes (161 used)	\$10,939.50
Automatic Envelopes (58 used)	4,456.00
Youth	34.75
Loose Stewardship	637.36

Total Stewardship this week \$16,067.61

YTD	\$502,110.66
Budget YTD	\$507,461.54
Last YTD	\$505,688.23
5% Tithe this week	\$803.38
YTD Tithe	\$25,105.53

~THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH~

Mon Mar 9: 1:00pm **Book Club**, MPR
6:30pm **A Biblical Walk thru the Passion**, MPR

Tues Mar 10: 9:15am-3pm **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**, Church
9:15am **Adult Bible Study**, MPR
6:00pm **Walk the Halls**, ASA school building
6:00pm **Pickleball**, Family Center
6:00pm **Zumba**, School music room #208
6:20-6:50pm **Children's Choir rehearsal**, MPR
6:30pm **1st Reconciliation**, Church
6:50-7:20pm **Honor Choir rehearsal**, MPR
7:30pm **Adult Choir rehearsal**, MPR

Wed Mar 11: 6:30pm **ASA Board of Directors Meeting**, St. Jude Library

Thurs Mar 12: 6:30pm **Religious Ed**, school classrooms
6:30pm **1st Reconciliation**, Church

Fri Mar 13: 4:45-7pm **Fish Fry**, Family Center
7:00pm **Stations of the Cross**, Church

FISH FRY 2020

Our annual Lenten Fish Frys have begun! We rely on the help of our parishioners to run this event.

Volunteer opportunities are available on different days and times. You can volunteer by yourself, with your spouse, kids or grandkids. We welcome students who need community service hours.

It's not too late to join us as a volunteer. For more information and to schedule a time to help, contact our volunteer coordinator, Michelle Beisel at 616-970-0838.

FISH FRY DESSERT TABLE

We can use your donations of baked goods each week of the Fish Fry season. We have four more Fridays to go! If you would like to help, please bring your desserts on Fish Fry day to the Parish Office during school hours. Be sure to label any non-disposable dishes. These dishes can be picked up in the Church conference room after all weekend Masses. Contact Marie LeMire at 260-4685 with any questions.



40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Would you be willing to pray for one hour to end abortion? 40 Days for life is a pro-life effort that consists of 40 days of praying, fasting, and holding a peaceful vigil in front of an abortion facility. This will take place in front of Heritage Clinic for Women at 320 East Fulton Street. This is the only free-standing surgical abortion facility still operating in our community. Dozens of area churches have adopted a day of prayer. Blessed Sacrament has adopted **Saturday, March 14** to pray at the vigil. At least two individuals are needed for each hour of the vigil from 7:00am to 7:00pm. For more information, contact Don May, 616-364-9241 or visit www.40daysforlife.com/GrandRapids.

~OUTSIDE THE PARISH~

BE A PART OF THEIR HOPE, BECOME A FOSTER PARENT

In Kent County there are over 800 children in Foster Care and one quarter are teenagers. Catholic Charities West Michigan needs families just like yours to provide shelter and care for abused and neglected children in our community. Foster Care means providing a temporary, safe, and nurturing home to children who have been removed from their parents' care. The goal of Foster Care is reunification of the child with the birth family, and foster parents are an integral part to the success of this goal. Find out how you can be a part of a child's hope for a brighter childhood.

Contact Jessica Nestor at (616)-401-2980 or jnestor@ccwestmi.org about foster parenting or other ways to get involved today.

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ELEMENTARY BOOK FAIR IS COMING!

The Scholastic book fair for Early Childhood and Elementary students will be at the elementary campus March 9-12! The fair will run 8:15am-3:15pm; closed for lunch. There are great online shopping opportunities and eWallet instructions (Don't worry about sending cash or a check anymore!) at bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/asagr.

SUPPORT COMMUNITY PARTNERS AND SPONSORS

All Saints Academy and businesses on the northeast side of Grand Rapids are working together to assist our students through the Community Partners and Sponsors Program. These businesses have made a donation to ASA and will make additional donations every time you make a qualifying purchase. Just mention All Saints when you make your purchase and let us know you shopped at a Community Partner by calling the school office at 447-2997 or e-mailing us at jmatlak@asagr.org. You'll get their best deal and All Saints Academy will get another contribution. You can see the full list of our Partners and all the program details at our website, www.asagr.org/community-partners. Your family can "shop locally," save money and help All Saints Academy at the same time. Some of our community partners are: **Heritage Service Centre, Herreman's Orthodontics, Hoogerhyde Safe & Lock, Kool Automotive Group, Kroon & Mitchell, Lake Michigan Electrical Solutions.**



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