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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass:

Tuesday, Thursday: 8:30am

Wednesday: 10:30am

Weekend Mass:

Saturday: 4:30pm

Sunday: 9:00am & 11:00am

LENT

40 DAYS

2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

Prayer

Fasting

Almsgiving

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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.

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.



Masses for the Week

Sat, Feb 27 4:30 pm	VIGIL: 2nd SUNDAY OF LENT Leo Boruta
Sun, Feb 28 9:00 am 11:00 am	2nd SUNDAY OF LENT Robert & Mary Jane Schaaf Parish Family
Mon, Mar 1	LENTEN WEEKDAY **No Mass**
Tues, Mar 2 8:30 am	LENTEN WEEKDAY Fr. Joe Kelly
Wed, Mar 3 10:30 am	LENTEN WEEKDAY Eugene Surman
Thurs, Mar 4 8:30 am	LENTEN WEEKDAY Florence Elmer
Fri, Mar 5	LENTEN WEEKDAY **No Mass**
Sat, Mar 6 4:30 pm	VIGIL: 3rd SUNDAY OF LENT Parish Family
Sun, Mar 7 9:00 am 11:00 am	3rd SUNDAY OF LENT Gertrude Brink Joseph Matuszak



SACRED SCRIPTURE

Readings for the Week of February 28, 2021

Sunday	2nd Sunday of Lent Gn 22:1-2, 9a; 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10
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 20:1-7 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17; Ps 19:8-11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25



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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 or covid-19 avoiders, part of the cost of the seminary program for the formation of future priests, 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 \$710,314 was 1.633% of the total income of all of the parishes in the Diocese which was \$43,492,455 (down 3.5% from the prior year). The total Diocesan CSA assessment this year is \$5,800,000 (down 4.2% from the prior year). Multiply that amount by our percentage of diocesan income and we discover that our parish assessment this year is \$94,725.

This assessment is a decrease of 3.73% from last year's tax of \$98,399 because the CSA is an income tax and our parish income has sadly decreased, so our CSA assessment has decreased. For the past year's appeal (2020), as of the end of January, we had pledges in the amount of \$106,161.64. We have collected \$99,189.64. The amount still outstanding is \$6,972. As you will notice we have not yet collected all that was pledged but only 93.4% of pledges. There are still two months of payments to be received as the annual 2020 campaign ends with March's payments. This past year we had 293 pledges or donations, down from 371 the previous year.

This week you should be receiving the mailing from the Bishop concerning this year's Catholic Services Appeal (they were supposed to be mailed this past Friday). 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 online 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.

~THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH~

Tues Mar 2: 9:15am-3pm Eucharistic Adoration, Church
Fri Mar 5: 7:00pm Stations of the Cross, Church

ON-LINE GIVING IS NOW AVAILABLE

The "Donate Now" link on our website will take you to a secure website hosted by Parish Soft where you can make contributions (one-time or repeating) to the Sunday collection or to any of our funds such as Deacon George, Scholarship, Education Endowment, Building, or Christian Service. You can also select a memorial donation for a deceased parishioner, and there will be options for Diocesan Collections and Holy days at those times. You will be able to use a credit card or do an ACH transfer by entering your banking information.

We chose Parish Soft because we currently use the accounting and Parish Census modules offered by them and their Giving software is secure and integrates easily with the other modules. Additionally they offered us a year's trial with no monthly fees-----only transaction fees of 2.6% for credit cards and .75% for ACH transactions.

Additionally this software can be used to sign up and pay for religious education classes, Vacation Bible School, etc. by providing a one-stop online option. Please contact Lori or Darrell in the parish office with any questions or feedback as we roll this out.

YOUTH CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

With the announcement at the last weekend's Masses of the new contribution envelopes for younger parishioners being available in the Church narthex questions were asked as to why there were no envelopes for a couple of the high school students who are in their senior year. The answer is that they have attained the age of 18 and once someone reaches that age they no longer are issued children's envelopes but adult envelopes if they follow the invitation on the front of the bulletin to register in their own names as adult members of the parish. Sadly some avoid doing so such that they don't get envelopes as they claim to be poor instead of admitting they are selfish. Just have them fill out a registration form from the parish web site and they will get their own adult envelopes.

STEWARDSHIP - Week of February 20 & 21

Week 34/52

Adult Envelopes (115)	\$11,192.00
Automatic Envelopes (37 used)	1,521.00
Youth	6.05
Loose Stewardship	350.34

Total Stewardship this week \$13,069.39

YTD	\$446,043.35
Budget YTD	\$447,884.62
Last YTD	\$478,300.00

5% Tithe this week	\$653.47
YTD Tithe	\$22,302.17

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Academic excellence is a trademark of ASA. The school's strategic plan includes a "Profile of a Graduate" which, in part, states: An ASA graduate "is prepared for success in high school and further education by having mastered a well-rounded and a challenging faith-based curriculum". Our 8th graders have certainly lived up to this expectation, according to the recent PSAT results. The PSAT measures a student's academic strengths and weaknesses, and provides feedback on the skills and knowledge students need to be successful in high school and college. As a group, the class averaged in the 70th percentile, half of the class scored above the 75 percentile and there were 5 students who scored in the 90th percentile or higher. The ASA family firmly believes that nurturing and celebrating every child's uniqueness leads to academic success. Our 8th graders certainly reflect this, with students who have learning differences actively involved in the class. At ASA, all students can achieve. Well done 8th graders!

Mark your calendars for the ASA Web-a-Thon, which will be held on Saturday, March 13. It will be a fun way to connect with the school community virtually and see for yourself how much our school values a Catholic education. Raffle tickets and ASA gift boxes are on sale today. Visit asagr.org/marchesonline to learn more.

Open enrollment begins Monday, March 1st. Have you been considering an ASA education for your children? Call and have a conversation with the principals, or better yet, set up a visit. You won't be disappointed. The ASA family welcomes you!

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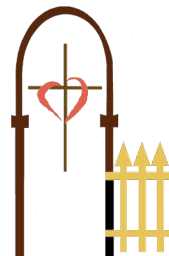
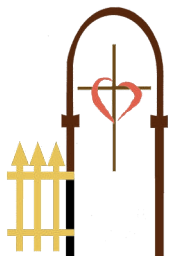
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~In Our Thoughts & Prayers~ Homebound Parishioner of the Week

Please remember in your thoughts and prayers our parishioner Dolores Powers. Cards may be sent to 2031 Ontario Ave NE, 49505. Let Dolores know you are a parishioner and that you are thinking of her.



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