

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass:

Tuesday, Thursday: 8:30am

Wednesday: 10:30am

Weekend Mass:

Saturday: 4:30pm

Sunday: 9am & 11am



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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

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

Fr. George Darling, Pastor

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.

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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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

"I came into this world for judgment,
so that those who do not see might see,
and those who do see might be blind."

John 9:39

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sat, Mar 18 4:30 pm	VIGIL: 4th SUNDAY OF LENT James & Margaret Leonard
Sun, Mar 19 9:00 am 11:00 am	4th SUNDAY OF LENT Gene Borek Parish Family
Mon, Mar 20	ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF MARY **No Mass**
Tues, Mar 21 8:30 am	LENTEN WEEKDAY Patrick Murray
Wed, Mar 22 10:30 am	LENTEN WEEKDAY Fr. Joseph Kelly
Thurs, Mar 23 8:30 am	LENTEN WEEKDAY Patricia Wisneski
Fri, Mar 24	LENTEN WEEKDAY **No Mass**
Sat, Mar 25 4:30 pm	VIGIL: 5th SUNDAY OF LENT Wendelin Schmich
Sun, Mar 26 9:00 am 11:00 am	5th SUNDAY OF LENT Parish Family James Donahue

**SACRED SCRIPTURE**

Readings for the Week of March 19, 2023	
Sunday	4th Sunday of Lent 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
Monday	St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Tuesday	Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday	Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13c-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday	Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday	Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday	The Annunciation of the Lord Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Sunday	5th Sunday of Lent Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

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BY GEORGE....

During Lent we practice our three disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. We practice them for six weeks so that practice will make them perfect. The first of these disciplines on which we reflect is prayer.

We teach the children in our parish school that there are four types of prayer -- adoration, contrition, petition, and thanksgiving. We teach them that prayer is "communicating with God." We know that good communication involves both talking and listening. Sadly for how many people do we have just as poor listening skills when it comes to God as we do when it comes to other people? Numerous people that I have met over the years have simply reduced prayer to petitioning God for what they want as if God were a genie in the bottle. The bottle sits on a shelf collecting dust until they want something at which time they take the bottle from the shelf, dust it off, and rub it summoning their God genie to come out of it. They demand of their God genie their one wish and then put the God genie back in the bottle and back on the shelf to collect dust until they want something once again. Frustrated with God they become as this type of prayer is fruitless.

Hence, during the season of Lent we go back to practicing that skill of prayer in order to get it correct. We remember that prayer is not just petitioning God for what we want, but also praising God in adoration of God's kindness, asking God's forgiveness for our sins and vanity, and giving thanks to God for all that God has given to us starting with our very existence on this planet. Also we train ourselves to take the time to listen to God instead of us doing all of the talking. Many moments do we have during the day to listen to God when we are doing mindless activities like brushing our teeth, taking a shower, driving the car, cleaning up after dinner, getting dressed in the morning, etc. During Lent we can find all of these little bits of time we have and we can then train ourselves to listen to God at those times such that we can come to know God's will and can then work to help make God's will be done and God's kingdom come. Then will our prayer lives become fruitful.

STEWARDSHIP - WEEK OF MARCH 11 & 12

Week 37/52	
Adult Envelopes (100 used)	\$7,547.00
Automatic Envelopes (37 used)	1,391.00
Youth	14.80
Loose Stewardship	470.00
Total Stewardship this week	\$9,422.80
YTD	\$472,347.02
Budget YTD	\$490,961.54
Last YTD	\$498,811.47
5% Tithe this week	\$471.14
YTD Tithe	\$23,617.35

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Mon Mar 20: 6:00pm **Preschool Concert**, Church
Tues Mar 21: 9:00am-1pm **Eucharistic Adoration**, Church
 9:15am **Adult Bible Study**, MPR
 1:00pm **Card Making Ministry**, MPR
 5:30-6pm **Children's Choir rehearsal**, MPR
 6:00pm **Pickleball/Walk the Halls**, Family Center
 6:30pm **1st Reconciliation**, Church
 6-6:30pm **Honor Choir rehearsal**, MPR
 6:45pm **Adult Choir rehearsal**, MPR
Thurs Mar 23: 6:30pm **Religious Ed classes**, school classrooms
 6:30pm **1st Reconciliation**, Church
 6:30pm **Revive Basketball Group**, Family Center
Fri Mar 24: 7:00pm **Stations of the Cross**, Church



Lent in Religious Education

This week we talked about Renewal. We are renewing our focus on Loving Thy Neighbor through acts of service, as we did during Advent. On our leaves, we wrote something we did for someone during the week. On our flowers, we wrote prayers: yellow are petitions, pink are praise, light blue are thanksgiving. We invite you to write a prayer on a flower.

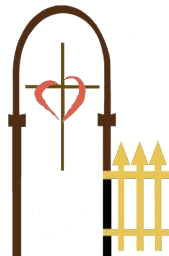
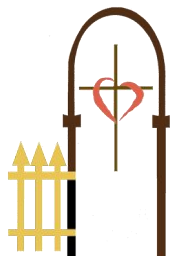
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NEW "REVIVE" BASKETBALL GROUP FOR WOMEN!

Blessed Sacrament Parish is now hosting a new basketball group for women! Did you used to play in school? Are you itching to play? Are you looking for a fun way to 'revive' not only your basketball skills but also your faith-based relationships? Then you are more than welcome to come and try it out! Whether you are in or out of shape, come and join us on Thursday nights from 6:30-7:30pm in the Parish Family Center. For more information please call/text Mary Pereira at 616-240-7896.

IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS HOMEBOUND PARISHIONER OF THE WEEK

Please remember in your thoughts and prayers our parishioner Lucille Surman. Cards may be sent to Beacon Hill, 1845 Boston St SE, 49506. Let Lucille know you are a parishioner and that you are thinking of her.



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