

LENT

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass:

Tuesday, Thursday: 8:30am

Wednesday: 10:30am

Weekend Mass:

Saturday: 4:30pm

Sunday: 10:00am



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OFFICE HOURS:

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

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.

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

“This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.”

Mk 9:7

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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| Sat, Feb 24 4:30 pm | VIGIL: 2nd SUNDAY OF LENT Raymond Karas |
| Sun, Feb 25 10:00 am | 2nd SUNDAY OF LENT Parish Family |
| Mon, Feb 26 | LENTEN WEEKDAY No Mass |
| Tues, Feb 27 8:30 am | LENTEN WEEKDAY Janina Cydzik |
| Wed, Feb 28 10:30 am | LENTEN WEEKDAY Jerome Dobry |
| Thurs, Feb 29 8:30 am | LENTEN WEEKDAY Ann Podein |
| Fri, Mar 1 | LENTEN WEEKDAY No Mass |
| Sat, Mar 2 4:30 pm | VIGIL: 3rd SUNDAY OF LENT Parish Family |
| Sun, Mar 3 10:00 am | 3rd SUNDAY OF LENT Lambert & Mary Bartnick |

**SACRED SCRIPTURE****Readings for the Week of February 25, 2024**

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| Sunday | 2nd Sunday of Lent Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15:1-8; 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 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17; Ps 19:8-11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25 |

**PASTORAL TEAM**

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| Fr. Christopher Epplett, Canonical Administratorcepplett@stalphonesgr.org |
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FROM THE PARISH OFFICE....

As is our tradition here at Blessed Sacrament, we conduct our annual Catholic Services Appeal for the Diocese of Grand Rapids during Lent. For anyone who might not be familiar with this appeal, it is the annual collection to provide Bishop Walkowiak with the funds needed for the operation of programs and ministries in the Diocese. These include seminarian and deacon formation; youth programming; the televised Sunday Mass; other outreach to the home-bound and incarcerated; families who are struggling; the hungry and the homeless.

Our goal this year is \$98,620 which is \$119 lower than last year's goal. Annual targets are based on the prior fiscal year's Sunday collections, and as Fr. George has always told you, we should look at it as a tax since parishes that do not make their goal need to make it up from Sunday collections. Blessed Sacrament Parish has always made its goal and normally exceeded it. Any collections in excess of our goal are returned to us and put into our building repair fund. We have received \$2,689 back from the diocese so far on last year's campaign overage.

This week you should receive a mailing from the Diocese with information and a pledge card. Your completed pledge card should be put in the collection basket (in the provided envelope) or dropped off at the parish office, and if you are including a payment, checks should be made out to "Blessed Sacrament Parish – CSA". We will record your pledge and forward the cards and a check to the diocese each week. If you want to pay your pledge with a credit card you will need to go to the diocesan website www.grdiocese.org/csa to make your pledge and do a one-time payment or set up monthly installments. If you do your pledge this way, please still complete your pledge card and turn it in to us with the note that you did it on-line.

And finally, to echo Fr. George, please give what you can, no amount is too small, and if you are not able to give, please still return your card so that we do not incur the expense of follow up mailings.

Thank you for your past and continued support.

Blessings,

Darrell Beckwith
Business Manager

STEWARDSHIP-WEEK OF FEBRUARY 17 & 18

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| Week 34/52 | |
| Adult Envelopes (78 used) | \$8,371.00 |
| Automatic Envelopes (33 used) | 1,286.00 |
| Youth | 18.80 |
| Loose Stewardship | 483.00 |
| Total Stewardship this week | \$10,158.80 |
| YTD | \$414,149.58 |
| Budget YTD | \$442,653.85 |
| Last YTD | \$430,861.19 |
| 5% Tithe this week | \$507.94 |
| YTD Tithe | \$20,707.48 |

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Tues Feb 27: 9:00am-1pm Eucharistic Adoration, Church
 9:15am Adult Bible Study, MPR
 noon Stitched with Love Ministry, MPR
 5:45-6:15pm Children's Choir rehearsal, MPR
 6:00pm Pickleball, Family Center
 6:15-6:45pm Honor Choir rehearsal, MPR
 7:00pm Adult Choir rehearsal, MPR

Thurs Feb 29: 6:30pm Religious Ed classes, school classrooms
 7:00pm Ladies Revive Basketball Group, Family Center

Fri Mar 1: 6:30pm Stations of the Cross, Church

thank you

Dear Parish Family,
 We can't thank you enough for all your love and support with the death of our mother, Lorraine Veneklas. For the beautiful funeral given by Fr. Len Sudlik and Fr. Greg Veneklas, the delicious and bountiful luncheon by our funeral committee, Jean, Marie and Lori for the many little and big things they do, for the many cards, hugs and especially prayers that helped us in this difficult time, we thank you all. We are blessed to be a member of this loving and giving family of God. Thank you always!

The Veneklas (Kahnoski)
 Family

We would like to thank our dear parish for all the love and support we experienced during Chrissy's flight into heaven. The liturgy of the Mass was beautiful; the music comforting; and of course the luncheon absolutely delicious. We thank God and all of you for being His servants. We truly felt His loving arms through all of you.

The family of
 Chrissy Junewick
 (Ken & Mary Lou West)

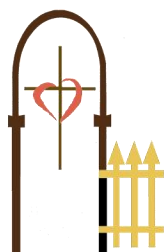
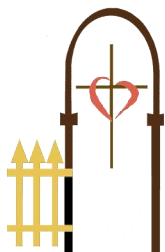


40 DAYS FOR LIFE

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. The date designated for our Blessed Sacrament Church family to pray in front of Planned Parenthood at 425 Cherry St SE is Sunday, March 10th from 1:00pm to 6:00pm. Participants can sign up for one hour to pray either by going online to Genius or by signing the sheet in the back of the church. Contact Marie LeMire at 616-260-4685 with questions.

IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS HOMEBOUND PARISHIONER OF THE WEEK

Please remember in your thoughts and prayers our parishioner Devonne Korstange. Cards may be sent to MediLodge of Grand Rapids, 2000 Leonard NE, 49505. Let Devonne know you are a parishioner and that you are thinking of her.



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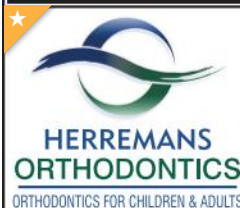
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