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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.

## 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

“Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.”

John 2:19

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## MASSSES FOR THE WEEK

<b>Sat, Mar 2</b> 4:30 pm	<b>VIGIL: 3rd SUNDAY OF LENT</b> Parish Family
<b>Sun, Mar 3</b> 10:00 am	<b>3rd SUNDAY OF LENT</b> Lambert & Mary Bartnick
<b>Mon, Mar 4</b>	<b>LENTEN WEEKDAY</b> <b>No Mass</b>
<b>Tues, Mar 5</b> 8:30 am	<b>LENTEN WEEKDAY</b> Charles Hill
<b>Wed, Mar 6</b> 10:30 am	<b>LENTEN WEEKDAY</b> Harvey Spoelstra
<b>Thurs, Mar 7</b> 8:30 am	<b>LENTEN WEEKDAY</b> Muriel Kuhn
<b>Fri, Mar 8</b>	<b>LENTEN WEEKDAY</b> <b>No Mass</b>
<b>Sat, Mar 9</b> 4:30 pm	<b>VIGIL: 4th SUNDAY OF LENT</b> Emmitt, Jean & Ken Amidon
<b>Sun, Mar 10</b> 10:00 am	<b>4th SUNDAY OF LENT</b> Parish Family



## SACRED SCRIPTURE

### Readings for the Week of March 3, 2024

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>3rd Sunday of Lent</b> 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
<b>Monday</b>	2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Pss:42:2-3, 43:3-4; Lk 4:24-30
<b>Tuesday</b>	Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4bc-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
<b>Wednesday</b>	Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
<b>Thursday</b>	Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
<b>Friday</b>	Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11b, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
<b>Saturday</b>	Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21b; Lk 189:9-14
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>4th Sunday of Lent</b> 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21



## PASTORAL TEAM

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## FROM FR. CHRISTOPHER EPPLETT....

I know it can be difficult as we journey through this time of transition, especially when many of you have not had a chance to meet me. I am hopeful to meet as many of you as possible when I am there for weekend Masses soon.

This Lent presents a particular challenge (and opportunity) in that regard. Each week, you've been hearing from a different priest during the homily. In one way, there is a certain discontinuity. The message you hear might not connect to the week before and it may seem like things are wandering in many directions. Yet, this is part of being in the desert.

We have entered the desert **with Jesus** this Lent. And these times at Blessed Sacrament are making the journey rather unique. It is, as I said, an opportunity. It is an opportunity to embrace the difficulty of the situation, the times of discontinuity, the moments of uncertainty. This is the path for the journey towards the Passion.

Last Sunday we heard the gospel passage of the Transfiguration. This moment occurs about halfway through Mark's gospel and serves as a reminder of the ending. It reminds us the Cross leads to victory over death and the joy of the Resurrection. We need this reminder because the journey is a difficult one. We need this reminder to endure.

Often the difficulty can make us seek alternatives. But there is no alternative path. We must embrace the present moment we are in so as to arrive ready for the ending. We must embrace our crosses along the way. We cannot go around the desert. And so we have a unique opportunity this Lent -- one that allows us to enter the desert and stay.

As you hear from various preachers, allow the Holy Spirit to make connections that are not in plain sight. Allow the Holy Spirit to wake you up to a new insight this Lent.

My challenge, then, for this parish is to see this time of transition as part of the desert experience. And, in this way, allow it to become an opportunity to grow and see the redemption found in every form of suffering. Remember, Jesus said he will make all things new.

Friends, let us trust that the Holy Spirit is in the beginning stages of making something new at Blessed Sacrament Parish. Pray for the trust and faith to have steadfast hope during this Lenten journey and going forward.

## STEWARDSHIP-WEEK OF FEBRUARY 24 & 25

<b>Week 35/52</b>	
Adult Envelopes (87 used)	\$5,941.00
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<b>Total Stewardship this week</b>	<b>\$10,286.00</b>
<b>YTD</b>	<b>\$424,435.58</b>
<b>Budget YTD</b>	<b>\$455,673.08</b>
<b>Last YTD</b>	<b>\$444,262.85</b>
<b>5% Tithe this week</b>	<b>\$514.30</b>
<b>YTD Tithe</b>	<b>\$21,221.78</b>



## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

**Tues Mar 5:** 9:00am-1pm Eucharistic Adoration, Church  
9:15am Adult Bible Study, 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 Mar 7:** 6:30pm Religious Ed classes, school classrooms  
7:00pm Ladies Revive Basketball Group, Family Center  
**Fri Mar 8:** 6:30pm Stations of the Cross, Church

# thank you

To our Parish Family,  
 On behalf of the family of Marie Borek, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all who shared your love and prayers during this difficult time of mom's death. Thank you to Fr. Phil Shangraw for the beautiful celebration of the Mass and to Katie & Mary for the wonderful music included in that Mass. The luncheon was so appreciated and enjoyed by all. Mom loved her parish and missed being a part of things here these past few years. We are grateful to God and to you all for helping us say our final goodbyes to our mom —

Lori Borek  
 Barb & Larry Smith



## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

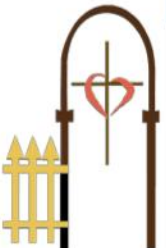
Would you be willing to pray for one hour to end abortion? **40 DAYS FOR LIFE** is a pro-life effort that consists of 40 days of praying, fasting, and holding a peaceful vigil in front of an abortion facility. The date designated for our Blessed Sacrament Church family to pray in front of Planned Parenthood 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. More than one family can sign up for the same time. Please do not go alone.

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 William Jones, recovering from surgery. Cards may be sent to 2531 Belknap Ave NE, 49505. Let Bill know you are a parishioner and that you are thinking of him.



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## JOIN US FOR MASS!

ASA students in grades K-8 attend Mass each week, and you are invited to join us! The Lower Campus students (K-2) attend Mass at 10:30am every Wednesday at Blessed Sacrament Church. The Upper Campus students (3-8) attend Mass at 8:30am every Thursday at St. Jude Church. Mass is celebrated by a different priest from our four founding parishes each week. We believe that all things are possible through Christ!



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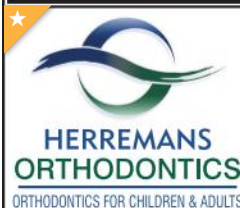
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