

BLESSED SACRAMENT

2116 HOLLISTER AVENUE • MADISON, WI 53726

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 24, 2021



“Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.”

Parish Mission Statement

Blessed Sacrament Parish forms and nurtures active disciples of Christ, who love God and neighbor, through the Dominican pillars of Prayer, Study, Community, & Ministry.

Parish Vision Statement

To be a flourishing faith community, with all parishioners engaged in transforming lives through evangelization and discipleship.

Mass Times

Monday & Friday: 8:30 AM
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 7:00 & 8:30 AM
Saturday: 8:30 AM & Vigil Mass: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, & 11:00 AM

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday: 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM
Saturday: 9:00 to 10:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday: 6:30 to 7:00 PM
Saturday: 9:00 to 10:00 AM & 4:15 to 4:45 PM
Sunday: 7:00 to 7:30 AM & 10:15 to 10:45 AM



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How to change the course of history

"*This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe the gospel.*" What did Jesus mean by this statement? Even though we hear these words every year on Ash Wednesday, it would still take a very long book to unpack everything that Jesus is referencing. Let's stick to the basics. It is a reference to the writings of the prophets of Israel, documented in the Hebrew sacred texts, that all that was predicted regarding the coming Messiah is now complete. The long-awaited Christ has been revealed. God has come among us to bring the final answer to all of life's questions and difficulties. In short, the healing ministry and preaching of Jesus Christ is enough to change the course of history and to bring light, hope, peace, and love to the world so that all may live the way we were meant to from the beginning of creation. Most importantly, He opened the gates of heaven to His wayward and lost children. What a gift! So, now what? What do we do with this information? We are transformed by it. These first disciples did something amazing and surprising: "*Then they abandoned their nets and followed him.*" Then they changed the world!

Following Jesus as a disciple (not just an admirer) requires us to make an impact on the world wherever we are at the moment. What we know from the beginning of the revelations from Heaven through Moses, the prophets, and Jesus Christ and his disciples, is that each and every one of us matters! We are all called to bring light and truth to the world. Even though there are deep divisions in our world today, as in most times throughout history, we are all called to be the good news and to proclaim the good news. To unite all people in Christ and to change the course of history through the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. So even in the midst of political, cultural, religious, and societal strife, the disciples of Jesus continue to seek holiness and to see God in the other. Here at Blessed Sacrament, we will continue to feed the poor, to provide diapers for babies, to support St. Vincent de Paul Society in their ministry, to serve the hungry and homeless at Luke House and Grace Episcopal Meal, to encourage one another in hard times and to give of our resources for the corporeal and spiritual works of mercy. We will look to proclaim this message from the Savior Himself and know that the time is short, the Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the gospel. *Be a saint* and you will change the course of history!

God bless,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Andy" with a long, sweeping underline.

New and Noteworthy

Join us for the Nine Days for Life! Now until January 29

We are a few days in to the annual Nine Days for Life novena! We will be praying each day's prayers at the end of our daily Masses through Friday, January 29. Paper copies of each day's prayers and action items will be available in the back of Church for you to take home, or you can go to respeclife.org/9-days-for-life to follow along at home or on your smartphone at Mass.

Respect Life corner:

Arguments and counter-arguments regarding abortion

Since January is commonly observed as a month with special emphasis on life issues, particularly abortion, we will be featuring common arguments you may hear in favor of abortion and a few ways that you can respond.

ARGUMENT 3: "It's unfair to bring an unwanted child into the world"/"The poor need to limit their children or they will be forever on welfare"/arguments about overpopulation

RESPONSE: We will never end poverty simply by killing poor children. The baby is not the problem; the circumstances are. Killing the child will never address those issues; it often makes it worse. A poor mother is still poor if she has an abortion.

ARGUMENT 4: Back-alley abortions/"tens of thousands of women will resort to back-alley abortions and many will die"/"abortion is safer than childbirth"

RESPONSE: The numbers often cited to back these claims are fabrications, mostly made up by the pro-abortion lobby, as admitted by Dr. Bernard Nathanson, founder of NARAL. The widespread introduction of antibiotics into medicine, not the legalization of abortion, has saved the lives of women who otherwise would have died from botched abortions. Mothers deserve better answers than the death of their children through abortion.

Opportunities to Give and Serve

St. Vincent de Paul's Recycle the Warmth Blanket Drive is next weekend!

Our St. Vincent de Paul Society will place bins in the church entrances next weekend (Friday-Sunday) to collect blankets for their annual Recycle the Warmth Drive! They will accept donations of new or gently-used (and clean) blankets, quilts, and bedding. You can also purchase a blanket at any of Dane County's SVdP stores, or make a monetary donation using the SVdP box in the back of church, or at svdpmadison.org/donate/donate-blankets.

A baby shower for Pregnancy Helpline! January 10-February 14

Pregnancy Helpline is an organization that assists those most in need in our community. Since they do so much for people in our community, we should give back! **Please help us "shower" Pregnancy Helpline with much-needed supplies!** They especially need donations of size 4, 5, and 6 diapers; size 4/5T Pull-Ups; baby wipes; and monetary donations (write "Diaper Drive" in memo line of checks). Donations of diapers and wipes can be left in front of the St. Joseph statue. Monetary donations should be mailed to/dropped off at the parish office. Or, you can use the online giving form on our website; go to the "Give" button on our homepage open the online giving form, and look for the Respect Life tab under "Additional Contributions."

Luke House Meal Program

Blessed Sacrament has committed to providing meals for Luke House on the 4th Monday of the month for the 2020-2021 school year and we're looking for volunteers to provide food and other items! If you sign up, please note that you are committing to providing items EACH month. See this sign-up for more information and to see how you can help! tinyurl.com/yyxrwxax

Baptisms

Welcome **Arlo Lukas Lyfoung**, baptized last weekend, into the Christian family!

Mass, Church, and Office procedures

We are no longer requiring sign-ups for Sunday Masses, but keep an eye on our website and parish communications for changes to this. See our website (blsacrament.org/safety-updates) to learn more about our Mass safety procedures.

The Assembly Hall is open during the 9:00 am and 11:00 am Masses on Sundays! We will use our projector to broadcast the live-stream of the Mass. Please follow all normal safety precautions if you sit in Assembly Hall.

During private prayer and confessions (see front cover for adoration and confession times!), please keep adequate distance (6 feet or more) from others.

Per Dane County's emergency order #8, please wear a mask in the church during Mass and private prayer when others are present, and when entering the school and parish center.

Readings for the Week of January 24, 2021

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/
1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20
Monday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2
[Mk 16:15]/Mk 16:15-18
Tuesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a,
10 [3]/Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/
Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/
Mk 4:21-25
Friday: Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40 [39a]/
Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75
[cf. 68]/Mk 4:35-41
Next Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]/
1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

Please pray for all those who are ill, especially:

Andy Devine, Dan Brigham, Alexander Kotloski, Henry Pitot, David Stiennon, John Ouellette, Paul Werth, Cormac Bower, Helen Karls, Sarah Opitz-Stapleton, Adrian Stransky, Dave Wirka, Ila Elizabeth Scullion, Linda Kelly, Joe Cooper, and Colleen Brown.

Mass Intentions

+ indicates the person is deceased

Saturday, January 23, 2021
8:30 AM +John Leonard
5:00 PM +Francis Reale (*Celebrant: Fr. Andy*)
Sunday, January 24, 2021 - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM Our Parish Family (*Fr. Andy*)
9:00 AM +Bernard and Catherine Hundt (*Fr. Ron*)
11:00 AM +Bertha Pitot Hubbard (*Fr. Ron*)
Monday, January 25, 2021—The Conversion of St. Paul
8:30 AM Teara Archwamety
Tuesday, January 26, 2021—Ss. Timothy and Titus, bishops
7:00 AM +Dr. Thomas Puchner, Sr., and Dorothy Puchner
8:30 AM Wilfred Pleau
Wednesday, January 27, 2021
7:00 AM +Mary Jean Whelan-Iacovani
8:30 AM +Mary Ruth Denton Richards
Thursday, January 28, 2021—St. Thomas Aquinas, O.P., priest
and Doctor of the Church
7:00 AM Camille J. Major
8:30 AM +Donald Bartylla
Friday, January 29, 2021
8:30 AM +Dr. Tom Puchner, Sr.
Saturday, January 30, 2021
8:30 AM Mother Pia and her Carmelite Nun Community
5:00 PM +Julie Pitot (*Celebrant: Fr. Ron*)
Sunday, January 31, 2021 - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time/
Catholic Schools Week begins
7:30 AM — (*Fr. Ron*)
9:00 AM Our Parish Family (*Fr. Andy*)
11:00 AM +Anne Samero (*Fr. Andy*)

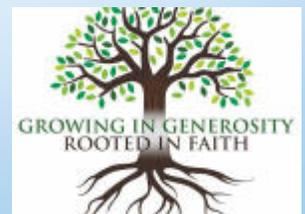
Mass intentions are available by calling the parish office at 608-238-3471 or emailing erin@blsacrament.org.



We are still having Wednesday adoration and are in need of adorers! Please consider spending an hour with Our Lord. Visit blsacrament.org/adoration to sign up!

Stewardship Report

December 2020
Total: \$100,894.69
(includes Christmas)
December 2019: \$100,971.10
(includes Christmas)



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Creation Care Corner

THIS WEEK'S STEWARDSHIP RECOMMENDATION:

Be Salt Wise This Winter

Salt can infiltrate and permanently pollute groundwater and streams. Use the minimal amount needed.

- 1. Shovel** - Clear walkways and other areas before the snow turns to ice.
- 2. Scatter** - If you use salt, scatter it so that there is space between the grains. A 12-ounce coffee mug of salt is enough to treat an entire 20-foot driveway.
- 3. Switch** - When pavement temperatures drop below 15 degrees, salt won't work. Switch to sand for traction or a different ice melter that works at lower temperatures (i.e., Calcium chloride).
- 4. Store Correctly** - Store ice melting products in airtight containers to maintain maximum effectiveness.

For information, visit: www.wisaltwise.com.

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*Pray for us;
we're praying for you!*

Start planning NOW for the annual Men's Retreat at the Jesuit Retreat House in Oshkosh! February 18-21 (Thursday through Sunday)

Every year for about 40 years, men from Blessed Sacrament and other Madison parishes have been attending a retreat at the Jesuit Retreat House on Lake Winnebago. The coming year's Men #008 Retreat will begin with dinner Thursday and ends with lunch on Sunday. All are invited despite financial constraints due to the generosity of those who can do more. Preached retreats are planned to be on-site, but the effort to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus require changes in how retreats are conducted and most importantly, how many retreatants can be welcomed on-site.

Please visit www.jesuitretreathouse.org/index.cfm to register and to read about JHR's efforts to provide a safe environment for retreatants and staff. Please feel free to contact Steve Sadoff, Retreat Coordinator, at healprint@gmail.com or 608-770-9778.



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