

# BLESSED SACRAMENT

2116 HOLLISTER AVENUE • MADISON, WI 53726

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 7, 2021



**“Christ took  
away our  
infirmities  
and bore our  
diseases.”**

Alleluia verse

## 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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**“My future is a beautiful mystery.”**

If you do not read the sports page of our local paper on a regular basis, you have missed the headline that quoted Aaron Rogers saying, “My future is a beautiful mystery.” He said these words in the context of approaching the playoff game against the Buccaneers. It seems that he was speaking of a more profound truth about all our lives, even though he may not have intended his words to be interpreted that way. To live the Christian life fully and flourish in our journey it is essential for us to realize that we are part of a beautiful mystery. In ten days, we will enter the holy season of Lent, a time of reflection and restoration of our spirit. It is a time to reconnect to the greatest mystery of human history.

No matter how long we ponder the mystery we will never exhaust it in this life. Full understanding awaits us in the heavenly kingdom, but we can approach it through prayer and penance. How hard, if not impossible to comprehend that God, who is everything and has everything, would take on our human nature to show us the pathway to salvation. The ultimate lesson being his self-emptying on the cross.

In prayer we can enter conversation with Christ to express our gratitude to him and to learn from him who is meek and humble of heart. Saint Thomas Aquinas writes that we can learn the following from the Cross: “The Cross exemplifies every virtue. If you seek the example of love: “Greater love than this no man has, than to lay down his life for his friends.” Such a man was Christ on the cross. And if he gave his life for us, then it should not be difficult to bear whatever hardships arise for his sake.

If you seek patience, you will find no better example than the cross. Great patience occurs in two ways: either when one patiently suffers much, or when one suffers things which one can avoid and yet does not avoid. Christ endured much on the cross, and did so patiently, because when he suffered, he did not threaten; he was led like a sheep to the slaughter and he did not open his mouth. Therefore, Christ’s patience on the cross was great. In patience let us run for the prize set before us, looking upon Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith who, for the joy set before him, bore his cross and despised the shame.

If you seek an example of humility, look upon the crucified one, for God wished to be judged by Pontius Pilate and to die. If you seek an example of obedience, follow him who became obedient to the Father even unto death. For just as by the disobedience of one man, namely, Adam, many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one man, many were made righteous.

If you seek an example of despising earthly things, follow him who is the King of kings and the Lord of lords, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Upon the cross he was stripped, mocked, spat upon, struck, crowned with thorns, and given only vinegar and gall to drink.

Do not be attached, therefore, to clothing and riches, because “they divided my garments among themselves.” Nor to honors, for he experienced harsh words and scourging. Nor to greatness of rank, for “weaving a crown of thorns they placed it on my head.” Nor to anything delightful, for “in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.”

Whatever you plan to do or not do during the holy season of Lent, “May it engraft us to the Cross so that we can be reconfigured in the mystery of his love.”, in the words of Saint Catherine of Siena.

*Br. Edward, O.P.*

## New and Noteworthy

### Ash Wednesday is February 17

We will have four Masses: 7:00 am, 8:30 am, 5:00 pm, and 7:00 pm. All four Masses will be streamed to the Assembly Hall for extra seating. No reservations required to attend. The 7:00 am and 5:00 pm Masses will not have music.

### Annual Catholic Appeal Commitment Weekend is February 13 and 14

This year's theme is "The Kingdom of God is at Hand." We ask that God guide us, and give us the ability to put our faith in Him to allow us the capacity to love and care for those in our parishes, our diocese, and the Church throughout the world. We ask that His grace make us even more generous in supporting those needs. Please take an ACA bulletin in the back of church to learn more about how ACA funds are used, and please consider making a pledge payable over 6 months to support the Diocese of Madison's many ministries. In-pew giving is next weekend; if you have already made a pledge, thank you for your generosity!

### Mark your Calendars: Our Parish Mission Saturday, February 27-Wednesday, March 3

This year, we welcome Fr. Andrew Carl Wisdom, O.P., presenting "Growing in Friendship with God: The Joy of Lent." Lent is an annual call to joyfully re-embrace the life of the Risen Christ and the definitive gift of God's friendship. It is the opportunity to renew our friendship with God as the deepest joy and authentic happiness of our life. Fr. Andrew will preach at all Masses February 27/28 and at the 8:30 am Masses March 1-3. He will also speak in the church at 7:00 pm March 1-3. All his evening sessions will be live-streamed for all those who wish to join from home!



St. Ambrose Academy  
Virtual Open House  
Sunday, February 21, 7:00 pm

Hosted by Angela Hinline, Director of Enrollment and Learning Services Specialist. Featuring live faculty members who will showcase the academic advantages of Catholic classical education for 6th-12th grade and answer your questions! Contact Angela with any specific questions at [angela.hinline@ambrosecademy.org](mailto:angela.hinline@ambrosecademy.org). Link for the event: <https://fb.me/e/dfYfcPXhU>

## Opportunities to Give and Serve

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

Our annual Diaper Drive for the Pregnancy Helpline is underway! 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/yxrwaxa](http://tinyurl.com/yxrwaxa)



### 40 Days for Life kick-off event and peaceful prayer vigil (prayer needed!)

40 Days for Life is looking for volunteers to join in peaceful prayer for an end to abortion outside of Madison's Planned Parenthood facility on Orin Rd. The goal is to have at least two people praying each hour of every day from February 17 to March 28 (excluding Sundays) from 7 am to 7 pm. Go to [www.vigilforlife.org/calendar](http://www.vigilforlife.org/calendar) to sign up! All are also invited to this year's kick-off event on Saturday, February 13 at 11:00 am at the sidewalk outside of Planned Parenthood, 8706 Orin Rd., Madison.

## 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](https://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 February 7, 2021

**Sunday:** Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/  
1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

**Monday:** Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c [31b]/Mk 6:53-56

**Tuesday:** Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/  
Mk 7:1-13

**Wednesday:** Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30 [1a]/Mk 7:14-23

**Thursday:** Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/  
Mk 7:24-30

**Friday:** Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [1a]/Mk 7:31-37

**Saturday:** Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13 [1]/  
Mk 8:1-10

**Next Sunday:** Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/  
1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

### 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, Dave Wirka, Ila Elizabeth Scullion, Linda Kelly, Joe Cooper, Margaret Sommer Sazani, and Colleen Brown.**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of longtime parishioner (since 1966!) **Don McCarty**, who passed away recently, and for the comfort of his family.

## Mass Intentions

+ indicates the person is deceased

Saturday, February 6, 2021—St. Paul Miki & companions, martyrs

8:30 AM Levi Chisolm

5:00 PM +Bertha Pitot Hubbard (*Celebrant: Fr. Andy*)

Sunday, February 7, 2021 - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Our Parish Family (*Fr. Andy*)

9:00 AM +Zadie Moore (*Fr. Ron*)

11:00 AM The intentions of the members of the Seven Sisters Apostolate (*Fr. Ron*)

Monday, February 8, 2021

8:30 AM +Bertha Hubbard

Tuesday, February 9, 2021

7:00 AM +Mary Jean Whelan-Iacovani

8:30 AM Bennett Shiring

Wednesday, February 10, 2021—St. Scholastica, virgin

7:00 AM +Mary Jean Whelan-Iacovani

8:30 AM Monsignor Ken Fiedler

Thursday, February 11, 2021—Our Lady of Lourdes

7:00 AM Leenar Halbleib

8:30 AM John Ferrante

Friday, February 12, 2021

8:30 AM +Brett Lawrence

Saturday, February 13, 2021

8:30 AM +Mary Rowlette

5:00 PM The Pitot family (*Celebrant: Fr. Ron*)

Sunday, February 14, 2021 - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Charlene Walters (*Fr. Ron*)

9:00 AM +Ken Japlon (*Fr. Andy*)

11:00 AM Our Parish Family (*Fr. Andy*)

Mass intentions are available by calling the parish office at 608-238-3471 or emailing [erin@blsacrament.org](mailto:erin@blsacrament.org).



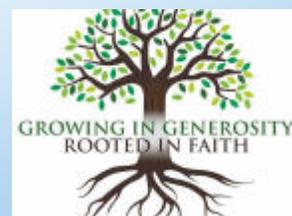
We are still having Wednesday adoration and are in need of adorers! Please consider spending an hour with Our Lord. Visit [blsacrament.org/adoration](https://blsacrament.org/adoration) to sign up!

### Stewardship Report

January 2021

Total: \$71,867.31

January 2020: \$60,645.52



**Please welcome our new parishioners!**

Cody Fortenberry

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## Creation Care Corner

### THIS WEEK'S STEWARDSHIP RECOMMENDATION:

**Lent is coming.** Consider a "fast" for Creation Care...  
sacrificing some comfort, giving up a wasteful practice, or  
modifying your actions to reduce harm to the environment.  
Some ideas include:

- **A Meat Fast:** How about adding a meatless Monday to  
meatless Fridays? What about eating only chicken when  
you do eat meat, or sustainably caught fish?
- **An Energy Fast:** How about turning the thermostat  
down 2°-5° F lower than usual and putting that sweater  
on? And maybe turn the water heater down to 120° F  
and only take 3-minute showers?
- **A "Stuff" Fast:** Buying only the bare minimum of  
essentials you need and simplifying your life?  
And how about staying away from as much plastic as  
you can and minimizing your waste stream?

*Stay connected from home!*



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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](http://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,  
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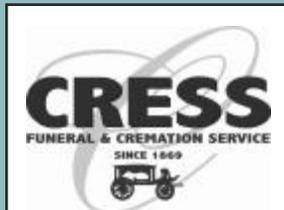
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