

BLESSED SACRAMENT

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The Third Sunday of Lent

March 7, 2021



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 8:00 PM

Saturday: 9:00 to 10:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday: 6:30 to 8:00 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

The 3rd Sunday of Lent



Fr. Andy McAlpin, O.P.—Pastor
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God's confidence in you!

I recently had the opportunity to get away for a few days to the mountains in Utah. I found myself doing exactly what I was hoping to do on this trip: set aside the worries of this past year, recover some energy, and pray in the beauty of God's creation.

While observing and admiring the majestic glory of these surroundings, I was shook by the peacefulness of it all. I broke off from my friends to ski down the easiest slopes possible and say many prayers in solitude. I had much joy in these moments and continued to contemplate the awesome power of our loving God in creating such incredible beauty in a time of such strife and fear. Simply looking out at glorious vistas brought such calmness to my heart and helped me escape the troubles of so many months of lockdowns, quarantines, riots, weather catastrophes, loneliness, and my deep concern for so many who have become lost in a sea of fear.

In all of this, the mountains were still there, as were the trees, the animals, the snow, the birds, and the calming peace. What was not present was the unpredictable and erratic nature of human behavior. God's world keeps on spinning, and we with it. We can choose to enjoy the ride, praise the Creator and be thankful for such awesome wonder, or we can become utterly lost in fear, anger, strife, violence, division, and other such things that do not bring about human thriving. Today, I will choose to be full of praise for God and to thank Him for the wondrous gifts He has bestowed upon us. I see all of it as God's trust in His most wondrous creation of humans. We are created in the Divine image. We are made to love and to receive love. To make the world a better place. To use our unique gifts of creativity and reason to journey through life with our brothers and sisters and to help one another see the Divine image in themselves and to know how wonderfully we are made.

Dear brothers and sisters, there is a strange and dangerous movement within our world that seeks to divide us along several lines and categories. These divisions cannot be tolerated and we need to hold each other accountable to the simple knowledge of our faith tradition that all human beings are made in the image and likeness of God. No one is a mistake and God did not create you to live in fear and confusion. God created us to discover our greatest gifts are knowing how much we are loved and called to love. To make the world a better place and to leave it much better than we found it. God has confidence in you that you will do just that! This is the truth we find in our Lenten journey, to shrug off the unnecessary things that hold us back from becoming who we are meant to be. To see our world through the eyes of Jesus Christ, who saw in every encounter with the suffering people he healed and tended to as special beloved children of the Father in Heaven.

The same God that created those mountains and surroundings I enjoyed so much last week is the One who made you too! I thank Him for that!

God Bless,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Andy" with a stylized flourish at the end.

March 7, 2021

New and Noteworthy

Creation Care in Your Neighborhood

Online event: Monday, March 8, 7:00 pm

Our Care of Creation team is partnering with three other local congregations to bring you "Creation Care in Your Neighborhood," on **Monday, March 8 at 7:00 pm**, to explore the intersection of Christian faith with the environment. In this online event, you'll see how various faith traditions address environmental issues, and see some home hacks on a virtual tour of a few homes. Go to fb.me/e/43mKAslvt to learn more and to request the Zoom link for the event!

Ready to cultivate a life of prayer?

Let the Evangelical Catholic show you how!

You might be sick of this question by now, but how has your Lent been going? Fasting is its own challenge and is usually the one that we focus on the most. Opportunities abound for almsgiving, whether in the form of direct service or financial generosity. What about prayer? Even in the midst of a global pandemic when life has taken on a slower pace, it can be difficult to find time to pray. Let's say we make the time, though. What then? Those standard Catholic prayers that we all know are beautiful and worthwhile, but there must be more to conversation with God than that!

Join us in the church at 7:00 pm on Monday, March 15th, as Peter Andrastek from The Evangelical Catholic gives a talk on why we should cultivate a prayer life and some practical skills for how to do it. Following this event, we will have 1% Challenge™ cards available to help you set aside 15 minutes each day for conversation with God.

The cards have 30 hand-picked Scriptures verses for meditation to help you grow into a practice of daily prayer this Lent and beyond. Peter's talk will also be streamed and recorded on our YouTube channel. Either way, we hope you will join us!

Stations of the Cross

Each Friday in Lent, 7:00 pm, in the Church

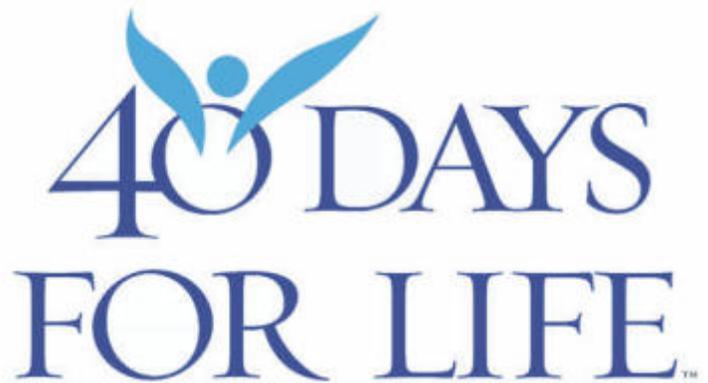
Please welcome our new parishioners!

David and Ruth Miller
Bill and Marsha Camp
Susan Slattery



**St. Paddy's Drive-Thru Pub
Saturday, March 13,
12:00 pm-3:00 pm**

Get ready for St. Patrick's Day with our St. Paddy's Drive-Thru Pub, sponsored by Blessed Sacrament's Rosary Altar Society! Pick up a corned beef sandwich lunch (\$8.00 for a sandwich, chips, and coleslaw), as well as Irish soda bread, shamrock cookies, beer, apple cider, and goods from Log Cabin Orchard, Swiss Frau Farm, and Cedar Grove Cheese. We hope to see you there!



40 Days for Life is halfway through their campaign—join Bishop Hying in thanking God and praying for endurance!

On March 8th, the 40 Days for Life prayer campaign at the Planned Parenthood at 3706 Orin Road will be halfway finished. It's time to gather to thank God for our progress and to pray for endurance to finish strong! A midpoint prayer vigil led by Bishop Hying will be held Sunday, March 7 at 1:00 pm on the sidewalk outside the Orin Road clinic. Call Gwen Finnegan (608-393-8545) to learn more. Sign up to pray at vigilforlife.org/calendar/monthview.

Opportunities to Give and Serve

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

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 March 7, 2021

Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 or Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 [cf 42:3]/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hos 6:6]/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 or 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4m 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

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.

Mass Intentions

+ indicates the person is deceased

Saturday, March 6, 2021

8:30 AM +Mary Rowlette

5:00 PM +Al Corrow (*Celebrant: Fr. Andy*)

Sunday, March 7, 2021 - 3rd Sunday of Lent

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

9:00 AM +Otis and Genevieve Cipperly (*Fr. Ron*)

11:00 AM The Holy Souls in Purgatory (*Fr. Ron*)

Monday, March 8, 2021

8:30 AM +Bertha Hubbard

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

7:00 AM A special intention

8:30 AM Diana Ferrante

Wednesday, March 10, 2021

7:00 AM +Mary Jean Whelan-Iacovani

8:30 AM Dawn Hellman Doucette

Thursday, March 11, 2021

7:00 AM The intentions of the members of the Seven Sisters Apostolate

8:30 AM Abigail Yellen Reuscher

Friday, March 12, 2021

8:30 AM The Codd and Schoen families

Saturday, March 13, 2021

8:30 AM For our family to carry out God's will

5:00 PM +Al Corrow (*Celebrant: Fr. Ron*)

Sunday, March 14, 2021 - 3rd Sunday of Lent

7:30 AM — (*Fr. Ron*)

9:00 AM Our Parish Family (*Fr. Andy*)

11:00 AM +Jim Terrance (*Fr. Andy*)

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



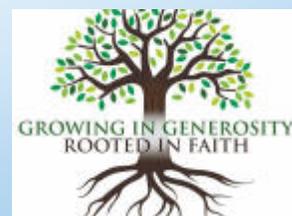
We are still having Wednesday adoration and are in need of adorers! Please consider spending an hour with Our Lord. Visit blsacrament.org/adoration to sign up!

Stewardship Report

February 2021

Total: \$53,807.84

February 2020: \$67,160.60



There is still time to give to the Diocese of Madison's Annual Catholic Appeal! Go to madisondiocese.org/aca to give online, and make sure to indicate that you are a member of Blessed Sacrament Parish.

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we're praying for you!*

Creation Care Corner

THIS WEEK'S STEWARDSHIP RECOMMENDATION:
This Lent, consider a sacrifice focused on care for God's creation

Why a Lenten Creation Care Fast? Water is a precious life-giving resource requiring enormous energy for distribution/treatment.

WEEK FOUR: How you use water can have a significant environmental impact over time. Low flow shower heads, washers, dishwashers and toilets reduce water waste (and cost), as does avoiding letting water run unnecessarily. Fully load washers and dishwashers for more efficient use of this important resource and to be good stewards of the environment God has given us. You can also try turning the water heater to 120 degrees F, taking shorter (3-minute) showers instead of baths, using cold water when doing laundry, and turning off the water while brushing your teeth and shaving.

Madison Catholic Woman's Club: Celebrating our Religious and Parish Staff Tuesday, March 9 at Blessed Sacrament

On Tuesday, March 9, MCWC members will celebrate our parish religious and staff for all that they do to help us in our spiritual journey. All women are invited to join us in-person or online for a rosary at 11:00 am followed by Mass at 11:30 at Blessed Sacrament Church, with Bishop Donald Hying presiding. The rosary and Mass will be live-streamed on our YouTube channel (tinyurl.com/35yvrrrs).

MCWC's annual February drive for Pregnancy Helpline and the Women's Care Center is ongoing. Donations can be made at madisoncatholicwomansclub.org or by check, payable to MCWC and mailed to: Janette Hermanson, 802 W. Main St. #23, Waunakee, WI 53597. Please include your parish and your phone number on your check.



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