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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday - 4:30 pm
Sunday - 8:00 am and 10:30 am
Weekday Mass Schedule
Mon - Weds and Fri 8:30 am

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Every Wednesday from 9:00 - 12:00 pm

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
Please contact the Parish Administration for more information.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)
3:45 - 4:15 pm on Saturday
or by appointment

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION
As scheduled

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE
Arrangements to be made with the Pastor.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS
As scheduled by the Bishop.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK
Upon request and as scheduled.
If you or your family member is sick or will be hospitalized and wants to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, please call Parish Office.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT
We, the People of Blessed Sacrament, see ourselves as a community of faith, united by Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Through our celebration of the Sacraments, we proclaim His Presence and offer our service to all.

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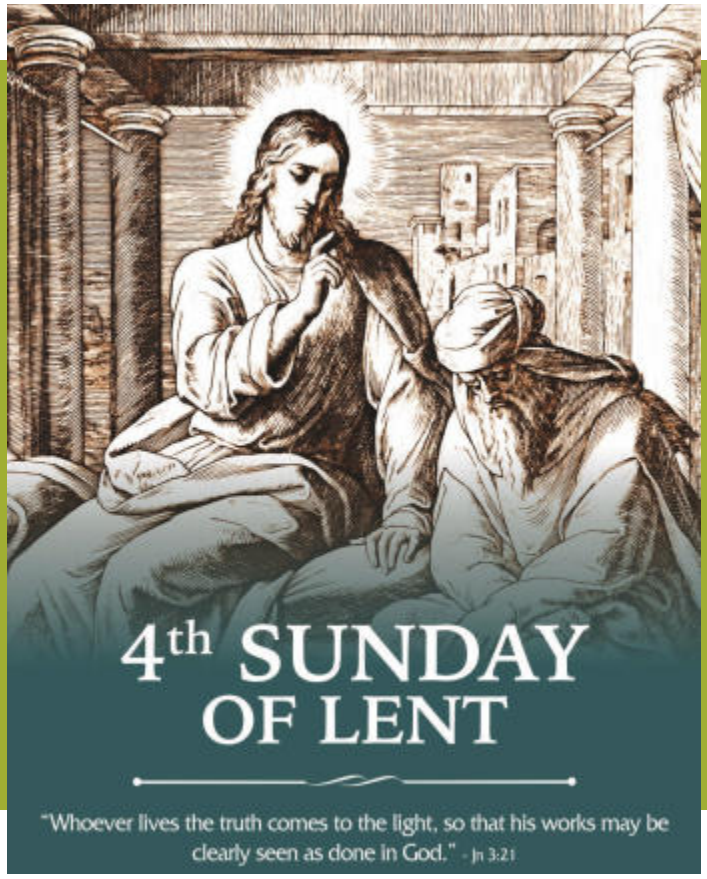
Items must be submitted in writing to the office or emailed to bulletin@blsacr-na.org by Monday, noon to be published in the next weekend's bulletin.



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A Reflection on the Gospel

Is there something to Lent that goes beyond our own spiritual house cleaning and spiritual refinement? Yes, there is! It has to do with listening and learning so that we can take up the task of the Gospel with greater clarity and fortitude. While the spiritual refocusing of Lent is necessary, the fruit of this Lenten conversion has much more to do with learning how we can be a better Church than it does about our eternal salvation. Salvation is a gift that flows out of God's unconditional Mercy and cannot be merited. The spiritual maturity we can experience as a result of our Lenten disciplines serves to reduce the anxiety and apprehension we may experience as messengers of good, but very challenging, and unsettling, news.

St. Oscar Romero said that, "a church that doesn't provoke any crises, a gospel that doesn't unsettle, a word of God that doesn't get under anyone's skin, a word of God that doesn't touch the real sin of the society in which it is being proclaimed, what gospel is that?" When we listen to those descriptive and provocative words, do they resonate with anything in our experience? As messengers of the Gospel, we are called to bring an unsettling message to the world. If our main concern is protecting our self-interests, then we are missing something huge! Many really struggle with being rejected, dismissed, or perceived as someone who is speaking out of turn. There is a counter cultural message that must be preached that clearly sides with the poor, marginalized, victimized, oppressed, neglected, disregarded, and lost souls throughout the world. There is a widespread misery among the peoples that is all too often allowed to fester with no one coming forward to offer a change or resolution.

The Church can speak to the needed structural changes that will allow people to earn just wages, feed their families and share abundantly and equally in the gifts of God's good earth. Such a vision is not some optimistic fairy tale, but the vision of the Creator himself. Lent reminds us, as St. Oscar Romero also states, that, "we are workers, not master builder, ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own." We are not called to labor simply for the benefit of the here and now but of the "what is to come." Our myopic vision can be replaced by a more far reaching Lenten vision that is much greater and deeper in scope. As long as we are carrying the right blueprints with us and our thoughts extend beyond ourselves, then even the little things we do and the simplest prayer we utter go a long way. They give witness to our preference for the light of Christ and not the darkness of error and sin.

March 24th Be Reconciled
Diocesan Day of Confession

Penance Hours with Father Max / 9:00-10:00am, 2:00-3:00pm and 6:30-7:30pm

Confessions will be heard in Holy Family Hall. Please maintain silence and social distancing while waiting. Thank you.

Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 6:45pm.

Reservations are needed to attend the Stations of the Cross.

Reservations will open by 4 pm on Monday.

WEEKEND MASS…Make A Reservation

Visit our website at www.blessedsacrament-na.org and click on the "Reserve Now" tab. If you need help in making a reservation or know someone who would like to attend but does not have internet access, please call the parish office at 630-897-1029. Gentle Reminder—**When reserving for a weekend Mass the ability to book a reservation will close 30 min before Mass starts.** Arrive 10-15 minutes before Mass begins to ensure that our ushers have time to seat you. The doors will be locked at the start of Mass. We appreciate your cooperation as we strive to welcome and seat people for Mass in a timely and efficient fashion.

IF you need to cancel your reservation, please email poffice@blessedsacrament-na.org.

Mass Intentions

Mon	Mar 15	8:30 am	† Herve & Linda Lagueux / Flore Lagueux
Tue	Mar 16	8:30 am	† Mary Didos / Somya Bergman
Wed	Mar 17	8:30 am	Special Intention / Jane Francis
Thur	Mar 18	8:30 am	No Mass
Fri	Mar 19	8:30 am	† Margaret & Ray Feltes / Their Family
Sat	Mar 20	4:30 pm	† Eileen Weilandt / Carol Mack
Sun	Mar 21	8:00 am	† Greg Mehrings / Mary Mehrings
		10:30 am	Community of Blessed Sacrament / Father Max

Mass intentions are booked through May.

Stay Connected

Mass LIVE with Fr. Max on our parish website, www.blsacr-na.org 10:30 am on Sunday morning.

Easter Flower Memorial Offering

Please return your envelopes by March 28th.

Readings for the week of March 14, 2021

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday:Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]/Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47
Friday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/ Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53
Next Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33

CRS RICE BOWL
CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.'

Timor-Leste has the highest rate of child malnutrition in Asia, and many children suffer from stunting, which makes a big impact on a child's growth and future. Home gardens and fishponds are helping families provide better nutrition for their children. What do you eat to stay healthy? What can you do to ensure children have enough food to thrive? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more

This year due to the Covid 19 pandemic, we are asking those who are able to please support this worthy charity by donating cash or a check to Blessed Sacrament in an envelope marked with your name and Rice Bowl. You may bring it to the office or deposit it into the donation box located in the narthex right before you enter into the church. You may give directly online to crsricebowl.org/give as well as click on the button on our website page to take you directly to CRS's website to donate there.

Requested Prayers

Our parishioners, relatives and friends who suffer from illness, are homebound, confined to a care facility or hospitalized and the unemployed. May the healing hand of God rest on these people and guide them in their time of need.F

The deceased priests of the Rockford Diocese who celebrate their anniversary of death this week: Rev Lorenzo Gonzalez, Rev Ambrose J Goulet Jr, Rev John T Egan, Rev Francis P Kennedy, Rev Arthur R Schmid, Rev Thomas O Maguire, Rev Joseph M Blitsch, Rev Leonard J Guzzardo and Rev Alfred P Kruk.

Our service men and women. Look upon our men and women in uniform and protect them in their time of need: CS3(SS) Kevin Bohler, CWO3 Nicholas Brandenburg, IT1 Jeremy Daly, SGT Jacob Deegan, Airman Jovany Espinoza, Sgt Zachary Gardner, Capt Ryan C Lutz, SPC Andrew McMullen, Med Spec4 Cheston Shacklett, PVT Maggie Witt ANG, Lance Corporal Jackson Woodward USMC.

For those who are sick. Ann Aister, Louis Amesquita, Happye Baessler, Mildred Blazer, Marcus Boecker, Pastor Bongcac, Jeannine Bonifas, Bill Bower, John Bukovits, Aubrey Brandt, Charlie Brown, Ann Ciaccio, Coring Coronado, Adam Crothers, Ingrid Czoski, Thess David, Linda Dokman, Edsel Fernando, Daryl Gildore, Mary Grommes, Ronald Hammer, Debbie Harvat, Nancy Robinson Kizer, Sharon Konen, Chris Lewis, Michele Lewis, Randy Likavec, Jim Love, Tom Lyon, Tarik Mahieddine, Larry and Linda McNamara, Mito Melo, Josh Miksanek, Bruce Renz, Shirley Rieder, Tim Roberts, Brian Simmons, Nancy Simmons, Paula Sloan, Charles Stangel, Carol Tamani, George Vander Linde, Kimberlee Barack Vitale, Delores Voss, Ron Weirich, Wiesbrock Family, Mike Winn and Mary Ann Wolf.

To add to our prayer list, please email Jenny at Psecretary@blsacr-na.org.
Names on our prayer list will be kept on for two months at a time unless the office is notified otherwise.

give central

Our parish uses www.givecentral.org for online giving.

Stewardship/ Contribution Report

March 13/14th

	Regular (75)	E-giving (71)	Total
Envelopes	$5,507.00	$3,381.00	$8,888.00
Loose Offering	$20.00	$0.00	$20.00
Children	$1.00	$0.00	$1.00
Fuel	$710.00	$50.00	$760.00
Building Main.	$530.00	$885.00	$1,415.00
Totals	**$6,768.00**	**$4,316.00**	**$11,084.00**

Donation/Collection Updates

Thank you to all who have been contributing during this time either by e-giving or envelopes.

If you are unable to contribute, please keep Blessed Sacrament in your prayers.

2020 Contributions

In order to streamline donation reporting, Blessed Sacrament will only be printing out tax letters when asked to do so. Please call the office at 630.897.1029 if you would like to receive a tax letter. As always, Give Central users are able to print their total deductions from the GC website. Please note records for all Diocesan Appeals will be sent directly to you from the Diocese.

INTERNATIONAL APPEAL March 13-14

Catholic Relief Services Collection: This collection helps six Catholic agencies provide relief and support to struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world.

Peter's Pence Collection: A worldwide collection that supports the charitable works of Pope Francis. Funds from this collection help victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters.

Central & Eastern Europe Collection: Years after the fall of communism, even though some are now European Union citizens, the Catholics of Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union still have great needs.

World-wide & US Disaster Relief

Rockford Diocesan Priests' Pension

Catholic Elementary School Support for the Diocese of Rockford

Attention Liturgical Ministers:

An April/May availability request has been sent via email. Please reply back with your away dates by Friday March 19th. Thank you!

40 DAYS FOR LIFE.

40 Days for Life is a worldwide effort to end abortion through prayer and fasting. Local parishes gather together to pray outside abortion clinics. The event runs during Lent starting Ash Wednesday for 40 days. This year it is from February 17 thru March 28. **The Respect Life Committee and Blessed Sacrament will be outside of Planned Parenthood on Monday March 22 to do our part in the effort.** Information is below and please prayerfully consider giving an hour of your time to pray with others in this event.

Location: outside Waterleaf across from Planned Parenthood. 3051 East New York Street, Aurora

Parking: Southside of Auto Zone

Hours: 7:00 am to 1:00 pm-our hours. A typical day is 7:00 am to 7:00 pm

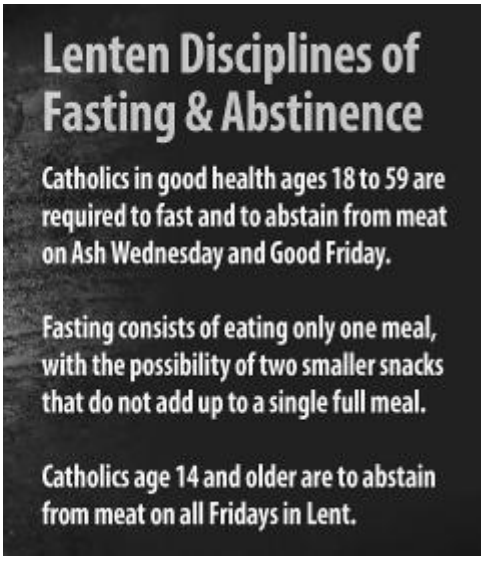
Contact: Renee Flaherty, Rjflaherty@sbcglobal.net / 630 898 8173

What to bring: a chair, rosary, dress for the weather. It goes on rain or shine. Contact Renee to give availability or just show up.

Thank you for your continued generosity in the past month toward your fellow parishioners who need some assistance at this time. We have received $570.00 in cash and grocery gift cards.

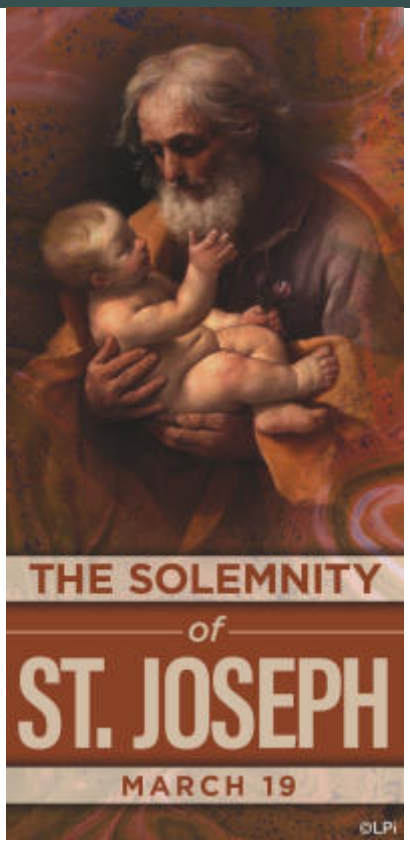
Thank you for your monetary $1,934.00 and food donations to the Aurora Interfaith Food Pantry and Hesed House's Soup Kitchen.

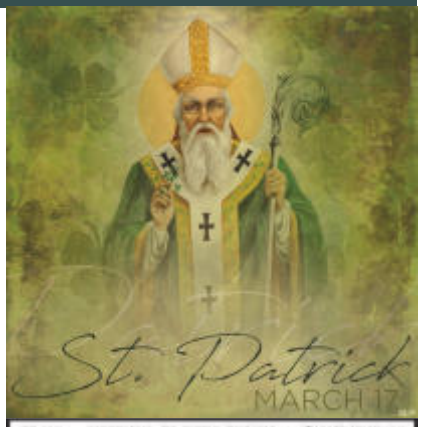
God bless all of you for your outpouring of love!



Almsgiving

Pope Benedict XVI's Lenten message for 2013 emphasizes the power of God's love to transform us. Our encounter with "God who is Love," Pope Benedict writes, necessarily opens our eyes to our neighbors. Almsgiving becomes more than just a donation in Lent. It is transformative, an experience of solidarity with others. The pope's Lenten message mirrors what he said in his first encyclical Deus Caritas Est, or God Is Love, and in Porta Fidei, the guiding document to the Year of Faith. The pope notes that when transformed by Christ's love, we come to recognize the face of Christ in our brothers and sisters in need. We are compelled by faith to act for justice.





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