

APRIL 10TH, PALM SUNDAY



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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.

BULLETIN DEADLINES

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.

HOLY WEEK



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Office Hours

Mon - Thurs: 9:00 am - Noon & 1:00 - 4:00 pm
Friday: 9 am - Noon

The office will be closed Thursday & Friday.

A Reflection on the Gospel

Pope St. John Paul II rightly taught, “To believe in Jesus is to accept what he says, even when it runs contrary to what others are saying. It means rejecting the lure of sin, however attractive it may be, in order to set out on a difficult path of Gospel virtues.” Acceptance, rejection, suffering, betrayal, fear, reluctance, persecution, and painful, undeserved and unjust death are all played out in dramatic fashion today. Jesus spoke of God’s unconditional love, mercy, and forgiveness. Who doesn’t like hearing about love, especially God’s? Jesus did not have backs turned on him, face intense suffering, and succumb to a horrific death because he spoke of God’s love. All of those things occurred because of the implications of actually believing in God’s love.

God’s love comes with an intimate and equal bond with love of neighbor. This moves the believer outward to truly see their brothers and sisters as equals and compels them to work for a world that mirrors God’s kingdom: a world based on justice, peace, mercy, and forgiveness. Sometimes, people want to keep God’s love to themselves and use it solely for their own benefit. When they only want to use God’s love to justify their own intentions and for their own projects, problems occur.

Sin makes something hurtful, destructive, and self-serving look very attractive and justifiable. The lure of sin creates friends who begin to believe the lie that the sin expounds. This is what happened on Calvary. When you begin actually doing what Jesus is saying and translate love into action, it inevitably will upset popular and longstanding conventions and structures. Many of these serve to protect status, foster personal gain and success, and further divide those who have from those who do not. Most people who hear the Gospel are attracted to what they hear, at first. When they realize that it means standing apart from popular opinion, even if that opinion is against the Gospel and sinful, they cover back in fear and join the throngs shouting, “Crucify him!” There is an ambivalence found in many believers as they struggle with whether their belief is strong enough “to set out on the difficult path of Gospel virtues.”



It takes a lot of courage to admit that the system is broken. It takes even more courage to point out the sin. And it takes an unbreakable love of God to then accept the consequences of doing so.

Prayer Requests

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.

The deceased priests of the Rockford Diocese who celebrate their anniversary of death this week: Rev Herman A Porter, Msgr Michael A Binsfeld, Msgr Sylvester J Eye, Rev James J Murphy, Rev Robert A Balog, Rev William A O'Rourke, V Rev Hubert V McGinn, Rev Thomas P Kane, Rev Ivon A Esser, Rev Robert J Carse, Rev Thomas E Brantman, Deacon Robert D McElroy, Rev Patrick A McMahan, Rev John P Dolan, V Rev J Philip Reilly, Rev Henry M Schmitz, Deacon Walter Freund and Rev John C Holdren.

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, PVT Dominic Bourge, CWO3 Nicholas Brandenburg, SGT Jacob Deegan, SGT 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. Anne Aister, Sandra Anderson, Happye Baessler, Mildred Blazer, Pastor Bongcac, Bill Bower, John Bukovits, Aubrey Brandt, Ann Ciaccio, Anna Giovanna Contaldo, Coring Coronado, Samantha Dauer, Thess David, Linda Dokman, Grace Dungan, Edward Feltes, Edsel Fernando, Maria Frank, Ginny Geinosky, Kerry Goettsch, Mary Grommes, Joan Hallstein, Debbie Harvat, Marlene Heinen, Allen Hobbs, Mikaela Hogue, Daniel Johanson, Bernadine Karafiat, Sharon Konen, Joan Leifheit, Chris Lewis, Michele Lewis, Randy Likavec, Larry and Linda McNamara, Mito Melo, Josh Miksanek, Chuck Noyes, Chris Patrick, Vi Plante, Bruce Renz, Liz Rihia, Tim Roberts, Nancy Schiffer, Joanne Schneider, Kathy Score, Beth Shannon, Erin Sickinger, Mark Sickinger, Brian Simmons, Nancy Simmons, Joan Skapy, John Sloan, Paula Sloan, Charles Stangel, John & Shirley Theis, George Vander Linde, Delores Voss, Gary Wallace, Mary Weirich, Wiesbrock Family, Victoria Williams, Mary Ann Wolf and Jeff Wunderl.

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

Mass Intentions

Mon	Apr 11	8:30 am	† The Januseks / Rosemary Miksanek
Tue	Apr 12	8:30 am	† Rosemary Diederich / Virginia Stredde
Wed	Apr 13	8:30 am	† Sharon Reilly / Carol Conrad
Thur	Apr 14	8:30 am	No Communion Service
		7:00 pm	† Joseph Pientak / Brian & Kate Pientak
Fri	Apr 15	8:30 am	No Mass
		6:00 pm	Good Friday Service
Sat	Apr 16	7:30 pm	† Community of Blessed Sacrament / Father Max
Sun	Apr 17	8:00 am	† Shirly Hankes / Sandy & Lin Winterowd
		10:30 am	† Shirley Weber / JoAnne & Don McCluckie

Readings for the week of April 10, 2022

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11
 Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
 Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25
 Thursday: *Chrism Mass*: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21 *Mass of the Lord's Supper*: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/ Ps 116:12-13, 15-16abc, 17-18/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
 Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-17, 25/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/ Jn 18:1—19:42
 Saturday: *Vigil*: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 [30]
 Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4

HOLY WEEK



Holy Thursday, April 14th

7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10 pm

Good Friday, April 15th

6:00 pm Good Friday Liturgy (Day of Fast and Abstinence)

Holy Saturday — Easter Vigil

9:30 am Blessing of Easter food baskets
 10 am Easter Vigil Practice (RCIA and Altar Servers)
 7:30 pm Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday

8:00 am & 10:30 am Easter Mass

HOPE FOR HAITIANS

Drop off your Hope for Haitians box by Sunday, April 17th.



If you would like to find out more about this ministry, or donate online, scan the code with your phone, call 815-847-0656, or visit hopeforhaitians.org/church-105/.



Adoration

Every Wednesday from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Thank you to the RE students and their families who led the Stations of the Cross on April 8th.



Easter Flower Memorial Offering

Please return your envelopes by April 10th.



ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY

The Altar & Rosary Society will be holding work meetings on the second Tuesday of each month from 10:00 to 1:00 pm, beginning April 12th in Holy Family Hall.

All ladies of the parish are welcome!

We are decorating holiday wreaths and more in preparation for our Fall Luncheon and Mini Bazaar.

Please call Sharon Konen if you can attend, 630-466-4613.

Bring scissors, glue gun and ideas!

Refreshments will be served.

Upcoming Happenings...

Apr 10		First Reconciliation
Apr 11	6:30 pm	Finance Council
Apr 12	10:00 am	Altar & Rosary work meeting in HFH
Apr 13	1:00 pm	Women's Bible Study
Apr 18	6:30 pm	Parish Council Hesed House

Stewardship/ Contribution Report April 2nd / 3rd

543 Registered Families

	Regular (99)	E-giving (77)	Total
Envelopes	\$4,298.00	\$3,733.00	\$8,031.00
Loose Offering	\$843.00	\$0.00	\$843.00
Children	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fuel	\$395.00	\$150.00	\$545.00
Building Main.	\$96300	\$230.00	\$1,193.00
Totals	\$6,499.00	\$4,113.00	\$10,612.00

This week we are tithing \$100 to Habitat For Humanity.

2021 Contribution

2021 Contribution letters are still available by calling the parish office.

40 Cans for 40 Days

The Knights of Columbus are again supporting a program called 40 Cans for 40 Days. Participants are challenged to contribute one can/boxed food item each day during Lent, thus 40 cans. The food will be donated to the Interfaith Food Pantry, which our parish already supports through our monthly Reverse Collection program. To participate, bring your food donation to church by **April 24th**, along with your reverse collection donation.

Thank you for your support of this program.



The Blessed Sacrament Knights of Columbus are excited about resuming their famous pancake breakfast on

Sunday, May 1st

after a 2 year "pandemic suspension".

Our menu includes...pancakes, bacon, sausage and beverages at the same 2019 price of \$7.00 /person.

Children 6 and under are free.

Volunteers are needed, sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

Announcements

Mass Offerings are available in May and June for weekday Masses.



Meal Ministry If you or someone you know would like a home cooked meal due to illness or recent death in the family please call Sherry Dahl at 630-896-3803.



Reading Material Looking for good Catholic reading material to read during Lent? Check out our bookshelf outside of the chapel. You may borrow a book at any time. If you have books you would like to donate call Ida Kelsey at 630-988-0102 and leave a message. We are especially looking to add more Catholic children's books.



Attention Liturgical Ministers A schedule request has been sent out for May and June availability. Please reply no later than April 24th with your away dates. Thank you.

1 We Welcomed A
New Parish Family
in March



No RE April 17th

Last Class is April 24th



**The Pontifical
Good Friday
Collection**



Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land.

Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

PLEASE BE GENEROUS!

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday.

This Good Friday, give them more than your prayers.

Show Us Your Face

"Amid the thicket of precepts and prescriptions, Jesus clears a way to seeing two faces, that of the Father and that of our brother. He does not give us two or more formulas or two or more commands. He gives us two faces, or better yet, one alone: the face of God reflected in so many other faces. For in every one of our brothers and sisters, especially the least, the most vulnerable, the defenseless and those in need, God's very image is found. Indeed, with the scraps of this frail humanity, the Lord will shape his work of art."

- Pope Francis, Rejoice and Be Glad [Gaudete et Exultate], no. 61

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Check your email account for a link to begin using FORMED.

Questions? Call Ken McLaughlin, Adult Faith Formation Coordinator
630-544-8792.

Featured on FORMED this week

Bible Study: Lectio: Prayer with Dr. Tim Gray. This 6-part Bible study helps you develop the steps to deepen your personal prayer and adoration.

Movie: Restless Heart: Confessions of Augustine. This film tells the story of the wayward youth who, through a mother's prayer, became one of the great Doctors of the Church.

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