



3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 24th, 2021

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In case of an emergency after regular business hours, call (218) 263-3681 to reach a priest.

Parish and School Staff

Pastor.....Rev. Gabriel Waweru
Deacons.....Ray Sampson
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Sunday School.....Jen Steinbrecher
Family Faith Formation.....

.....Deacon Grant & Deb Toma
Music.....Vicki Gornick

Liturgy/Adoration.....Sue Schwartz

Parish SecretaryJessica Koland

Maintenance.....Jim Hemmingson

School Principal.....Gabe Johnson

School Secretary.....Janine Terzich



Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:15 pm.....
Sunday 8:00 am
Sunday 10:00 am.....

*Each week, the 8am Sunday Mass is
broadcast live on Channel 5.*

*The 8am & 10am Masses are livestream on our
YouTube Channel each Sunday.*

**There is an 8am Mass each 1st
Saturday of the month*

Weekday Masses

Monday-Friday 8:00 am.....

The Church is open for Prayer:

Mon., Tues., & Wed. 7:30am-4pm

Thurs. 7:30am-5pm; Fri. 7:30am-1pm

Saturday - 8am-5pm

Sunday - 7:30am until conclusion of
10am Mass

Reconciliation

(located in the nursery)

Thursday 12:00 noon

Saturday 10:00 am & 3:00 pm

Baptism

First and fourth Sunday of each month at
11:15 am at Blessed Sacrament Church. Call the
Parish Center at least one month in advance.

New Parishioners

Please register at the Parish Center
at your earliest convenience.

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 8:30am-4:00pm
Friday 8:30am-1:00pm

Assumption Catholic School

The Assumption Catholic School, a part of
the Blessed Sacrament Parish, is a
Christ-centered partnership of parents,
students, and the wider parish community.

Marriage

Begin arrangements at least six months in
advance of wedding date. A marriage
preparation course is required before all
weddings. Call the Parish Center to
begin planning.

Adoration

Weekly Adoration every Thursday from
12pm-5pm in the main Church.

Natural Family Planning Northland Family Programs

Call Susie Marchetti at 218-966-0899



REST IN THE ROSARY

Please join us on our
Facebook Page at 7pm
for a live rosary . Let
us "rest in the
rosary", as we pray
as a Parish family! If
you do not have a

Facebook account, you can still
join the rosary. Please go to <https://www.facebook.com/Blessed-Sacrament-Parish-120609931284711/> at 7pm to
pray with our Parish. Stay well!

“Courage to say YES...”

Every Sunday, we pray for vocations and we ask for the “courage to say YES and to follow you.” With our changing world and the numerous voices coming at us, nothing seems to remain forever no matter how much we try. Jesus Christ, on the other hand “is the same, yesterday, today, and forever” (Heb. 13:8). Jesus will always be there for us, and he is always inviting us to be with him. His invitation comes in many forms, but the goal of the call is the same, fullness of life in heaven. The challenge when everything else seems to be in flux around us is to hear the voice of Jesus and to have the courage to say YES.

The pressures of the world make the voice of God faint and clouded with uncertainty. The human desires challenge us to want only what is good for us. To look at the present and to fear changes of the future.

Finding God brings great joy. God is the source of life and fulfillment. God offers pure love that empowers us and transforms us. Our encounter with God should be a daily quest. We need courage when we meet him and hear his voice. God’s voice is in the word of Jesus. Jesus who invites us to come and follow him. Our yes to this invitation requires courage and constancy. In the changing world, we cannot give up on listening to Jesus. We cannot respond to false voices. In our changing world, we must be courageous to yes to God.

Jesus’ call provides more than anything or anyone in the world can give. Jesus provides life without end and true happiness. It is those who say yes to the Lord that find his eternal gift. Every Catholic must tune-in to the voice of Jesus amidst the changes around them. The hearing of Jesus will lead us to desire unity of all. We shall become “fishers of men”. This means, we shall not let anyone miss the opportunity to experience God’s love. Listen through prayer and scripture the voice of Jesus for you now.

The courage to say YES is needed. Look at how God is calling you today. Are you saying yes to prayer, worship, service, love, generosity? Have you left any of your old ways to live a new life? Have you accepted your vocation? Is God calling you to Marriage? Are you planning to live your marriage as a sign of God’s love? Do you have a vocation to the priesthood or religious life? Is God calling you to be a leader in the parish? God’s voice might be mixed with all the other voices in the world but in your heart, you can tell there is something distinct about the voice of God.

This week, take time and pray **the Our Father**. Pray this prayer everyday slowly. When you pray, pay attention to the words, “thy will be done”. Give yourself some time to understand what the will of God is at that moment you are praying. Think about all the things you have wanted to do just for yourself, surrender them for sake of doing what God wants. No matter what changes around you, the focus on God who is ever present and the search for his will, your courage to say YES will grow.

Jesus thy Kingdom Come! In my heart through Mary!
Fr. Gabriel



Pro-Life Corner: “Many people know someone personally who is suffering because of an abortion. If a friend confided in you tomorrow that she had an abortion, would you be able to respond in a way that brings her closer to healing? ... Even a woman who doesn’t go to church or think of herself as religious can be afraid that God will never forgive her for having an abortion. She should know that God loves and forgives those who are sorrowful. He wants to comfort them and give them his peace.

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

“How to Talk to a Friend Who’s Had an Abortion”



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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

“Repent, and believe in the gospel.” Some type of honest and sincere repentance is necessary for any type of authentic growth and maturity. We have to come to the realization, unless we are happy wallowing in immaturity and superficiality, that the way we have been doing things is not the best or the healthiest. There isn’t a human being alive who hasn’t acted foolishly or erratically at the cost of almost losing a treasured relationship. “Why did I act that way?” is a question we often ponder after some reflection and enlightenment. Faith works the same way. Stumbling through life and bumping up against meaninglessness, a person can begin to see that something significant is missing. They see that there is merit to a relationship with God and an embrace of faith. Before these can take root, sincere sorrow for past wrong doing, missed opportunities, errors in judgment, and short sightedness is necessary. Repentance is necessary. Then having realized that we were walking in darkness, we can rejoice that by God’s grace we now see the light. ©LPi



School News



CELEBRATE CATHOLIC
SCHOOLS WEEK 2021
January 31 - February 6
#CSW21

We will kick off Catholic Schools Week next Sunday at the 10am Mass! All are welcome to join us at Mass, as we pray for Catholic Education and give thanks to God for Assumption Catholic School. The School staff is working hard to create fun opportunities for our children next week. Stay tuned to our website and Facebook for updates. Thank you to our wonderful staff, school families, and Parishioners for supporting Catholic Education. Students have been in person learning since January 4th. The campus is alive with laughter and light, as we welcome our children back to the classroom. **GOD IS GOOD!**



SCHOOL MASS Tune in on **Wednesdays at 9am** for a livestreamed School Mass. You can view the Mass on our YouTube page or Facebook live. The following link will bring you to Mass: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrULbfH-i--yzkeoBmGn1Cw/featured>



The weather has been beautiful for broomball! The kids enjoyed learning this game in gym class, while breathing the fresh air!



How can you support the school? There are many opportunities to **raise money for our school!** Please save **Box Tops, Coke rewards, Tyson Product UPC code, and Country Hearth or Village bread** and bring to the Parish Office.

You may also purchase SCRIP gift cards by stopping by the Parish Office. We have many different SCRIP cards in stock to support local vendors. National vendors are available on a list in the parish office. Thank you for supporting our school!



Stay connected! Our 8am & 10am Sunday Masses are available live on our YouTube Channel, and the 8am Sunday Mass is available live on local Channel 5. Please type the following link to view our

Masses and subscribe to our Parish YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrULbfH-i--yzkeoBmGn1Cw/featured>

The link to view Masses live is also available on our Parish website www.blessedsacramenthibbing.org. **We grateful hearts, we thank God** for our wonderful new equipment, which has enabled us to better broadcast our Mass to those who are not able to join us.



We are accepting 2021 Mass Intentions. Please call or stop in the Parish Office to fill a Mass for this year.

Sacraments



Please pray for **Dick Nordvold and MaryAnn Cook** who have died. May God grant them eternal rest and peace in His Kingdom.

Faith Formation

FAITH FORMATION:
ALL FAMILIES - PRE-K-11TH GRADES
NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 31ST
9:30AM – 11AM (until Mass is over)
Meet in Church

Gospel Meditation

It was a normal day by all accounts, but John just wasn't feeling himself. He was a little lightheaded and out of sorts. Later in the afternoon, he experienced a sharp pain in his chest and arm. Quick thinking and action brought John to the emergency department with a diagnosis of a significant heart attack. Surviving this ordeal, he found himself face to face with his cardiologist, having an honest conversation about things that needed to change. "I came close to death," John found himself thinking. Then came the remorse. He was a young man with a loving wife and children who were very close to facing life without him. John found himself with intense sorrow for living an unchecked and self-indulgent life that almost brought him to his demise. He wanted to change.

We all have our wake-up calls. We have experiences and encounters that force us to really think twice about choices we have made and directions we have taken. Often, we find ourselves looking at those we have hurt square in the eye and wallowing in our foolishness. We regrettably realize that we have allowed our needs to lure us into making some cruel mistakes. We impulsively say things and flippantly do things that reveal our unredeemed and unhealed self. It is a self we stumble over and try to tame but can't quite seem to master and control. Help!

We spin our wheels, naively thinking that we will somehow, perhaps through persistence, get ourselves unstuck. But, we don't. We just get out of the car, feeling very helpless, and ignorantly look at the mess we got ourselves into. Did we ever think to ask someone for help? Or, taken the advice of One who is wiser and avoid this route altogether? "Come after me," are words that Jesus says to all of us. In order to heed his invitation, we must leave our ego-self behind and follow.

When we really see and understand the freedom, peace, justice, and love he offers, we find ourselves with such sorrow in our hearts for how foolish and silly we have been. All the misguided choices and sinful actions come full view and we see how risky our random impassioned behaviors really have been. Repentance is beautiful. When done with a sincere and contrite heart, it directs us to the glory that can be ours, ignites us with the challenge of living a life in service of others and reminds us that all is well. ©LPi



Jesus, I Trust in You.
Eucharistic Adoration is open every **Thursday from 12:00pm-5:00pm** in the main church. Please come and spend time with Jesus.

Mass Intentions

Mon. 1/25 8:00am Rose & Bill Fischer
 Tues. 1/26 8:00am John Baratto
 Wed. 1/27 8:00am Connie Lucente
 Thurs. 1/28 8:00am David Scovill
 Fri. 1/29 9:00am Delores Sampson
 Sat. 1/30 4:15pm Diane Nigro
 Sun. 1/31 8:00am All Parishioners
 10:00am Delores Sampson

B Birthday, A Anniversary, WA Wedding Anniversary



If you made a UCA contribution directly to the Diocese, your year-end contribution statement for UCA will come directly from the Diocese. Please know, Blessed Sacrament Church received credit for all those contributions toward our UCA goal. The year-end contribution statements were mailed from our Parish. Should you have questions on your statement, please contact Susie in the Business Office 262-5541.



"Through Him, with Him, and in Him," these words conclude the Eucharistic Prayer at every Mass. Our response is referred to as the great Amen. Then receiving Jesus in the Eucharist, we again reply – Amen

Stewardship

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| Envelopes & Plate: | \$6,057.50 |
| Online Giving: | <u>\$5,951.86</u> |
| Weekend Contributions: | \$12,009.36 |
| Church Restoration: | \$1,053.22 |
| 2020 UCA Assessment: | \$108,792.65 |
| Collected toward 2020 goal | <u>\$103,998.01</u> |
| Funds paid from operating: | \$4,794.64 |

Weekly Readings

Readings for the week of January 24, 2021

Mon: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Mk 16:15-18

Tues: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10 [3]/Mk 3:31-35

Wed: Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 4:1-20

Thurs: Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Mk 4:21-25

Fri: Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40 [39a]/Mk 4:26-34



Sat: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [cf. 68]/Mk 4:35-41
 Sun: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him. — Mt 11:20-28

Weekly Parish Calendar

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| Sun., 1/24 | | |
| Cenacles of Life | 7:00pm | BLS |
| Mon., 1/25 | | |
| Tues., 1/26 | | |
| Rosary for Life | 7:30am | BLS |
| Finance Council | 3:30pm | Zoom |
| Wed., 1/27 | | |
| Rosary for Children | 8:30am | BLS |
| Grandparents Ministry | 9:00am | BLS |
| Thurs., 1/28 | | |
| Rosary for Priests | 8:30am | BLS |
| Widows of Prayer | 9:00am | CA |
| Fri., 1/29 | | |
| Sat., 1/30 | | |
| Sun., 1/31—Catholic Schools Week kickoff! | | |
| Faith Formation <u>All Families</u> Pre-k-11th grade | 9:30am- | |
| after Mass | | BLS |
| Cenacles of Life | 7:00pm | BLS |

BLS Blessed Sacrament Church * CA Courtyard Annex
 * SLH St. Leo's Hall * MPR Multipurpose Room
 * REC Religious Ed Center

Council of Catholic Women



All women of the Blessed Sacrament Parish are invited to attend the February meeting for the Council of Catholic Women (CCW) on **Mon., Feb. 1st at 1pm** in the Courtyard Annex. We will be discussing the **possibility** of having **soup suppers for Lent**. Come and join us as members of your Parish to build up the body of Christ through service and fellowship in this Community! **If we proceed with soup suppers during Lent, both men and women will be needed to assist.** Please call Mary Bischoff with any questions 218-208-9591. Be a part of the enjoyment and camaraderie of sharing with others the work done to help our priests throughout the year. Pray to the Holy Spirit to guide you. **Come Holy Spirit, come. Our Lady of Good Counsel, pray for us!**

Be Still AND KNOW THAT *I AM* GOD -Psalm 46:10

Lenten Parish Mission, Feb. 28th- March 3rd

The Parishes of Cook, Tower, and Orr will be hosting two Franciscan priests, Friars of the Renewal, for a three-day parish mission. The mission will feature dynamic preaching, times for prayer, and opportunities for Confession.

Mission Schedule:

- *Sunday, Feb. 28th- 4pm @Holy Cross in Orr
- *Monday, March 1st- 9am @St. Martin's in Tower (begin with Mass) and 6pm @St. Mary's in Cook
- *Tuesday, March 2nd- 9am @St. Mary's in Cook (begin with Mass) and 6pm @St. Martin's in Tower
- *Wednesday, March 3- 9am @St. Martin's in Tower (begin with Mass) and 6pm @St. Mary's in Cook

Everyone is welcome for one or more of the sessions. There will be a free will offering taken at each session. Please call the parishes at 218-666-5334 or visit our website stmmhc.com for more information.

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