



6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 14th, 2021

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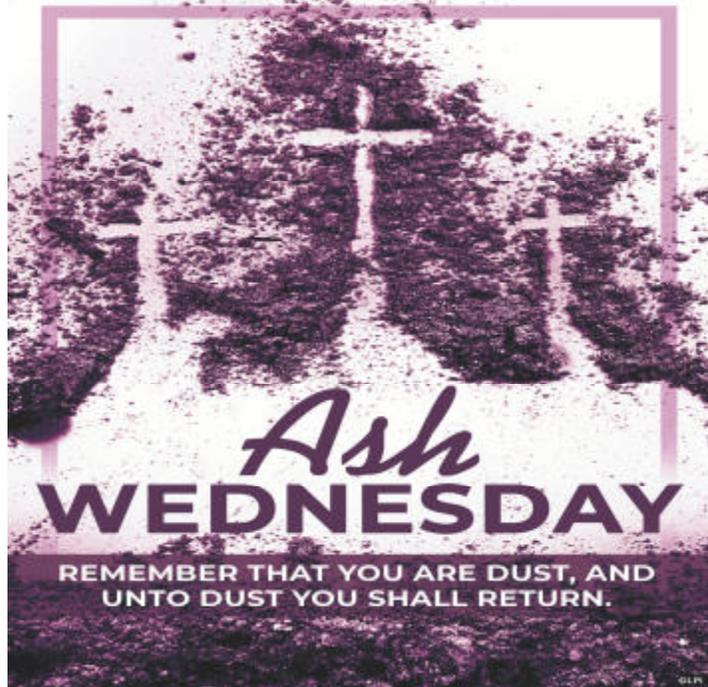
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Mass Schedule

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!

Lent: a beloved season.

I enjoy the Lenten season. When the season comes around, Ash Wednesday brings for me a sense of adventure. I am not always confident as I begin because I think about the possibilities of failure. I ask occasionally, 'will I make it through this Lent?' Then, I remember what Easter is like and how that celebration fills my heart with joy, I resign my heart to peace. The Lenten season comes with its demands and challenges but always the joy of Easter encourages me.

Anointing at Baptism.

Why do I like Lent so much? I was praying about this and after Mass, as I was going back to the sacristy, I had this thought. Lent is a time of discipline, a period to fight against evil and evil passions. At our baptism, the prayer of exorcism wiped away our original sin and all personal sin. We were made vessels for God and the Holy Spirit came to dwell in us. After this prayer we were anointed with the oil of catechumens. This anointing signified our role as children of God in fighting against evil as soldiers of Christ. Because Lent is a period of penance and separation from evil, I believe my soul desires Lent because of the grace of Baptism. Immediately as I thought along these lines, I could honestly feel a longing for the Lenten period. A time to exercise my authority as a beloved child of God. I could tell that with each Lent, God has always allowed the power of his grace to grow in me. The blessing and anointing at Baptism seem to relate well with my yearning to fighting against evil. The period of lent orders my life towards this goal and hence there is a natural delight when this season comes around. I hope you also recognize this gracious season and embrace it.

Eternal love of God.

Self-denial expresses our love for God in a profound way. Remember Jesus went to the desert for 40 days and 40 nights in prayer, he felt hungry and was tested by the devil. The fruit of self-denial is growth in the pure love for God. God expresses his love continuously to us. Lent allows us to detach from the love that may impede us from recognizing God and who we are to him. When Jesus was in the desert and the devil tested him, he was able to relate to the Father even in time of hunger. He was able to remain a Son and to trust in the Father rather than the false voice of the enemy of human nature. I like Lent for this reason. I am convinced with our self-denial we are going to forge a better relationship with God. As we deny ourselves, we grow in appreciation of the real gifts God has for us. We can understand better our filial relationship with God. God is my Father who loves me, and he provides for me. When in hunger like Jesus, I should trust to be fed by God's every word rather than test my God or disobey him.

Prayer

During Lent, prayer is much better. First, many people are intentionally trying to pray and that is motivating. I love it when we pray in adoration, at stations of the cross or at Mass. As we participate in these prayers, we help encourage each other. Prayer is a battle. We are fighting against ourselves and against the exterior attractions of lowly and earthy things. The season of Lent is filled with times and moments of prayer.

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We all have many opportunities to surrender to God. Sufficient time to disengage from the world. Wonderful moments of reflection and examination of conscience. We have sincere and genuine fraternal prayer (praying for one another) and because of these, God pours his grace upon us. I notice during lent precisely because of other people praying for me, I am able to feel and notice God and his love for me. We are children of God. We are members of Christ's body. Prayer is the means that keeps us in relationship with God and helps maintain our bond as members of Christ's body. When many of us are at prayer around the world, the body of Christ is united. This makes me enjoy prayer during lent. It is good to feel the companionship for everyone else at prayer. I am not the only one at prayer but many of you are praying with me, so we are more bonded together during this season in a unique way.

Prayer during Lent increases my longing and love for this season.

How do you experience Lent? May God bless you as we begin the season of Lent to live your baptismal vocation well. Fight against evil with self-sacrifice, charity and to pray more fervently.

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



Pro-Life Corner: "Married love differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together."

USCCB, Married Love and the Gift of Life



On the **Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**, commemorating when Jesus was brought to the Temple by Mary and Joseph, parishioners gathered before Mass as Father Gabriel recalled to them that as Jesus was fulfilling the Law, He was also coming to meet His people. Just as Anna and Simeon recognized Him as the Lord, we are called also by the Holy Spirit to recognize Him as the Light that has come into the world. Father asked God, the source of all light, for His blessing on the candles, and that in our use of them we, "treading the path of virtue, may reach that light which never fails". Seminarian Jake Toma passed out the candles for the Feast of the Presentation.

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Lenten Eucharistic Adoration begins on **Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17th and will continue 7 days a week through Wednesday., March 31st.** Adoration is in the main church. **Spend time with Jesus this Lent! He is present and truly waiting!**

School News

Catholic Schools Week Fun!



Sacraments



Please pray for our First Communicants as they prepare to receive meet Jesus in First Reconciliation next weekend. May the Lord be with you!



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

Gospel Meditation

The Church, as a voice of the Gospel, proclaims the sacredness of all human life. Everyone created by God is fashioned in God's image and has Divine DNA at the center of their soul. God never leaves what God creates but always remains intimately bound to what he has given form. Everyone has a place and because they have received the gift of Divine Blessing, nobody deserves to feel inferior, unworthy, unwanted, unclean or marginalized. Even the most broken of souls has a place. We, the Body of Christ, have the privilege and responsibility to give voice to the voiceless. The cries of the little one in his or her mother's womb are just as sacred as the cries of one who is homeless and hungry. The migrant deserves our attention as much as the forgotten elderly and even the prisoner, with a heart hardened by anger and resentment, deserves respect and dignity.

The Gospel of Life is often hard to swallow, and we would rather keep those we consider unclean, different or unfixable in a place by themselves. It is hard to see them with us, but they deserve to be. There is far too much violence in this world and the result of that violence is the assault on human life. Many are forced to leave the place they call home in search of safer ground, finding few if any along the way who will help them. How different today's Gospel story would be if Jesus gave in to what was politically correct at that time. The leper would have been turned away and a soul, already beaten down by disease and fear, would have experienced an even deeper wound. Jesus wouldn't have captured much attention from anyone, nor would he have mirrored the Father's compassion and love.

Where do we stand with all of this? Do we at least understand that God's vision is often in conflict with the vision put forth in our world and even the one we advance ourselves? There is no doubt that it is incredibly challenging to find a place for everyone at the table. This challenge is compounded when the systems of operation and structure that are so ingrained in us affirm power and privilege rather than inclusivity and justice. Everything really goes askew when the powerful begin to control who is entitled to wholeness and inclusion, and greed becomes a driving force. Prejudice and entitlement raise their ugly heads and we find ourselves with quite a mess. It's time to admit that things have been a mess for a very long time. The mess needs to be healed, not by erasing it but by allowing God to touch it and make it whole. We need to bring God back to the center of life where God belongs. There are no easy solutions to the world's dilemmas. But, knowing that wholeness, healing, and dignity are worthy pursuits, we can more confidently labor to achieve God's vision. ©LPi

Ash Wednesday

Mass Schedule Feb. 17th:

7:00am;

9am (School Mass/Assumption Students only); & 6:30pm



Faith Formation

FEBRUARY: REVELATION, WHO ARE WE? LENTEN DISCIPLINE

SUNDAY FAMILY FAITH FORMATION: ALL FAMILIES - PRE-K-11TH GRADES

THIS Sunday, Feb. 14TH

9:30am – 11am (until Mass is over) Meet in Church

CONFIRMATION CLASS (11TH GRADE)

Sun., Feb. 21ST 10am-12pm Meet in the Church

Parish Lenten Retreat Please join us **Sat., March 20th from 8am to 1pm** in the church for our Lenten Parish retreat. We will conclude the retreat with lunch – your choice of take home or socially distanced fellowship/meal in St. Leo's Hall / Annex. **Please register by March 12th** at the Parish office. *Our retreat theme will be "Create a Clean Heart in Me O God."*
All are welcome!



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-izkeoBmGn1Cw/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.

Blessed Sacrament Parish has two Prayer Chains:

Call Nancy at 262-4401 or Carolyn at 263-4684

Weekly Parish Calendar

Sun., 2/14

Cenacles of Life 7:00pm BLS
 Faith Formation All Families Pre-K-11th grade 9:30am BLS
 through 10am Mass

Mon., 2/15

Tues., 2/16

Rosary for Life 7:30am BLS
 Consecration to St. Joseph 6:30pm BLS
 (livestream available on YouTube)

Wed., 2/17

Ash Wednesday

Masses 7am; 9am (School Mass/students only); and 6:30pm

Rosary for Children 8:30am BLS
 Grandparents Ministry 9:00am BLS

Thurs., 2/18

Rosary for Priests 8:30am BLS
 Widows of Prayer 9:00am CA

Fri., 2/19

Sat., 2/20

Sun., 2/21

Cenacles of Life 7:00pm BLS
 Faith Formation Confirmation Students 10am– 12pm BLS

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



Knightly News

Applications for the 2021 Knights of Columbus Council 1649 Scholarships can be found on the Parish Website www.blessedsacramenthibbing.org by clicking on the KC Link. The deadline to apply is Saturday May 1, 2021.



Consecration to St. Joseph

Please join us in a 33-day consecration to St. Joseph starting **Feb. 15th through March 19th** (the Solemnity of St. Joseph). Through daily themes, reflections and prayers, participants will have a deeper understanding and closeness to our spiritual father, St. Joseph. Each participant will be given the book *Consecration to St. Joseph* by Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC. for daily reflections and assist during consecration. We will gather in the Church every Tuesday night during the 33 days at 6:30pm with Adoration and finish the night with discussion. At the end of the Consecration, we will have a short ceremony on the solemnity, March 19th starting at 6:30pm (livestream available). **Cost is \$15 for materials. Please call the parish office to register.**

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