

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

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The devil said to him, "All this will be yours, if you worship me."

Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written:

You shall worship the Lord, your God,

and him alone shall you serve."

- Lk 4:6a, 7-8

LITURGY AND SACRAMENTS

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 6

9:00 †Ralph G. Robke, A.M.

11:0 Parish

Monday, March 7

6:30 †Raymond Anneken

10:00 †Charlie Fredrich

Tuesday, March 8

6:30 †Judy Rechtin

10:00 †Menke & Rice Family

Wednesday, March 9

6:30 Emily Kempf, Sp. Int.

10:00 †Kennedy/Hayes Families

Thursday, March 10

6:30 †Mary Jeanne Kleier

10:00 †Frances & Mary Kennedy

Friday, March 11

6:30 Tracy Wagner. Sp. Int.

10:00 †Heidi Marie Seubert

Saturday, March 12

10:00 †Tom Cox

4:00 †Carl & Rita Arlinghaus, Sp. Int.

Sunday, March 13

9:00 †Tom McClory

11:00 Parish

BAPTISM: Preparatory classes are required. Please call the office (331-4302) to register.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday, 2:30-3:30 p.m., Thursday before First Friday, 10:30a.m. & 3rd Tuesday, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

MARRIAGE: Contact the parish at least 6 months ahead. One party must be a parishioner.

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND:

Contact Parish Office, 331-4302

EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION:

Wednesdays, 10-4 p.m., Rosary & Benediction at 3:30p.m.

ROSARY: The rosary is prayed at 9:30 a.m. before every 10 a.m. weekday Mass, unless there is a funeral Mass. Rosary is also prayed at 3:30 Wednesday afternoons in front of the exposed Blessed Sacrament.

LET US PRAY

FOR OUR SICK

Stew & Joy Riche Connie Darpel Corbin Barnett Phyllis Lunnemann Erin Woods Lou & Ann Fritz Larry Bischoff Ralph Carr Donna Epplen Sean Davis Donna Cliff Juanita Hanna Susan Neltner Michael Weber Gordon Quinn Virginia Carnage

Katie Clabough Ruth Otto

FOR OUR DECEASED

Barbara Wiedeman and Elizabeth Farmer

If you or someone you know would like to be added to our prayer list, please contact the Parish Office. We also have a prayer group through our Facebook page:

@welcometobsc.

CONGRATULATIONS

BAPTISMS

Mia Bradley

LENTEN FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

During Lent, healthy Catholics age 14 and older are required to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and every Friday of the season. On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, healthy adult Catholics (ages 18-59) are required to fast, limiting food to one full meal with minimal food at the other two.

B.S.C.'S S.V.D.P. PANTRY NEEDS

You! Our Saint Vincent de Paul pantry is depleted on a few items. Immediate needs include: **SMALL SIZE ONLY PLEASE:** Peanut Butter, Jelly, Canned Fruit, Toothbrushes, and Bars of Hand Soap. **NO SHAMPOO PLEASE.** Thank you for your continued support of the Pantry.

DEAR FAMILY,

I want to thank all of you who supported our Evening to Treasure event on Saturday night. I have never seen a parish event in my lifetime like this one. It was amazing, and I hardly ever use that word. Thanks to all who were involved in making it such a great success.

Today, please pray for our converts. This is the day they go and meet the Bishop at the cathedral. It takes a lot of courage to become a Catholic. It is certainly very counter cultural, and there is often not much support from family members. So we embrace their courage and the working of God's grace in their souls

The first Sunday of Lent gives us a record of the experience of Jesus in the desert before he began His public ministry. There was an encounter with satan who tried to tempt him. Below is an excerpt from the famous book, *The Imitation of Christ*, about temptation. ~ *Fr. Hils*

RESISTING TEMPTATION BY THOMAS À KEMPIS FROM THE IMITATION OF CHRIST

So long as we live in this world we cannot escape suffering and temptation. Whence it is written in Job: "The life of man upon earth is a warfare." 4 Everyone, therefore, must guard against temptation and must watch in prayer lest the devil, who never sleeps but goes about seeking whom he may devour, find occasion to deceive him. No one is so perfect or so holy but he is sometimes tempted; man cannot be altogether free from temptation.

Yet temptations, though troublesome and severe, are often useful to a man, for in them he is humbled, purified, and instructed. The saints all passed through many temptations and trials to profit by them, while those who could not resist became reprobate and fell away. There is no state so holy, no place so secret that temptations and trials will not come. Man is never safe from them as long as he lives, for they come from within us—in sin we were born. When one temptation or trial passes, another comes; we shall always have something to suffer because we have lost the state of original blessedness.

Many people try to escape temptations, only to fall more deeply. We cannot conquer simply by fleeing, but by patience and true humility we become stronger than all our enemies. The man who only shuns temptations outwardly and does not uproot them will make little progress; indeed they will quickly return, more violent than before.

Little by little, in patience and long-suffering you will overcome them, by the help of God rather than by severity and your own rash ways. Often take counsel when tempted; and do not be harsh with others who are tempted, but console them as you yourself would wish to be consoled.

The beginning of all temptation lies in a wavering mind and little trust in God, for as a rudderless ship is driven hither and yon by waves, so a careless and irresolute man is tempted in many ways. Fire tempers iron and temptation steels the just. Often we do not know what we can stand, but temptation shows us what we are.

Above all, we must be especially alert against the beginnings of temptation, for the enemy is more easily conquered if he is refused admittance to the mind and is met beyond the threshold when he knocks.

Someone has said very aptly: "Resist the beginnings; remedies come too late, when by long delay the evil has gained strength." First, a mere thought comes to mind, then strong imagination, followed by pleasure, evil delight, and consent. Thus, because he is not resisted in the beginning, Satan gains full entry. And the longer a man delays in resisting, so much the weaker does he become each day, while the strength of the enemy grows against him.

Some suffer great temptations in the beginning of their conversion, others toward the end, while some are troubled almost constantly throughout their life. Others, again, are tempted but lightly according to the wisdom and justice of Divine Providence Who weighs the status and merit of each and prepares all for the salvation of His elect.

We should not despair, therefore, when we are tempted, but pray to God the more fervently that He may see fit to help us, for according to the word of Paul, He will make issue with temptation that we may be able to bear it. Let us humble our souls under the hand of God in every trial and temptation for He will save and exalt the humble in spirit.

In temptations and trials the progress of a man is measured; in them opportunity for merit and virtue is made more manifest.

When a man is not troubled it is not hard for him to be fervent and devout, but if he bears up patiently in time of adversity, there is hope for great progress.

Some, guarded against great temptations, are frequently overcome by small ones in order that, humbled by their weakness in small trials, they may not presume on their own strength in great ones.

OFFICE INFORMATION

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GIFT OF THE MONTH

MARCH

Regional School Programs is the only program of its kind in KY, providing a variety of educational services to students with existing barriers to success in traditional classrooms and school settings. RSP helps kids succeed despite the obstacles and hardships in their lives. Kids who don't always get fed at home need quick snacks on weekends when they don't have school lunches. Please help with donations of: **Cereal** (high fiber/low sugar), Pop Tarts, Peanut Butter (small jars), Microwave Popcorn, Goldfish and Cheez-it Crackers (small packages), Cheese or Peanut Butter Cracker Sandwiches, Cereal Bars, and Chef Boyardee Canned Pasta. Please leave your donations in the bins near the church doors. Thank you!

REFLECTION

STEWARDSHIP OF THE FIRST FRUITS

In the first reading for this first Sunday of Lent, Moses recounts what the LORD did for the Israelites, bringing them out of bondage in Egypt and leading them to a fertile land. Then Moses exhorts them to give the best of the produce of the land back to God, saying: "Therefore, I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O LORD, have given me."

Moses was teaching his people the art of good stewardship. Note that it begins with recognition of what God has done for us and acknowledgment of the fact that ALL that we have is a blessing from God.

Some stewardship questions to ponder during Lent:

What has God done for me?

How do I show my gratitude to God?

What are the first fruits of the blessings God has bestowed upon me?

How can I give back to God the best of my produce?

Let us pray: LORD God, help me to steward all You have given me with gratitude and joy for the glory of Your Name. Amen.

THE SEARCH

What do you think?

- "Happiness is the cause of some going to war, and of others avoiding it; it is the motive of every action of every man." ~ Blaise Pascal
- The findings in an eighty-year-long Harvard study suggest that happiness leads to better health and longer living, and a key predictor is found in belonging to a loving community.
- According to counselor, Jim Owens, many suffer from "destination addiction," the belief that happiness will not arrive until a particular circumstance changes in our lives.
- "Maybe the first mission in life as an adult is to find the meaning and purpose in your life, because you will not find happiness unless you know what the meaning and purpose of life is" ~ Jim Owens
- "What do you seek?" ~ John 1:38

The Search is a 7-part video series with prayer and discussion. The videos can be found online at **Formed.org.** To register for your free Formed account, go to the site, type in the name and address of our parish, and follow the prompts. There is a link to **Formed.org** about half way down the homepage of our parish website: **bscky.org.**

You can still join a study group. Call the parish office to register or for help finding a group: 859 -331-4302.

Join our online discussion group: Find **BSC Book Talk 1** through our Facebook page:
https://www.facebook.com/
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Questions? Contact Rosanne Thomas: rthomas@bscky.org.



ADORATION IS LIKE PERFUME

Each hour of Adoration is like pure ointment that we offer to Jesus. We read in Mark 14:3-9 about the woman who poured a jar of ointment over Jesus. Jesus said she did a beautiful thing. Why did the woman pour the ointment over Jesus' head? Rather than keeping it for herself, she chose to give it to Jesus. In the same way, rather than keeping an hour out of 168 hrs. each week for our to-do list, we can give one hour to Jesus by coming to adore Him. Judas called that pouring ointment a waste. So, the devil wants the world to think: "Spending time before the Blessed Sacrament is a waste of time. I have so much to do!" What this woman did was so precious in the eyes of God and gave Him glory! Likewise, for us for all eternity, God the Father will bless us for having loved His Son here on earth by spending an hour with Him in this sacrament of His Love - Eucharistic Adoration! We have Adoration for everyone on Wednesdays after our 10am Mass until 3:30pm when we pray the Rosary and have Benediction, closing at 4pm. Come anytime.



KENTUCKY DIOCESE OF COVINGTON **CATHOLICS AT THE** CAPITOL This is a reminder to register for Catholics at the

Capital. Charter bus transportation is available and we will have a bus depart from Covington and Florence Mall. Click the link on <u>www.Covdio.org</u> to register. Deadline is Monday, March 7 for bus

transportation

Thursday, March 10, 2022 - State Capitol Building, Room 316, Frankfort, Kentucky -9:00 am - 2:00 pm (registration begins at 8:00 am) - All Catholics in the Diocese of Covington are invited. The Diocese of Covington and the Catholic Conference of Kentucky (CCK) are providing an opportunity for Catholic's in the Diocese of Covington to come together to engage with our legislators on important key bills and issues which are being worked on in the current 2022 Legislative Session. As Catholic's we are encouraged by our church leaders to take action and learn about key issues and bills.

R.C.I.A. FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

We are entering the season of Lent, in which Jesus invites us all to walk with him and become more like him. We practice prayer, fasting and almsgiving more intensely during Lent, as we prepare to celebrate Christ's love, which is stronger than death. Please join our Wednesday RCIA meetings at 7pm to encounter Jesus in a deeper way, and the joy he alone brings. Contact Mirianna Asman for details: 859-331-4302 ext. 37; masman@bscky.org.

Financial Stewardship

Annual Budget: \$1,319,968.00 Support Needed Weekly: \$25, 384 Last Week's Collection: \$7,492 **February Faith Direct:**

\$49,518

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SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Frances Of Rome (B. 1384- D. 1440) Frances of Rome, Obl.S.B., is an Italian saint who was a wife, mother, mystic, organizer of charitable services and a Benedictine oblate who founded a religious community of oblates, who share a common life without religious vows



BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL



Blessed Sacrament Parishioners,

This past Wednesday was Ash Wednesday, which marks the start of the Lenten season. As we enter solemnly into this holy season of fasting and sacrifice, we also look forward with anticipation and joy towards Easter and Christ's victory over sin and death! While we fast and repent this Lenten season, we work to give up the things that distract us from our focus on Jesus and ask for forgiveness as we prepare for His return.

Psalm 51 says, "Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me." As a school this Lenten season, we will be focused on cleansing our hearts and minds for the return of Jesus Christ at Easter. Lent is essential for evaluating our relationship with God and making conscious efforts on how to strengthen our bond and relationship with Him. Please join our school as we embark on this Lenten journey.

Thank you and God Bless!

Mr. Dan Steffen Principal, Blessed Sacrament School

Upcoming School Events

3/13	8th Grade Confirmation Retreat
3/21	NO SCHOOL - Professional Development
4/1	First Grade Stations of the Cross
4/14-24	NO SCHOOL - Easter Break
4/24	First Communion - Group 1
5/1	First Communion - Group 2
5/10	Confirmation
5/25	8th Grade Graduation
5/26	Last Day of School (dismissal at 11:30)
5/26	Last Day of School (dismissal at 11:30)



These BSS students represented BSS in the Elementary School Governor's Cup regional competition this weekend!

We are SO proud of their accomplishments and wish them the best of luck!

DIOCESAN PARISH ANNUAL APPEAL **2022 BEGINS**

"Stand Firm in the Lord." (Philippians 4:1)

The 2022 Diocesan Parish Annual Appeal will begin the weekend of March 12 and 13. This year's theme is "Stand Firm in the Lord." (Philippians 4:1) Paul tells the Philippians to 'Stand Firm in the Lord, Beloved'. He realizes that those who follow Christ will always be persecuted. But, he also wants them to remember that standing with Christ provides them with eternal rewards. Ninety-two cents or more of every dollar given to the DPAA translates into ministries of service. Retired priests have a place to live and the healthcare they need. Mothers and fathers gain the skills required to be good parents. Homeless men, women, and children find shelter and a hot meal. Catholic values are instilled through our schools and Parish Religious Education Programs. Seminarians receive education and training. Mothers choose life for their babies and Parishes obtain funds to serve their members with enhanced and new ministries and programs. Sometimes it is difficult to envision how one pledge can make a real difference. But one sacrifice combined with thousands of others can reach out in service and love. Individually we can do many things, but working together and with the



BEST LENT EVER: DYNAMIC CATHOLIC

We have exciting news to share about a powerful innovation we've made to our Best Lent Ever program. In order to better feed &

equip highly engaged Catholics and reach out to disengaged Catholics, we're offering not one but TWO amazing Best Lent Ever experiences this year. The first is called the Generosity Habit. It will focus on God's incredible generosity, how to unleash it in our lives & prove that you don't need money or things to live a life of staggering generosity.

The second is called Difficult Teachings. This program will cover 40 of Jesus' most difficult teachings, which we often resist or ignore, but will transform our lives if we let them.

Both programs are completely free and will come in one email. You can watch one or both, but most importantly, you can pass along more content to friends, family and all those you want to inspire and encourage in faith! All it takes is going to bestlentever.com and entering your email to get signed up.



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