

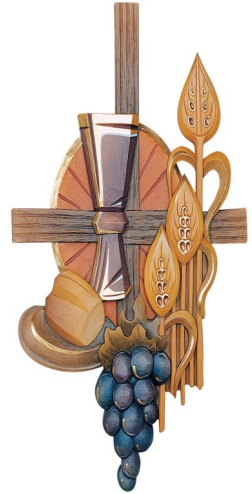
BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

February 23, 2025

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Date	Time	Intention
Saturday, February 22	8:00 a.m.	Albert Werth +
Saturday, February 22	5:30 p.m.	Jeff Red & Kafier Harugy +
Sunday, February 23	8:00 a.m.	Smollen & Nealon Families +
Sunday, February 23	10:00 a.m.	LeRoy Arends +
Monday, February 24	8:00 a.m.	Randy Mendyk +
Tuesday, February 25	12:05 p.m.	Patrick & Virginia Pokorski +
Wednesday, February 26	12:05 p.m.	Mary Schlick +
Thursday, February 27	12:05 p.m.	Irene Bixenmann +
Friday, February 28	12:05 p.m.	Anne Jones +
Saturday, March 1	8:00 a.m.	Leona Janda +
Saturday, March 1	5:30 p.m.	Diane Sizemore +
Sunday, March 2	8:00 a.m.	Frank & Alice Smollen +
Sunday, March 2	10:00 a.m.	Brad Czaplewski +



Reconciliation Times: Wednesday - 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Saturday - 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

How blessed it is that we are to be Christians. There are many religions in the world, Christianity is unique and absolutely prepares us for eternal life. To love unconditionally, to forgive unlimited times, and to share the gifts of God with others is what makes it distinct from any other religion. The grace of God, and growing in Jesus, makes us know and learn the purpose of our lives. The gospel values help us to lead a life with Christian morality.

God treats us with His loving mercy, and He wants us to do the same with others. God is good to the unjust, as well as the just. His love embraces saints and sinners, alike. God seeks our highest good and teaches us to seek the greatest good of others, even those who hate and abuse us. Their hatred, unkindness, ungratefulness and selfishness should not make us bitter towards them because following Christ is actually giving and giving without expectation of receiving back. It is easier to show kindness and mercy when we can expect to benefit from doing so. It's much harder when we can expect nothing in return, but God returns. The first reading also says, "The Lord will reward each man for his justice and faithfulness."

Augustine of Hippo describes Jesus' double precept to *give and forgive as two essential wings of prayer. The prayer is not only talking to God, it is also a power which releases us from revenge and bitterness of life. It is hard to forgive, but it's not impossible. God gives power and grace to those who believe in and accept the gift of the Holy Spirit. His love conquers all, even our hurts, fears, prejudices and griefs. Only the cross of Jesus Christ can free us from the tyranny of malice, hatred, revenge, and resentment, and it gives us the courage to return evil with good. Such love and grace have the power to heal and to save us from destruction.*

Forgive and experience the true joy of God!

Fr. Robin Bashir

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A link to Livestream Mass will be on YouTube: www.youtube.com/@blessedsacramentGI/streams at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

- Sunday, 2/23** 8:00 a.m. - Mass
 10:00 a.m. - Mass
 11:00 a.m. - Volunteer Appreciation Brunch
- Monday, 2/24** 8:00 a.m. - Mass
 12:00 p.m. - Chair Relaxation
 7:00 p.m. - Women's AA Group
- Tuesday, 2/25** 12:05 p.m. - Mass
 1:00 p.m. - Quilting Ladies
 6:00 p.m. - Young Adult Bible Study
 7:00 p.m. - Al-Anon Meeting
 7:00 p.m. - AA Open Meeting
 7:30 p.m. - Knights of Columbus Mtg.
- Wednesday, 2/26** 12:05 p.m. - Mass
 5:00 p.m. - Rel. Ed. P-5
 6:15 p.m. - Rel. Ed. P-5
 7:00 p.m. - R.C.I.A.
 7:00 p.m. - Confirmation Class
 7:30 p.m. - Rel. Ed. 6-8
 7:30 p.m. - Freshmen & Sophomore Godparent Groups
- Thursday, 2/27** 12:05 p.m. - Mass
 1:00 p.m. - Quilting Ladies
 5:30 p.m. - R.C.I.C.
 5:30 p.m. - Serenity Flow
- Friday, 2/28** 12:05 p.m. - Mass
- Saturday, 3/1** 8:00 a.m. - Mass
 10:00 a.m. - Al-Anon Meeting
 10:30 a.m. - Adoration/Confessions
 5:30 p.m. - Mass
- Sunday, 3/2** 8:00 a.m. - Mass
 10:00 a.m. - Mass
 10:00 a.m. - Children's Church Coffee & Rolls
 5:00 p.m. - First Communion Agape Meal



Please remember the following individuals in your prayers

Roseann Anderson	Marlene Beacom
Anna Blake	Bob Buck
Mary Buhman	Dawn Ferris
Stephanie Godziemski	Anita Graf
Gene Greene	Eugene Hynes
Sharon Jarecke	Bonnie Kosmicki
LeRoy Kramer	Jacque Palacz
Cindy Petersen	Marcella Petersen
Kathy Stava	Emily Webster
Nancy Zahm	Julie Ziller

Pray for military personnel and pray for peace.

OUR GIFTS OF TREASURE

February 15 & 16, 2025

Adult Envelopes	\$6,687.00
Plate	\$477.76
Children's Collection	\$6.00
Online	\$2,851.00
Thrift Store	\$881.24
Diocesan Appeal	
Our Goal	\$75,410.00
Received to Date	\$51,475.00
Donor Goal 220	147



Lenten Church Cleaning:

Catholic Daughters Court Queen of Peace #2227 are meeting on Saturday, March 8, beginning at 8:30 am to clean the main church and chapel. No Adoration on this day, confessions will be at 4:30 p.m. Your help would be greatly appreciated. If you

have a hand held vacuum, please bring it. Lunch will be provided, and there is a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area so that we can plan appropriately. Thank you!



Catholic Daughters Court Queen of Peace #2227

We pray that our Spiritually Adopted baby's mom has a blessed week and feels loved, just like we all felt as we shared Valentine's

Day wishes of love with one another. May this little one feel loved, as he/she develops in his/her mother's womb, created in the image of God. He/she is approximately 5-6 weeks old right now, and the heartbeat can be detected via ultrasound at 6 weeks. This little miracle is continuing to develop rapidly. Prayer cards are available in the Gathering Area at the Spiritual Adoption display.

Lent 2025 Pilgrim or Tourist?

Prepare for Ash Wednesday and Lent
 March 1, Jubilee Center, Blessed Sacrament
 8:30 am registration. Four short talks from 9:15 to 10:45 am followed by Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction from 10:55 to 11:35 am. For all ages.
 Cost is to bring items for Blessed Sacrament Food Pantry. Contact Deacons Frank Moreno at 308-850-7780 or Bill Buchta at 308-381-2700.



Our Deepest Sympathy to the Families of MARY MILLER & LINDA HOFFA.
 Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Young Adult Bible Study

Blessed Sacrament is hosting a Young Adult Bible Study which began on February 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the North Breakout Room. This is for anyone 18 years of age and older, who is eager to learn more about the Bible. If interested, please contact Deacon Frank at 308-850-7780. Thank You!

Thrift Shop

Located at 718 West North Front St.
 Store Hours: Friday 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
 Donations can be dropped off on Mondays, Fridays
 & Saturdays.

**For more information, or to volunteer, please
 contact the Thrift Store at 308-398-3443.
 We need more donations!!!!**



First Communion Family Meeting (Agape Meal)

March 2, 5:00 p.m., Jubilee Center, for all 2nd graders and their families. Please bring a loaf of bread for your family, along with one of the following: a salad, vegetable dish or dessert. Fried chicken, Au Gratin potatoes, table service and drinks provided. Don't forget to bring your First Communion Banner.

Ash Wednesday

March 5, no formal Religious Formation classes for preschool through 11th grade students. However, this is not a night off from class. All students are expected to participate by attending Mass at 6:00 p.m.

Rite of Election

Sunday, March 9, 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral. All catechumens and candidates enrolled in the R.C.I.A. process should attend with their sponsors. Everyone should meet in the Cathedral Square at 6:30 p.m.

Baptism Preparation Class

Tuesday, March 11, at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Room. This is for parents (and godparents) preparing for the Baptism of their baby. This class is required, unless you have already taken the class within the past year. Please call Deb Wetzel at 395-8521 to register no later than March 10. If we don't have any registrations, the class won't be held.

Parents of High School Students

Higher Ground registration at Fort Robinson (near Crawford, NE) opened February 1, 2025. This weeklong retreat is for sophomores, juniors and seniors. HG Camps are being held the weeks of May 25-30, 2025, and June 1-6, 2025. Please talk with your teens about this wonderful opportunity. Check your schedule. Register today at www.gidiocese.org/hgr.

Parents of Middle School Students

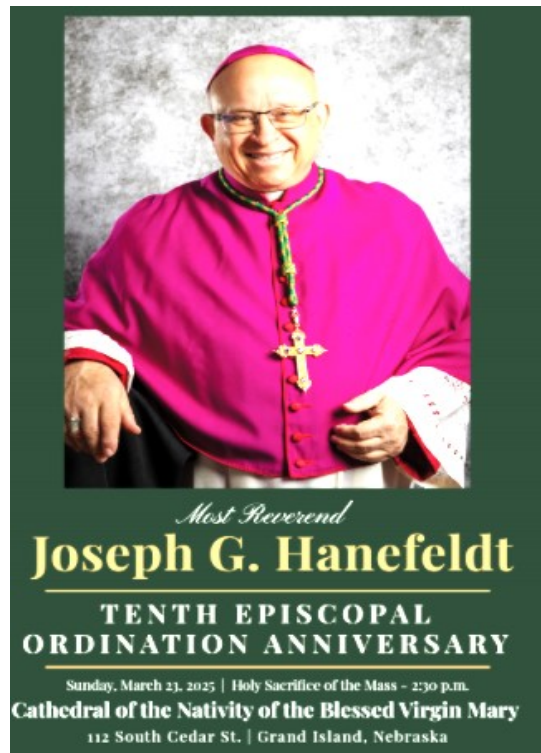
Registration is now open for the Higher Ground Extreme Faith Middle School Retreat at Camp Maranatha near Maxwell, NE. This weeklong retreat is for students currently in 6th, 7th and 8th grade. The retreat is from July 6-10, 2025. We hope that you'll talk to your kids about this exciting opportunity to grow in their love for Christ and have fun while doing it! Check your schedule and sign up today. Register at www.gidiocese.org/higher-ground-middle-school.

Parents & High School Students in Grades 9-12

Stuebenville of the Rockies Youth Conference will take place July 25-27, 2025 at the Gaylord Rockies Resort & Convention Center in Aurora, CO. Join hundreds of Catholic teens for this 3-day youth rally. Register now at www.gidiocese.org/stuebenville.

Family Retreat

"Made for Greatness" is a retreat specifically designed for families with children ages 5-12 (although older siblings are also welcome), August 1-3, 2025 at the Crossing Retreat Center in Lexington, NE. This retreat is a parent's and kid's conference with fun family activities for all. Several families from our parish attended this retreat last year, and THEY LOVED IT! Contact the Diocese of Grand Island for more information at 382-6565.



MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 1 & 2, 2025

Mass Times	5:30 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Lector	Paul Hempstead	Volunteer	Clay Pfeifer
Minister of Holy Communion	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Altar Server	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Hospitality	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer

LENT 2025 PRAYER POSSIBILITIES

FAST & ABSTINENCE

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

For members of the Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age **18 until age 59**. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

The norms concerning **abstinence from meat** are binding upon members of the Catholic Church from **age 14 onwards**.

The Paschal Fast

If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection.

CRS Rice Bowl . . . is one way Catholics can enhance their Lenten fasting practice by giving up meals and donating the cost of those meals to **Catholic Relief Services** . . . in order to help those who do not have enough to eat. For more information, please go to crsricebowl.org/give.



Ash Wednesday Masses (March 5): 12:05 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.

**Daily Mass: Join us Monday at 8:00 a.m. and Tuesday – Thursdays at 12:05 p.m.,
No Daily Mass on Fridays.**

Stations of the Cross: 5:30 p.m. with Mass following, Fridays, March 7 – April 11

Best Lent Ever: Don't give up chocolate for Lent, instead take a 40-day journey to become the best version of yourself. Sign-up for a free <https://try.hallow.com>. Every day, you'll get inspirational videos, practical tips, and encouraging stories to help you have your best Lent ever!

Communal Reconciliation Service: April 13 at 7:00 p.m.

40 Cans for Lent: Plan to give your Alms to our Parish Food Pantry by giving a can a day, every day, during Lent! Just drop your cans in the Food Pantry baskets located in the Gathering Area. When we collect 2,200 cans, or more, the Food Pantry will get \$200.00 from the National Knights of Columbus.



Bible Study Program During Lent Season

Scripture Reading in the Chapel - After Daily Mass 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Background to the Gospels - Room 12 from 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. March 10, 17, 24, & 31.

After Easter

Journey of the Apostles Witnessing the Resurrection of the Lord

Reading the Book Acts of the Apostles – Room 12 from 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

April 21 & 28

May 5, 12, 19 & 26

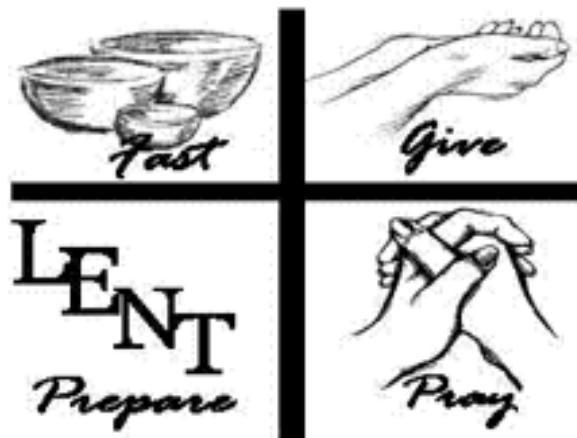
June 2



DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.



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