



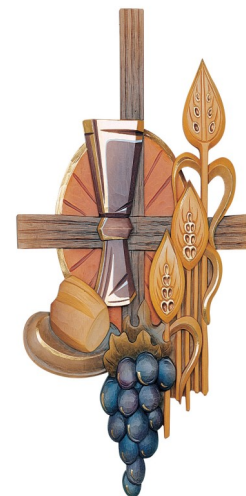
BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

March 9, 2025

First Sunday of Lent

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Date	Time	Intention
Saturday, March 8	8:00 a.m.	Fr. Tom Ryan +
Saturday, March 8	5:30 p.m.	Parish Family
Sunday, March 9	8:00 a.m.	Geralda 'Gerrie' Johnson +
Sunday, March 9	10:00 a.m.	Dan Wenzl +
Monday, March 10	7:30 a.m.	Parish Family
Tuesday, March 11	12:05 p.m.	Maureen Smollen +
Wednesday, March 12	12:05 p.m.	Ernie VonBusch +
Thursday, March 13	12:05 p.m.	Betty Costello +
Friday, March 14	12:05 p.m.	Deb Mabon +
Saturday, March 15	8:00 a.m.	Rosanne Christensen +
Saturday, March 15	5:30 p.m.	Patricia 'Pat' Kasperek +
Sunday, March 16	8:00 a.m.	Leona Janda +
Sunday, March 16	10:00 a.m.	Scott Goodman +



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

After Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist at the River Jordan, the Holy Spirit led Him, and He withdrew into the wilderness of Judea. It was a vast and mostly uninhabitable wilderness full of danger: danger from scorching heat by day and extreme cold at night; danger from wild animals and scorpions; plus, the deprivation of food and the scarcity of water. Jesus went to the wilderness to prepare Himself for the mission, which the heavenly Father had entrusted to Him. Jesus did not eat or meet with anyone during these days. Luke tells us that at the end of Jesus' forty days in the wilderness, one visitor came out to tempt Him. Luke describes this tempter as the *devil, who is also called the father of lies. He is the same deceiver who tempted Adam and Eve in the Garden of Paradise. Satan saw an opportunity to strike while Jesus appeared more vulnerable in His physically and emotionally weakened condition, due to His prolonged fasting and inner struggle over His particular call and mission. Satan undoubtedly thought that he could persuade Jesus to choose a wrong path, but Jesus remained humble and obedient to his Father's will.*

Like Jesus, we are also tempted many times, but Jesus teaches us how we can respond in our time of trials. Jesus teaches us to wrestle with Satan. When we are connected with God the Father, Satan can do nothing to us. The Holy Mother Church guides us to pray, do penance, and share with others. These three things are the weapons to fight against Satan, when he pulls us to a rebellious direction or tries to trap us by attracting us towards material things: world's glory, wealth, and power.

We need to be generous towards others in praying for them, avoid wasting God's gifts, and fast from resentment or bitterness. Before making a judgment, we should recall how Jesus overlooks our faults.

Let us move into this season of Lent whole heartedly, with the right relationship with God and our neighbor, and continue preparing ourselves by fasting, prayer and charity for the great feast of His Resurrection.

Blessings for Lent!

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, 3/9 8:00 a.m. - Mass
 10:00 a.m. - Mass
 Spring-A-Ling Tickets for sale after Mass
 Coffee & Rolls

Monday, 3/10 No Daily Mass
 5:30 p.m. - Mindful Movement
 5:30 p.m. - Gospel Study
 7:00 p.m. - Homeowners Assoc.
 7:00 p.m. - Women's AA Group

Tuesday, 3/11 12:05 p.m. - Mass
 1:00 p.m. - Quilting Ladies
 6:00 p.m. - Young Adult Bible Study
 6:00 p.m. - Baptism Class
 7:00 p.m. - Al-Anon Meeting
 7:00 p.m. - AA Open Meeting
 7:00 p.m. - Stewardship Meeting

Wednesday, 3/12 12:05 p.m. - Mass

Thursday, 3/13 12:05 p.m. - Mass
 1:00 p.m. - Quilting Ladies
 5:30 p.m. - Serenity Flow

Friday, 3/14 5:30 p.m. - Stations of the Cross
 6:00 p.m. - Mass



Saturday, 3/15 8:00 a.m. - Mass
 10:00 a.m. - Al-Anon Meeting
 10:30 p.m. - Adoration/Confessions
 5:30 p.m. - Mass
 Selling Spring-A-Ling Tickets

Sunday, 3/16 8:00 a.m. - Mass
 10:00 a.m. - Mass
 10:00 a.m. - Children's Church
 Coffee & Rolls
 Selling Spring-A-Ling Tickets

Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday

I CAN, YOU CAN, WE CAN

40 CANS FOR LENT



The program is simple: collect one can of food starting on Ash Wednesday thru Easter Sunday, 40 days. The

food will supply Blessed Sacrament's own food pantry. Please leave your donations in the baskets provided in the Gathering Area every week during Lent.

OUR GIFTS OF TREASURE

March 1 & 2, 2025

Adult Envelopes	\$10,205.00
Plate	\$708.10
Children's Collection	\$25.00
Online	\$3,796.00
Thrft Store	\$1,251.00

Diocesan Appeal

Our Goal	\$75,410.00
Received to Date	\$53,800.00
Donor Goal 220	152

Women's Spring-A-Ling 2025

Please join us on Tuesday, March 25, at the Blessed Sacrament Jubilee Center for an evening filled with great conversation, delicious food, and a wonderful speaker. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., and a light dinner will be served by Whitefoot Catering at 6:00 p.m. Tina Johnson, the event speaker, is the Grand Island Quilts of Valor Group Leader. She will share the History of the Quilts of Valor and how these quilts honor veterans and active military for their service to our Nation. Tickets are \$17 and can be purchased before or after Mass at Blessed Sacrament Church on March 8 & 9 and March 15 & 16. The final day to purchase tickets is March 18. Tickets will NOT be available at the door.

Catholic Daughters Court Queen of Peace #2227



We have prayer cards available at our display in the Gathering Area. As we enter the second month, we pray for the development of the fetus ("little one") who is now the size of a kidney bean. Amazingly, all organs are now present, and fingerprints are defined on the fingers and toes. At 43 days old, brain waves can be measured by EEG. Thank you for praying with us.



Our Deepest Sympathy to the Families of PATRICIA 'PAT' KASPAREK

Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.



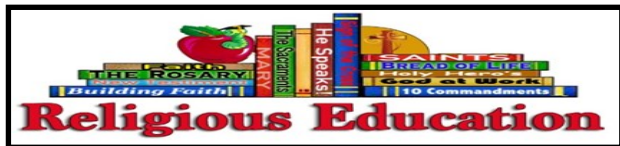
Please remember the following individuals in your prayers

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

Pray for military personnel and pray for peace.

Thrift Shop

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 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.



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.

No Classes during G.I. Public Schools Spring Break on March 12.

First Communion Practice & Pictures

March 29, 9:00 a.m., church. Practice will last approximately one hour. All children should be dressed in their First Communion attire, as Connie Swanson will be taking pictures immediately follow practice. First Communion is Sunday, March 30, at a specially scheduled Noon Mass.

First Communion

March 30, at a specially scheduled noon Mass. Please keep our 2nd graders in your prayers!

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.

Catholic 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.

KARNIVAL KAPERS
 CARNIVAL GAMES 11AM - 2:30PM
 TICKETS SOLD ON SITE
 CHICKEN DINNER 11AM-1:30PM
 ADULTS \$12 K-12TH \$9
 SENIOR CITIZENS \$9

Volunteers are needed. If you would like to volunteer to help, please sign up on GICC's website at "signup.com." Salads, cakes, baked goods, and 2 liter bottles of pop are needed and can be brought to the school on March 15 from 8:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. Carry out and delivery dinners are available by calling the school at 384-2440 on March 16 from 8:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

"Prime Time" Wednesday, March 19, 2025

Officer Bourke Bowen and his new K9 partner Cello.

You'll learn all about drug dogs, and how they are the 4-legged heroes who work for the GIPD. Canines protect our community and our police officers! This is a talk that you won't want to miss!

MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 15 & 16, 2025

Mass Times	5:30 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Lector	Kelley Sok	Alice Quick	Gary Houdek
Minister of Holy Communion	Volunteer	Dan Quick Tony Koziol Mike Redman	Deb Houdek
Altar Server	Volunteer	Volunteer	Hunter Morgan
Hospitality	Volunteer	Kim Lane	Volunteer

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