

Blessed Sacrament C o n g r e g a t i o n

www.blessedsacramentmke.org.

Mass Schedule

Daily8:15 AM (Tue - Fri)
Saturday4:30 PM
Sunday.....7:30, 9:00, 11:00 AM
Mass for Healing in Honor of St. Peregrine (cancer saint)—First Fridays at 12:10 PM

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday3:00-4:00 PM
or by appointment.

Devotions

Marian Devotion at 4:00 PM every Saturday.

Parish Membership

Each family or single adult (18 or older) is invited to be registered in our parish community. Contact the Parish Office or on our website.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Adults who are interested in becoming Catholic are welcome to contact Michael Federman, Director of Christian Formation.

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms are celebrated on the second and fourth Sundays of the month or by special appointment. Class is required for each child. Baptism Class is held the second Saturday of the month at 9:30 AM. Call 649-4720 to register or for more information.

Sacrament of Marriage

By appointment. Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance. Please contact Fr. Mark Payne.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

First full weekend of the month following Mass. Please contact the parish office or Fr. Mark Payne in an emergency.

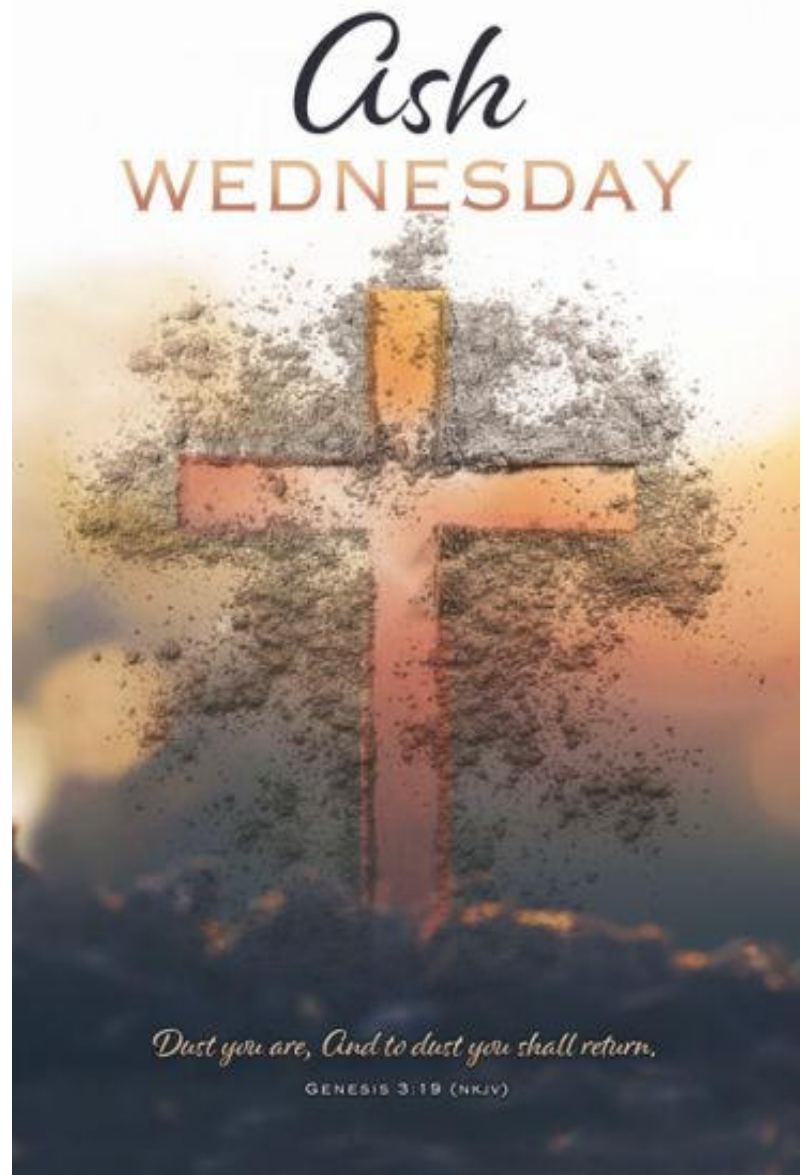
Bulletin Announcements

Deadline is Friday, 9:00 AM at the Parish Office or by email at parish@blessedsacramentmke.org

February 23, 2020

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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



Mass Intentions for the Week



TUESDAY		Feb 25
8:15 AM	† Sara Mitchell	
WEDNESDAY	Ash Wednesday	Feb 26
8:15 AM	† Olga Gluszczyk	
12:10 PM	† Richard Koehler	
6:30 PM	Special Intention of Don Bengsch	
THURSDAY		Feb 27
8:15 AM	† Kathleen Donnell	
FRIDAY		Feb 28
8:15 AM	† Bertha Stoll	
2:00 PM	Stations of the Cross	
6:30 PM	Stations of the Cross	
SATURDAY		Feb 29
4:30 PM	† Roman & Elsie Jelen	
SUNDAY	First Sunday of Lent	March 1
7:30 AM	For our parishioners	
	† Richard Thompson	
9:00 AM	† Robert L. Saskowski	
11:00 AM	† Vesti & Kathy McCann	
	† John Knasinski	

THIS WEEK AT BLESSED SACRAMENT

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

4:00 - 7:00 PM - Fish Fry - Fr. Turner Hall

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF
02/16/20**

Envelope Contributions.....	\$6940.00
Offertory Collection.....	\$1138.76
Facility Maintenance Envelopes.....	\$2393.00
Facility Maintenance Offertory.....	\$ 270.75
Total.....	\$10742.51

Thank you for your contribution to Christ's mission at Blessed Sacrament Parish.

“You have heard that it was said, You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father.” – Mt 5:43-45a

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Lent Begins February 26th

February 26th is Ash Wednesday - the first day of the Lenten Season. The Catholic Church asks each member to preserve the penitential character and purpose of Lent. For that reason, the following are the regulations pertaining to fast and abstinence:

Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and each Friday of Lent.

Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, in addition abstaining from meat, should fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Hence on those days, they should eat only one full meal. Small quantities of food may be taken at two other meals, but no food should be consumed at other times during those two days. The obligation of fasting ceases with celebration of one's 59th birthday.

Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed minimal penitential practices. However, dispensation may be considered for serious reasons such as advanced age, illness, etc.



February 26th Mass Schedule
8:15 AM, 12:10 & 6:30 PM

Lenten Services & Information

Stations of the Cross (each Friday during Lent)

2:00 PM & 6:30 PM

Neighboring Ash Wednesday Services

St. Gregory the Great Parish

6:30 AM Liturgy of the Word
8:30 AM and 6:30 PM Masses

Our Lady of Lourdes

12:00 PM Prayer Service

Our Lady Queen of Peace

8:15 AM School Mass
12:15 PM English Mass
6:00 PM Spanish Mass

Lenten Fish Frys

The first fish fry of the Lenten season will be held on Friday, February 28th, from 4:00 until 7:00 PM. It will include all of your favorites: baked and fried cod, french fries, parsley boiled potatoes, coleslaw, mac & cheese, rye bread and dessert. Milk and coffee are included; beer and soda will be available for purchase. The prices are as follows and are all-you-can-eat: adults \$12.00, seniors (55+) \$11.00, kids (10 and under) \$7.00, and all-you-can-eat mac & cheese with french fries \$7.00. Take-outs are also available for \$11.00.

Bakers and volunteers are always needed and appreciated. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Mike Gaffney at (414) 416-4225.

Save the Dates for Upcoming Fish Frys

March 6	March 13	March 20
March 27	April 3	April 10

Seniors News

The next meeting of the Blessed Sacrament Seniors will take place in Fr. Turner Hall at 1:15 PM on Thursday, March 12th, 2020.

Our speaker will be Bob Best from the Laureate Group. His topic will be "Mind Alert: Effective Techniques for Enhancing Mental Fitness."

We will also enjoy our Paczki treat. Please bring your yearly dues of \$10.00. Come and enjoy an interesting and delightful afternoon!

Update: Due to the cancelation of the February meeting, "Elvis" (Alan Graveen) has been rescheduled to perform at the September 10th meeting. Be sure to mark your calendars!

PS: Thanks to all of the members who confirmed that the cancelation of the February meeting was a wise decision!

Baptism Class

Parents are reminded that they are expected to attend a class on the Sacrament of Baptism for each child.

The next class is scheduled for Saturday, March 14, at 9:30 AM. Reservations should be made by calling the Parish Office at (414) 649-4720.

New Adult Formation Class

Starting on Thursday, March 5th, Michael Federman (Director of Christian Formation) will be offering a special Lenten class. This class will be a step-by-step walk with Jesus from His arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane to His crucifixion on Mount Calvary, also known as Jesus' Passion.

This is a six-session class with a morning offering at 9:00 AM and an evening offering at 6:30 PM, depending on what works best for your schedule.

Classes will be held on March 5th, March 12th, March 19th, March 26th, April 2nd, and April 16th. If you have any questions or would like to sign-up for classes please contact Michael Federman at (414) 800-8837. For more details you can also visit the parish website at <https://www.blessedsacramentmke.org/adult-formation>

Lenten Prayer Books

Lent is fast approaching which means it's time to talk prayer books! This year we will be offering two different books to give variety to the parishioners.

At Advent we offered Bishop Barron's reflections and due to a very positive reaction, we will offer Bishop Barron's Lenten reflections. Additionally, we will be offering the "Little Black Book," which has been a Lenten mainstay at many parishes for years. You are encouraged to come up and take a look at both books to decide which would be best for you.

A good will donation of \$2 or more is suggested and a collection box will be available. Please note that donations for both books can be put in the collection box.

Blessed Sacrament Congregation Bucks Outing
Milwaukee Bucks vs The Miami Heat
Monday, March 16, 2020 7:00 PM

Details are simple: \$35.00 includes your ticket and bus ride to and from Blessed Sacrament. Check-in begins at 5:30 PM for the 6:00 PM departure. (Because of timing and to keep costs down, we recommend eating at home or purchasing concessions at Fiserv.) Space is limited to first 35 paid. Call Thomas Daniels at (414) 322-8423 to reserve your spot!

Blessed Sacrament Congregation
All Inclusive Brewers Outing
Milwaukee Brewers vs Philadelphia Phillies
Monday, April 13, 2020

Tickets are \$41.00 per person which includes your admission to the Johnsonville Party Deck!

The Johnsonville Party Deck features stadium seating with a view overlooking right-field along with a spacious patio ideal for socializing with friends and family.

- Located above the loge bleachers in right field.
- Private bar and restrooms.
- Flat screen high definition TVs.

Experience Brewers Baseball like a VIP from one of MillerPark's six spectacular All-Inclusive Areas - the Johnsonville Party Deck. These premium areas are among the ballpark's most exclusive seating sections and feature incredible views, first-class amenities and complimentary food and beverage.

Full buffet featuring: bratwurst smothered in sauerkraut, hot dogs, grilled sirloin burgers, chicken tenders, pasta salad, Wisconsin mac & cheese, mixed green salad with assorted toppings and dressings, kettle chips, assorted cookies, and unlimited soft drinks. Each ticket comes with two complimentary beers per adult. Please remember your ID. Buffet begins 60 minutes *prior* to first pitch and concludes *2 hours after first pitch*. With that said, we are NOT looking to feature transportation for this outing. Please consult Thomas about neighboring tavern shuttles or to purchase an advanced parking permit. Space is limited to first 50 paid. Call Thomas at (414) 322-8423 to reserve your spot!

Lady of Fatima Shrine

The Archdiocese of Milwaukee dedicated a shrine to our Lady of Fatima in 1947 at 141 North 68th St in Milwaukee. Standing 15 feet high and 60 feet wide, the shrine features a marble statue of the Holy Mother of Fatima along with three shepherd children to which she appeared.

Every Sunday Evening from 7:00 - 7:45 PM - Rosary, Marian devotions, Litany of Loretto, Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

Every Monday Evening from 6:00 – 7:30 PM - Rosary, Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions, Holy Mass (depending if a priest is available).

During inclement weather, services will be held in the shrine chapel located on the right side of the Marian Shrine – main grotto on the grounds.

In Honor of Our Lady of Fatima's request, devotions are held from May-October on the 13th of the month (weekdays at 6:00 PM, Saturday or Sunday at 2:00 PM). The services include the Fatima Prayers, the complete rosary and holy Mass (depending on the availability of a priest).

Interesting Facts About Lent

"It's also a "time that the Lord invites us to come back home, come back to the Church," according to Cardinal Timothy Dolan, the Archbishop of New York. Here we're going to look at some interesting facts about Lent!"

Lent is the 40 weekdays from Ash Wednesday to Easter observed by the Roman Catholic, Eastern and some Protestant churches as a period of penitence and fasting. Sundays aren't included in the 40-day count. Since Sunday's aren't included, Lent technically last 46 days. When Lent started, it was only 36 days, later it was changed to 40 days.

Why is Lent 40 days? The number 40 is a significant number for Christians. Jesus spent 40 days in the desert. Noah had to wait 40 days for his ark to float. And Moses, along with his followers, traveled through the wilderness for 40 years before reaching the Promised Land.

Catholics started the tradition of Lent around the year 325, during the Council of Nicea, but it has spread through other Christian denominations. These include the following denominations: Western Orthodox Churches, Lutherans, Methodists, Presbyterians and Anglicans, among others.

Lent comes from the Middle English word "lente," which means springtime.

Lent starts on what's known as Ash Wednesday. This is when followers spread ashes on their forehead to signal their repentance to God. The ashes come from burning last year's palms that were distributed on Palm Sunday

One of Lent's central components is fasting. The practice has died in recent years, but that didn't stop New Orleans from throwing a huge party called Mardi Gras. On the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, aka "Fat Tuesday," people party in the streets and get fat since they should be fasting for the next 40 days.

Prayer is another common practice for those practicing Lent, as this represents mourning for Jesus while dying on the cross while also celebrating his Resurrection with the colors of royalty.

This is also a time for followers to give to charity. Catholics have given more than \$250 million to feed the hungry during Lent.

The date for Easter has been set for thousands of years. It all has to do with the full moon of the Pashal, or Passover, full moon. Easter will fall between March 22nd and April 25th. There are mathematical formulas you can use to determine when Easter will fall in any year. Because we know the date for every Easter from now until the end of time, we also know the date Lent starts. Just count 46 days (include Sundays) from Easter, and you know when Ash Wednesday is.



What do the Ashes Mean?

The liturgical use of ashes originates in the Old Testament times. Ashes symbolized mourning, mortality and penance.

Jesus Himself also made reference to ashes: Referring to towns that refused to repent of sin although they had witnessed the miracles and heard the good news, our Lord said, "If the miracles worked in you had taken place in Tyre and Sidon, they would have reformed in sackcloth and ashes long ago" (Mt 11:21).

The early Church continued the usage of ashes for the same symbolic reasons. For those who were required to do public penance, the priest sprinkled ashes on the head of the person leaving confession.

In the Middle Ages (at least by the time of the eighth century), those who were about to die were laid on the ground on top of sackcloth sprinkled with ashes. The priest would bless the dying person with holy water, saying, "Remember that thou art dust and to dust thou shalt return." After the sprinkling, the priest asked, "Art thou content with sackcloth and ashes in testimony of thy penance before the Lord in the day of judgment?" To which the dying person replied, "I am content." In all of these examples, the symbolism of mourning, mortality and penance is clear.

Eventually, the use of ashes was adapted to mark the beginning of Lent, the 40-day preparation period (not including Sundays) for Easter. The ritual for the "Day of Ashes" is found in the earliest editions of the Gregorian Sacramentary which dates at least to the eighth century. About the year 1000, an Anglo-Saxon priest named Aelfric preached, "We read in the books both in the Old Law and in the New that the men who repented of their sins bestrewed themselves with ashes and clothed their bodies with sackcloth. Now let us do this little at the beginning of our Lent that we strew ashes upon our heads to signify that we ought to repent of our sins during the Lenten fast." Since the Middle Ages at least, the Church has used ashes to mark the beginning of the penitential season of Lent, when we remember our mortality and mourn for our sins.

In our present liturgy for Ash Wednesday, we use ashes made from the burned palm branches distributed on the Palm Sunday of the previous year. The priest blesses the ashes and imposes them on the foreheads of the faithful, making the sign of the cross and saying, "Remember, you are dust and to dust you shall return," or "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel." As we begin this holy season of Lent in preparation for Easter, we must remember the significance of the ashes we have received: We mourn and do penance for our sins. We again convert our hearts to the Lord, who suffered, died and rose for our salvation. We renew the promises made at our baptism, when we died to an old life and rose to a new life with Christ. Finally, mindful that the kingdom of this world passes away, we strive to live the kingdom of God now and look forward to its fulfillment in Heaven. In essence, we die to ourselves, and rise to a new life in Christ.

This Lent, acts of self-giving love shown to those in need must be part of our penance, conversion and renewal, for such acts constitute the solidarity and justice essential for building up the Kingdom of God in this world.