



# Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 29, 2020

Fifth Sunday of Lent (A)

Ez 37:12-14 / Rom 8:8-11

Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17,  
20-27, 33b-45

## God Opens Our Graves

**I**t is not ghosts that come out of these graves, but a second chance at life. Ezekiel compares the reestablishment of ancient Israel after the exile with the dead rising alive from their graves. They are filled with God's spirit, God's power of life, and they have a second chance at living. Only the graciousness of God could imagine such a marvel; only the power of God could accomplish it. Jesus performs an even greater marvel. He actually brings Lazarus back from death, giving him a second chance at living. Once again, only the graciousness of God could imagine such a marvel; only the power of God could accomplish it. Jesus is that graciousness and that power, as he declares: "I am the resurrection and the life" (John 11:25).

After its reestablishment, Israel was not immune to failure, nor was Lazarus exempt from eventual death. That was not the point. The point was a demonstration of divine generosity at that particular moment. As seen in the Gospel reading, the point is Jesus' self-identification: "I am the resurrection and the life." What follows is paradox: Those who live in him will not die; even if they die, they will live.

Joined to the one who is the resurrection and the life, we too will be raised from our graves and be transformed into a new life. We will never again face failure, as did the Israelites, or death, as did Lazarus, for the Spirit of Jesus will live in us.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

### FOR *Reflection*

- ★ We were plunged into death and rose to new life at baptism. Does your life give evidence of this?
- ★ In what ways does your life manifest the Spirit working through you?

*You shall know that I am  
the LORD, when I open your  
graves and make you come  
up out of them, my people!*

EZEKIEL 37:13



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# Blessed Sacrament + St. Edward + St. Joseph

## PARISH FAMILY UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, March 29, 2020

### Blessed Sacrament + St. Edward + St. Joseph Parishioners

- **Our Tri-Parish Web Page is live check it out at [www.bscgreenbush.com](http://www.bscgreenbush.com)**
- **What can you find on our webpage?**
  1. **Live stream of our 9:00am Mass each day**
  2. **The Sunday Bulletin**
  3. **Convid-19 updated information**
  4. **There are three ways to continue giving.**
    - \* **Mail in your weekly stewardship to the parish office**
    - \* **Sign up for Auto-withdrawal from your checking account. Forms are included in this bulletin**
    - \* **Use the Credit Card Debit Card option on our website.**
  5. **RECONCILIATION....please contact Fr. George for an appointment. 218-289-1735**
  6. **Blessed Sacrament Church will remain open from 8:00am-8:00pm daily**
  7. **Meals to Go are available and will be available until our students return back to school.**

**FIRST COMMUNION...for the time being it will be postponed and when we can gather publicly we will celebrate this very special day with our young students.**

*"During this Lent,  
let us all ask the Lord:  
Make our hearts like yours."*

-Pope Francis



## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### Parish Staff

**Father George Noel,**  
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*Her office hours Tuesday-Friday 8:00am-12Noon*

Jess Foss RE Coordinator: Cell: 218-556-6090 or call  
the parish office 218-782-2467  
Email: jessicafoss14@gmail.com

Marlene Pulczynski, All Parishes Bookkeeper .....  
782-2467  
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*Her office hours: Wednesdays 1:30-4:30pm*

### VICTIM ASSISTANCE STATEMENT OF THE DIOCESE OF CROOKSTON

If you or someone you know has been the victim of sexual misconduct on the part of a priest, deacon, or individual representing the Diocese of Crookston, its parishes, or its schools, your first call should be to law enforcement. In addition, the diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator is available at 218-281-7895 (24-hour confidential number).

**PARISH WEBSITE:** [www.bscgreenbush.com](http://www.bscgreenbush.com)  
Live Stream Url:  
<https://ipcamlive.com/5e73d7191d178>

**PARISH PHONE: 218-782-2467**

**BULLETIN DEADLINE:** Monday at 12 Noon

**Use of Parish Facility :** Call the parish office, 782-2467

**BAPTISM:** To present your child for baptism, please call Fr. George for an appointment.

**MARRIAGES:** "Congratulations" Please contact the parish office as soon as possible (at least six months in advance) so that we can work with you to prepare for your Marriage. Marriage Ceremonies will be no later than **2:00pm Saturday afternoons.**

**PASTORAL VISITATION:** If you desire a home visit, communion for the homebound, or the Sacrament of the Sick, call the parish office. We want to be part of your life.

## ALL PUBLIC DAILY MASSES AND SUNDAY OBLIGATION MASSES ARE CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE....

**Fr. George will say a private Mass each day at Blessed Sacrament at 9:00am. Masses will be live streamed and viewable on our website:**

[www.bscgreenbush.com](http://www.bscgreenbush.com)

### FOR THE WEEK OF March 30

**Monday, March 30**

+Birthday Blessings Jeremiah & Larry Kern

**Tuesday, March 31** +Richard Berning

**Wednesday, April 1** +Henryka Evans

**Thursday, April 2** +John Wilebski, Sr.

**Friday, April 3** +Phyllis Anderson

**Saturday, April 4** +St. Anne's

### Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

**Sunday, April 5** +For the people

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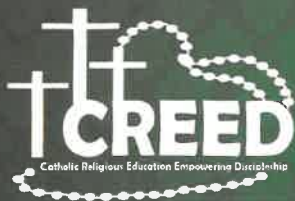
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- Visit [formed.org](http://formed.org) with a web browser
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- Enter Parish Access Code: **R7WRDC (Use Uppercase)**
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 Blessed Sacrament - Greenbush  
 St. Joseph's - Middle River  
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## CREED CLASS NEWS

*Creed Classes canceled while school is not in session. We will keep you updated with any changes as soon as we are aware. Please keep in tune through social media on further upcoming cancelations*

**FREE SACK  
 MEALS FOR ALL  
 K-12 STUDENTS  
 PICK UP  
 ANYTIME**

**8am-8pm in  
 Blessed Sacrament Church  
 Entryway. Beginning  
 Wednesday, March 18 until  
 School Resumes**

Brought to you by our Tri-Parishes:  
 Blessed Sacrament Church  
 Bethel Lutheran Church  
 United Free Lutheran

**Blessed Sacrament  
 St. Edward - St. Joseph  
 Religious Education (RE) Committee**

Elle Frislie	Chairperson
Mary Stauffenecker	Secretary
Jess Foss	DRE
Sarah Novacek	BSC
Rachel Lund	BSC
Tina Taus	St. Joseph
Lynette Cudnik	St. Edward

## BLESSED SACRAMENT CORNER

### Prayer Line Contact:

Ann Novacek at 782-2749 or Kathy Schafer at 528-3241 get a prayer line requested started. Shelly Kern to start the email prayer line: 782-2467 office

### Those Celebrating Birthdays this week...

Charley Shimpa	Jeremiah Kern	Pat Gryskiewicz
Larry Kern	Barry Kirkeide	Kendra Westlund
	Rick Sovde	

**St. Ann's Altar Cloth Laundry:**  
 February –May: Joy Sand

## WEEKLY STEWARSHIP

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### BSC + Weekly Stewardship Budget to Actual Sunday, March 15

Fiscal Year Budget \$136,150.00

Budget	Received	Difference
\$96,876.00	\$99,623.00	\$2,747.00

Weekly Stewardship:  
 Adult & Loose Plate: \$2158.00  
 Aid for Eastern Europe: \$500.00

## BLESSED SACRAMENT MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**ALL MINISTRIES ARE CANCELED  
 UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**



## ST. JOSEPH'S CORNER

**Prayer Line Contact:** Phyllis Blazek 222-3316

**Those Celebrating Birthdays this week...**  
Cathy Schenkey Tami Swan

**UPCOMING 100TH ANNIVERSARY FOR MIDDLE RIVER ST. JOSEPH:** Historical submissions are being requested for the 100th celebration of our parish on July 26 beginning with mass at 11:30. All parishioners, past parishioners, along with others are asked to send any photos, information, or memories/stories for publication in our history booklet. Deadline for submissions is June 1. Start searching now! This information can be submitted by Emailing: [Super33@wiktel.com](mailto:Super33@wiktel.com) or [rachbuko7@gmail.com](mailto:rachbuko7@gmail.com)  
Calling: 218-222-3767 or 218-688-0018  
Texting: 218-689-2874 or 218-688-0018  
Mailing: St. Joe History, Box 38, Middle River, MN 56737  
Please help us celebrate this special occasion!

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**St. Joseph + Weekly Stewardship Budget to Actual**  
Sunday, March 15

Fiscal Year Budget \$34,500.00

Budget	Received	Difference
\$24,548.00	\$27,394.00	\$2,846.00

Weekly Stewardship March 15  
Adult & Plate: \$915.00

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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## ST. EDWARD CORNER

**Those Celebrating Birthdays this week...**

Luke Hapka

Joe Kushinski



## WEEKLY STEWARSHIP

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**St. Edward + Weekly Stewardship Budget to Actual**  
Sunday, March 15

Fiscal Year Budget \$38,200.00

Budget	Received	Difference
\$27,181.00	\$33,713.00	\$6,532.00

Weekly Stewardship March 15

Adult & Plate: \$518.57

Youth Basket: \$55.87

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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**Vocation Crucifix Ministry  
Suspended until further notice.**

# Dear Padre,

**I'm very disturbed at some clothing—or lack thereof—worn at Mass these days. I find myself being judgmental and I don't want to be. Does our *Catechism* mandate a dress code?**

**B**eing judgmental can exist on both sides of this issue: Those who dress casually or inappropriately at Mass may be seen as unmotivated and disrespectful; those who dress up may be accused of doing so not for God but to impress everyone else at Mass.

The casual-dress advocates are influenced by the current relaxed cultural norms on attire—in church and elsewhere. They rightfully point out that one's presence at Mass is more important to God than one's clothing.

The dress-up advocates may believe this, too. However, the thought of actually being in God's presence at Mass determines their clothing choice.

Thus, an understanding of how the Mass is viewed today affects both casual-dress and dress-up proponents. While Catholics believe that Christ is present in all of creation and history, Christ's presence under the appearances of bread and wine is fundamental to our tradition. Moreover, a full appreciation of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist impacts far more than our outward appearances!

While the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* has no official dress guidelines, it's best to assume that most attend Mass for the same reasons as you. Essentially, most people who dress sensibly and make an effort to attend Mass are expressing their reverence and love for God.



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—Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR  
[Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org](mailto:Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org)

## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*I invite you to think for a moment, in silence, here: Where is my interior necrosis? Where is the dead part of my soul? Where is my tomb? ...And to remove the stone, to take away the stone of shame and allow the Lord to say to us, as he said to Lazarus: "Come out!"*

—HOMILY, APRIL 6, 2014



## Calendar

### Monday

MARCH 30

Lenten Weekday

Dn 13:1–9, 15–17,

19–30, 33–62

or 13:41c–62

Jn 8:1–11

### Tuesday

MARCH 31

Lenten Weekday

Nm 21:4–9

Jn 8:21–30

### Wednesday

APRIL 1

Lenten Weekday

Dn 3:14–20,

91–92, 95

Jn 8:31–42

### Thursday

APRIL 2

Lenten Weekday

Gn 17:3–9

Jn 8:51–59

### Friday

APRIL 3

Lenten Weekday

Jer 20:10–13

Jn 10:31–42

### Saturday

APRIL 4

Lenten Weekday

Ez 37:21–28

Jn 11:45–56

### Sunday

APRIL 5

Palm Sunday of the

Passion of the Lord

Mt 21:1–11

Is 50:4–7

Phil 2:6–11

Mt 26:14–27:66

or Mt 27:11–54

## Live Video Stream Issues

The link to our live stream is: <https://www.ipcamlive.com/5e73d7191d178>

**Note:** You do not need to login in order to view the live stream so ignore the Login button in the upper right of the screen. If the live stream does not automatically begin, there should be a big arrow in the middle of your screen. Click on that to start the live stream.

Since the 'traffic' on the internet has increased significantly: school kids and teachers trying to do distant learning, many more people trying to work from home, and people like us, trying to stay connected to our faith community, as well as people stuck at home trying to live stream movies for entertainment, you may experience what is called buffering issues. That is when the image 'freezes' for a while then picks up after a gap in the coverage. (An irritating little rotating 'buffering' message usually appears in the center of the screen.) When buffering becomes significant, it is really hard to follow what's happening which can be rather frustrating.

Here are some tips that may reduce the problem and improved the experience of our live video stream. You may want to have the most tech-savvy member of the family help with some of these tips.

First, if you are using your cell phone and going through the nearest cell tower instead of through an internet provider (eg Wiktel (Wikstrom), etc.) and you have less than 4 bar reception, your download (live stream) speed will be greatly reduced and quality will suffer. It is best to use a laptop, tablet or, even better, a smart TV if you have one. Otherwise, make sure you cell phone is using a WiFi connection and not the cell tower. Besides, the bigger screen will enhance the viewing experience.

Second, you should ideally have at least 15 Mbps download speeds. Call your internet provider's help desk and check if they can help with your download speed. Just tell them you are having buffering problems with you live video stream and ask if they can they help.

Third, be sure that there are not other downloads going on in your house. If your spouse is watching a Netflix movie on the smart TV while your trying to view the Mass online, you both may experience less than desirable performance. This one you'll have to negotiate. Kids doing active distance learning activities online or just using social media apps while you are trying to live stream can also decrease performance (overload the system).

Other things than might help would be to upgrade your Hub/Router if it is very old (more than 5 years old is pretty old in the tech equipment business). Also, you should be able plug your laptop or tablet directly into the Hub/Router using an ethernet cable. If you can't do that, then being in line-of-sight with the Hub/Router (the box with all the blinking lights) also might help. These last items are where that tech-savvy son-in-law or granddaughter would come in handy.

One final word: Wiktel is working on getting fiber optics out to all of its customers. If you do not yet have it to your home, when they get to you, this will definitely help. So ...

"Therefore, do not throw away your confidence; it will have great recompense. You need endurance to do the will of God and receive what he has promised." (Hebrews 10:35-36)



## Palm Sunday

Blessed is He who comes  
in the name of  
the Lord !

Matthew 21:9

## Palm Sunday

9:00am Sunday, April 5

Mass will be streamed live from Blessed Sacrament.

After Mass the blessed palms will be taken to St. Edward's & St. Joseph's placed on a table inside the main entrance and the Church will remain unlocked through that day so you may pick up blessed palms for your family. They will also be available at Blessed Sacrament . Be sure to take enough for your whole extended family.



### **Masses/Service for the Triduum of Holy Week**

Thursday, 7:00 pm – Mass of the Lord's Supper (Holy Thursday)

Friday, 3:00 pm – The Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)

Saturday, 8:30 pm – The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

Sunday, 9:00 am – Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

All Masses/Service will be live streamed from Blessed Sacrament.

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