

Our Civic Duty

By coincidence, these readings appear during election time. They might not tell us how to vote, but they do throw some light on the notion of civic duty. Cyrus in the first reading was the Persian king whose foreign policy allowed conquered and displaced people to return to their homelands, even though they would still be under Persian control. In the Isaian passage, this foreign king is called the Lord's anointed and is blessed by God despite the fact that he is unaware of it. This suggests that even those who do not know or worship the God of Israel can be competent civic leaders as long as they work for the benefit of their citizenry.

The Gospel story is a bit more complex. Jewish law banned making a graven image of a person, as was found on Roman coins. This means that those trying to trap Jesus exposed their own violation of the law by possessing such a coin. Jesus did not condemn the Romans for casting such coins. Rather, he says that political leaders deserve our civic allegiance. How the Jews were to accomplish this without using forbidden Roman coins isn't explained. But then, how civic-minded people are to uphold complicated political and social values today is hard to explain as well. This is one of the challenges of belonging to a pluralist society. No political ticket perfectly mirrors all of the gospel values. Our civic duty is to decide which values we should advance.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- * *How seriously do you take your civic duty?*
- * *How informed are you about the values of the candidates you support?*



Blessed Sacrament + **St. Edward** + St. Joseph

PARISH FAMILY UPCOMING EVENTS
Sunday October 18, 2020

Blessed Sacrament + St. Edward + St. Joseph
Parishioners

ANNUAL K of C STEAK FRY
Take out only!

Thursday, November 5th
Pick up 5-7:30pm
Blessed Sacrament
You can call in orders
beginning at 8am that day.
218-782-2263

The Knights of Columbus
meeting
Wednesday, October 28th
7:00pm

Blessed Sacrament Parish Center

We ask that all KC members to please plan to assist in preparing and serving our annual Steak Fry. Assistance is needed from 3:00-8:00pm November 5th in the BSC Parish Center.

Healing Prayer

Heavenly Father, we pray that You will lay your healing Hands upon all those who are sick. We beg You to have compassion on all those who are suffering so that they may be delivered from their pitiful circumstances. In Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Faithful Citizenship

Political engagement is our responsibility: Learn about the issues!

In their statement on Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, the U.S. Catholic bishops lift up various issues of different moral weight and urgency. Some issues they mention include: "protecting the unborn, refugees and immigrant families; fighting racism and religious intolerance; aiding those impacted by poverty and conflict; preserving the family; and caring for our common home." Learn more about the issues and [watch brief videos](http://FaithfulCitizenship.org) at FaithfulCitizenship.org.

29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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

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.

**29th Sunday
of Ordinary
Time**

FOR THE WEEK OF October 19

Tuesday, October 20

5:30pm

+Peter & Elizabeth Kukowski

6:00pm-7:00pm

Live Streamed Mass

Blessed Sacrament

Adoration

Wednesday, October 21 **Live Streamed Mass**

5:30pm

+Anniversary Blessings

Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, October 22

5:30pm + End to Abortion **St. Joseph**

Friday, October 23

5:30pm

+Rita Kasprowicz

6:00pm-7:00pm

St. Edward

Adoration

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 24

Live Streamed 5:00pm

+Doris Kranz

Blessed Sacrament

Sunday, October 25

Live Streamed 8:00am

+Paul & Agnes Pulczynski

Blessed Sacrament

9:45am +For the people **St. Joseph**

11:30am **St. Edward**

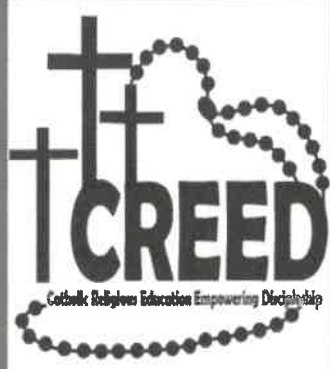
+Frank & Judith Klienvachter

Blessed Sacrament will be live streaming the weekday Masses and weekend Masses. Go to our webpage: www.bscgreenbush.com or use this address: <https://www.ipcamlive.com/5e73d7191d178>



**please contact
Fr. George for an
appointment. 218-289-1735**

Introducing
for Fall 2020
H.O.P.E.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **WEDNESDAY, October 21st + 7-8:30pm**
grades 7-12 Evening Group Event at BSC
- **WEDNESDAY, October 28th + 5:30pm**
Mass + 6-7pm the first CREED HOPE Event for grades 1-6 at BSC
- **Wednesday, November 4 + 7-8:30pm**
Grades 7-12 + Together in Spirit group event at BSC
- **WEDNESDAY, November 11th + 5:30pm**
Mass + 6-7pm the first CREED HOPE Event for grades 1-6 at BSC

**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

2020 DAA Status as of October 4

	Goal	Donated	% of Goal
BSC	13,818	17,041.00	127.06%
St Edward	4,521	5,365.00	118.67%
St Joseph	3,799	3,645.00	95.95%
Diocese Goal	900,000.00	828,698.83	92.08%

BLESSED SACRAMENT CORNER

Prayer Line Request.....

Ann Novacek at Home:782-2749 Cell: 218-242-0212
Kathy Schafer at 528-3241
Shelly Kern for email prayer request: 782-2467 office or
Email: michellebsc@wiktel.com

Those Celebrating Birthdays this week...

Andrew Faken Heidi Karnowski

**40 days of Pro-Life Rosary
Sunday, October 25th
following the 8:00am Mass
Colette Mooney will lead.
Make plans to stay after Mass**

WEEKLY STEWARSHIP

BSC + Weekly Stewardship Budget to Actual

Sunday, October 11

Fiscal Year Budget \$138,150.00

Budget as of 10/11	Received as of 10/11	Difference
\$39,851.00	\$41,421.00	\$1,570.00

Adult Stewardship:	\$1,204.00
EFT Stewardship	\$ 100.00

BLESSED SACRAMENT MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**Saturday, October 24 +
5:00pm**

**Proclaimer/Prayers of
the Faithful**

Joy Sand

Organist/

Announcements

Sarah Novacek

Sacristan/Sanitizer

Crowd Control Usher

**Sunday, October 25+
8:00am**

**Proclaimer/Prayers of
the Faithful**

Ryan Hlucny

Organist/

Announcements

Sarah Novacek

Sacristan/Sanitizer

Shelly Kern

Crowd Control Usher

Shelly Kern

**PLEASE VOLUNTEER IF YOU ARE
CONFORTABLE DOING SO**

ST. JOSEPH'S CORNER

Prayer Line Contact: Phyllis Blazek 222-3316

Those Celebrating Birthdays this week...

No Birthdays this week



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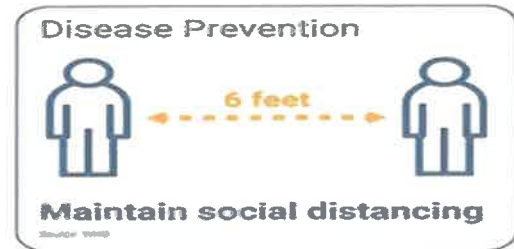
ST. EDWARD CORNER

Those Celebrating Birthdays this week...

Brent Krantz

Susan Converse

REMEMBER TO KEEP SOCIAL DISTANCE AT MASS



WEEKLY STEWARSHIP

St. Joseph + Weekly Stewardship Budget to Actual

Sunday, October 11

Fiscal Year Budget \$34,500.00

Budget As of 10/11	Received as of 10/11	Difference
\$9,952.00	\$9,441.00	<\$511.00>
Stewardship:	\$475.00	

WEEKLY STEWARSHIP

St. Edward + Weekly Stewardship Budget to Actual

Sunday, October 11

Fiscal Year Budget \$40,350.00

Budget As of 10/11	Received as of 10/11	Difference
\$11,639.00	\$13,386.00	\$2,017.00
Stewardship:	\$451.00	

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

October 25 + 9:45am

Proclaimer & Prayers of the Faithful

Angie Steinhauer

Announcements

Mindy Bukowski

Organist:

Cathy Erickson/Rachel Bukowski

Usher/Sanitizer

Leonard Blazewski

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 25 + 11:30 am

Sacristan/Usher:

June Kasprowicz

Organist:

Pat Larson

Announcements:

June Kasprowicz

Proclaimer/Prayers of the Faithful:

Ben Kleinwachter

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not wanting to know what is true
HOPE
not wanting to believe anything that is not true
LOVE
not wanting to love anyone who is not true

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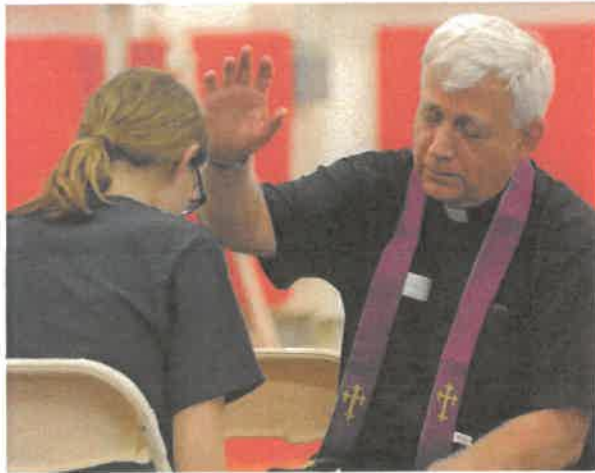
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THE CATHOLIC FAITH.
ON DEMAND.

Dear Padre,

As a recovering heroin addict, do I need to go to reconciliation to confess my addiction? Addiction is a disease, not a sin. Right?

Right, but addiction and actually using drugs are two different things. As you know, recovering addicts who don't use drugs are still addicts, and that in itself isn't a sin. But it's against the law to use heroin in the United States, so even if you never committed a secondary crime to get it, getting it was a crime.



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More important, though, the body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, and it's a sin to abuse ourselves in any way. Even if it weren't against the law, your use of heroin is certainly an abuse of your body.

The sacrament of reconciliation is more than just receiving absolution for sins. It also helps us look

more deeply at our lives. Before you go, examine your conscience: Ask yourself how your addiction has affected your body, your life, your relationship with God, and the welfare of others.

If you bring honest answers to those questions as well as an open heart and an open mind, your conversation with your priest at reconciliation will help you heal your relationship with God and others. You will also receive the grace to improve your life and do things like overcome addiction so you can be a better person.

—Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSSR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Every drug addict has a unique personal story and must be listened to, understood, loved, and, insofar as possible, healed and purified. We cannot stoop to the injustice of categorizing drug addicts as if they were mere objects or broken machines; each person must be valued and appreciated in his or her dignity.

—ADDRESS TO PONTIFICAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES,
NOVEMBER 24, 2016

Calendar

Monday

OCTOBER 19
Sts. John de
Brébeuf and Isaac
Jogues, Priests, and
Companions, Martyrs
Eph 2:1–10
Lk 12:13–21

Tuesday

OCTOBER 20
Weekday
Eph 2:12–22
Lk 12:35–38

Wednesday

OCTOBER 21
Weekday
Eph 3:2–12
Lk 12:39–48

Thursday

OCTOBER 22
Weekday
Eph 3:14–21
Lk 12:49–53

Friday

OCTOBER 23
Weekday
Eph 4:1–6
Lk 12:54–59

Saturday

OCTOBER 24
Weekday
Eph 4:7–16
Lk 13:1–9

Sunday

OCTOBER 25
Thirtieth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Ex 22:20–26
1 Thes 1:5c–10
Mt 22:34–40

CIVILIZE IT



DIGNITY BEYOND THE DEBATE

2020

What does it mean to form my conscience?

Catholics have a long tradition of engagement in the public square. Sometimes that engagement requires making difficult moral decisions that impact our own lives and those of others. Our conscience can help guide the decisions we make. The Second Vatican Council guides us: “Always summoning [one] to love good and avoid evil, the voice of conscience can when necessary speak to [one’s] heart more specifically: do this, shun that” (*Gaudium et Spes* 16). However, our conscience doesn’t just come to us when we are born. We must work throughout our lives to form it through prayer, learning, and conversation.

How do I form my conscience?

It takes time to form our consciences so that we can make well-reasoned judgments about particular, real-life situations. The Church teaches that it is important to work continually on conscience formation so we can be prepared to make decisions whenever the opportunity arises. Some specific ideas to form your conscience are:

- 1) Begin by **being open to the truth** and what is right.
- 2) **Study Sacred Scripture** and the **teaching** of the Church.
- 3) **Examine the facts** and **background information** about various choices and be discerning in where we gather information.
- 4) **Prayerfully reflect** to discern the will of God (*Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, no. 18).

Additionally, it is important to consider how

our community of faith can help us form good consciences through some of these steps:

- 1) Seek the **prudent advice** and **good example** of trusted leaders and others to support and enlighten our conscience.
- 2) Learn about the **authoritative teaching** of the Church.
- 3) Pray for the **gifts of the Holy Spirit** to help us develop our conscience.
- 4) Regularly partake in an **examination of conscience** to hear God’s voice in your life.¹

Doing the work of forming our consciences can seem daunting. Fortunately, we have many church teachings that can help us in this important task. *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship* is an important resource for U.S. Catholics and helps us prayerfully reflect on how we can apply Church teaching in our civic life. “Conscience is not something that allows us to justify doing whatever we want, nor is it a mere “feeling” about what we should or should not do. Rather, **conscience is the voice of God resounding in the human heart**, revealing the truth to us and calling us to do what is good while shunning what is evil.”²

Here are some questions for further reflection:

1. When has my conscience guided me to “do good and avoid evil”?
2. What are some key resources I can use to form my conscience?
3. Forming conscience is a “lifelong task.” What do I do to *regularly* form my conscience? What more should I do?

¹ Catechism of the Catholic Church (2nd ed.). Washington, DC: Libreria Editrice Vaticana–United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), 2000, no 1777

² USCCB. *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*. Washington, DC: 2015, no. 17



Sunday, October 18th Announcements

- Wednesday, October 21st 7-8:30 grades 7-12 CREED HOPE students will meet at BSC
- Congratulations to newly Baptized Camden Wensloff son of Brandy Burslie & Craig Wensloff
- Congratulations to newly Baptized Kaydence Hougard daughter of Steven & Chelsey Hougard and Landon Braff son of Jeromy & Melissa Braff
- Congratulations to newly Baptized Leo Aune son of Tyler & Alyssa Aune
- The Knights of Columbus will be having their Annual Steak Fry, Thursday, November 5th. It will be takeout only.

A Prayer for an End to Abortion

Heavenly Father,

Spare our nation from the scourge of abortion.

Protect the lives of children in the womb.

Give hope and strength to their mothers.

Stir love in the hearts of fathers to support and cherish mother and child.

Cause our elected leaders and the courts to recognize and protect the personhood of unborn children.

Lift up church leaders to proclaim a Culture of Life.

Lead parents who had abortions to repentance and healing.

Bring about the conversion of the abortionist, of those who deny the birthright of children and of those who are indifferent.

Grant me the courage and energy to be a Defender of Life.

I ask this through my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen

40 Days for Life - Bridgeport

<http://bpt40dfl.wordpress.com/>

Knights of Columbus

Steak Fry

TAKEOUT ONLY

Blessed Sacrament Church

Greenbush, Minnesota

Thursday, November 5, 2020

Pick up from 5:00pm-7:30pm

Menu

8oz. Beef Steak

Baked Potato ~ Corn ~ Salad

\$15.00

To place an order

Thursday, November 5 + Call 218-782-2263

Anytime from 8:00am—7:30pm