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# Blessed Sacrament

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## The Jubilee Prayer

**Father in heaven,  
may the faith you have gifted us in  
your son Jesus Christ, our brother,  
and the flame of charity  
kindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,  
reawaken in us, the blessed hope  
for the coming of your Kingdom.**

**May your grace transform us  
into diligent cultivators of the evangelical seeds  
that make humanity and the cosmos rise  
unto the confident expectation  
of the new heavens and the new earth,  
when with the powers of Evil overcome,  
your glory shall be manifested eternally.**

**May the grace of the Jubilee  
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,  
the yearning for heavenly treasures  
and pour over all the earth  
the joy and peace  
of our Redeemer.**

**To you God blessed in eternity,  
be praise and glory for ever and ever.**

### Mission Statement:

*Established in the Spirit of Jesus Christ with an Afro-centric focus, Blessed Sacrament Chapel is committed to spreading the "Word" through fellowship and good works.*

### Sunday Mass: 10:00AM

**St. Stephen Cathedral Parish Office:** 270-683-6525

**Pastor:** Father John Thomas  
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### Sunday's Readings

#### First Reading:

Praise no one before he speaks, for it is then that people are tested. (Sir 27:7)

#### Psalm:

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you. (Ps 92)

#### Second Reading:

But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Cor 15:57)

#### Gospel:

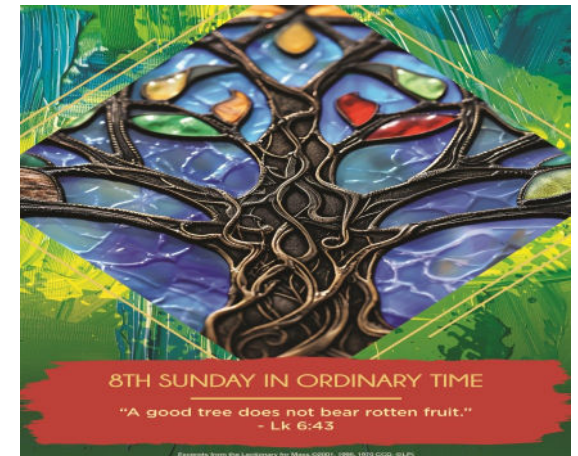
"A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks." (Lk 6:45)

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**March 2, 2025 8th Sunday Ordinary Time**

Always be devoted to the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain.



8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit."  
- Lk 6:43

.My Dear Parishioners

This week on Wednesday, we begin the Season of Lent. Ash Wednesday calls us to begin our preparation for the greatest liturgical celebration of the year. Many incorrectly believe this greatest day of the year to be Christmas. However, the Church calls us to recognize the greatest day of the year is Easter and the proclamation of Christ's resurrection from the dead that is proclaimed at the Holy Vigil of Saturday night (the night before Easter Sunday).

This year we have nine people who desire to 'join our Church' at the Holy Vigil of Easter. This is a great testament to our faith and example of what it means to be a member of the Holy Catholic Church. Many of these individuals are seeking the Sacrament of Baptism. All of them will receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. They become a witness for us.

We begin this season of preparation on **March 02, Ash Wednesday**. Our Mass schedule is:

**7:00 AM and 12:05 PM at St. Stephen Cathedral**  
**6PM at Blessed Sacrament Chapel**

It is during this Mass we recall that we are simply 'dust' and everything we are and everything we hope to become relies on God. It is during this Mass we all process (Catholic, non-Catholic, elderly, and young) forward to be 'marked with the sign of our faith'. We boldly stand before the altar of God and recognize our humanity and his divinity. We are marked with the ashes that are from the palm that was burned from last Palm Sunday.

It is during this Mass that we begin to examine our life, our behavior, prayer, speech, and our faith in order that we can begin to change those things that need adjustment in order that our lives more truly reflect God's way, God's love, and God's plan.

Here I suggest the following as possible activities during this holy season.

- Attend Mass at least once during the week
- Pray the rosary
- Pray the Stations of the Cross
- One night a week, turn off the TV and spend time talking with family members
- Simplify your meals for one day and use the money saved for the poor
- Go through your closet or chest of drawers and gather articles of clothing that have not been worn for more than one year. Take these items to St. Vincent DePaul.
- Bring canned food to the food pantry in parish office
- Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Send a card to a friend who needs encouragement
- Spend one hour in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament
- Come to Mass on Saturday morning at 9 and then pray before the Blessed Sacrament
- Exposed
- Apologize to someone you have offended
- Bake something for a 'shut-in' or needy family

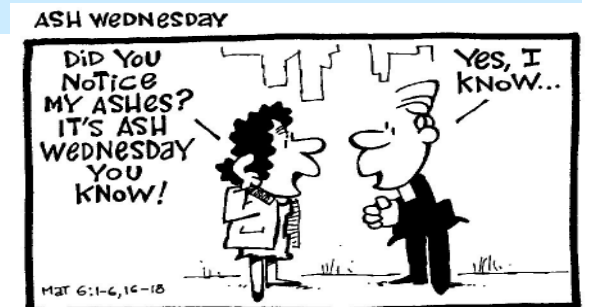
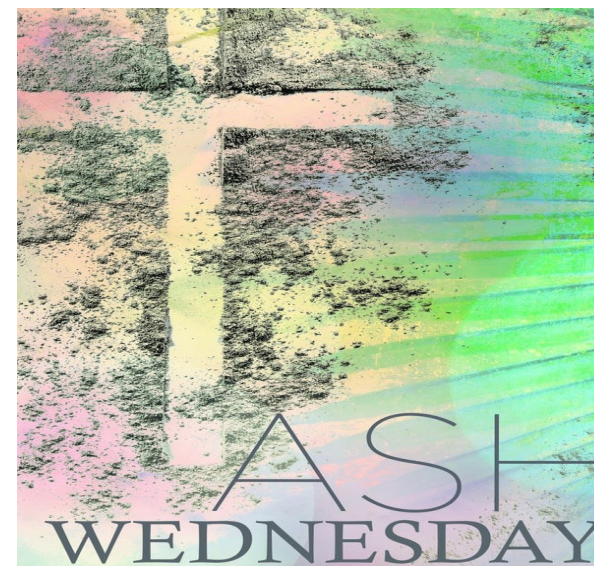
Remember the following rules on Fast and Abstinence holds for our diocese: **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are special days of fasting for all those who are able, between the ages of 18 and 60. These days of fast generally mean that one would take only one full meal, and then other meals should be much less in comparison, with no eating between them. These days are also days of abstinence for all who are able, particularly for those between the ages of 14 and 60. All Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence. Abstinence means that one refrains from eating meat.**

It may seem humorous to some of us, but the Church actually calls this a '**JOYFUL SEASON**'. I believe it can indeed be a season of great joy. First, if we enter the Season of Lent with an open mind and the humility that we all have areas of our life that is in need of change, we actively seek to become better people, better Christians, better Catholics. It is no secret, that when we help another, when we rid ourselves of habits that are negative, when we begin or end a day with prayer, when we assist someone in need, we feel better. We become more joyful!

Lent is nothing more than an opportunity to become better. I realize there are still many of you I do not personally know. (FYI: I have learned, however, who sits where and at what Mass. I might not be able to call you by name, but I can tell you where you sit!). I do not know all of you well, but I do know you are good. I do know you are holy. I do know you are generous. I also know we can all be better, more holy, and more generous.

Enter this season with eyes ready to see God's promise. Enter this season ready to change. Enter this season and offer yourself completely so that come Easter, we will all celebrate more completely God's sacrifice and love, God's power over us, and God's power even over death.

I will offer myself more completely, especially in prayer throughout this season. Be assured much of my prayer is for you, your families, your struggles, and your



## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 2--Marsha Allen
- 7--Britney Carmona
- 18--Jean Higgs
- 25-Carol Hatchett
- 31--Frank Fulton



## Ash Wednesday Ashes

Ashes are rich in spiritual symbolism. We recall in the second chapter of Genesis, when the human person is fashioned “out of the dust of the ground” and receives the breath of life. In death, a person returns to the ground from which we came. The ancient Hebrews used ashes as a sign of repentance, reminding themselves that God is God and we are not. As the minister places ashes on our forehead, we hear either “remember that you are dust and unto dust you shall return” or “turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel.” When we receive ashes, we remember our own mortality. We’re reminded that we have limited time on this earth and we ought to make the best use of it that we can! People are in need of love, care, and compassion. We all need to continually rediscover the love of God. . ©LPI

## Mass Intentions

- February 9--Sharlene Hatfield
- February 16--Clyde Coble
- February 23--Larry Allen
- March 2--Larry Allen
- March 5--Clyde Coble

*Let us remember to pray for those who have recently died or those in the process of dying. Remember to pray for the souls in purgatory, especially for those who have no one to pray for them.*

**Our thoughts and prayers are with the sick: Kathi Skidd, Ray Higgs, Debbie Gabbert, Mike Bogden, Pam Wilson, Donna Fennewald, Emma Latta, Phil Armendarez, Cindy Heckmann, Judy Stinett, Shaun Winchell, China Dulin, Rachel Mattingly, Charlie Brown Sr, Steven Moorman, Philip Moorman, Jr., Ronnie Hollis, Chandra Hagan, Larry Clark, Ruth Coble, Carol Hatchett, Jordan Gertisen, Shelby Webster, Andy Evans, Gary Moorman. **If you know of anyone who is in need of prayer or visitation, please notify the office.****

**A couple pictures from Italian Night 2025. A good time was had! Thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of the evening.**



## Coming Events



### Blessed Sacrament Happenings

**March 5--Ash Wednesday**

**Mass 6 pm**

**March 19--Richard Lane (black Catholic Evangelist) 6:00 pm**

**April 11--Fish Fry 5-7 pm**



Feb. 23--\$1,469

Budget--\$1,300

MTD Collection--\$.4,257

MTD Budget--\$5,200

YTD Collection--\$47,179.96

YTD Budget--\$44,200

May each give according to what the Lord has blessed us with.

*Thanks to everyone who practices stewardship on a regular basis. An active parishioner attends Mass regularly and practices stewardship (time, talent, treasure).*

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

One of the things that older pastors and younger priests occasionally quarrel about is the proper balance between work and prayer. I know one pastor who complains that his younger associate ignores the people and the parish because he wants to spend more time in prayer. And the young priest complains that the pastor gives him too much work to do and no time to pray. The Lord’s words this Sunday speak into this tension with an image that can help us find a proper balance between life and prayer.

Jesus says, “**For every tree is known by its fruit. For people do not pick figs from thorn bushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles**” (Luke 6:44). When we are deeply rooted and cultivating our relationship with Jesus, we are going to bear the fruit of that love in our lives. No fruit, no good prayer. How do we know that we are praying well? We are experiencing concrete fruits of love for others in our lives.

Someone who prays well will, sooner or later, burst forth the “figs” and “grapes” of acts of love. But without concrete commitment to deeds of selfless service to others, our prayer time is as useless as thorn bushes and brambles. Let’s recommit ourselves to be men and women of prayer *and* service. And hopefully the pastors will help their associates to pray *and* serve fruitfully...with minimal quarreling.

— Father John Muir @LPI

**SAVE THE DATE**

*Lent is fast approaching. We are asked to pray, do alms, and fast. Here at Blessed Sacrament we are offering a One Night Mission given by Catholic Evangelist Richard Lane. Save the evening and plan to attend. Invite family and friends Wednesday March 19 6 pm*

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

### Lectors

March 2: Katie Goins, Misty Sanford  
March 9: Layson Brooks, Jerry Fuchs  
March 16: Greg Gough, Wayne Stephens

### Eucharistic Ministers

March 2: Barbara Bisel, Rita Moor-  
man, Greg Gough  
March 9: Katie Goins, Denise and  
Greg Richardson.  
March 16: Cindy Clark, Holly Hollis,  
Misty Sanford

### Collection & Gifts

March 2: Kelly, Holly, Samuel Hollis  
March 16: Chelis, Brittany, Kyler  
Carmona  
March 23: Greg and Ethan Gough

**Ash Wednesday: 6 pm Volunteers**

## Laugh of the Week

### Hymns for Christians over 65 years old

- Give Me the Old Timers Religion
- Precious Lord, Take My Hand, And Help Me Up
- Just a Slower Walk with Thee
- Go Tell It on the Mountain, But Speak Up
- Nobody Knows the Trouble I Have Seeing
- Guide Me, O Thou, Great Lord God, I've Forgotten Where I've Parked The Car
- Count Your Many Birthdays, Count Them One By One
- Blessed Insurance
- It Is Well With My Soul, But my Knees Hurt

## RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS.

**Mini Reflection:** If we see a splinter in another person's eye, or a problem in the world that needs to be fixed, what Jesus is saying is not that we should ignore it and move on. He's merely saying that, when we see these things, we must take them first as a challenge to examine ourselves.

### The Log in Your Eye

Today's Gospel is a big favorite of non-Christians — or Christians who don't like being told what to do.

That trusty ol' *remove the wooden beam from your own eye* line is a classic. *Mind your business, Christians! You're not perfect either.*

And that's entirely true. None of us are perfect. We've all got logs in our eyes. We can't approach life acting like we have the answers simply because we follow Jesus.

Jesus has the answers, and we have Jesus. The real problem with having someone remove a splinter from my eye, if he himself has a log in his eye, is not that he has no business removing the splinter from my eye. It's that he can't see clearly to do it. His own eyesight is occluded.

If we see a splinter in another person's eye, or a problem in the world that needs to be fixed, or a scandal in the community that should be addressed, what Jesus is saying is not that we should ignore it and move on. He's merely saying that, when we see these things, we must take them first as a challenge to examine ourselves. To address the problem as it exists within our own souls, so that we ensure we are seeing clearly. Then, if we reach out to pluck the splinter, we will do so with clear eyesight.

He wants us to worry as much about our own souls as we do about other people's. We tend to look at the world and feel anxious — so much evil! So much hate! So much sin! We pray, *God, when will you change it?*

And He whispers back: *I will change it here. Now. In your own heart. You just have to ask.*

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## Readings for the Week

Monday: Sir 17:20-24/Ps 32:1-2, 5-7/  
Mk 10:17-27  
Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14  
and 23/Mk 10:28-31  
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-6, 12-14,  
/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-4 and 6/  
Lk 9:22-25  
Friday: Is 58:1-9/Ps 51:3-6, 18-19/  
Mt 9:14-15  
Saturday: Is 58:9-14/Ps 86:1-6/  
Lk 5:27-32

### Observances for the week of March 2

Monday: St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin  
Tuesday: St. Casimir  
Wednesday: Ash Wednesday  
Friday: Sts. Perpetua and Felicity,  
Saturday: St. John of God, Religious

## POPE FRANCIS'S RECENT LETTER TO US BISHOPS (summary)

In a [letter](#) dated 10 February 2025, Pope Francis acknowledges the work of U.S. bishops in standing alongside migrants and refugees, he expresses support for efforts to uphold the fundamental dignity of every human person and he highlights the importance of pastoral accompaniment for those facing displacement.

In his letter, the Pope recalls the Holy Family's flight into Egypt and draws a parallel between their experience and that of many migrants today. Their journey, he notes, shines the light on "the phenomenon of migration as a decisive moment in history" and reaffirms "not only our faith in God but also the infinite and transcendent dignity of every human person."

Highlighting Pope Pius XII's apostolic constitution on the Care of Migrants, which describes the Holy Family as a model for all who must leave

Holy Family as a model for all who must leave their homeland in search of safety and stability, he writes "Your work in defending migrants is deeply rooted in the mission of Christ and the history of the Church."

### Uphold human dignity

In his 10-point letter, the Holy Father says he has "followed closely the major crisis that is taking place in the United States with the initiation of a program of mass deportations" and commends the bishops' efforts stressing that Christian love demands recognition of the dignity of all people, regardless of legal status. Since taking office on 20 January, President Donald Trump has announced a series of immigration-related executive orders that pave the way for a widespread effort to crack down on undocumented migrants in the US. In more than 21 actions, Trump has moved to overhaul parts of the US immigration system, including how migrants are processed and deported from the US

The Pope acknowledges the complex realities surrounding U.S. migration policies but reminds the bishops that the measure of a just society is how it treats its most vulnerable members.

"The legitimate regulation of migration must never undermine the essential dignity of the person," he writes.

The Pope also expresses appreciation for the bishops' advocacy against narratives that criminalize migrants and emphasizes their role in ensuring that policies respect human rights.

"God will richly reward all that you do for the protection and defense of those who are considered less valuable, less important, or less human," he says. In light of the current challenges, Pope Francis urges the bishops to remain steadfast in their work, and despite the obstacles they face, including social and political pressures, he encourages them to continue promoting solidarity and compassion. Your pastoral ministry is a beacon of hope for many who feel abandoned and excluded," he states.