

Most Blessed Sacrament Parish News

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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

When he saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” *Matthew 5:1-3*

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The Sermon on the Mount, by Carl Bloch, 1877

Most Blessed Sacrament Church Mission Statement

The mission of Most Blessed Sacrament Church is for members to witness the real presence of the Lord in word and sacrament, and that they may live out the message from the gospel and serve one another as followers of Jesus Christ.

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Monday – Thursday: 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
(Closed 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.)
Friday: 8:00 a.m. - Noon

•**BAPTISMS:** Please call the church office during pregnancy for information and to register for a Baptism seminar.

•**MARRIAGE:** Law of Diocese requires 6 month preparation period prior to wedding. Call church office for more information.

•**FUNERAL:** Please call the priest for prayer and before setting date/time.

•**RCIA:** If interested in becoming Catholic, call the church office.

Confession:

Confessions: Fridays 7:45 a.m., Saturdays 3:00 p.m.
and Mondays 7:45 a.m.

Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 8:00 a.m. & 4:30 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 9:45 a.m., & 11:30 a.m.
Monday - Friday: 8:45 a.m. except during
school year when Thursday Mass is at 8:15 a.m.

MBS School

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Respect Life News . . .

Pregnancy Crisis Help

If you or someone you know is experiencing a crisis pregnancy, STOP and call the parish office (225) 752-6230 to be put in touch with a member of the Respect Life Committee. We can provide love and compassion, support and multiple resources available to help you through this challenging time. You are not alone.



MBS supports youth scouting programs by sponsoring the Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts (Pack 777) and Boy Scouts (Troop 888). The programs offer youth opportunities to learn life skills, earn merit badges and experience life in the outdoors.

MBS will celebrate Scout Sunday, February 5th at the 9:45 a.m. Mass. Fr. Todd, an Eagle Scout, welcomes all Girls, Cubs and Boy Scouts and their families to attend. Scouts are to be attired in their appropriate uniform (Class A, Field Uniform, etc.).

THE PEOPLE OF GOD'S KINGDOM

In our Gospel reading from Matthew, we hear the Beatitudes, the stirring opening to the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus is proclaiming the coming of the kingdom of God, and begins by considering what kind of people will enter and participate in this kingdom. They are the poor in spirit, the meek, the clean of heart, the peacemakers. We hear both Zephaniah and Paul echo this, as God specifically chooses the weak and the lowly to be God's agents in ushering in the reign of God. By living with humility and integrity, their hearts are open to being transformed by the grace of God. We too are called to live in this way. Jesus invites us to be people with open hearts, to receive God's blessing. And working through us, God may bless all of creation.

In Christ,

The season of Lent is less than a month away. Our Lord pours out an abundance of grace for those who take advantage of this important season of penance and preparation. One of the great ways to dispose ourselves to grace is to commit to special times for prayer and devotion. One devotion that is particularly appropriate during Lent is the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.



This devotion stems from a series of private revelations made by the risen Christ to a young Polish religious sister. For over seven years, from 1931 to 1938, Jesus appeared to Faustina Kowalska, now revered as St. Faustina. Each time he appeared to her, the Lord showed Faustina the rays of his infinite Mercy, which flowed from the wounds in his heart. He explained to her that: *"The rays represent the Blood and Water which gushed forth from the depths of my Mercy when my agonizing Heart was pierced on the cross. The pale rays symbolize the water; which purifies and cleanses the soul; the red rays represent the blood, which gives new life to the soul. These rays will shield the soul before the justice of My Father. Fortunate are those who live in this shelter, for the justice of God will not reach them there... The greater the sinner, the greater the Mercy. I desire to save all, for the well of my Mercy was opened wide with a lance on the cross, for all souls. No one do I exclude... Let the very sinful fear not to approach Me, for even if their sins be as numerous as all the sands of the earth, all will be forgiven in the fathomless pit of my Mercy."*

There is a painting of Jesus as he appeared to St. Faustina in the parish church. Jesus instructed her: *"Paint an image according to the pattern you see with the signature: Jesus, I Trust in You. I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy. That vessel is this image with the signature. I desire that this image be venerated, first in your chapel, and then throughout the world."*

It was to St. Faustina that Jesus gave not only this image for prayer, but the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. It may be said any time, but Jesus specifically told St. Faustina to recite it during the nine days before the Feast of Mercy (The first Sunday after Easter). He said: *"I desire that during these nine days you bring souls to the fountain of My mercy, that they may draw therefrom strength and refreshment and whatever grace they need in the hardships of life, and especially, at the hour of death."*

For the nine weeks preceding the Feast of Divine Mercy, April 16th, we will venerate the holy image of Divine Mercy, pray the chaplet given to St. Faustina, and offer to Jesus in the novena our own souls and those of the whole world. Starting on Thursday, February 16th, we will gather for the novena every Thursday evening, except during Holy Week when it will move to Wednesday. On each of those evenings we will have the sacrament of reconciliation at 5PM, Mass at 6PM (with a homily focused on Divine Mercy), conclude Mass with exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, the novena prayers, singing of the Divine Mercy chaplet, and conclude at 7PM with Eucharistic benediction.

Please commit to these nine special evenings of prayer given to the Church by Jesus himself! Mark your calendars *right now*. February 16 and 23; March 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30; April 5 and 13. Invite everyone you know to join us. Bring with you all your concerns and worries. Come entrust yourself and your loved ones to the Lord's Divine Mercy.

Jesus, I trust in you!
Fr. Todd Lloyd

FORWARD IN FAITH Gala

What is the GALA?

The GALA is a Semi-Formal Event as part of our "Forward in Faith" Capital Campaign.

Where is the GALA?

The GALA is held at Goodwood Library this year. The event will again be indoors and outdoors, so dress accordingly.

What do I wear?

Everyone is invited to wear something semi-formal. Ladies can wear something short, tea-length, or long. Men are not required to wear a tux. A suit is just fine.

Tell me about tickets?

Virtual tickets be purchased online. They are \$75/person.

MBS Parents may also send a check/cash with their students to the School office.

You can also send the money to the Church Office. Please label the envelope "Gala - Attn Penne Leier" so we know where to bring the envelope.



What about the Auction?

We will have both a Silent and a Live Auction at the Gala. The Silent auction will be through the Qtego app. Live auction items will include vacation getaways. We will also have the coveted "First in Carpool Line" and "Principal for a Day."

When can I see the Auction items and begin bidding?

The items will go live on Qtego on January 21. We will post the link for easy access.

The items will close during the Gala, to be awarded thereafter.

Winner need not be present to win

What are INSTABUY items?

There are three Instabuy items:

- \$25 Free Dress Pass for a week for a student (week will be designated by School Administration).
- \$20 Raffle Ticket for a chance to win a Berretta Shotgun.
- \$50 Raffle Ticket for a chance to win a Yves Saint Laurent handbag.

These items can be purchased on the Qtego app also.

#998
YSL BAG RAFFLE



Enter for your chance to win this gorgeous Yves Saint Laurent large shoulder bag. This classic beauty features a front flap, magnetic snap closure, and is decorated with quilted over stitching. The leather and gold chain strap allows the bag to be worn two ways and the dark beige leather will complement any outfit! A true wardrobe star. Winner does not need to be present to win. Winner will be announced Saturday, February 4th at the Gala.

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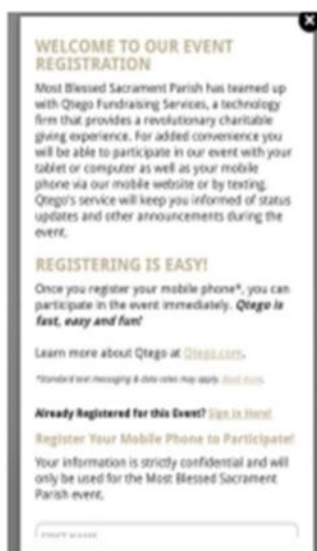
How to Participate in the Auction

1. Items will be live on Qtego site
January 21-February 4.

<https://qtego.net/qlink/mbsbr>

2. Visit the provided link

3. Register for the Event. All bids are digital,
so credit card information is required.



Your information is strictly confidential and will only be used for the Most Blessed Sacrament Parish event.

Registration form fields:

- FIRST NAME
- LAST NAME
- MOBILE PHONE NUMBER
- EMAIL
- ADDRESS
- CITY
- SELECT YOUR STATE
- ZIP
- CREDIT CARD NUMBER
- EXP DATE (dropdowns for month and year)

4. Begin bidding the afternoon of the 21st.

Bidding will close at 8:30pm on Saturday, February 4.

5. You do NOT need to attend the GALA to participate in the Auction or the Raffle.

6. You will receive a text on any item you are awarded. Items should be picked up the night of the Gala or at the Church Office on Monday, February 6.

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Mass Schedule and Intentions

Sat. Jan. 28	8:00 am	William McIntyre Mel Hyman
	4:30 pm	Heather Gaudet Elsie Chenevert St. Anthony Class of 1965 Alumnae Dr. C.G. & Dorothy Whitley Mike Kyle Pauline Perrault Carl Dietrich Mike Lloyd Ashleigh & Alex Culivan
Sun. Jan. 29	8:00 am	Judy Hartmann Lance Keas Michael Ross
	9:45 am	For The People
	11:30 am	Frank Collura The Arthur Aucoin Family
Mon. Jan. 30	8:45 am	Mr & Mrs William Hebert Blanche & Dalton Boudreaux
Tues. Jan. 31	8:45 am	
Wed. Feb. 1	8:45 am	Carmencita deGonzalez
Thurs. Feb. 2	8:15 am	Carmencita deGonzalez
Fri. Feb. 3	8:45 am	James & Shirley Zeringue Jacquin-Brun Family Carmencita deGonzalez

National Catholic Schools Week January 29—February 4, 2023

The theme for National Catholic Schools Week 2023 is "Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service." Schools typically observe the annual celebration week with Masses, Open houses and other activities for students, families, parishioners and community members. Through these events, schools focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities and our nation.

Most Blessed Sacrament parish students will participate in various ways during all the masses this weekend, January 28th & 29th in observance of Catholic Schools Week.



SUNDAY READINGS

(1st) **Zep 2:3; 3:12-13**
(Pslm) **146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10**
(2nd) **1 Cor 1:26-31**
(Gosp) **Mt 5:1-12a**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday Memorial of Saint John Bosco, Priest Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-27, 28 & 30, 31-32; Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday Feast of the Presentation of the Lord Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22-32

Friday Memorial of St Blaise, Bishop Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc; Mk 6:14-29

Saturday Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mk 6:30-34

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING Jan. 21-22, 2023

Identified Contributors	\$34,007.50
Unidentified Contributors	\$ 1,888.00
Total	\$35,895.50
Capital Campaign	\$ 345.00

Masses— Jan. 28-29, 2023	4:30 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	9:45 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Celebrant - Subject to Change	Fr. Todd Deacon Don	Fr. Todd Deacon Don	Fr. Todd Deacon Mark R	Fr. Todd Deacon Mark R

January 28-29, 2023 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Servers	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers
4:30 pm	Z Torregrossa, A Loya	T Hollis, P Adolph	T Hollis, E Wright, R Rinaudo, M Weger, E Lee, C Willis, B Magill
8:00 am	A Norris	K Hollier, K Simon	K Hollier, W Rabalais, V Browning, M Robichaux, J Dietrick, L Bayhi, C Rabalais
9:45 am	E Laudun, R Verinder	J Cormier, K Andress	J Laborde, M Delafield, D Brown, M Berthelot, M Messina, D Decell, K Decell
11:30 am	L Miller, B Meek	B Ragusa, A Fields	C LeBlanc, J Johnsonn, C Edelen, MK Aucoin, S Reynaud, D Kennedy, C Garbutt



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