



St. Francis Borgia

Roman Catholic Church

2nd Sunday of Lent

March 8, 2020



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While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." —Mt 17:5

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Sacramental Emergencies Only: Please call the Parish Office and press "2"

Mass Schedule

Saturday at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday at 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Monday-Thursday at 8:00 a.m.

Friday at 7:00 a.m.

First Saturday at 9:00 a.m.

Parish Mission Statement

As the Parish families of St. Francis Borgia of Blair, Nebraska, we are a faith community united in Christ by a common bond to the Roman Catholic Church. Our words and actions are a reflection of Christ's presence among us. We manifest God's work through our active participation in spiritual, educational, liturgical and service acts directed at bringing Christ to all.

John 15: Jesus says "love one another as I have loved you."

Dear Friends in Christ,

1. CORONAVIRUS PRECAUTIONS

The Archdiocese has issued a letter to all pastors and administrators spelling out guidelines concerning the coronavirus. We will continue to stay updated on the latest situation and take any precautions necessary to keep everyone safe.

2. PARISH OFFICE RENOVATION

The renovation of our new offices and youth room has begun. Last weekend, Eileen Korth, who is on our Building Committee, gave an update at the end of each Mass. Thank you to everyone who has worked hard on this project. Please pray that the renovation will go smoothly and that all workers will be kept safe.

3. KEITH GREEN

Keith Green, of our parish, will be welcomed into full Communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. He is married to Jodie and they have a child. Keith is a Candidate, which means that he has been baptized in another Christian church, and will be receiving the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. Last Sunday afternoon, we attended the Rite of Election, where Keith had the opportunity to meet Archbishop George Lucas.

4. PRAYER SERIES

For the last two Mondays, it has been a great blessing to have around 50 parishioners for the first two sessions of the Prayer Series. We still have four more sessions. It is not too late to join us. Simply call the Parish Office Monday morning so that we can get an accurate count for handouts.

5. SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION – SAVE THE DATE

Our parish Reconciliation Service is scheduled for Tuesday, March 31 at 7:00 p.m. Save the date! Make use of this opportunity to return to Jesus! No matter how long it has been since your last Confession, do not be afraid to be reconciled with our Lord, who waits for your return to Him with patience, love and mercy.

6. MINISTRIES FAIR

On the weekend of March 28 & 29, we will be having our Ministries Fair. All groups and organizations of our parish will be present to answer questions and to accept new members. On the weekend before, there will be a bulletin insert with details of all the groups and organizations. Please take the time to read about the various ministry offerings, and prayerfully consider which ministry our Lord is calling you to. God has given all of us gifts and talents, and we give glory and praise to Him when we make use of them for His Purpose and for our Parish family.

7. SITUATION IN SINGAPORE WITH CORONAVIRUS

Thank you to all who have asked about my parents and the coronavirus situation in Singapore. I appreciate your concern. Presently, the situation in Singapore is "contained." The Archbishop of Singapore recently said that all Masses throughout the Archdiocese will be suspended until further notice. All Catholic Christians were to tune in to a live Mass from the Cathedral of the Good Shepherd on Sunday evenings.

Let us continue to pray for the grace to die to self, and to persevere in our prayer, fasting and almsgiving, so that we will rise with Him to new life at Easter.

To Jesus through Mary,

Father Damien



Pray for one another

If there are any additions to, or removals from the prayer chain, please call Jane Gramke Stevens 402.278.2652

Lillie Flynn
David Shumaker
Chris Stevens-Gill
Megan Sorensen
Sharon Allen
Amy Murray
Viola Michrina
Gavin McCoy
Mike Kult
Angela Howard
Clair Kneifl
Mary Nelson
Sherry McBride
G. & F. Marek family
Troy McCandless
Mary Ann Wenzl
Eric Sorensen
Mike Hoefler
Grace Sorsoli
Helen Herman
Vince Kavanaugh
Jason Smith
Judy Quest
Kevin Mann
Nathan Kocmik
Sherry Pruss
Mary C Beckman
Jerry Wilke
Barbara Rican
Luke Kollars
Phil Thomas
Gordon C Gladdon
Andrea Dickerson
Shitra Mickerjee
Jack Comstock
Kasey Comstock
Kevin Clarke

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE (meh-ju-go-ria)

I would like to personally invite you to join me on a pilgrimage to Medjugorje from **November 27 to December 5, 2020**. I have been to Medjugorje four times. Each time, it has been a powerful and moving experience. Medjugorje has given me a deeper love for Jesus and our Mother Mary. It has also positively impacted my priesthood in many ways. The Vatican has given permission for dioceses and parishes to organize pilgrimages to Medjugorje. We already have a few parishioners signed up! We will be going with Stella Mar Pilgrimages. They produced the movies *Apparition Hill* and *Where There Is Darkness*. (You might remember the latter movie being promoted in our parish this past summer). The cost is around \$2,735 per person, and includes airfare, lodging, breakfasts and lunches. If you are interested, please call the Parish Office and speak with Kelly. Also, if you would like to watch the movie *Apparition Hill*, a powerful movie on Medjugorje, two copies are available for loan from the Parish Office.

LENT & EASTER

ASH WEDNESDAY LENT BEGINS



Emphasizes our mortality and our need for ongoing repentance.

PALM SUNDAY



Commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into the city of Jerusalem.

HOLY THURSDAY



Celebrates the Last Supper with the disciples and Passover.

GOOD FRIDAY



We remember the Passion and Jesus' sacrifice for us on the cross.

EASTER SUNDAY HE HAS RISEN!



Alleluia!
The principal feast of the ecclesiastical year. Jesus has risen!

Easter is an 8 day celebration leading to Easter Season, which ends on Pentecost.

DAYS OF FASTING

ASH WEDNESDAY
GOOD FRIDAY

WHAT IS FASTING?

One full meal and two smaller meals.

DAYS OF ABSTINENCE

ASH WEDNESDAY
GOOD FRIDAY
EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT

WHAT IS ABSTINENCE?

No meat.

40

The 40 days of Lent are based on two accounts: the 40 years of wandering by the Israelites and our Lord's 40 days in the wilderness at which point He was tempted by Satan.

PILLARS OF LENT

PRAYER
FASTING
ALMSGIVING

The key to understanding the meaning of Lent is simple: Baptism.



Food Pantry items needed

The Washington County Food Pantry is in need of the following food items. Please place all items in the tote in the commons area.

Non-refrigerated Juice	Oatmeal Packets
Boxed Potatoes	Jelly
Boxed Suddenly Salad	Syrup
Jello	Cream of Mushroom Soup
Marshmallows	Cream of Tomato Soup

Thank you, St. Francis Borgia, for your generosity during this Lenten time of almsgiving!

Pancake Feed to benefit our youth!

All proceeds from the March 15 Knights of Columbus Pancake Feed will go to help support the cost of our youth attending NCYC. Thanks, guys, for doing such an awesome job of supporting our youth!!

Thanksgiving Monetary Donation

Due to the generosity of those attending the Community Wide Thanksgiving Meal, St. Francis Borgia was able to present a check in the amount of \$2,485.51 to the Washington County Food Pantry.

Accompanist needed

St. Francis Borgia is looking for an additional accompanist to play at our weekend Masses. Please call the Parish Office if God has gifted you with this ability or if you know of someone. Thank you!

Pornography Addiction - Finding Healing and Hope Featuring Speaker Fr. Sean Kilcawley

- Understanding the issues
- Preventing early exposure
- Healing for those affected
- Best practices for addressing pornography use
- Resources for intervention

Fr. Kilcawley is a nationally recognized speaker on Theology of the body, human love, and pornography addiction. In 2019 he completed certification as a Pastoral Sexual Addiction Practitioner through the International Institute for Trauma and Addictions Professionals.

He also serves as the Director of the Office for Family Life, for the Diocese of Lincoln, and Theological Advisor for IntegrityRestored.com, a non-profit that provides education, training, and resources to help people break free from pornography and heal relationships.



Wednesday, March 25

Saint James Catholic Church Parish Center 4710 North 90th Street
11:30 a.m. Networking & Lunch 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Presentation

To register, please contact Dave Vankat at 402.829.9319 or email davev@ccomaha.org

WATCH VIA FACEBOOK LIVE STREAMING on March 25th.

Additional details will be emailed to those selecting this option.

Pastoral Care

MASS FOR SHUT INS

First Friday at Crowell Nursing Home - 10:00 a.m.

Second Friday at Good Shepherd - 10:00 a.m.

Sunday:

Archdiocesan Mass: Channel 6 at 10:30 a.m.

PARISH ROSARY

Saturday 4:35 p.m. & Sunday 7:35 a.m. & 9:35 a.m.

First Saturdays at 8:30 a.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Friday 7:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Sacraments

Reconciliation

Saturdays: 4:15 - 4:45 p.m.

Sundays: 9:15 - 9:45 a.m.

Confessions may also be heard by appointment.

Marriage

Contact the Parish Office at least 6 months in advance.

Baptisms

Contact the Parish Office at least one month in advance to schedule. All parents are expected to attend a short Baptism preparation meeting.

Sacrament of the Sick

Please contact the Parish Office.

Holy Orders

Please contact the Archdiocesan Vocation Director, Rev. Andrew Roza, at 402-558-3100.

Hospital Calls

Please contact the Parish Office.

Funeral Rites

Please contact the Parish Office.

OUR STEWARDSHIP

For General Operations

Budgeted Weekly	\$ 5,385.00
Collected February 29/March 1	\$ 4,369.03
Budget YTD	\$ 193,860.00
Collected YTD	\$ 195,817.13
Archbishop's Annual Appeal YTD (Parish Goal: \$24,836.93)	\$ 18,883.00



MASS TIMES

Monday, March 9 <i>Dennis & Valerie Ng</i>	8 a.m. Mass
Tuesday, March 10 <i>Hyland Family</i>	8 a.m. Mass
Wednesday, March 11 <i>Ray Preister †</i>	8 a.m. Mass
Thursday, March 12 <i>Kevin McCormick †</i>	8 a.m. Mass
Friday, March 13 <i>Des & Denise Gherity</i>	7 a.m. Mass
Saturday, March 14 <i>Royce Sperry †</i>	5 p.m. Mass
Sunday, March 15 <i>Jenny McKeon</i> <i>Henry Miller †</i>	8 a.m. Mass 10 a.m. Mass



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

For the Weekend
Of Mar 14 & 15

5:00 P.M. SATURDAY	8:00 A.M. SUNDAY	10:00 A.M. SUNDAY
EMHC (Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion) * Denotes Distribution of Precious Blood		
Ondracek O'Riley E. Thoene* L. Thoene* K. Adams* McGill*	Demers Foley* Hall* Gramke-Stevens*	Dawson Sorensen Bray* Ortmeier* Mencke* Mullen*
Lectors		
Chaffee	Comstock	Dawson
Altar Servers		
C. Flynn S. Lager W. Smith	D. Petersen M. Tonn B. Tonn	N. Slominski A. Slominski K. Smith
Rosary Leaders		
Zurek	Tonn	Foley