

Blessed Sacrament

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PARISH

Blessed Sacrament Parish Phone: 217-222-2759

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Pastor Emeritus: Monsignor Michael Kuse

Permanent Deacons: Deacon Terry Ellerman, Deacon Mike Ellerman

Director of Faith Formation: Audreana Derhake

Secretary: Laura Megown

Bookkeeper: Linda Ohnemus

Director of Music: Steve Buckman

Custodian: Ted Hea

Blessed Sacrament Society of St. Vincent de Paul: 217-430-3723

SCHOOL

Blessed Sacrament School Phone: 217-228-1477

Principal: Lisa Berhorst

School Administration Manager: Kailee Flesch

Secretary: Lori Quevillon

Technology: Dottie Buckman

Custodian: Rick Epping

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:00 a.m.

Wednesday: 5:30 p.m., Thursday: 8:15 a.m. (School Year)

First Saturday of the month: 8:30 a.m.

Saturday: 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m. (Spanish)

EUCCHARIST ADORATION

Wednesday: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

RECONCILIATION:

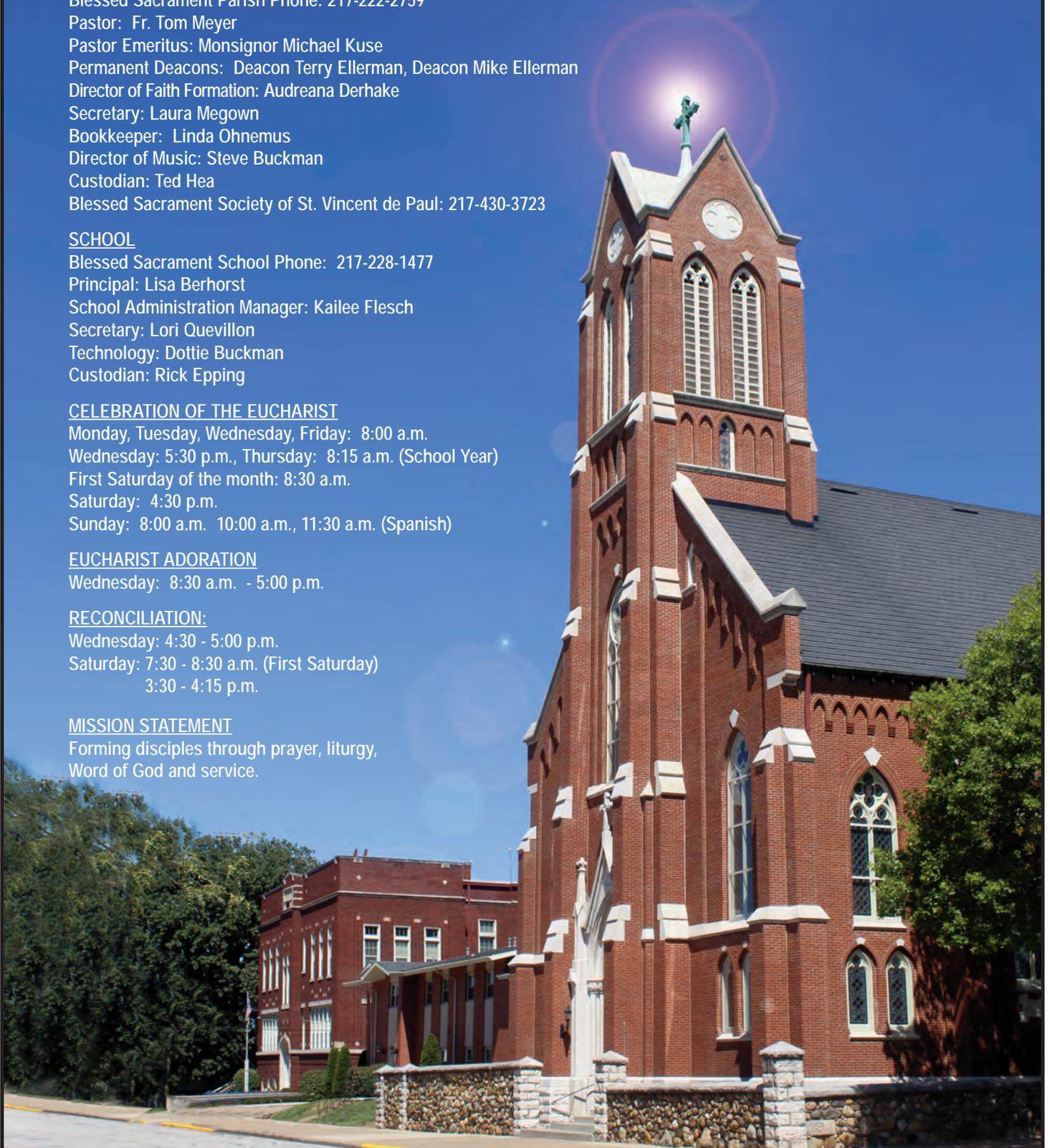
Wednesday: 4:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday: 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. (First Saturday)

3:30 - 4:15 p.m.

MISSION STATEMENT

Forming disciples through prayer, liturgy,
Word of God and service.



**Blessed Sacrament Parish
3rd Sunday of Advent
December 15, 2024**

Monday 8:00 a.m.	December 16, 2024 Bob Bastean
Tuesday 8:00 a.m.	December 17, 2024 For All Caregivers
Wednesday 8:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	December 18, 2024 Klene Family Rita Walker & the Poor Souls of Purgatory
Thursday 8:15 a.m. 3:00 p.m.-Sunset Home	December 19, 2024 Samatha Otte Joan Olps
Friday 8:00 a.m.	December 20, 2024 Patrick Kemner
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	December 21, 2024 Maurine Goehl
Sunday 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.-Spanish	December 22, 2024 Richard Hummel Elaine Hall People of the Parish

Sunday, December 8, 2024

Regular Collection:	\$ 11,207.00
Electronic Giving:	\$ 845.00
Total Collection	\$ 12,052.00
Weekly Support Needed:	\$ 12,013.00
Deficit/Surplus:	(\$ 39.00)
Regular Support Actual (YTD)	\$ 243,490.22
Regular Support Needed (YTD)	\$ 276,299.00
Regular Deficit/Surplus: (YTD)	(\$ 32,808.78)
Total School Collection	\$ 2,232.00
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This Week in Our Parish

Tuesday Legion of Mary-GS Jr. Legion of Mary-GS Pre-School Christmas Play <i>-Church</i> Quincy Spirit Group <i>-School Café</i>	December 17, 2024 1:15 p.m.–3:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Adoration-Church Reconciliation-Church Evening Prayer/Benediction	December 18, 2024 8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m. 4:30 p.m.–5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.–5:20 p.m.
Thursday RCIA-GS	December 19, 2024 6:30 p.m.

From the Pastor's Desk

Today we celebrate the **3rd Sunday of Advent**. We light the rose candle today which signifies Gaudete Sunday, which in Latin means "Rejoice". We rejoice as we realize that Christmas is almost here. At the same time our hearts are full of joy at the nearness of the coming of Christ. At Christ's first coming many followers were asking John the Baptist, "What should we do?" John proclaims that we should practice *justice* and await the baptism of the Holy Spirit and fire.

This weekend (December 14-15) we once again welcome **Holy Land Arts** to Blessed Sacrament to sell their sacred olive wood carvings just before Christmas. Bethlehem native Ward Qumsieh will return again next weekend to speak at each of the weekend Masses and sell these olive wood carvings that are handmade in Bethlehem. Please consider making a purchase as a gift for yourself or for members of your family.

This coming **Tuesday, December 17** our BSS PreSchool is celebrating their **PreK Christmas program at 6:00 p.m.** here at Blessed Sacrament. We look forward to hearing the message of Christmas through the singing and messages of our 3 and 4 year olds as they – and we – prepare to celebrate Christ's birth.

This afternoon (Sunday, December 15) I am inviting our Parish Altar Servers and Junior Legion members to attend a fun afternoon of **Christmas Caroling and attending a Men's QU Basketball game**. Christmas Caroling will take place from 1-3 p.m., followed by a 3 p.m. QU Men's Basketball Game versus Saginaw Valley State. This is a nice opportunity for me to say thank you to our Altar Servers and Junior Legion Members.

For your Christmas planning I publish our upcoming **Christmas Mass Schedule:**

**Christmas Eve Masses: 4:00 p.m.,
5:30 p.m., 11:00 p.m.**

Christmas Day Mass: 9:00 a.m.

Finally, there will be a **City-Wide Parish Advent Penance Services** next **Sunday, December 22 @ 3:00 p.m. at St. Peter's Church**. All of the priests of Quincy will be available to hear our confessions this (Sunday) afternoon. Please join us for one of the most important spiritual ways to prepare our hearts for Christmas.

May the Peace of Christ be with you all,
Fr. Tom

Advent Caring Collection

Week



Toilet Paper

Week



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Week



Hygiene Products

Week



Paper Towels

Next Sunday, December 22, 2024 is the 4th week of Advent. As in years past we will be collecting different items for the Catholic Charities and Ladies of Charity pantries. For the 4th week of Advent we are collecting paper towels. Donations are collected in the Gathering Space.

25 Not Impossible Christmas Trivia Questions – *Dive Deep* presents 25 not impossible Catholic Trivia questions about Christmas! Go to youtube.com/diospringfield or search “Dive Deep” on all the major podcast platforms to listen and subscribe. *Dive Deep* is the podcast of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois.

3rd Sunday of Advent

“Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.” (Philippians 4:6)

St. Paul reminds us that God is an abundant God – He is the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. Remember, that we are created in God’s image and likeness. We, too, are made to be generous with all of our gifts as well. Placing our trust in God frees us from being a slave to possessions. It allows us to gratefully and generously share ourselves and our goods with others.



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*Fr. Tom, Deacon Terry, Deacon Mike,
Laura, Linda, Audreana, & Ted*

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR Saturday, December 21, 2024

Mass Times	Servers	Communion Minister	Greeters	Lectors	Usher
Saturday, 4:30 p.m.	Blake Myers Vivi Wilson Luke Coovert	Deacon Mike Ruth Bange Teresa Zaerr	Greg & Mary Schoenekase (GS) Bonnie Cook (WD) Diane Butler (SD)	Jeanne Smith	Jim Schrand Melissa Daggett John Daggett Dean Herring

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR Sunday, December 22, 2024

Mass Times	Servers	Communion Minister	Greeters	Lectors	Usher
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	Stone Flesch Hadley Garner Asher Richards	Deacon Mike Laura Peterson Kailee Flesch	Pat & Sue Ann Gerveler (GS) Devon & Erin Stegman (WD) Jeff & Suzanne Peters (SD)	Matt Schmidt	Mike Moening Jeff Goerlich Ted Johnson Larry Jochem
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.	Bryson Shull Haley Terwelp Emma Vogel	Jennifer Dickerman Patty Adam Jill Kelly	Emily & Haley Barnes (GS) Shane & Robin Reis (WD) Cheryl Thevil (SD)	Mike Young Mandy Young	Marvin Schrecke Ron Kelly Shawn Dickerman Mark McDowell

SERVERS Week of December 23, 2024

Monday, December 23, 2024, 8:15 a.m.- Asher Richards & Briella Reis
Tuesday, December 24, 2024, 8:00 a.m.- Asher Richards & Briella Reis
Thursday, December 26, 2024, 8:00 a.m.- Lillian Hendrian & Abram Hendrian
Friday, December 27, 2024, 8:00 a.m.- Lillian Hendrian & Abram Hendrian

The Annual QND Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

QND Pancake and Sausage Breakfast will be Sunday, January 5 from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the QND cafeteria. The cost is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. (Children under 5 eat free). All proceeds benefit the Catholic Heart Workcamp trip this summer.

Please Pray for Parish Family Members:

Doris Hildebrand, Tom Liesen, Robin Cimera, Robert Conover, Carl Nieders, Rosie Meyer, Gene & Rita Esselman, Dan Meade, Kristin Adams, Jane Lester, Alia Strunk, Delores Lumpkins, Joe Conover, Evelyn & Jerry Gengenbacher, Sylvia Peters, Jeff Lewis & Dustin Houston.



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December, 2024

My dear Friends in Christ,

Catholic Times, the magazine of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois, has always been a key communication tool for our diocese. Whether it is important announcements, teaching the faith, or inspirational stories, the magazine provides tremendous value to readers. For example, that was apparent this past year with special coverage of the historic National Eucharistic Pilgrimage procession that stopped in seven cities in our diocese.

Catholic Times continues to hear from readers across the diocese that they read it from "cover to cover." In fact, two people specifically told us they "finally understand purgatory" and why we must pray for the dead after *Catholic Times* offered several pages in a November edition educating people about this aspect of our faith.

For another consecutive year, *Catholic Times* received national awards from the Catholic Media Association's national awards program. *Catholic Times'* new website offers a much better user experience that features podcasts, videos, articles, my column, and an easy search tool.

Catholic Times is committed to deepening readers' understanding of the Catholic faith through its Hey, Father! series, tackling complex topics in bioethics, and illuminating the meaning of sacraments, the Mass, and Church teachings. At the heart of the magazine is its feature reporting, which highlights inspiring stories of individuals, parishes, and schools working to advance the Kingdom of God within the diocese. With a strong focus on local coverage, each issue delivers stories that resonate with readers, featuring contributions from both laity and clergy who are integral to the community.

My column, "Lex Cordis Caritas," is one of the best ways I can speak about the issues we face as Catholics and update readers on important decisions I make that impact the faithful.

It is all these reasons why I believe *Catholic Times* should be available to every household in our diocese, either digitally or by mail. During the weekend of January 11/12, 2025, please encourage your parishioners to respond gratefully in support of this communication tool so we can ensure *Catholic Times* remains an inexpensive source of Catholic information, education, and inspiration.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois
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