

Blessed Sacrament

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PARISH

Blessed Sacrament Parish Phone: 217-222-2759

Pastor: Fr. Tom Meyer

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:

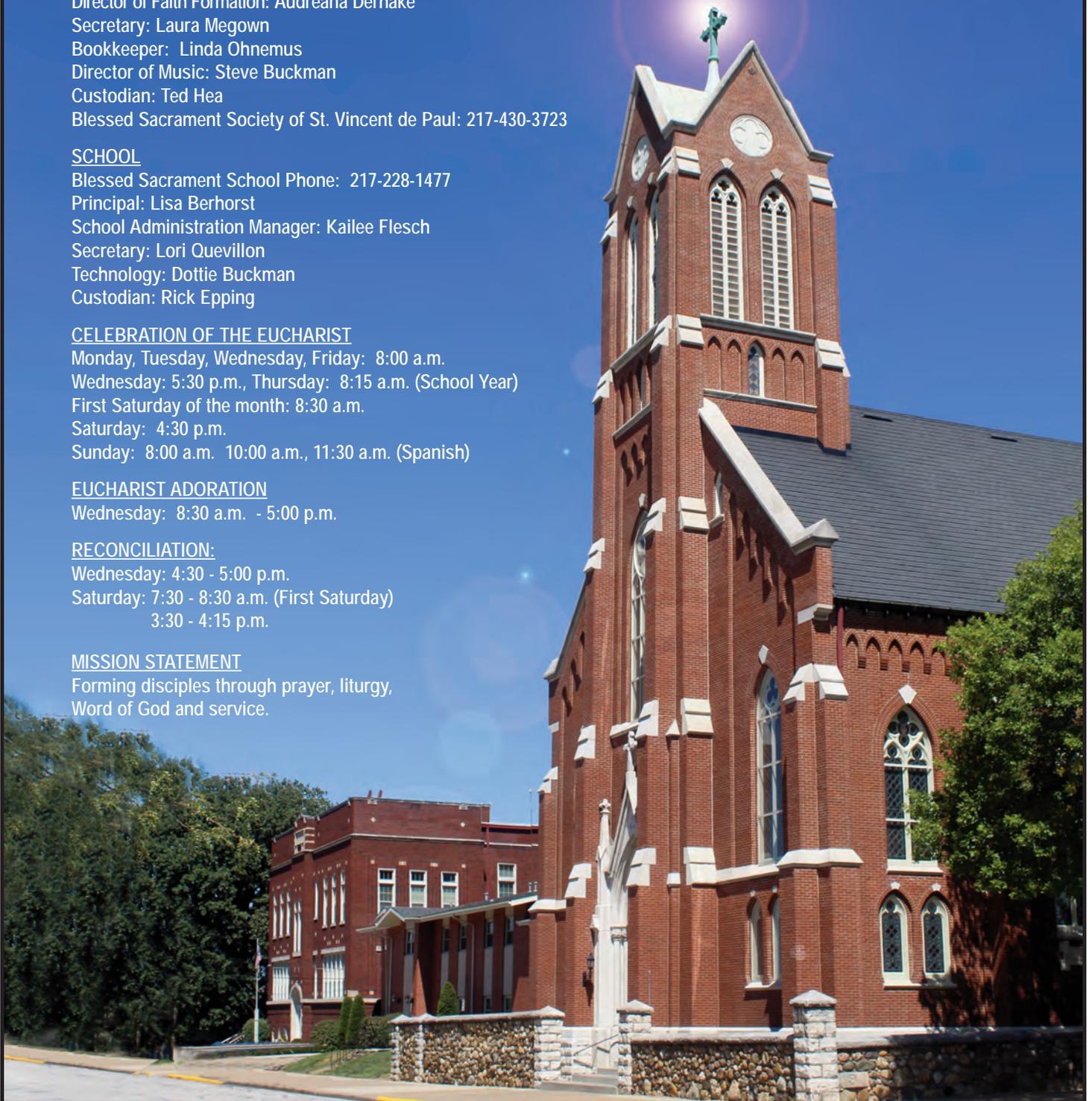
Wednesday: 4:30 - 5:00 p.m.

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
2nd Sunday of Advent
December 8, 2024**

Monday 8:15 a.m.-Holy Day Mass 5:30 p.m.-Holy Day Mass	December 9, 2024 Anna Milbert Sandy Meade
Tuesday 8:00 a.m.	December 10, 2024 John Ohnemus
Wednesday 8:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 10:00 p.m.-Lady of Guadalupe	December 11, 2024 Klene Family Fr. Tom & His Intentions Jerry Fisher
Thursday 8:00 a.m.	December 12, 2024 Virginia Schuering
Friday 8:00 a.m.	December 13, 2024 Fr. Pat Christopher
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	December 14, 2024 Ken Moenning
Sunday 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.-Spanish	December 15, 2024 People of the Parish Barb Dance John Allen

Sunday, December 1, 2024

Regular Collection:	\$ 8,417.00
Electronic Giving:	\$ 845.00
Total Collection	\$ 9,262.00
Weekly Support Needed:	\$ 12,013.00
Deficit/Surplus:	(\$ 2,751.00)
Regular Support Actual (YTD)	\$ 231,438.22
Regular Support Needed (YTD)	\$ 264,286.00
Regular Deficit/Surplus: (YTD)	(\$ 32,847.78)
Grandparent Day Haiti Food Collection	\$1,159.00
Total School Collection	\$ 4,105.00
Haiti	\$ 1,034.00

This Week in Our Parish

Tuesday Legion of Mary-GS Jr. Legion of Mary-GS	December 10, 2024 1:15 p.m.–3:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.
Wednesday Adoration-Church Reconciliation-Church Evening Prayer/Benediction	December 11, 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 12, 2024 6:30 p.m.
Saturday CCW Christmas Party-Sprout's Holyland Art Sale-GS	December 14, 2024 11:00 a.m. 4:30 p.m.

From the Pastor's Desk

Today we celebrate the 2nd Sunday of Advent. In the gospel story today we hear the voice of the prophet John the Baptist. "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." During this season of Advent we look at the pathway we make for Christ's coming into our heart. The greatest obstacle we place in that pathway is sin. We ask the Lord of mercies to help us identify those obstacles, and through the Sacrament of Reconciliation we "make straight his path" to our heart.

Tomorrow (Monday, December 9) we celebrate the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**, which has been clarified by Rome to be a Holy Day of Obligation. We have 2 Masses available for your attendance tomorrow:

**Monday 8:15 a.m.
Monday 5:30 p.m.**

Please take advantage of this opportunity to deepen, with the aid of Mary's intercession, your Advent preparation for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

This **Wednesday, December 11** we will celebrate **The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe with a 10:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish**. Our Spanish speaking community will be celebrating this Feast Day of the Virgin Mary who appeared to Juan Diego in Guadalupe outside of Mexico City. The readings, prayers, and music will all be in Spanish. All are welcome to attend.

Next 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.

Next **Sunday afternoon, 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.

This upcoming January 25/26 (3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time) the Universal Church celebrates the "**Sunday of the Word of God**." In 2019 Pope Francis proclaimed this annual celebration to highlight the importance of the Word of God in the lives of Catholics. As a way for Blessed Sacrament Parish to celebrate this day here locally, we would like to present on that day the gift of a brand new "**Great Adventure Catholic Bible**" to each of our 8th Grade students. This gift will be their permanent Bible to keep as they move into high school and young adult life. For the parish to be able to provide this gift, I am looking for donors willing to sponsor one Bible by making a **\$36 donation**. Simply place your check in an envelope entitled, "Sponsor a Bible." Thank you so very much for your generosity in helping provide these Bibles to our 8th Grade students this upcoming January.

Finally, there will be a **City-Wide Parish Advent Penance Services on Sunday, December 22 @ 3:00 p.m. at St. Peter's Church**. Please mark your calendars to join us.

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

To report allegations of sexual abuse of a minor by clergy or other church personnel -- even if it is in the past -- individuals are encouraged to call the Diocese's Child Abuse Reporting and Investigation number at 217.321.1155. Individuals may also contact Illinois Department of Children and Family Services Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.25.ABUSE.

Advent Caring Collection

Week

1

Toilet Paper

Week

2

Cleaning Supplies

Week

3

Hygiene Products

Week

4

Paper Towels

Next Sunday, December 15, 2024 is the 3rd week of Advent. As in years past we will be collecting different items for the Catholic Charities and Ladies of Charity pantries. For the 3rd week of Advent we are collecting hygiene products such as diapers, wipes toothpaste/brushes, floss, soap, shampoo etc. During the 4th Sunday we will be collecting paper towels. Donations are collected in the Gathering Space.

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE

*Immaculate
Conception*

Monday Dec 9th

A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

BLESSED SACRAMENT
CHRISTMAS 2024
MASS TIMES

DEC 24: 4:00PM

5:30 PM

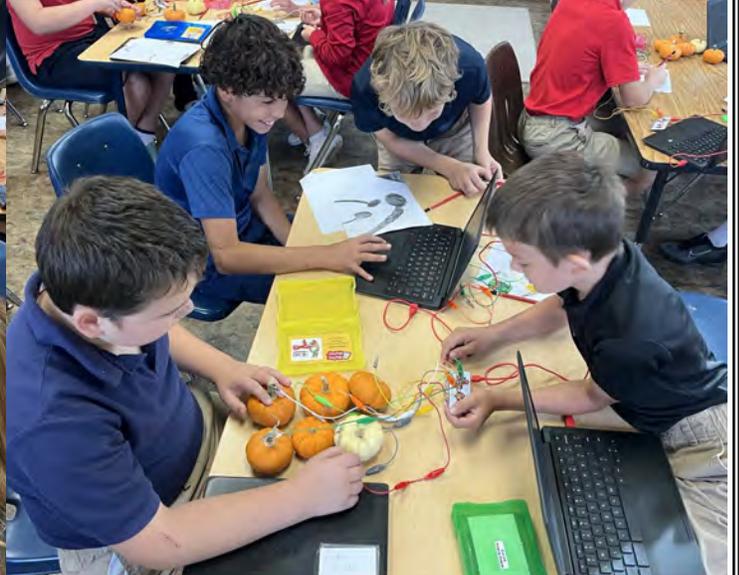
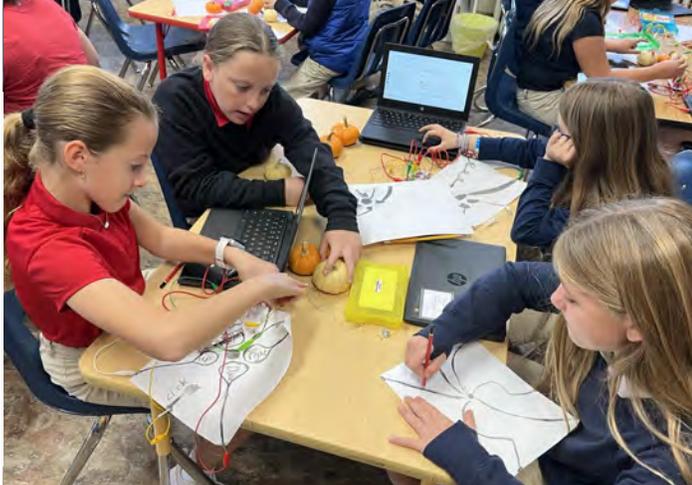
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DEC 25: 9:00AM

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best! Merry
Christmas to
all of you!



14 Day Candle Burns in Memory of Becky Nellos

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

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Catholic Children's Home celebrated their 145 anniversary this year. Although times have changed, their mission to serve as a 'beacon of hope' for children in need has not. The Catholic Children's Home (CCH) has been a safe harbor and a place to call home for thousands of children over the years.

CCH continues their mission by meeting the emotional, social, academic and basic material needs of all the children sent for residential care or special education services. This includes an innovative program designed to serve the needs of children with severe autistic challenges. "Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from him." Psalm 127:3 The children served by CCH have been chronically abused, designated "unmanageable" by their schools or simply have no place to call home. They are some of the most vulnerable in our society.

The Christmas season can be a particularly difficult time for these youths as many of them are without a family. Those who have a family often lack the special care they need. Please keep these children in your prayers throughout this holy season of Advent and Christmas. With your help, the Catholic Children's Home can continue to serve the special needs of these children in the name of Jesus Christ, as it has since 1879.

In the spirit of Christ's incredible love for all children, I ask that you continue to support the work of the Catholic Children's Home and generously contribute to the special Christmas collection. *"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."* (Romans 15:13) May God fill your hearts with love, grace and a spirit of giving during these blessed days of Advent and Christmas.

With every best wish and gratitude, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR Saturday, December 14, 2024

Mass Times	Servers	Communion Minister	Greeters	Lectors	Usher
Saturday, 4:30 p.m.	Hannah Coovert Reagan Lucchetti Jocelyn Weise	Mary Jo Terwelp Doug Luther Ceil Dix	Kristen Greer (GS) Mary Miller (WD) Steve Myers (SD)	Pam Luther	Tim Terwelp James Smith Jim Schrand Andy Weisse

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR Sunday, December 15, 2024

Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	Quinn Feldner Allison Lenane Alyssa Druffel	Pam LaTour Kevin Steinkamp Nancy Kelly	Robert & Mary Kay Brown (GS) Karen Finson (WD) Deborah Wegs (SD)	Colleen Maalouf	Jean Brod Brian Brod Gerry Salfen Chris Wegs
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.	Katelynn Dance Olivia Bailey Kaileb Baker	Deacon Terry Nancy Schodroski Amber Hendrian	2-4th Grade Students (GS) 2-4 Grade Students (WD) 2-4 Grade Students (SD)	2-4th Grade Students	4-4th Grade Students

SERVERS Week of December 16, 2024

Monday, December 16, 2024, 8:15 a.m.- Emma Vogel & Hector Viera
Tuesday, December 17, 2024, 8:00 a.m.- Emma Vogel & Hector Viera
Wednesday, December 18, 2024, 8:00 a.m.- Emma Vogel & Hector Viera
Thursday, December 19, 2024, 8:00 a.m.- Haley Terwelp, Bryson Shull & Lucas Selby
Friday, December 20, 2024, 8:00 a.m.- Bryson Shull & Lucas Selby

**Braxton James
Schlepphorst**

**Son of Eric & Katherine
Schlepphorst**

**Baptized on
November 24, 2024**

**May God bless &
keep you!**



**Brooks Robert
Frame**

**Son of Dustin & Andrea
Frame**

**Baptized on
November 30, 2024**

**May God bless &
keep you!**

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