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

<u>CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST</u> 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)

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

<u>RECONCILIATION:</u> Wednesday: 4:30 - 5:00 p.m. Saturday: 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. (First Saturday) 3:30 - 4:15 p.m.

<u>MISSION STATEMENT</u> Forming disciples through prayer, liturgy, Word of God and service. Blessed Sacrament Parish 3rd Sunday of Lent March 23, 2025

March 24, 2025

March 25, 2025

March 26, 2025

Charles Schafer

March 27, 2025

March 28, 2025 Gene Essellman

March 29, 2025

Jim Holtman

Klene Family

Tom Lepper

Carl Nieders

Raymond Meckes

Monday 8:00 a.m.

Tuesday 8:00 a.m.

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

Thursday 8:15 a.m. 3:00-Sunset Home

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4:30 p.m.

Barb Woodvine Sunday March 30, 2025 8:00 a.m. **Barb Peters** 10:00 a.m. Elaine & Jacob Hall 11:30 a.m.-Spanish People of the Parish

Sunday, March 16, 2025

| Regular Collection: | \$ 6,036.00 |
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| Electronic Giving: | <u>\$ 840.00</u> |
| Total Collection | \$ 6,876.00 |
| Weekly Support Needed: | \$ 12,013.00 |
| Deficit/Surplus: | (\$ 5,137.00) |
| Regular Support Actual (YTD) | \$ 392,580.41 |
| Regular Support Needed (YTD) | <u>\$ 444,481.00</u> |
| Regular Deficit /Surplus: (YTD) | (\$ 51,900.59) |
| Total School Collection | \$ 1,325.00 |
| Haiti | \$ 130.00 |

This Week in Our Parish

| Monday | March 24, 2025 |
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| Mysteries of the Rosary-GS | 6:30 p.m.–8:00 p.m. |
| Tuesday | March 25, 2025 |
| GriefShare-GS | 10:00 a.m. |
| Legion of Mary-GS | 1:15 p.m 3:00 p.m. |
| Jr. Legion of Mary-GS | 3:00 p.m4:00 p.m. |
| Walking with Jesus-Cafeteria | 6:00 p.m. |
| CCW-GS | 6:00 p.m. |
| Wednesday | March 26, 2025 |
| Adoration-Church | 8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m. |
| Reconciliation-Church | 4:30 p.m.–5:00 p.m. |
| Evening Prayer/Benediction | 5:00 p.m.–5:20 p.m. |
| Building and Grounds-GS | 6:00 p.m. |
| Thursday | March 27, 2025 |
| OCIA-GS | 6:30 p.m. |
| Choir Practice-Church | 7:00 p.m. |
| Friday | March 28, 2025 |
| Finance Council-GS | 11:30 a.m. |
| Lenten Video Series-GS | 5:15 p.m. |
| Stations of the Cross-Church | 6:00 p.m. |

From the Pastor's Desk

Today we celebrate the 3rd Sunday of Lent. In the gospel we hear Jesus' exhortation to repent. Jesus uses the parable of the fig tree to demonstrate that he will give us every opportunity to change our ways. When we engage in true repentance we are certain to bear good fruit. If the repentance and fruit do not come, the "gardener" will return later for the "cutting". We have recently received a \$676 check to officially

Complete our Sister Parish School Security Wall! Wé sent our first payment on the wall last February 2024. In just 13 months we have now completed a \$29,556 Security Wall for our Sister Parish School. That is truly amazing!!! I want to thank all who generously gave toward the Security Wall over the last 13 months, including our own school children, anonymous donors, and Trivia Night participants. With your generosity the students at St. Antoine School have a new layer of protection in addition to their many guardian angels who watch over them day by day.

The season of Lent should include the following elements for us to focus upon: (1) Fasting -giving up something we like; (2) Prayer; and (3) Charity - doing charitable works for others and donating money to charity. Blessed Sacrament will provide several liturgical and devotional opportunities each week during Lent to assist you in your spiritual growth during this Lenten season.

| Wednesdays: 8:30 a.m5:20 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration |
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| 4:30-5:00 p.m.: Confessions |
| 5:00 p.m.: Vespers w/ Benediction |
| 5:30 p.m.: Mass |
| Fridays: 5:15 p.m.: Video Series, |
| "No Greater Love" (GS) |
| 6:00 p.m.: Stations of the Cross (Church) |
| A Lenten study series I would like to recommend is |
| "No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk through Christ's |

Passion," by Dr. Edward Sri of Ascension Press. Our study will include watching a weekly 30-minute video

study will include watching a weekly 30-minute video by Dr. Edward Sri set in the historical locations within the Holy Land itself. We will meet on the following Friday's of Lent in the Gathering Space: Friday, March 28 @ 5:15-6:00 p.m.: Video #3 Friday, April 4 @ 5:15-6:00 p.m.: Video #4 Friday, April 11 @ 5:15-6:00 p.m.: Video #5 This upcoming Tuesday, March 25 our parish is organizing a Trip to the March for Life in Springfield. This is an opportunity for our parish members to express to our State of Illinois legislators our support for all human life from conception until natural death. for all human life from conception until natural death. Please call the Parish Office to sign up.

Finally, next weekend we will celebrate a 40 Hours Devotion on the weekend of March 28-30. This devotion consists in 40 straight hours of Eucharistic Adoration, marking the 40 hours that Jesus spent in the tomb. For these 40 hours we are asking for parish members to sign up for one hour of Eucharistic Adoration from Friday 4:00 p.m. through Sunday 8:00 a.m. We will have several ways for parish members to sign up: online (Sign-up Genius) or on paper. Please consider offering one hour during this time as part of your Lenten offering.

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

Illinois Pro-Life March takes center stage in Springfield – On Tuesday,

March 25, you are invited to join thousands of pro-life advocates, being a joyful witness to life and raising your voice for the voiceless at the Illinois Pro-Life March. There is a rally at the capitol at 1 p.m. and then a march around the capitol at 2 p.m.





One Day Marriage Enrichment Retreat – Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience that will enrich couples' understanding of the spirituality of marriage and introduce them to a personal couple

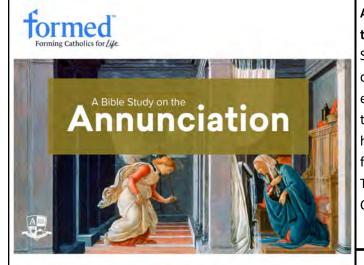
prayer they can continue at home. This one-day marriage enrichment retreat entitled, "God Chose You for Me," is an experience designed to deepen the spiritual connection between married couples. Dates and locations for this special enrichment in 2025 include:

Saturday, May 10 – Cardinal Rigali Center in St. Louis, MD
 Saturday, August 16 – Sacred Heart Parish in Valley Park, MD
 Saturday, September 20 – St. Ncholas Parish in O'Fallon, IL
 This special one-day enrichment is sponsored by Worldwide Marriage
 Encounter. To register, go tα stl-wwme.org/communitynews.php

3rd Sunday of Lent

"He said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none." – *Luke* 13:7

We can all be like the barren fig tree at times. Do you cling to what you have, or do you generously share with others? How will you respond when God asks you what you have done with all the gifts He has given you? Remember, not only are we called to be generous; we are called to develop and nurture our gifts; and return them with increase. We are called to be generous with all of gifts; especially the one that means the most to you.



Attend film about the first millennial saint, Carlo Acutis, in theatre near you! – On Sunday, April 27, the first Millennial Saint, Carlo Acutis, will be canonized in Rome. That same day, a movie about his life will be in theaters nationwide entitled *Carlo Acutis: Roadmap to Reality*. See locations and tickets at <u>www.carloacutisfilm.com</u>. Around the world there has been great interest in learning more about this fascinating young man and his impact on the youth of today. This movie will be an inspiration to all who watch it to follow Carlo's example by becoming an authentic disciple of Christ.

A Bible Study on the Annunciation

In this video, Dr. Ben Akers leads us through a brief study of Luke 1:26–38, highlighting some of the key Old Testament passages evoked by Gabriel's words. The reflection concludes with some thoughts on how we can imitate Mary's Yes in our own life, especially in this time of suffering.

Our parish has a Formed subscription. Visit formed.org/signup and select our parish. Scan the QR code to download the Formed app to your phone.



Attention college students! Take your faith with you to school! The Newman community at your school would love to connect with you and help you continue your faith journey while away at college. To find out more about the Newman program at your school, visit <u>newmanministry.com/</u>.

An offering from the 😽 AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

Prayer...Líturgy...Word of God...Servíce

3rd Qtr House Challenge



BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Blessed Sacrament Catholic School is accepting applications for one full-time teaching position in grades 5 through 8 for the 2025-2026 school year. Applicants must hold an active Illinois teaching license and demonstrate enthusiasm and dedication to student success. As a Catholic school, we seek educators who are committed to fostering both academic excellence and spiritual growth in a faith-filled environment that supports the values of our Catholic tradition. Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume, and three letters of reference via email to principal@blessedscs.org or by mail to Mrs. Lisa Berhorst, Principal, Blessed Sacrament Catholic School, 1115 South 7th Street, Quincy, IL 62301. For inquiries, please contact the school office at 217-228-1477. Blessed Sacrament Catholic School wages are based on years of experience and education ranging from \$33,000 to \$70,000 depending upon education and experience. More specific information will be provided upon request.

14 Day Candle In Memory of Paul & Ginnie Schuering

Circle of Caring

If you know of anyone who could use a helping hand after returning home from the hospital, please contact the Parish Office at 217-222-2759. The Circle of Caring is for anyone who has just had a baby, returned home from the hospital or is unable to drive. Volunteers will carry in meals, provide rides, or just lend a helping hand.

Please Pray for Parish Family Members: Doris Hildebrand, Tom Liesen, Robin Cimera, Robert Conover, Rosie Meyer, Rita Esselman, Dan Meade, Kristin Adams, Jane Lester, Alia Strunk, Delores Lumpkins, Joe Conover, Evelyn & Jerry Gengenbacher, Dustin Houston, Jeff Lewis.

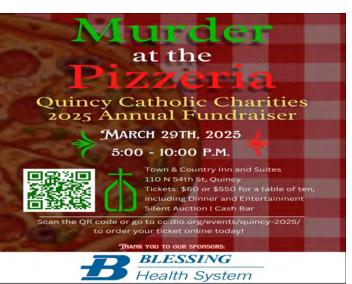




Blessed Sacrament Church PANCAKE ESAUSAGE BREAKFAST April 13 9am-12:30 Adults ^{\$10} Children Under 12 ^{\$5} Children Under 5 Free Family ^{\$25} School Cafeteria

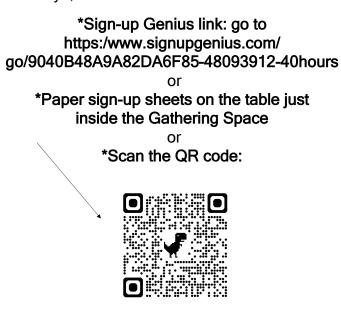
& Gathering Space 1115 S 7th St. | Quincy, IL

To Volunteer, visit: http://bit.ly/43xnbsP



Next weekend is the **5th Sunday of the Month** and a second collection will be taken up for **our parish's St. Vincent de Paul Society Conference**. Our St. Vincent de Paul Society Conference visits less fortunate people in their homes and uses these funds to provide food, help with bills, and about anything else one can imagine. It is humbling work and we can only do it with your most generous donations. Thank you in advance for your participation next weekend.

40 straight hours of Eucharistic Adoration, marking the 40 hours that Jesus spent in the tomb. For these 40 hours we are asking our parish members' to sign up for one hour of Eucharistic Adoration from *Friday 3:00 p.m. through Sunday 8:00 a.m.* You can sign up in 1 of 3 ways;



Do you have time to spend with Jesus?

| Mass Times | Servers | Communion Minister | Greeters | Lectors | Usher |
|---------------------------------------|---|--|--|---|---|
| Saturday, 4:30 p.m. | Blake Myers Luke Coovert Hannah Coovert | Deacon Mike Teresa Zaerr Ashley Wilson | Debbie Smith (GS) Kathy Beckman(WD) Sara Cramer (SD) | Jane Lester | Gary Beckman Jim Schrand Mike Cramer Sub. Requested |
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| Mass Times | Servers | Communion Minister | Greeters | Lectors | Usher |
| Sunday, 8:00 a.m. | Kyra Brandon Quinn Feldner Sylvia Feldner | Deacon Terry Mary Lynn Tucker Laura Peterson | Andy & Danielle Weise (GS) Patrick & Sue Ann Gerveler (WD) Suzanne Peters & Jeffery Peters (SD) | Damin Meyer | Mike Menning Matt Schmidt Gerry Salfen Jeff Goerlich |
| Mass Times | Servers | Communion Minister | Greeters | Lectors | Usher |
| Sunday, 10:00 a.m. | Briella Reis Lucas Selby Reagan Lucchettie | Deacon Terry Emily Barnes Haley Barnes | 2-St. Faustina House Members (GS) 2-St. Faustina House Members (WD) 2-St.Faustina House Members (SD) | 2-St. Faustina House Members | 4-St. Faustina House Members |
| | Tuesday, Ap Wednesday, A rsday, April 3, 202 Friday, April 4 is Pro-Life I | ch 31, 2025, 8:00 a.r ril 1, 2025, 8:00 a.m April 2, 2025, 8:00 a. 25, 8:15 a.m. – Lorel 4, 2025, 8:00 a.m. – March (form | ek of March 31, 2025 m. – Reagan Lucchetti M. – Reagan Lucchetti 8 m. – Reagan Lucchetti Berhorst, Temprance Loreli Berhorst & Temp Merly the Illino Dro-life event | Jocelyn Weise & Jocelyn Weise Berhhorst & Riley orance Berhhorst | |
| Where: The Linco Why: To celebrate | March 25, 2025; In Statue in fron e and defend LIF | 1 p.m. is the Rally t of the Illinois Cap E! If you've partic | and 2 p.m. is the Ma pitol Building, 401 S 2 ipated in this march | rch 2nd St. Springfie in the past, you | |

Right to Life of Adams County is sponsoring a chartered bus to travel to Springfield. Call Lyn Schlipmann for more information & reservation 217-653-0075 Cost—only \$15 per person; \$25 per person if box lunch included.

Prayer...Líturgy...Word of God...Servíce

Mark your Calendar for the Upcoming St. Anthony / St. Dominic Fish Fries

Lenten Fish Fries-4:30 -7 p.m. St. Dominic: April 4 St. Anthony: March 28, April 11

Catfish Plate (Whole/Fillet) 3 sides, drink & dessert -\$14 Walleye Plate (includes 3 sides, drink & dessert -\$14 Child's Plate 1 pc of walleye, 2 sides, drink & dessert -\$8 Fish Sandwich, Fries & Drink- \$8

Carry outs available:

St. Dominic enter through EAST driveway way St. Anthony enter SOUTH basement entrance

Community of Catholic Women

You are warmly invited to join us on **Tuesday**, March 24 at 6:00 p.m. in the Gathering **Space** for a time of fellowship and connection. Light snacks will be provided. We look forward to seeing you there!

Roman Catholic Cemetery of Quincy IL.

Calvary, St. Boníface, & St. Peter's Cemeteries The Roman Catholic Cemetery Association will have the 2025 clean-up on March 31 to April 4, 2025. You must have everything off the graves by Sunday March 30. Graves may be decorated again starting April 5, 2025. Thank you for your cooperation!

Call to All Women

Quincy Deanery Council of Catholic Woman's Spring

REGISTRATION: 7:30-7:50 AM

AND CONTINUES AFTER MASS

Registration and Luncheon \$10

Eucharistic Adoration & Rosary.

10 AM Breakfast followed by

meeting and Luncheon

Silent Auction/Raffle:

-Proceeds Support

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We welcome items of

any size or value

Gathering and Lunch

The Sign of

the Cross

Speaker:

Deacon Dennis

Holbrook

Following Mass:

Share Table:

Bring Religious

items and books

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to pass on.

use or would like

Mass: 8:00

Calling All 13-15 year olds! Come join the upcoming Quest #104 and get ready for some fun!

Quest is a fast-paced 24-hour Christian experience for 13 to 15 year olds. It is a time to come together to find out about God, friendships, and self in a fun-filled, exciting, amusing, thoughtful, and carefree surrounding. A time to meet new people while praying, playing, singing, and sharing with them.

Quest is held at the Franciscan Retreat Center of Quincy University and lasts from 6:00 p.m. Friday to 5:30 p.m. Saturday. The cost for a candidate is \$50 and includes room, snacks, breakfast and lunch, and other surprises. Adult observers interested in working with youth are also welcome. To submit applications, please visit Greatrivertec.org under the Quest tab.

Any questions, please reach out to Julie Catlett at 217-653-8174







First Friday Memorials 2024-2025

Flaiz & Lohman Families & Nick Miller William & Esther Bergman Les Duesterhaus Charlie & Scott Roan Living & Deceased Members of Lawrence & Marie Klauser Family Living & Deceased Members of Schulte & Kroeger Families **Goehl & Koetters Families** Parker & Mildred Gates Barbara Gerdes & Mary Gerdes Harold & Virginia Hartman Marian & Virgil Terwelp Richard & Helen Lukeman **Dick Iseminger & Families** Mike & Laura Rokita & Liz Galloway Madalon Elam, Marshall & Mildred Campbell, Hamil & Hilda Elam, John & Delores Peterson, John Peterson Jr. Carl & Margaret Spettnagel Cook, Gallaher & VandenBoom Families Sage Moore Mary & Greg Wellman Kenneth & Joan Steinkamp Selby & Meier Families Tracy Dede & the Families of Mary & Jerry Lovell Jeffrey & BJ VandenBoom Fr. Don Everett & Mary Knuffman The Hessling Family Larry & David Steinkamp Virginia & Francis Liesen Michael G. Liesen Bill Wegs Milkint & Weede Families William Hughes Bange & Benz Families Frank & Elsie Olps Family Norbert & Viola Klingele Families Henry & Regina Geschwandner Families Louis & Laura Holtschlag & Family Louis J. Frese & Walker Morrison Families

Kathleen Cain Franke & Smith Families Living & Deceased Members of Peters & Maguire Families Kuse & Schmidt Families A.B. Blickhan & H.B. Schuering Families Missie Ohnemus Moore Living & Deceased Members of Penie & Emma Vahlkamp Albright & Havermale Families Deceased Members of Fenwick & Schinderling Families Berter & Smith Families Maas & Doyle Families Frank & Janet Kroeger & Mary A. Meyer Ted Peters, Vern, Rose & Gerald Zimmerman Living & Deceased Members of the Sacred Heart League Deceased Members of the Haugh & Jochem Families Living & Deceased Members of Dempsey, Hull & Kelly Families Deceased & Living Members of the Community of Catholic Women Living & Deceased Members of Rita Walker Family Jack Souders J. R. & Alta Rosenkoetter **Evelyn Duesterhaus** Irene Rossmiller Dietrich & Johnson Families Clarence & Evelyn Genenbacher Family Patrick J. Dolan Bill Junkerman Lawrence & Catherine Frese Joe Altgilbers VanMarter & Meade Families Living & Deceased Members of Kelly & Bozarth Families Kenneth Geschwandner Josie & Eva Knuffman Nick Schulte & Living & Deceased Members of Schulte/Grawe Families Gale & Annette Hill & Family Ron Hinkamper Gerald Leroy Schwarz

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