# **Blessed Sacrament**

## 1119 South Seventh Street, Quincy, IL 62301

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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 4th Sunday of Lent March 30, 2025

Monday 8:00 a.m.

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Thursday 8:15 a.m.

**Friday** 8:00 a.m.

Saturday 8:30 a.m.

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4:30 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.-Spanish Jane Flachs April 2, 2025 Klene Family John Maguire April 3, 2025 Steve Reis April 4, 2025 1st Friday Memorials

March 31, 2025

**Bob Burghart** 

April 1, 2025

April 5, 2025 For Reparations to the Immaculate Heart of Mary Ken Moenning

#### April 6, 2025

Missie Ohnemus Moore Darlene & Brad Heckenkamp People of the Parish

### Sunday, March 23, 2025

Regular Collection:	\$ 8,277.02
Electronic Giving:	<u>\$ 840.00</u>
Total Collection	<b>\$ 9,117.02</b>
Weekly Support Needed: <b>Deficit</b> /Surplus:	\$ 12,013.00 <b>(\$ 2,895.98)</b>
Regular Support Actual (YTD)	\$ 401,697.43
Regular Support Needed (YTD)	<u>\$ 456,494.00</u>
Regular <b>Deficit</b> /Surplus: (YTD)	<b>(\$ 54,796.57)</b>
Total School Collection	\$   2,565.00
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### From the Pastor's Desk

Today we celebrate the **4th Sunday of Lent.** In the gospel we hear Jesus' Parable of the Prodigal Son. We are all quite familiar with this story of conversion of the younger son who returns to his forgiving father. It is an inspiration to all of us to know of God's overwhelming mercy. We see in the unforgiving older brother quite the opposite. Hardened by his own anger he is unable to find mercy for his younger brother. Are we harboring that same kind of anger toward others? We best imitate God when we let go of our anger and forgive.

This upcoming Saturday, April 5 we will celebrate the Sacraments of Confirmation/1st Communion for our 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Students at the Springfield Cathedral. Bishop Thomas Paprocki will celebrate these sacraments for our students along with children attending from parishes in Brussels, Collinsville, and Hardin. Please place our students in your prayers this week in anticipation of these sacraments which will complete their initiation in the Catholic Church. They will have their parish celebration the on

### From the Pastor's Desk Cont.

following day - Sunday, April 6 at our own 10:00 a.m. Mass here at Blessed Sacrament.

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.m.-5:20 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration 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)

Please mark your calendars for our City-Wide Lenten Penance Service which will be... (Palm) Sunday, April 13 @ 3:00 p.m. at St. Anthony's Parish.

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 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, April 4 @ 5:15-6:00 p.m.: Video #4 Friday, April 11 @ 5:15-6:00 p.m.: Video #5

This weekend we have our quarterly 5th Sunday Second Collection for St. Vincent De Paul. Thank you for your generosity in helping those in need here in our local Quincy community.

This upcoming Tuesday, April 1 at 6:00 p.m. is our next **Theology on Tap** at the Fuzzy Bubbler. We welcome as our speaker Deacon Justin Hickman from St. Raphael Orthodox Church here in Quincy. He will be speaking on "Ascetism" which is so fitting for our season of Lent.

This upcoming Saturday, April 5 after the 4:30 p.m. Mass our Men's Group will host their second and final Soup Supper of the Lenten Season. Please come join us next Saturday after 4:30 p.m. Mass for some delicious soup with your fellow parish members.

Finally, in two weeks – Sunday, April 13 – Blessed Sacrament will hold our Annual Pancake and Sausage Breakfast. Shawn Buehler and Matt Schmidt have generously volunteered to lead this year's fundraising event. We have Volunteer Opportunities for parish members to sign up to help with this annual fundraiser for our parish.

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. Become a Catechist: Share Your Faith, Inspire the Next Generation! ● Parish Catechist Information Session ●

🏢 April 25 & 26 | after 4:30 p.m., 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Mass | 🎤 Gathering Space

Seniors, Young Adults, & High school students — Your Parish Needs You!

Do you love your faith? Do you want to make a difference in our parish community? Whether you're a **seasoned parishioner** with wisdom to share or a **young adult** eager to inspire the next generation, YOU can be a catechist!

No experience needed—just a willingness to serve!

□ What You'll Learn at this session:

□ How your wisdom and life experience can guide the younger generation in faith

□ How to connect with children and teens and be a role model in their faith journey

 $\hfill\square$  Simple ways to teach confidently using provided materials

□ The role of catechists in building a **missionary parish** 

 $\hfill\square$  How to share faith in a way that inspires action

Senjoy fellowship, snacks, and encouragement!

Not sure if teaching is for you? Come anyway—just to explore! There are many ways to help!

**Contact** Audreana Derhake at

217.222.2759 or faithformation@blessedsacrament.org

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

"No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan." – Joshua 5:12

Over the forty years that the Israelites journeyed through the desert, God provided them with manna to eat. As soon as they were able to enjoy the fruits of the Promised Land the manna ceased. Likewise, God's blessings to us may change over the years but it is important to trust that God will always provide us with all that we need.



Blessed Sacrament's Legion of Mary presidium traveled around town Sunday afternoon to several homes, enthroning them to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The Enthronement is a way to formally recognize the loving kingship of Jesus in the Christian family and to make Jesus the center of the home. The ceremony involves solemnly installing an image of the Sacred and Immaculate Hearts in a place of honor, signifying the presence of Christ in the home. Families make an act of consecration, dedicating themselves to the Sacred and Immaculate Heart and promising to live in union with Them. If you are interested in having your home enthroned please contact Denise Sangoi at 217.316.5729

Summer Immersion Experience with Dominican Sisters in **Chicago** – Single Catholic women ages 18 – 45 are invited to participate in the Dominican Sisters' Service Immersion Experience in Chicago. This unique opportunity allows participants to engage deeply with the mission and ministry of the Dominican Sisters while serving the local community and discerning their own path in faith and service. The event is scheduled for June 21-25, 2025. Participants will have opportunities for prayer, reflection, hands-on service, and conversation about vocation and Gospel justice. Participants will walk alongside the Dominican Sisters, gaining firsthand insight into their charism of prayer, preaching, community life, and service. Complete the interest form at springfieldop.org/summer. Facilitated by several congregations of U.S.-based Dominican Sisters. For more information call Sister Denise Glazik, OP, at 217-787-0481.

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



## 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 & Gínníe Schueríng

### Círcle of Caríng

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

This 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.



### Quincy Spirit Group

At this month's Quincy Spirit (Special People in Religious Instruction Today) meeting, as part of our lesson during Lent to give, the participants decorated Easter cards and assembled bear magnets and God loves you banners to be included in the cards. They will be distributed to nursing home residents. The participants were able to complete 18 cards and had a great time doing it!





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Lent 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Soon our diocese will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Your support for this collection provides emergency assistance to victims of war and natural disasters; assists migrants and refugees who need housing, education, and specialized legal assistance; and supports traveler and other whose livelihoods require special pastoral support to access the sacraments. Among the most vulnerable of migrants are the victims of human trafficking.

Millions of men, women, and children worldwide are coerced or forced through human trafficking into commercial sex activities, labor, and slavery - abuses which the Holy Father has called "a crime against humanity." As part of its mission to proclaim Christ's salvation and to restore and promote the dignity of all persons, the Church is called to combat trafficking and to bring comfort and healing to its victims.

The Department of Migration nd Refugee Services (MRS) of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops carries out this mission through two anti-trafficking, anti-slavery programs. The Become a Shepherd program is a parish-based awareness campaign that educates lay and religious leaders to recognize human trafficking and combat it through public engagement and advocacy at the community level. The second initiative, COMPASS (Coalition of Organizations and Ministries Promoting the Abolition of Slavery at Sea), is a global effort in which international Catholic and non-Catholic partners coordinate to identify and assist victims of modern slavery encountered in the commercial fishing and seafood-processing industries.

The invaluable work to assist these victims of abuse and injustice is supported by funds received through The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Your participation helps MRS and five other Catholic ministries to reveal Christ's love to victims of trafficking, war, and natural disaster both around the world and here in the United States. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection this year. To learn more about the collection and the people who benefit, please visit www.usecb.org/catholic-relief.

Thank you for your generous support for The Catholic Relief Services Collection.

Sincerely yours in Christ, + Thomas John Papiorh

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR Saturday, April 5, 2025						
Mass Times	Servers	Communion Minister	Greeters	Lectors	Usher	
Saturday, 4:30 p.m.	Kinsley Adams Nora Reuschel Ellie Reuschel	Sara Reuschel Marie John Ruth Bange	(GS) Joe & Katrina Casper (WD) Steve Myers (SD) Bonnie Cook	Teresa Zaerr	Lee John Jim Schrand Dean Herring James Smith	
LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR Sunday, April 6, 2025						
Mass Times	Servers	Communion Minister	Greeters	Lectors	Usher	
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	Allison Lenane Finley Flesch Stone Flesch	Diane Finley Nancy Bernhardt Mike Bernhardt	(GS) Robert & Mary Kay Brown (WD) Brian & Mindy Richards (SD) Brett & Stephanie Niemann	Ed Lohman	Mark Schulte Matt Schmidt Frank Flesch Larry Jochem	
Mass Times	Servers	Communion Minister	Greeters	Lectors	Usher	
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.	Bryson Shull Lillian Hendrian Olivia Pruett	Deacon Mike Ellerman Maggie Reis Amber Hendrian	House of St. Mary (GS) (WD) (SD)	House of St. Mary	House of St. Mary	
SERVERS Week of April 7, 2025 Monday, March 31, 2025, 8:00 a.m. – Reagan Lucchetti & Jocelyn Weise Tuesday, April 1, 2025, 8:00 a.m. – Reagan Lucchetti & Jocelyn Weise Wednesday, April 2, 2025, 8:00 a.m. – Reagan Lucchetti & Jocelyn Weise Thursday, April 3, 2025, 8:15 a.m. – Loreli Berhorst, Temprance Berhhorst & Riley Grant Friday, April 4, 2025, 8:00 a.m. – Loreli Berhorst & Temprance Berhorst						
This Week In Our Parish						
Monday Mysteries of the Ro Tuesday Grief Share - GS Legion of Mary - GS Jr. Legion of Mary -	sary - GS 6:0 Apr 10: 5 1:1	<u>ch 31, 2025</u> 0-8:00 p.m. il 1, 2025 00 a.m12:00 r 5 p.m3:00 p.m 0 p.m4:00 p.m	ThursdayOCIA - GSFridaynoonLenten Videon.Stations of t	o Series - GS he Cross - Chur	April 3, 2025 6:30 p.m. April 4, 2025 5:15 p.m. ch 6:00 p.m.	
Walking with Jesus <u>Wednesday</u> Adoration - Church Reconciliation - Church Evening Prayer/Bei St. Vincent De Pau Pastoral Council - C	- Cafeteria 6:0 Apr 8:3 urch 4:3 nediction 5:0 - GS 6:0	0 p.m. 4:00 p.m 0 p.m. 1 <b>2, 2025</b> 0 a.m5:00 p.m 0 p.m5:00 p.m 0-5:20 p.m. 0 p.m. 5 p.m.	<u>Saturday</u> Men's Group 1.	Soup Supper	<b>April 5, 2025</b> 5:30 p.m.	

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Soup Suppers

5:30pm-7pm | GATHERING SPACE

Sponsored by the Parish Men's Group

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**APRIL 13** 

Pancake

Breakfast

Annual pancake &

**Blessed Sacrament Parish** 

SOUP SUPPERS

Save the

Dates

FREE WILL

OFFERING

Saturday

March 8th

AND

Saturday

April 5th

### St. Anthony/St. Dominic Fish Fries

Lenten Fish Fries-4:30 -7 p.m. <u>St. Dominic:</u> April 4 <u>St. Anthony:</u> 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



*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!

> r Sales - Computer Repairs 217.617.4758



#### 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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