

# Blessed Sacrament

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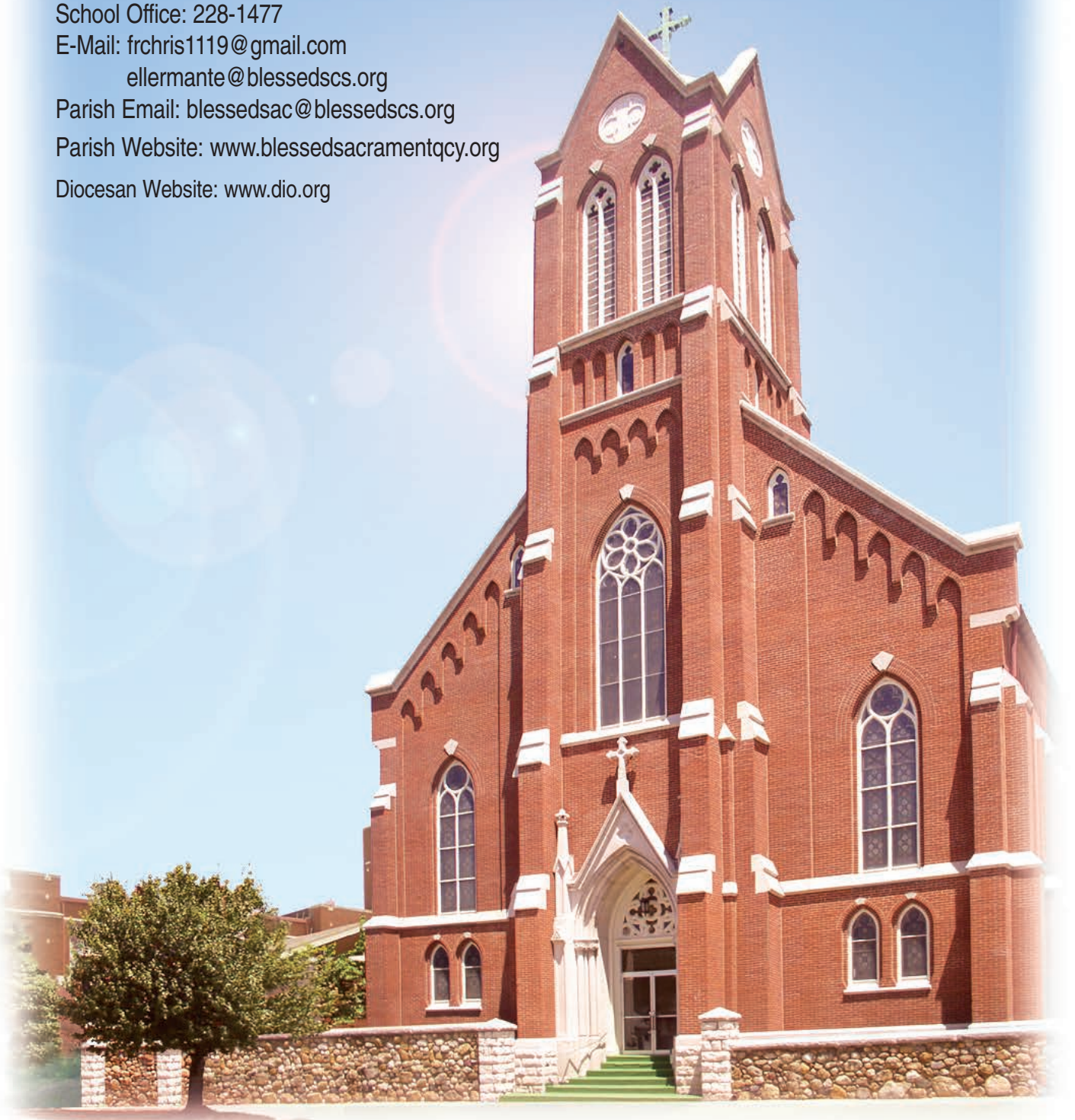
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**Blessed Sacrament Parish  
Quincy, Illinois  
December 3, 2017  
1st Sunday of Advent**

**PASTOR:**

*Reverend Christopher Comerford  
618-798-0343*

**PASTOR EMERITUS:**

*Monsignor Michael Kuse  
217-617-0099*

**SENIOR PRIESTS:**

*Reverend John Carberry  
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**PERMANENT DEACON:**

*Deacon Terry Ellerman (Regina)*

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*Linda Ohnemus*

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*Sally Kroner*

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*Steve Buckman*

**GRADE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL:**

*Christie Dickens Bliven (Tommy)*

**GRADE SCHOOL SECRETARY:**

*Lori Quevillon (Patrick)*

**PARISH MAINTENANCE:**

*Jennifer Cunningham (Todd)*

**SCHOOL MAINTENANCE:**

*Rick Epping (Lisa)*

**CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST:**

**Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 7:00 a.m.**

**Thursday (School Mass) 8:30 a.m.**

**Saturday: 5:00 p.m.**

**First Saturday of each month 7:00 a.m.**

**Sunday: 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.**

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**

**Saturday: 3:30-4:30 p.m.**

**Call Fr. Chris for an appointment**

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:**

**Preparation Session for Parents on the  
First Sunday of Feb. April, June, August, Oct. & Dec.**

**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:**

**Schedule a time with Fr. Chris**

**PARISH MISSION STATEMENT**

**We are a Community of Disciples Gathering at the  
Banquet Table Joyfully Proclaiming Jesus Christ  
Celebrating our Gifts of Prayer,  
Hospitality, Faith Formation and Service.**

## **FATHER CHRIS'S COLUMN**

### **ADVENT OF THE LORD JESUS**

Happy New Year. This weekend begins the new year of grace. We enter the season of preparation known as Advent. Advent means 'Coming'. We celebrate the coming of Jesus as our Savior and prepare for his coming again at the end of time. We also prepare our hearts to receive him in a new way this Christmas. Although our society began celebrating Christmas right after Halloween, I encourage you not to forget Advent. Consider having an Advent wreath on your table and lighting the candles during times of prayer. Some families like to use an Advent Calendar which has a reflection for each day leading up to Christmas. As you leave today, please take one of the "Little Blue Books" that have a reflections for the Advent and Christmas seasons. I think you will really enjoy them. I also ask you to consider going to Confession before Christmas. I am expanding the time on Saturday to 1 hour from 3:30-4:30 p.m. There will also be confession from 6:00 to 6:45 on Wednesday evenings. I also will add extra times as we get closer to Christmas. Please also consider sharing what you have by bringing the supplies for the food pantries and the underwear and socks collection.

My own Advent project will be to sell some of my St. Louis Cardinals and Blues memorabilia and give the proceeds to the Haiti Mission Water and Latrine projects. I will have a table set up in the room you enter the rectory from the Church.

### **FEAST DAY OF OUR CHURCH**

Next Friday, December 8, is feast of the Immaculate Conception. This is the title of Mary given for our Church often referred to as St. Mary's. It is a Holy Day of Obligation so we will have Masses at 8:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Please join us to celebrate our Feast Day!

### **END OF YEAR GIVING**

Please consider Blessed Sacrament Parish in your tax deductible giving. We have only collected about 25% of our ACSA bill that goes to the Diocese. I will talk more about that next weekend. You could also donate for improvements for Sound System in Church and Technology and Security we need to make for our Parish Office.



## PRAYER FOR LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

### BLESSING OF THE WREATH

God of love, may this wreath and its light remind us that Jesus came to save us from our sin. Bless this wreath and all who gather around it as we prepare our hearts to celebrate Christmas. Come, Lord Jesus, bring hope, faith, and life to our world. Amen

### Week 1, Hope

Dear Jesus, you are the hope in our messy world. This Advent, help us slow down, listen to your voice, and focus on what's really important. We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth on Christmas. Amen

### Week 2, Peace

Dear Jesus, you entered our world on Christmas as the Prince of Peace. This Advent, as we strive to become the-best-version-of-ourselves, fill us with a deep and abiding peace. Help us share that peace with everyone we encounter, especially those who need it most. Amen

### Week 3, Joy

Dear Jesus, help us focus on you during this busy season. May we stay aware of the joy you bring into our lives. We want to find you in the everyday moments and come with hearts of gratitude to your manger on Christmas. Amen

### Week 4, Love

Heavenly Father, your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us, a great sign of your love. Guide us as we strive to walk in that love together as a family this Advent. As we prepare our hearts for Christmas, bring us closer to each other and to your son. Give us the grace and strength we need every day. Help us to always trust in you. Come, Lord Jesus, lead all people closer to you. Come and dispel the darkness of our world with the light of your love. Amen

(from Dynamic Catholic)

# Hospitality - Prayer - Service - Faith Formation

## School News

### Catholic Schools Week January 28-February 3

#### THEME: Learn, Serve, Lead, Succeed

In today's bulletin you will find a flyer asking for participants in what was one of our most popular events last year during Catholic Schools Week. Please review the information on the flyer and consider sharing one of your special talents and gifts with our students this year! "Community As Teachers" is scheduled for Thursday, February 1.

#### Upcoming Events:

- December 5** 6:30 p.m.-Reconciliation-2<sup>nd</sup> grade  
**December 6** Kindergarten-Party with Santa at QND, 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
**December 7** Pre-K Christmas Program-6:00 p.m.  
**December 12** D.A.R.E. Recognition-6<sup>th</sup> grade-10:00 a.m. in church Gathering Space  
**December 14** **K-8 Christmas Program**  
**6:30 p.m.**  
**In church-PLEASE JOIN US!**  
**December 19** All-School Mass-8:30 a.m.  
**December 20-January 2**  
Christmas Break  
**January 3** Classes Resume

**\*\*Save the Date and plan to attend Blessed Sacrament's School Fundraiser "Battle of the Paddles" - February 22, 2018 - More info to come.**

## Christmas Week and New Year Mass Schedule

### Sunday - December 24

8:00 a.m.  
10:00 a.m.  
4:00 p.m.  
7:00 p.m.  
11:00 p.m.

### Monday - December 25

9:00 a.m.

### Tuesday - December 26

7:00 a.m.

### Wednesday - December 27

7:00 a.m.  
3:00 p.m. Sunset Home

### Thursday - December 28

No Mass

### Friday - December 29

7:00 a.m.

### Saturday - December 30

5:00 p.m.

### Sunday - December 31

8:00 a.m.  
10:00 a.m.

### Monday - January 1, 2018

9:00 a.m.

## Newly Baptized

Please welcome to our parish, Leonidus Shawn Cramer born on January 26, 2010 and Evenjolyana Ellywn Cramer born December 4, 2010. They were baptized on Thursday, at School Mass on November 30, 2017. Leo and Evie are the son and daughter of Sara Nicole and Michael Paul Cramer. Please keep Leo and Evie and their parents in your prayers.



# Hospitality - Prayer - Service - Faith Formation

## Area Events

**St. Anthony Church Pancake and Sausage Breakfast**  
**Sunday, December 10** 7:30 a.m. – Noon  
Adults \$7 Children \$4 (under age 5 Free)

**Knights of Columbus** serve breakfast every Sunday now through Palm Sunday, 8:30-11:00 a.m.

**Advent Mission at St. Anthony Church** – Deacon Patrick O'Toole of Springfield will conduct the Mission. The theme is "Peace on Earth and Harmony with our Fellow Man." He will speak at all the weekend Masses, December 2-3 and through December 5, during the evenings.

## Pastoral Council

The Pastoral Council is holding a Socks and Underwear Drive for children and adults of our area starting this weekend. Tote bins will be located at all three entrances of the church. These items will be distributed before Christmas locally. If you have any questions, please call Dennis Holbrook, 257-4384.



## QND / PMO CHOIR

Join the choirs of Quincy Notre Dame and the Parochial Music Organization for a **Christmas Choral Concert**, "Christmas With Friends IX" on **Monday, December 11 at 7:00 p.m. in St. Peter Church**. 125 students in grades 4-12, from five Quincy parochial schools and QND, comprise the QND Concert Chorale. Free will offerings will be gratefully accepted at the door.

## QND Pom Pon Camp

Come perform with the QND Pommers at halftime of the Varsity Basketball Game on Friday, December 8. Camp is for girls in Pre-school (3 yrs. old–8th grade). Check in begins at 5:00 p.m. and camp goes from 5:15 until after halftime of the basketball game. Game starts at 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$30, which includes a t-shirt, pizza and admission to the game. Campers will be separated into 3 groups. To guarantee a t-shirt, must register by Friday, December 1. Contact coach, Jennifer Duesterhaus at [qndpomcoaches@gmail.com](mailto:qndpomcoaches@gmail.com)

## Circle of Caring

The Circle of Caring contact person for the month of December is Sharolyn Rice at 653-3834. This 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, do housekeeping tasks, or just lend a helping hand.



## Prayer Chain

Please contact Carol Price at 223-8881 to place a family member or friend who are in need of prayer.

One telephone call begins the involvement of all those in the Prayer Chain who pray for the special needs of other parishioners.



## Leave a Legacy of Faith

### "Leave a Legacy of Faith"

### Annual and Endowed Scholarship Campaign

Leave a "Legacy of Faith." Please remember the QCES Foundation in your estate planning. For more information on how you can ensure the future of Catholic elementary education in Quincy, please visit our website at [quincy-catholicschools.org](http://quincy-catholicschools.org)!

## Surviving the Holidays/Grief Share

If you were unable to attend the seminar on Thursday, November 16 at St. Anthony Church which was entitled "Surviving the Holidays" after experiencing the loss of a loved one's death, please call Jim at 217-577-6664.

A Grief Support Group will meet weekly beginning January 18, 2018 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at St. Anthony Church in Quincy, IL Grief and Share – to help and give encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend.

## SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM / DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD IN ILLINOIS

Patricia J. Kornfeld, Victim Assistance Coordinator

217-321-1155 or Email at [pkornfeld@dio.org](mailto:pkornfeld@dio.org)

# Hospitality - Prayer - Service - Faith Formation

## Pray For The Sick

Please pray for the following parish family members who are in Nursing Homes, the Hospital or their own homes: Doris Hildebrand, Tom Liesen, Bob Nytes, Terry Stromquist, Marian Schutte, Kenneth Geschwandner, Donetta Moore, Ann Young, Jennifer Klauser, Les Duesterhaus.

## This Week In Our Parish

<b>Monday</b>	<b>December 4</b>
Protecting God's Children in Cafeteria	6:00-9:00 p.m.
PSR	6:30-7:45 p.m.
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>December 5</b>
1st Reconciliation in Church	6:30 p.m.
Quincy Spirit in GS	6:30-8:00 p.m.
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>December 6</b>
St. Vincent de Paul	7:00 p.m.
Pastoral Council in GS	7:00 p.m.
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>December 7</b>
Pre-K Christmas Program in Church	6:00 p.m.
Choir Practice in Church	7:30 p.m.
RCIA in Lower Level	6:45-8:00 p.m.
<b>Friday</b>	<b>December 8</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 9</b>
CCW Christmas Party in GS	10:00
Handbell Choir Practice in Church	10:00-11:30 a.m.

## Mass Intentions

<b>Monday</b>	<b>December 4</b>
NO Mass	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>December 5</b>
7:00 a.m.	Dorothy Bichsel
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>December 6</b>
7:00 a.m.	Needy and Homeless
3:00 p.m. Sunset Home	Klene Family
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>December 7</b>
7:00 a.m.	Catherine Johnson
<b>Friday</b>	<b>December 8</b>
<b>Holy Day Feast of Immaculate Conception</b>	
8:30 a.m.	A. Romaine Stroot
6:30 p.m.	Parish Family
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 9</b>
5:00 p.m.	Anna Milbert
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 10</b>
8:00 a.m.	Dorothy Bichsel
10:00 a.m.	Parish Family

## Parish Stewardship – November 25/26, 2017

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Church and School			
	\$15,339.62	\$13,500.00	\$1,839.62 FY
Year-to-Date			
	\$266,084.98	\$297,000.00	-\$30,915.02

## ADVENT COLLECTIONS

The second Sunday of Advent is December 10. During the weeks of Advent we will be inviting our parish family to bring certain gifts for each weekend. The sign in the Gathering Area will have the list of items for each week. This is a fantastic way to prepare for the Birth of Christ. We may not be rich, but we are able to care for those who are less fortunate. Thanks in advance for your participation.

Week 2 – December 10                      Cleaning Supplies

Please leave items in the Gathering Space. They will be distributed through Catholic Charities and Ladies of Charity.

## Christmas Brunch

All ladies of the parish are invited to the annual Christmas Brunch on **Saturday, December 9, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.** in the Gathering Space. **Cost is \$8 per person** and can be paid on that day.

*A donation of socks, underwear, (children and adults sizes) or money will be collected* and divided between the Ladies of Charity and Catholic Charities. All donations will be kept here in Quincy. **Reservations are necessary** and can be made by calling Sharolyn Rice at 653-3834 or the Parish Office, 222-2759. **Reservation must be made by December 6.** The Christmas Brunch is sponsored by the Blessed Sacrament Council of Catholic Women.

## Quick Haiti Facts:

Did you know that after the earthquake there were millions of homes destroyed and countless damaged?

Did you know that a Latrine only costs \$35 to construct?



## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR THE HOMEBOUND

**December 10**      Beth Hayes  
                             Dan Meade  
                             Kathy Jochem









## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR SUNSET HOME

**December 3**        Laura Goodwin  
**December 10**      Laura Goodwin

# LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR DECEMBER 9 / 10, 2017

	Servers	Communion Ministers	Gift Bearers	Greeters	Lector	Ushers
<b>Saturday, 5:00 p.m.</b>	Madison Daggett Olivia Baze	Doug Luther Gene Esselman Sharolyn Rice Bailey Bradley Kathy Rice	Karen & Dean Herring	Bonnie Cook Barb Woodvine (GS) Bob & Clara Burghart (SD) sub req Preston & Landry Armstrong Brian Lewton (WD)	Pam Luther	Austin Arnold John Bozarth Ken Moenning Jim Schrand
<b>Sunday, 8:00 a.m.</b>	Madeline Fitzgerald Drew Fitzgerald	Ted Haugh Mike Davison Dan Meade Thomas Liesen Pam Latour	Kathy & Larry Jochem	Marjorie & Steve Schlueter (GS) David & Karen Finson family (SD) Suzanne & Jeffery Peters (WD)	Shaun Washausen	Linda Anemone Brian & Jean Brod Dick McKinney
<b>Sunday, 10:00 a.m.</b>	Jackson Kerkhoff Abigail Genenbacher	Jamie McDowell Jill Kelly Nancy Weede Karen Kalberer Chuck Mellon	Amber & Brian Hendrian & family	Christina & Zach Robb family (GS) Kelly & Nathan Terwelp (SD) George & Holly Meyer (WD)	Katie Douglas	Ernie Buckman Ed Dawson Mark, Emma, Lauren & Conner McDowell

SERVERS THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 3 – DECEMBER 8, 2017  
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 Living & Deceased Members of the James & Catherine Johnson and  
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