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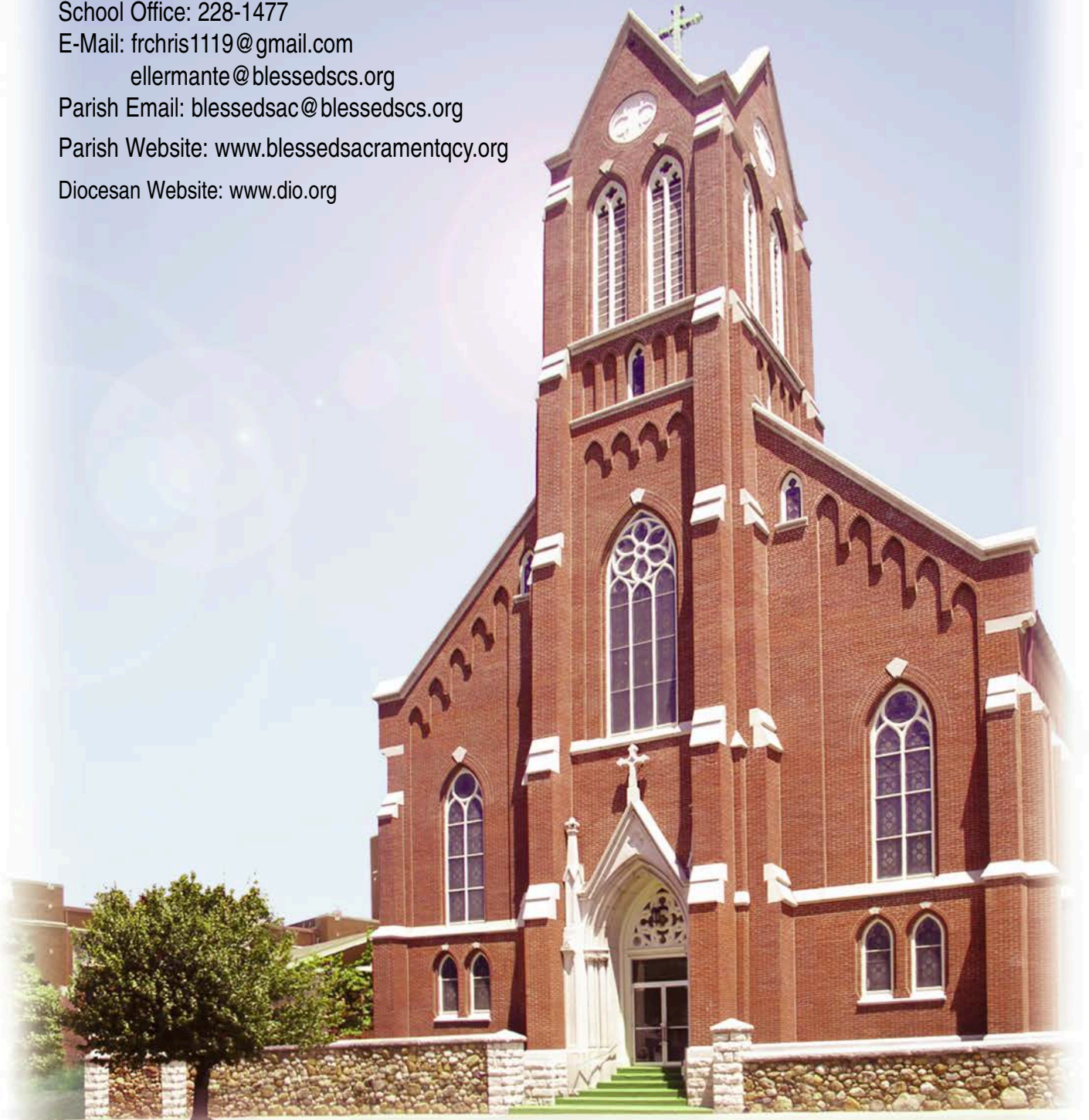
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**Blessed Sacrament Parish
Quincy, Illinois
6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 16, 2020**

PASTOR:

*Reverend Christopher Comerford
618-798-0343*

PASTOR EMERITUS:

*Monsignor Michael Kuse
217-617-0099*

SENIOR PRIEST:

Reverend John Kennedy

PERMANENT DEACON:

Deacon Terry Ellerman (Regina)

PARISH BOOKKEEPER:

Linda Ohnemus

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Sally Kroner

DIRECTOR OF ADULT CHOIR:

Steve Buckman

GRADE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL:

Christie Dickens Bliven (Tommy)

GRADE SCHOOL SECRETARY:

Lori Quevillon (Patrick)

PARISH CUSTODIAN:

Jennifer Cunningham (Tod)

SCHOOL CUSTODIAN:

Rick Epping (Lisa)

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST:

MONDAY-FRIDAY 7:00 a.m.

Sunday 8:00 and 10:00 a.m., and 5:00 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Sunday 4:00-4:30 p.m.

Call Fr. Chris for an appointment

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: on Sunday

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

HOLY HOUR AND BENEDICTION

The Secular Carmelites will have a holy hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament to pray for priests today at 3:00 p.m. It will end with Benediction at 4:00.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

I am excited about our Friday evening conference coming up this week. Over 50 women have signed up already. Please let the office know as soon as you can if you are coming so we can have enough food. Registration forms are available in the gathering space and on the shelves by the 7th Street doors.

MEN'S CONFERENCE

Although our Men's evening is a couple of weeks away, it is time to sign up. It will be a great evening reflecting on David. There will be "refreshments" following the conference. Sign-up sheets are by the doors.

SUNDAY OBLIGATION

On the next page is an article reprinted from the Catholic Times by Fr. Chris House the Rector of the Cathedral I thought was very good. I hope you read and reflect upon it.

LENT IS ALMOST HERE

Ash Wednesday is a little over a week away. Here is our schedule for the day:

**6:30 a.m. Ashes and Communion Service
(1/2 hour)**

8:30 Mass

3:00 p.m. Mass at Sunset Home

5:30 p.m. Mass

(Scouts Fish Fry from 4:00-7:00)

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION WILL BE
CANCELLED ON ASH WEDNESDAY**

I will be burning old palm branches on Fat Tuesday as part of a prayer service with our school children. Please bring your old palms to Mass next weekend.

THE NECESSITY OF SUNDAY MASS

WRITTEN BY FR. CHRIS HOUSE

Do me a favor and please read this all the way through, not stopping until you get to the end.

Growing up, there were two basic rules at home (there were more than two but two in particular really stick out in my memory). One was that you were to get a job when you turned 16; the second was that you went to Mass every Sunday and Holy Day. If you were too sick to go to Sunday Mass, then you were obviously too sick to do anything else. When we would go on vacation, the first thing my dad would do when we got to our hotel was to find out where the nearest Catholic church was and what their Sunday Mass schedule was. You can take a break from work, school, and many other things in life, but you can't take a break from God. Imagine for one moment if he took a break from us (and you think this world is messed up now?); it would be cataclysmic.

Sunday Mass is an obligation. The Third Commandment handed down by God to Moses is that the Sabbath Day is to be kept holy. In our Christian tradition, the Church understands this as participating at Mass on Sundays. Sunday is the Christian Sabbath (the original day being Saturday) because it was on Sunday that our Lord rose from the dead to new and everlasting life. Participation at Sunday Mass is a precept of the Church and to willfully miss Sunday Mass, without serious reason or without a dispensation, is a grave sin according to the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 2181).

When an act is determined by the Church to be gravely sinful and the act is done freely and knowingly as being gravely sinful, then it is mortally sinful. What does this mean? The Church teaches that mortal sin that is not repented of excludes a soul from heaven. Having said this, in the same section of the Catechism, the Church teaches that final judgment ultimately belongs to the justice and mercy of God (CCC 1861). For those who willfully miss Sunday Mass or Mass on Holy Days of Obligation, the Cathedral offers daily opportunities to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

So why am I bringing this up? Last weekend Mass attendance dropped significantly. This happens from time to time, sometimes due to holiday weekends and sometimes due to reasons known only to God. Last weekend I suspect it was due to the cold weather. It's not fun going out in the cold. For some, they should not venture out in extreme weather due to the necessity of not endangering their personal well-being. For others, it is not so much about necessity but convenience or preference.

At times, we can fall into the trap of misplaced priorities or false judgments about what is good and what is better: vacations, kids' sporting events, too much "fun" on Saturday night, personal comfort, etc. If we are contemplating missing Sunday Mass (not including being sick or caring for someone who is, or having to work for the sake of being able to live), we have to honestly ask ourselves if there is a duty or serious reason that necessitates our absence; put another way, is what I am doing instead of going to Mass going to deepen my relationship with the Lord or weaken it and possibly break it? Furthermore, if I am responsible for others getting to Mass, like children, how is this judgment going to help or hinder their relationship with God?

Am I casting judgments or aspersions? No; but I am trying to fulfill both my sacred duty as a shepherd of souls as well as fulfilling the prophetic call that we all have by virtue of baptism by calling folks back to right relationship with God. Like the prophets of old, I may be risking having stones thrown at me but I care enough about the salvation of those who come to this Cathedral that I am willing to risk the displeasure of some.

I have focused on the "negative" aspects of missing Mass but the positive reasons should be our greater motivation. First and foremost, we come to Mass for love of God and in gratitude to him for his graces and mercies; even here, the goodness of God cannot be outdone because when we come to Sunday Mass not only do we encounter him but we are able to receive him truly and totally in the Eucharist. If we truly want to be disciples, holy Mass is where that desire should be strengthened and renewed each week: "The Sunday Eucharist is the foundation and confirmation of all Christian practice (CCC 2181)."

Sunday Mass is far more of an opportunity than an obligation. Faithfully coming to Mass on Sunday will not necessarily make your life easier nor will it make your problems and crosses disappear. It will, however, draw you closer to God and give you graces to push forward through challenges and difficulties, and families that worship together at Sunday Mass will find their bonds strengthened. Absence from Sunday Mass is absence from the divine presence in the Eucharist; removing ourselves from the Eucharist puts us, spiritually, on a dangerous and slippery slope.

So, literally, for love of God, come to Sunday Mass (and on Holy Days too). God in his goodness has given us 168 hours each week; rendering one hour back to him in praise and thanksgiving is truly not too much to ask. Sometimes it may not be convenient, but so goes life. By faithfully participating at Mass you will find that the Lord will offer you more than you can offer him and you will be all the better for it ... we will be all the better for it because together we are the Mystical Body of Christ, called to be his presence in the world.

Father Chris House is rector of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield and Chancellor for the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois. This column appeared in Cathedral Weekly January 26.

**Blessed Sacrament invites you to
attend:**

**Noah's Ark Preschool
Open House**

**Thursday, February 27
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm**

**Blessed Sacrament Catholic School
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Prayer - Hospitality - Service - Faith Formation

Area Events

St. Joseph Church Shrimp Boil and Fish Fry – Saturday, February 22 – come to Mass at 4:00 p.m. Food served at 5:00 p.m. All you can eat! Adults \$15. Ages 5-12 \$5. Ages 4 and Under Free.

St. Peter Parish is hosting a Mardi Gras Party! Everyone is invited. Music by the Silver Bullets. **February 22 from 7:00-11:00 p.m.** BYOB. Adults Only. Bring an Appetizer to Share. \$5 per person in school gym.

Spring Craft and Vendor Show – St. Dominic School – Saturday, March 7 – 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. – for vendor information contact Janet Bick rjbick@comcast.net or 217-430-7266 or Tawny Benz rtbenz77@gmail.com or 217-257-0847.

St. Anthony Parish – Blood Drive in memory of Bill Hays – **Wednesday, March 18 – 1:00-6:00 p.m. at St. Dominic School.** Please call St. Anthony Parish Office if you can donate – 222-5996.

Last Year Palms

We would like for you to bring your blessed palms from last year to church next Sunday and put in the baskets in the back of church or the Gathering Space. We will burn them on Tuesday, February 25 for the ashes to be used on Wednesday, Ash Wednesday, February 26.

FISH FRIES!!!!!!

ASH WEDNESDAY – February 26 – BOY SCOUTS – Blessed Sacrament School Cafeteria – 4:00-7:00 p.m. Dine-In, Drive-Up or Carry-Out.

St. Thomas – Camp Point – Friday, February 28 – 4:00-7:00 p.m. All you can eat. Free will Offering Hosted by St. Thomas Men and Women's Society.

St. Dominic School – 4:30-7:00 p.m. – Fridays during Lent – February 28 – March 13 – March 27.

St. Anthony Church – 4:30-7:00 p.m. – Fridays during Lent – March 6 – March 20 – April 3.

St. Thomas Youth Group is hosting Fish Fries on the following Fridays – 4:00-7:00 p.m. – March 6 – March 20 – April 3. All you can eat – Dine-in or Carry-out. Seniors eat for \$8 from 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Hour of Adoration/Benediction

There will be an hour of Adoration (Exposition, Benediction) at Blessed Sacrament Church on Sunday, February 16, 2020, from 3:00-4:00 p.m. Fr. Chris will officiate. Parishioners of Blessed Sacrament are welcome and encouraged to attend this Holy Hour to pray for Fr. Chris, Msgr. Kuse and the entire priesthood.

St. Joseph, Faithful Guardian of Carmel Coordinators

Protecting God's Children

The following Protecting God's Children sessions have been scheduled at Blessed Sacrament Parish:

Monday, February 24	6:00-9:00 p.m.
Monday, March 23	6:00-9:00 p.m.
Monday, April 20	6:00-9:00 p.m.

All sessions will be held in the Leo Amen Room (cafeteria). Please phone the Parish Office to register, 222-2759.

Circle of Caring

Contact **Laura Goodwin at 242-1010** during the month of **February** if someone needs a meal brought in after returning home from the hospital after having a baby or recovering from a surgery. If you need a ride to a doctor's appointment, pick up your medication, the Circle of Caring can help.

Prayer Chain

If you would like to add someone's name to the prayer list, please call **Carol Price at 223-8881** with your request.

Monthly Food Drive

Don't forget the last Sunday of each month to bring non-perishable food items that are donated to local food pantries. Please place them in the Gathering Space before or after Mass. Thank You.

Lenten Retreat for Women in Springfield

Tuesday, Wednesday, March 24-25, Villa Maria in Springfield, Retreat Master: Rev. Father Brian Alford. Registration fee is payable to DSCCW by March 18. Retreat costs include meals, refreshments, retreat master, materials and use of facility. \$90 for double occupancy or \$110 single. Contact Terrie Kallal at 618-604-7040.

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Alison Smith, Victim Assistance Coordinator

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Prayer - Hospitality - Service - Faith Formation

Pray For The Sick

Please pray for parish family members who are in the Hospital, Nursing Homes, or Homebound: Tom Liesen, Doris Hildebrand, Terry Stromquist, Clara Hessling, Rich Reis, Flo Freels, Ernie Buckman, Linda Irvine.

The 14-Day candle is in memory of Deceased Members of Blessed Sacrament Parish – February 16 – March 1, 2020.



This Week In Our Parish

Monday	February 17
NO PSR NO School PRESIDENTS' DAY	Office Closed
Tuesday	February 18
Grief Support Group in GS	10:00 a.m.–Noon
Wednesday	February 19
Adoration	7:30-7:00 p.m.
Thursday	February 20
RCIA	6:45-8:00 p.m.
Friday	February 21
Women's Retreat in GS	5:30-9:00 p.m.
Saturday	February 22
Pre-Cana in GS	9:00 a.m.–8:15 p.m.
Sunday	February 23
Pre-Cana in GS	8:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Mass Intentions

Monday	February 17
7:00 a.m.	Charlie Roan
Tuesday	February 18
7:00 a.m.	Darrell Moore
Wednesday	February 19
7:00 a.m.	Klene Family
3:00 p.m.	Sunset Home Evelyn Duesterhaus
Thursday	February 20
8:30 a.m.	Russell Milbert
Friday	February 21
7:00 a.m.	Alfred E. Haney
Saturday	February 22
No Mass	
Sunday	February 23
8:00 a.m.	Steve Kruger
10:00 a.m.	Parish Family
5:00 p.m.	Gladys Ericson

Positions Open

St. Peter School is seeking a teacher with an Illinois teaching license with an endorsement in science for the junior high level. Other responsibilities include teaching reading and religion to students. Please send a cover letter, resume, and references to Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh, St. Peter School, 2500 Maine Street, Quincy, IL 62301 or c.venvertloh@cospq.org **by March 13.**

St. Francis School will have an opening next year for a 6th–8th grade math teacher. Additional responsibilities include teaching an 8th grade religion class, if the candidate is Catholic. The candidate should have an Illinois teaching license as well as an endorsement in math for the junior high level. Applicants should send a cover letter, resume, and reference to Ms. Lori Shepard, St. Francis School, 1720 College, Quincy, IL 62301 or email lshepard@stfrancissolanus.com **by March 13.**

Holy Family School in Hannibal, MO is seeking a 3rd grade teacher for the 2020-21 school year. Also, looking for a dynamic, faith-filled Principal with proven leadership skills for the 2020-2021 school year, effective July 1, 2020. Qualified candidates for this position must be a practicing Catholic with administrative certification or the ability to become certified, and must have teaching experience of a minimum of 5 years. Catholic School experience preferred. Applications for both positions are available at www.diojeffcity.org scroll to bottom and select Schools Office, Click on Job Opportunities.

Eucharistic Ministers

There will be training and refresher training for those who signed up to be Eucharistic Ministers **after each Mass on Sunday, March 1.** It should only take about 15 minutes.

QND Open House

QND will hold an Open House on Sunday, February 23, 1:00-3:00 p.m. Parents and Students interested in attending QND are invited to this event.

1:00 Welcome and information in QND cafeteria

1:30 Presentation w/Q & A session about financial assistance, completing forms, Gene Grawe Fund, and more

2:00-3:00 Tour QND and meet teachers in their classrooms

Parish Giving – February 9, 2020

	Actual	Budget	Difference
	\$ 9,694.24	\$ 12,250.00	-\$ 2,555.76
FY Year-to-Date			
	\$377,600.22	\$392,000.00	-\$14,399.78

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR THE HOMEBOUND

February 23 Beth Hayes
Ted Haugh

FOR SUNSET HOME

February 23 Rosie Maguire & Judy Meade

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR FEBRUARY 23, 2020

	Servers	Communion Ministers - Mass	Gift Bearers	Greeters Gathering Space	Lector	Ushers
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	Addie Flesch Grayson Haugh	Dottie Buckman Karen Finson Nancy Kelly Don Kelly Laura Peterson	Jeffery & Suzanne Peters	Patrick & Sue Ann Gerveler (GS) Bryan & Amber Feldner & family Debbie Smith (SD) Lowell & Beverly Peters (WD)	Emma Cunningham	Linda Anemone Jean Brod Brian Brod Ed Lohman
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.	Reese Frericks Tedros Berhorst Royce Boyd	Amber Hendrian Michelle Kerkhoff Sharolyn Rice Mindy Richards Deanna Turnbaugh Donna Vogel Jim Vogel	Emily Barnes & family	Travis & Kim Dinkheller & family Julie Stromquist (GS) Bradley & Tracey Dance & family (SD) Mathew & Elizabeth Bozarth & family (WD)	Ann Gage	Kelle Beswick Joe Musolino Kelly Terwelp Nathan Terwelp
Sunday, 5:00 p.m.	Logan Meyer Mia Coval	Christie Bliven Holly Meyer James Smith Wayne Tuley Teresa Zaerr	Tom & Sara Lepper & family	Anand & Denise Sangoi & family (GS) Lisa & Emme Tournear (SD) John & Paulette Bozarth (WD)	Judy Cimochowsky	Bob Bastean Gary Beckman John Bozarth Dan Brink

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 Josie & Eva Knuffman
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 Living & Deceased Members of Penie & Emma Vahlkamp Family
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 Patrick Joseph Dolan
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 Living & Deceased Members of Rita Walker Family
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