

Blessed Sacrament

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PASTOR: Fr. Tom Meyer

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PARISH SECRETARY: Sally Kroner

DIRECTOR OF ADULT CHOIR: Steve Buckman

GRADE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL: Christie Dickens Bliven

GRADE SCHOOL SECRETARY: Lori Quevillon

PARISH CUSTODIAN: Jennifer Cunningham

SCHOOL CUSTODIAN: Rick Epping

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

MONDAY NO MASS

Tuesday 8:30 a.m. School Mass

Wednesday 8:00 a.m. and 5:20 p.m.

Thursday 8:30 a.m. School Mass

Friday 7:00 a.m.

Saturday 8:00 a.m.

1st and 3rd Saturday

Spanish Mass 8:00 a.m.

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

Saturday 8:30-9:00 a.m.

Call Fr. Tom 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. Tom



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.

Mass Intentions

Monday No Mass	December 14
Tuesday 8:30 a.m.	December 15 Dorothy Gordan
Wednesday 8:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	December 16 Mike Rokita Danny Tucker
Thursday 8:00 a.m.	December 17 Elaine Hall
Friday 8:00 a.m.	December 18 John Holtschlag
Saturday 8:30 a.m.	December 19 Klene Family
Sunday 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	December 20 Parish Family Ron Hinkamper Gena Awerkamp

This Week In Our Parish

Monday, December 14 PSR	6:30-7:45 p.m.
Thursday, December 17 RCIA	6:30-8:30 p.m.

Sunday Giving December 6, 2020

Regular Collection:	\$ 8,835.00
Electronic Giving:	<u>\$ 945.00</u>
Total Collection	\$ 9,780.00
Weekly Support Needed:	\$ 11,413.00
Deficit/Surplus:	\$ 1,633.00
Cumulative Support Actual (YTD)	\$ 239,231.02
Cumulative Support Needed (YTD)	<u>\$ 262,499.00</u>
Deficit/Surplus:	(\$ 23,267.98)
Total School Collection	\$ 2,693.00
Haiti Assistance	\$ 1,088.00

FATHER TOM'S COLUMN

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Today we celebrate the 3rd Sunday of Advent. We celebrate today "**Gaudete Sunday**", which is Latin for "Rejoice." We light the Rose candle and wear the Rose vestments signifying the joy that is in our hearts at the closeness of the Lord's coming. We see the figure of John the Baptist once again in today's Gospel. John the Baptist proclaims that "he came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him." We Christians 2,000

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years later continue to receive and internalize the testimony of John the Baptist. We receive the testimony that Christ's coming, whom we await, truly is the **light** of our lives. We hope that our lives show forth this truth that Christ is the light of my life, so that our lives can be a testimony to others.

In an effort to give Holy Communion to those not yet comfortable coming to Mass, I am offering a very brief **Communion Service each Sunday at 11:15 a.m.** These weekly Communion Services are being offered to bring the Body of Christ to those who have not been attending for fear of the Coronavirus.

Blessed Sacrament Parish has scheduled the following additional **Open Confession Times for the season of Advent:**

Fri. Dec. 18 @ 10:00-11:30 a.m.
@ 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Sat. Dec. 19 @ 9:15-11:00 a.m.

Sun. Dec. 20 @ 4:00-4:45 p.m.

Tue. Dec. 22 @ 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
@ 3:00-6:00 p.m.

Wed. Dec. 23 @ 4:30-5:10 p.m.

Please take advantage of this opportunity to deepen your Advent preparation for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

For your Christmas planning, I publish our upcoming **Christmas Mass Schedule:**

Christmas Eve Masses: 4:00 p.m.
5:30 p.m.
7:00 p.m.
11:00 p.m.

Christmas Day Mass: 9:00 a.m.

Finally, it is with great gratitude that we **express our appreciation to Sally Kroner for her years of service at Blessed Sacrament Parish as our Parish Secretary.** This past Friday Sally has now officially retired from full time ministry in the Parish Office. We look forward to the next chapter that the Lord has in store for Sally here with our beloved parish family! We are all so very grateful!!!

May the Peace of Christ be with you all,

Fr. Tom



There's a new face in the Parish Office!

Laura Megown

Administrative Assistant

A little about Laura...

Laura Megown was born and raised in Hannibal, MO and attended Hannibal High School. She is a graduate of Quincy University with degrees in Marketing and Elementary Education.

Work Experience

Laura has 20+ years experience in the non-profit business world. From 2008 to 2011 she worked as activity director/building manager at the Quincy and Family Resource Senior Center. In 20011, Laura was named Field Representative for West Central IL Area Agency on Aging, a partner agency of the Senior Center until 2019.



She is a lifelong Catholic and is excited about serving Blessed Sacrament Parish. Laura enjoys reading, traveling and playing with her 125 lb. Great Dane, Lincoln.

Prayer - Hospitality - Service - Faith Formation

School News



We have worked very hard to provide an iPad or chrome book for each of our students PreK 4 through 8th grade. Three years ago just our 7th and 8th graders had a one-on-one device. Last year we were able to include grades 5 and 6.



This year, through funds provided by grants, donations and CARES Act, we were able to purchase one-on-one devices for students PreK4-4th. We can now proudly state that every student at Blessed Sacrament has an iPad or Chrome Book to enhance their learning and to utilize when distance learning may be necessary. Thank you, for all of your generous support and most especially for your continuous prayers!

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The Season of Advent

Third Sunday of Advent–13 December 2020

Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11; Luke 1:46–48, 49-50, 53-54; Thessalonians 5:16-24, John 1:6-8, 19-28

Who Am I ? As we long for the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, let our Advent be perfectly holy. To help us, Saint Paul reminds us of these basic Christian attitudes: (1) rejoice always, (2) pray without ceasing and (3) always give thanks.

. In whom or in what will I rejoice this week?

. How will I pray every day this week?

. For whom and for what am I thankful this week?

. What will I do because of this thanksgiving?

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Rest in Peace

Please pray for the soul of Norma Pieper who passed away on Saturday, December 5, 2020. Funeral Services were Wednesday, December 9, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. Please keep Norma and her family in your prayers.

Stewardship Form

The Stewardship Form is now available on-line for you to complete if you have not already done so. The form is on both the Blessed *Sacrament Parish* Facebook page or on the *Blessed Sacrament Moms and Dads* page. Please complete your form as soon as possible and return to Parish Office.

Christmas Trees



This year we are looking for two live Christmas trees 7 1/2 to 8 feet tall, to decorate the altar space. Cash donations will be great and our Minutemen will have a wonderful time running about the woods looking for and cutting down Christmas trees to adorn our altar space. Cash donations will go toward the purchase of the trees.

Christmas Eve TV Mass for Shut-ins

The Quincy Knights of Columbus Council is sponsoring a Christmas Eve TV Mass for Shut-ins at 4:30 p.m. on December 24, 2020.

Disinfecting Crew Needed

If you plan on attending the 7:00 p.m. or 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass, we are in need of a disinfecting crew for both Masses. If you are able to help, please call the Parish Office and leave your name, the Mass you plan to attend and your phone number.

Council of Catholic Women

The annual Christmas Brunch is cancelled due to COVID, but we will still take up a collection for those in need of winter items to stay warm. There will be tubs in the Gathering Space to place donations of hats, mittens, scarves, gloves, socks, for both men, women and children. If you choose, you can make a cash donation, by marking your envelope CCW Christmas Donation c/o Sally Kroner and place in the collection box. Thank you in advance for helping those in need. These items will be divided between Ladies of Charity and Catholic Charities.



An Advent Prayer

O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.



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Pray For The Sick

Please pray for parish family members: Doris Hildebrand, Tom Liesen, Terry Stromquist, Linda Irvine, Sr. Florence Kuhn, Jerry Duesterhaus, Larry Steinkamp, Karen Steinkamp, Rick Zaerr, Mike Boll, Sandy Meade, Linda Anemone, Faylene Knuffman, Phil Elam, Terri Zaerr.

The 14-Day candle is in memory of Eleanor Schaecher, December 6 through December 20, 2020.

14-Day Candle

If you would like to have the 14-day candle by the tabernacle (sanctuary lamp) in memory of your loved one, please call the office and let us know. The cost is \$10. We will announce in the bulletin whose memory we are honoring every two weeks.

Contact Carol Price at 223-8881, if you would like to add someone's name to the prayer chain.

Circle of Caring

If you know of anyone who could use a helping hand after returning home from the hospital, please contact Linda Hinkamper at 223-4159 during the month of December. 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, do housekeeping tasks, or just lend a helping hand.



Winter Solstice

Why is the winter solstice so important?

Fire and light are traditional symbols of celebrations held on the darkest day of the year. The **winter solstice** is the day of the year with the fewest hours of daylight, and it marks the start of astronomical **winter**. After the **winter solstice**, days start becoming longer and nights shorter as spring approaches.

What happens at winter solstice?

It **happens** twice yearly, once in each hemisphere (Northern and Southern). For that hemisphere, the **winter solstice** is the day with the shortest period of daylight and longest night of the year, when the sun is at its lowest daily maximum elevation in the sky. ... The **winter solstice** occurs during the hemisphere's **winter**.

Do the days get longer after the winter solstice?

At the **December solstice**, the Northern Hemisphere is leaning most away from the sun for the year. ... For us on the northern part of Earth, the shortest day comes at the **solstice**. **After the winter solstice**, the **days get longer**, and the nights shorter.

How many minutes a day are we gaining?












And for the week or so after that, it will continue increasing at the slightly slower pace of about **2 minutes and 7 seconds** per day. In fact, this time period around the vernal or spring equinox – and actually peaking at the equinox – is the time of year when the number of daylight hours is growing the fastest.

Ministries for Sunday Mass December 20, 2020

8:00 a.m. — Sacristan — Dick McKinney **Server** — Dick McKinney
Greeters/Ushers — Ed Lohman, Frank Flesch, Brian & Jeannie Brod, Greg Lename, Brian Naught, Mark Thompson *(Need to arrive at Church 45 minutes early)
Cleaning/Disinfectant Crew — Lee & Marie John, Bob & Mary Kay Brown, Glen & Becky Ebbing, Chris & Debbie Wegs, Doris Dolan
Communion Minister — Laura Patterson **Lector** — Mary Lynn Tucker

10:00 a.m. — Sacristan — Mike Grant **Server** — Jill Kelly
Greeters/Ushers — Ron Kelly, Mark Cawthon, Aaron Kerkhoff, Bill Awerkamp, Brian Hendrain, Marvin Schrecke *(Need to arrive at Church 45 minutes early)
Cleaning/Disinfectant Crew — Bill & Nancy Schodroski, Phyllis Cameron, Heather & Wes Friday, Patrick & Maggie Kistner Family, Cheryl Sowell, Sidney & Michelle Young
Communion Minister — Terri Many **Lector** — Patty Adam

5:00 p.m. — Sacristan — Ted & Terry Duesterhaus **Server** — Terry & Ed Duesterhaus
Greeters/Ushers — Bob Bergman, John & Melissa Daggett, Terry Duesterhaus *(Need to arrive at Church 45 minutes early)
Cleaning/Disinfectant Crew — John & Paulette Bozarth, John & Melissa Daggett, Burt & Jill Shackelton
Communion Minister — Deacon Terry **Lector** — Pam Luther

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 Van Marter & Meade Families
 Kuse & Schmidt Families
 Pat Willer
 Deceased members of Fenwick & Schinderling Families
 Living & Deceased members of the Louis Frese & Walker Morrison Families
 Herring & Kuhn Families
 Simons & Cassidy Families
 Bill Wegs
 Patrick Joseph Dolan
 Smith & Franke Families
 Hultz, Rhineberger & Ohnemus Families
 Ron, Carl, Ethel & Gertrude Peters
 Charles, Margaret, Pete & Steve Huefner
 Louis Holtschlag Family
 Welchert & Richmiller Families
 Nick Schulte & Living & Deceased members of Schulte/Grawe Families
 Members of Albright & Havermale Families
 Madalon Elam & John & Delores Peterson
 Members of Norbert & Viola Klingele Family
 Members of Henry & Regina Geschwandner Family
 John & Betty Holtschlag Family & Kathleen Cain
 Harold & Virginia Hartman & John Hartman
 Cook, VandenBoom & Gollaher Families
 Josie & Eva Knuffman
 Bange & Benz Families
 Charlie & Scott Roan
 Living & Deceased Members of Lawrence & Marie Klauser Family
 Ted Peters, Vern, Rose & Gerald Zimmerman
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 Living & Deceased Members of the Sacred Heart League
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 Fr. Don, Everett & Mary Knuffman
 Jeffrey & BJ VandenBoom
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 William & Esther Bergman
 A.B. Blickhan & H.B. Schuering Families
 Les Duesterhaus
 Frank & Elsie Olps & Family
 Goehl & Koetters Families
 Ted Berter Jr. & Sr. Families
 James & Catherine Johnson, Lawrence & Mary Dietrich Families
 Evelyn Holtschlag
 Deceased Members of the Haugh & Jochem Families
 Esselman & Moranville Families
 Burghart & Reinold Families
 Ernie Buckman
 Greg Buckman
 Selby & Meier Families
 Ronald W. Hinkamper
 Beckman, Hinkamper Families, John Michael Cimer
 Parker & Mildred Gates
 Living & Deceased Members of the Council of Catholic Women
 Flaiz & Lohman Families & Nick Miller
 Living & Deceased Members of the Hull, Dempsey & Kelly Families
 The Franco Family -- June & Anita
 Liz Galloway & Families
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