

Blessed Sacrament

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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 21
Tuesday 8:00 a.m.	December 22 Bob Welchert
Wednesday 8:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	December 23 Klene Family Cy and Marge Hall
Thursday 4:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 11:00 p.m.	December 24 Bruce Albright Steve Kruger Andrew Maas Parish Family
Friday 9:00 a.m.	December 25 Paul Schuering
Saturday 8:30 a.m.	December 26 Ernie Buckman
Sunday 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	December 27 Jean Peters Dr. Thomas Swenson Parish Family

This Week In Our Parish

Note: Adoration will not be held this coming Wednesday. Adoration will resume on Wednesday, December 30, 2020.



Sunday Giving December 13, 2020

Regular Collection:	\$ 3,447.00
Electronic Giving:	\$ 945.00
Total Collection	\$14,392.00
Weekly Support Needed:	\$11,413.00
Deficit/Surplus:	\$ 2,979.00
Cumulative Support Actual (YTD)	\$253,632.02
Cumulative Support Needed (YTD)	(\$ 20,288.98)
Total School Collection	\$ 395.00
Haiti Assistance	\$ 283.00

FATHER TOM'S COLUMN

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Today we celebrate the **4th Sunday of Advent**. We hear in the Gospel today the story of the Archangel Gabriel's appearance to Mary asking her to become the mother of "the Son of the Most High." Mary accepts the divine initiative with the words, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." With Mary's consent, the Holy Spirit descends upon her and the Son of God takes on human flesh – is made incarnate – within her. Everything is now in place for God's plan of salvation to come to fulfillment.

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 last week of Advent:**

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

Wednesday, 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

Finally, 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.

May the Peace of Christ be with you all,

Fr. Tom

LA FIESTA DE LA VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE

12 DE DICIEMBRE 2020



People gathered to celebrate Mass in Spanish last Saturday.



Many girls dressed up in traditional clothing to honor Our Lady.



Flowers were placed at Our Lady of Guadalupe's image.



Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared to St. Juan Diego in Mexico in 1531 and asked for a Church be built on Tepeyac Hill. Our Lady asked Juan Diego to bring flowers that did not normally grow on the hill to the Bishop as a sign. When Juan Diego opened his tilma to show the flowers, an image of Our Lady appeared on his tilma. The tilma is still venerated in Mexico today!

COMING UP...

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INFORMATIONAL MEETING
 TUESDAY DEC 29 | 6 PM

LINK TO MEETING WILL BE ON BLESSED SACRAMENT'S FACEBOOK PAGE
 QUESTIONS? CONTACT:

AARON KERKHOFF: 217-316-9203, JOHN MCDOWELL: 217-440-8187, OR GINNY STEINKAMP: 573-719-1330

EXODUS
 NINETY DAYS

Prayer - Hospitality - Service - Faith Formation

School News



Our students were very excited and blessed to hear Consuela Cobian tell them all about Our Lady of Guadalupe and Juan Diego.

Consuela also taught our students how the feast days of Our Lady of Guadalupe and Juan Diego are celebrated in Mexico.



Thank YOU, Consuela Cobian!!! Our students loved their time with you!!

Open Confession Times for Advent

Sunday, Dec. 20	4:00 p.m.–4:45 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 22	1:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
	3:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 23	4:30 p.m.–5:10 p.m.

The Season of Advent

Fourth Sunday of Advent– December 20, 2020

2 Samuel 7: 1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16, Psalm 89: 2-3, 4-5, 27, 29, Romans 16: 25-27, Luke 1: 26-38

How Can This Be? Words of a visiting angel: Do not be afraid; God has this plan; you are full of grace. Mary speaks aloud what we all are thinking: "How can this be?" God makes it possible because God makes us holy!

*What should I stop fearing?

*What is God's plan for me just for this day?

*What will I do this week as God's holy person that benefits someone else?

Monthly Food Collection

Reminder:



Next Sunday, December 27, 2020 will be the monthly food collection for those in need.

Welcome Newly Baptized

Please welcome to our parish Jackson Robert Dietrich. Jackson is the son of Jacob Dietrich and Erin Wolf. He was born on July 18, 2020 and baptized on December 13, 2020. Please keep Jackson and his family in your prayers.



Please welcome to our parish Chandler Kevin Vogel. Chandler is the son of Chad and Kari Vogel. He was born on September 29, 2020, 2020 and baptized on December 13, 2020. Please keep Chandler and his family in your prayers.

Prayer - Hospitality - Service - Faith Formation

Letter from the Bishop

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Catholic Children's Home has served as a 'beacon of hope' for thousands of children for the past 141 years. Since 1879, through the Spanish Flu in 1918 to the Coronavirus in 2020, the Catholic Children's Home has been there to give the love and compassion these children desperately need.

Today, the Catholic Children's Home continues this mission by meeting the emotional, social, academic and basic needs of all the children sent for residential care or special education services, including our newest program designed to serve the needs of children faced with the tremendous challenges of Autism.

The children of Catholic Children's Home have been chronically abused, designated "unmanageable" by their schools, or simply have had no place to call home. They are some of the most vulnerable in our society. The holidays are a particularly difficult time of year for these youth.

In the spirit of Christ's special affection for all children, I ask that you continue to support the work of the Catholic Children's Home and generously contribute to the special collection held at Christmas.

May God touch your hearts with his grace and mercy during these Advent and Christmas days. Psalm 127:3 "Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from him." With every best wish and gratitude, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki



Prayer - Hospitality - Service - Faith Formation

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, Betty Wiewel.

The 14-Day candle is in memory of Madalon Elam, December 20 through January 3, 2021.



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.

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.



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.

Rest In Peace

Please pray for the soul of Pamela Klauser who passed away on Tuesday, December 8, 2020. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 at 12:00 noon. Please keep Pam and her family in your prayers.

Thank You

Fr. Tom would like to thank all those who donated cash, the white lights and the Christmas trees that will grace the church during the Christmas season.

Thank You

Thank you for your generous donation of 8 large totes of groceries and paper goods. We sincerely appreciate your interest in and support of our ministry to the needy of our area.

God Bless You!

Ladies of Charity

Prayer Chain

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

K of C 2021

Calendar Raffle for Charity

The Knights of Columbus has its "2021 Calendar Raffle" in progress which helps support our Catholic schools as well as other charitable causes such as Ladies of Charity and Birthright. Please consider purchasing a raffle calendar for \$25 with 365 chances to win \$23,950 in cash prizes. They make great Christmas gifts! The calendars will be sold after the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Mass on December 27 or by calling Matt Schrecke at 653-7423 or John Veith at 653-0258. Thank for your consideration and support.

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.

Ministries for Sunday Mass December 27, 2020

8:00 a.m. — Sacristan — Dick McKinney

Server — Dick McKinney

Greeters/Ushers — Ed Lohman, Glen Ebbing, Ted Johnson, Bret Niemann, Blake Niemann, Kevin Steinkamp, Ferd Niemann
*(Need to arrive at Church 45 minutes early)

Cleaning/Disinfectant Crew — Larry Jochem, Brian & Jeannie Brod, Ceil Dix, Pat & Sue Gerveler, Doug & Pam Luther Mary Lynn Tucker

Communion Minister — Deacon Terry

Lector — Christopher Wegs

10:00 a.m. — Sacristan — Mike Grant

Server — Jill Kelly

Greeters/Ushers — Ron Kelly, Dan & Laurie Brink, John McDowell, Greg & Cheryl Wittland, Marvin Schrecke
*(Need to arrive at Church 45 minutes early)

Cleaning/Disinfectant Crew — Greg & Cheryl Wittland, Bill & Patty Adam, Jennifer Dickerman, Aaron & Michelle Kerkhoff Family, Sharolyn Rice, Nancy Weede

Communion Minister — Deacon Terry

Lector — Ann Gage

5:00 p.m. — Sacristan — Terry Duesterhaus

Server — Ed Duesterhaus













Greeters/Ushers — Bob Bergman, John & Melissa Daggett, Jim Smith

*(Need to arrive at Church 45 minutes early)

Cleaning/Disinfectant Crew — John & Paulette Bozarth, Bonnie Cook, Kevin & Brenda Phillips, Rich Keppner

Communion Minister — Deacon Terry

Lector — Susan Peters

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 Herring & Kuhn Families
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 Bill Wegs
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 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
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 Ted Peters, Vern, Rose & Gerald Zimmerman
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 Fr. Don, Everett & Mary Knuffman
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 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
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