

# 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.

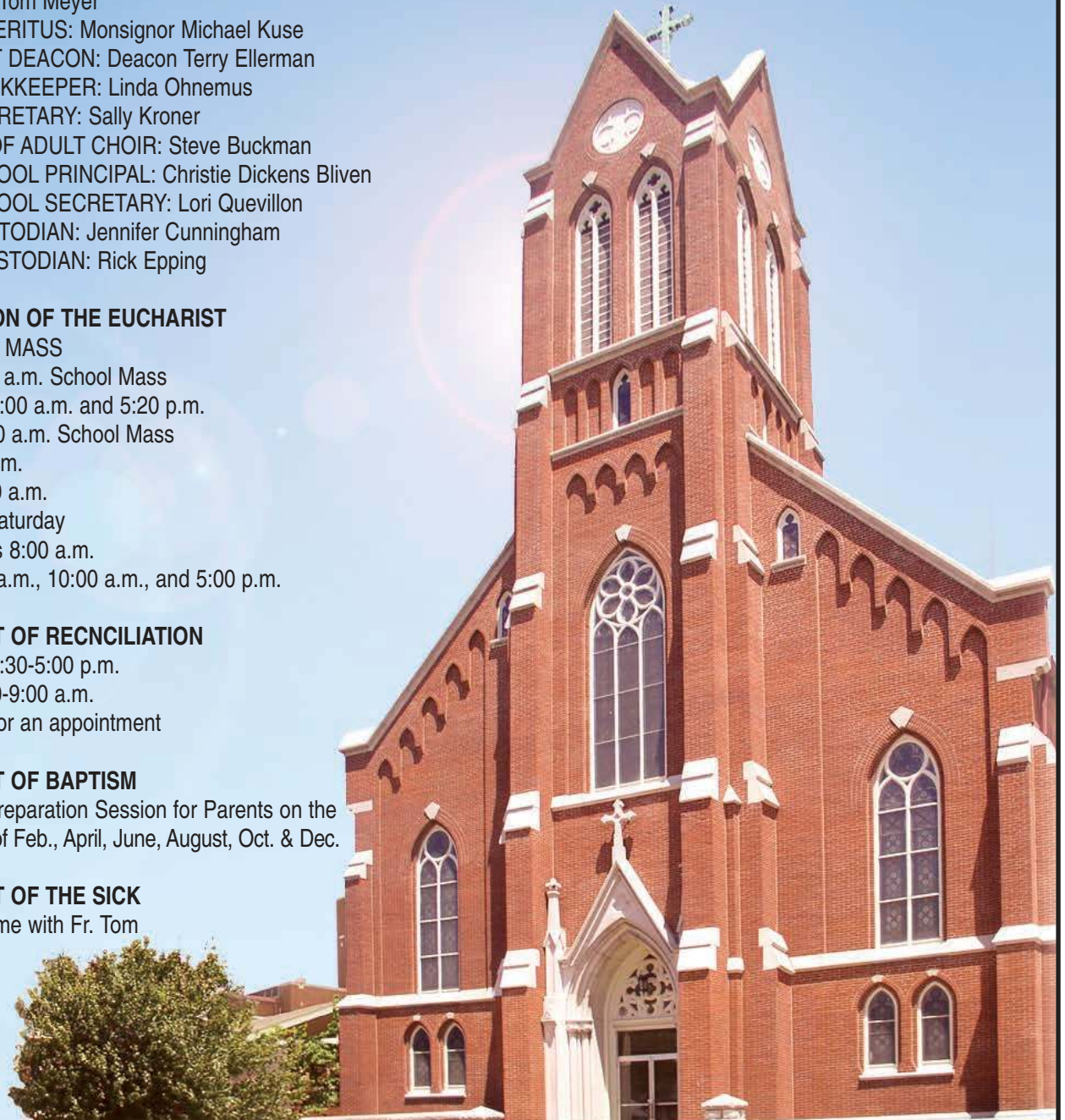
Call Fr. Tom for an appointment

## 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

<b>Monday</b> No Mass	<b>December 28, 2020</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:00 a.m.	<b>December 29, 2020</b> Darrell Moore
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	<b>December 30, 2020</b> Don Holtschlog Klene Family
<b>Thursday</b> 8:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	<b>December 31, 2020</b> Norma J. Moore Danny Tucker
<b>Friday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>January 1, 2021</b> First Friday Memorials
<b>Saturday</b> 8:30 a.m.	<b>January 2, 2021</b> Ann Young

## This Week In Our Parish

<b>Monday</b> NO PSR School Closed for Christmas Break	<b>December 28</b>
<b>Wednesday</b> Adoration	<b>December 30</b>
<b>Thursday</b> Office Closed No RCIA	<b>December 31</b>
<b>Friday</b> Office Closed	<b>January 1</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>January 2</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 3</b>



## FATHER TOM'S COLUMN

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Today we celebrate the **Solemnity of the Holy Family**. Today we celebrate the mystery of the graced family life shared among Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. It was through these important years of childhood and young adulthood in the Holy Family that Jesus received his human formation. The family continues to be the primary place where human formation takes place. It is in the home where parents teach their children how to become young men and women of integrity. We pray for all the families of Blessed Sacrament Parish that our Lord may assist parents in this important task of forming our children in the faith.

I would like to say **Thank You** to the many talented people who made the Christmas liturgies this past week so beautiful. First, I would like to thank the Cantors and Instrumentalists for their gift of music that add so much to our liturgies. I offer special thanks to our Lectors, Altar Servers, Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, Video Live-streamers, and Sacristans. I would like to thank our Art & Environment Committee and our parish Minutemen who beautifully decorated our church for Christmas. Finally, I extend a very important thank you to Parish Music Director Steve Buckman who prepared and coordinated the music for our Christmas liturgies. Wonderful job everyone in making our Christmas liturgies this past week such a joy-filled encounter!

Finally, the following is our Mass schedule for this week's **January 1 Solemnity of Mary Mother of God** (Holy Day of Obligation):

**Thursday, Dec. 31 (New Year's Eve)**

**at 5:00 p.m.**

**Friday, Jan. 1 (New Year's Day)**

**at 9:00 a.m.**

May the Peace of the Word-made-Flesh be with you all,

Fr. Tom

# Who's Santa?

While Jesus is the reason for the season, Christians around the world give gifts at Christmas time to remind us of the best gift we could ever receive, Jesus! Here is a look at Santa's helpers who bring gifts to children in various countries in the world.

We are the 3 Wisemen. We bring gifts to children in Spain and Mexico on the Epiphany, January 6. The children there call us Los Reyes.



Ho ho! I'm St. Nicholas. Children in the U.S. call me Santa Claus and Sinterklaas in the Netherlands. I celebrate Christ's birth by bringing gifts on December 25. I was a bishop a long time ago in Turkey



I'm St. Basil. I was a Bishop in the Eastern Church of Caesarea. Children in Greece wait for me to bring them gifts on my feast day, January 1.



# Prayer - Hospitality - Service - Faith Formation

## School News



Congratulations to our 6th grade students who successfully completed the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program sponsored by the Quincy Police Department. A huge thanks to Officer Kelly Vandermaiden and Deb Bebee for leading our students through this very important curriculum. Students were honored in a virtual graduation ceremony which was shared live on our Moms and Dads Facebook Page for parents to view.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Brooklynn Krueger who was recognized for the winning D.A.R.E. essay!



## New Year's Masses

Thursday  
5:30 p.m.

December 31, 2020

Friday  
9:00 a.m.

January 1, 2021



## 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, Fayleen Knuffman, Phil Elam, Terri Zaerr and Betty Wiewel.

## 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 \$10.00. We will announce in the bulletin whose memory we are honoring every two weeks.



The 14-Day Candle is in memory of Madalon Elam, December 21, 2020 through January 1, 2021.

# Prayer - Hospitality - Service - Faith Formation

## A Prayer to The Holy Family, for Grace

O most loving Jesus, Who by Thy sublime and beautiful virtues of humility, obedience, poverty, modesty, charity, patience and gentleness, and by the example of Thy domestic life, didst bless with peace and happiness the family Thou didst choose on earth, in Thy clemency look down upon this household, humbly prostrate before Thee and imploring Thy mercy.

Remember that this family belongs to Thee; for to Thee we have in a special way dedicated and devoted ourselves. Look upon us in Thy loving kindness; preserve us from danger; give us help in time of need, and grant us the grace to persevere to the end in the imitation of Thy Holy Family; that having revered Thee and loved Thee faithfully on earth, we may bless and praise Thee eternally in heaven.

O Mary, most sweet Mother, to thy intercession we have recourse, knowing that thy Divine Son will hear thy prayers.

And do thou, O glorious Patriarch, St. Joseph, assist us by thy powerful mediation, and offer, by the hands of Mary, our prayers to Jesus. Amen.

## Prayer Chain

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 anyone who is in need of a helping hand after returning home from the hospital, please contact Nancy Kelly, 224-0259 during the month of January 2021. The *Circle of Caring* is for anyone who has just had a baby, returned home from hospital or is unable to drive. Volunteers will carry in meals, provide rides, do housekeeping task or just lend a helping hand.

## Stewardship Forms On-line NOW

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* and on the *Blessed Sacrament Moms and Dads Facebook page*. Please complete your form as soon as possible and return to the Parish Office.

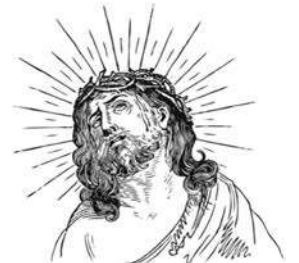
*As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace.*  
(1 Pt: 4:10)

### Stewardship



## Exodus 90 – Program for Men

Blessed Sacrament Parish invites men seeking authentic freedom to join their brothers in Christ for **Exodus 90**, which will kick off on Monday, January 4, 2021 virtually. Exodus 90 is a 90-day spiritual exercise that gives Catholic men a clear path for the journey to freedom through prayer, asceticism, and support in a community of brotherhood. It parallels the Old Testament story of Exodus to help men gain freedom from modern distractions, addiction, and most importantly, to become closer to God. More than 30,000 men around the country have made the **Exodus** and transformed their lives. For more information contact Aaron Kerhoff at 217-316-9203 or John McDowell at 217-440-8187.



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217-698-8500, ext. 162 or email [asmith@dio.org](mailto:asmith@dio.org)

# Prayer - Hospitality - Service - Faith Formation

## K of C 2021 Calendar Raffle for Charity

The Knights of Columbus Council 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 Schreacke at 653-7423 or John Veith at 653-0258. Thank for your consideration and support!



## Words of Wisdom to Live By

When you love people, you see all the good in them, all the Christ in them. God sees His Son in us. And so we should see Christ in others, and nothing else, and love them. There can never be enough of it. St. John of the Cross said that where there was no love, put love, and you would draw love out.

- Dorothy Day

**Dorothy Day** (November 8, 1897 - November 29, 1980) was an American journalist, social activist and anarchist who, after a Bohemian youth, became a Catholic Christian without in any way abandoning her social and anarchist activism. She was perhaps the best-known political radical in the American Catholic Church.

## How to Pick a Patron Saint for the New Year

The saints – they pick you. When they want to befriend you, they insert themselves into your life. For my birthday present, my parents ordered an Immaculate Heart of Mary picture from an online store. What arrived in the mail was a St. Joseph statue. They called the store about the error, the order was re-shipped, and once again – St. Joseph. So in addition to the Immaculate Heart on the wall, I have a little shrine to St. Joseph because he insisted on being there. Thank you, St. Joseph.

If you have a special intention and can't wait for one of these providential incidents to drop a saint into your life, there's also a way to "make" a saint pick you. On New Year's Day, each person in my family uses the Saint's Name Generator at [saintsnamegenerator.com](http://saintsnamegenerator.com) to get a special patron for the year. All you do is click the "Find a Saint for Me!" button; say a prayer; and when you're ready to meet your saint, click "Show Me My Saint." The website provides you with your saint's name and feast day, and a list of things he or she is patron of. The link to "Learn More" about your saint takes you to the saint's biography on another website.

When a saint enters your life, through the Saint's Name Generator or some other way, sometimes there are obvious connections, while other times, you are left wondering. My patron for this past year was Blessed Anton Martin, an educator and textbook writer. I know he helped me with my teaching job. Last year, it was St. Andrew Bobola, a martyr with a temperament the polar opposite of mine, and the year before it was St. John Vianney, a fellow devotee of St. Philomena. The saint who volunteered to patronize this article is St. Francis of Paola, miracle worker, hermit at 15 and founder of a religious order at 19.

No matter whether the particular influence of the saints in our lives is clear or hidden, we can be sure that the saints want us to be happy. We should want happiness for other people too, and it doesn't have to be a mere sentimental wish. Jesus told St. Gertrude, "Know that the more you pray for anyone, the happier they will become."

## Ministries for Sunday Mass January 3, 2021

**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 —** Jeff Brandon

**10:00 a.m. — Sacristan —** Mike Grant

**Server —** Jill Kelly

**Greeters/Ushers —** Ron Kelly, Dan & Laurie Brink, John McDowell, Greg & Cheryl Wittland,  
\*(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 —** Laurie Brink

**Lector —** Bill Schodroski

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













**Server —** Ed Duesterhaus

**Greeters/Ushers —** Bob Bergman, Bob Bastean, Wes Friday, Jim Smith, Susan Peters, Ed Holthaus  
\*(Need to arrive at Church 45 minutes early)

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

**Communion Minister —** James Smith

**Lector —** Christie Bliven

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 Missie Ohnemus Moore  
 Traci Dede & Mary & Jerry Lovell Families  
 Van Marter & Meade Families  
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 Pat Willer  
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 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  
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 Evelyn Holtschlag  
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 Ernie Buckman  
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 Flaiz & Lohman Families & Nick Miller  
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 The Franco Family -- June & Anita  
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