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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 RECNCILIATION

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 December 7 No Mass Tuesday December 8 6:30 a.m. Fr. John Carberry 8:30 a.m. John Damm Don Hayden 10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. Clara Hessling December 9 Wednesday Karen Weise. 8:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m. Anna Milbert Thursday December 10 9:00 a.m. Richard & Evelyn Grawe Friday December 11 8:00 a.m. Klene Family Saturday December 12 8:30 a.m. Jack & Sharon Mackenzie Sunday December 13 8:00 a.m. Wm. Lohman 10:00 a.m. Ernie Buckman

This Week In Our Parish

Parish Family

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5:00 p.m.

PSR 6:30-7:45 p.m.

Tuesday December 8

Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception

Thursday, December 10

RCIA 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Sunday Giving November 29, 2020

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FATHER TOM'S COLUMN

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Today we celebrate the 2nd Sunday of Advent. We see in our Gospel the figure of John the Baptist. According to Gospel of Mark, John is the fulfillment of the prophecy from Isaiah, "A voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths'." John appears in the desert in a rather peculiar way, clothing himself in camel's hair and eating locusts and wild honey. Yet we are not to be distracted by his looks. His message drew multitudes out to the desert for repentance and baptism. In an important way, God's plan relied upon the preaching and witness of John the Baptist in order to prepare for the first coming of Christ. May our re-hearing the

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words of John the Baptist today move our own hearts to seek the return of the Messiah.

This Tuesday, December 8 we celebrate the **Solemnity** of the Immaculate Conception. Because of the COVID pandemic, all Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation continue to be dispensed. For those who would like to attend, we have 4 Masses scheduled this Tuesday: 6:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 6:00 p.m.

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:

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

This upcoming Saturday, December 12 we will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe with an 8:30 a.m. Mass in Spanish. Our Spanish speaking community will be reading and singing the liturgy in Spanish. All are welcome to attend.

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, we welcome to Blessed Sacrament our New Parish Secretary Laura Megown. Laura grew up in Hannibal and attended Hannibal High School. She graduated from Quincy University in 1990 with a BS in Science Education and Marketing. She has held a number of positions since her graduation. Most recently she worked from 2009 to 2019 at the Quincy Senior Center and West Central IL Area Agency on Aging as Activity Director/Building Manager and Field Representative. Laura is a lifelong Catholic and is excited to bring the depth of her Catholic faith to lovingly serve the parish members of Blessed Sacrament. Sally Kroner will continue to train Laura for the next several days. While we are very excited to welcome Laura to our Parish Staff, our hearts are also very sad with Sally's upcoming retirement. How I wish we could celebrate our gratitude for her publicly.

May the Peace of Christ be with you all,

Fr. Tom



Getting To Know

Ginny Steinkamp | Director of Faith Formation

A little about Ginny...

Ginny Steinkamp has spent a lot of time in the Quincy Catholic parishes. She was baptized at St. Peter's, was a kindergartener at Blessed Sacrament (then St. Mary's), but spent most of her time at St. Francis. Ginny graduated from QND in 2017 and from Benedictine College this December with majors of Theology and Journalism and Mass Communications. Ginny is eager to now call Blessed Sacrament her home. Outside of her time as Director of Faith Formation, Ginny continues her academic pursuits. This Spring, Ginny will present her research on "Authentic Femininity: The Antidote to Radical Feminism" at the 2021 Symposium on Advancing the New Evangelization.

Involvement in College...

- Resident Assistant
- . Bible Study Leader
- Theology of the Body Speaker

- Praise and Worship Leader
- Founder of a women's ministry
- Staff writer for the BC Circuit

Favorites



Praise Song

"Be Enthroned"



Saint

St. Edith Stein

Philosopher and Martyr



Book

Love & Responsibility

St. John Paul II

Prayer - Hospitality - Service - Faith Formation

School News



Light the Advent Candle ONE. Now the waiting has begun. We have started on our way. Time to think of Christmas Day. Candle, Candle burning bright, shining in the cold winter night. Candle, candle burning bright, fill our hearts with Christmas light.

Our tradition of lighting the Advent candle and singing "Light the Advent Candle" song continues every morning and is broadcasted to each classroom via our Mom and Dad's Facebook page. Even though we cannot gather as a school family in our hallway every morning this year, it is still so beautiful hearing the voices of our students singing from their classrooms.





Season of Advent

Second Sunday of Advent—December 6, 2020 Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11. Psalm 85:9-10,11-12, 13-14. 2 Peter 3:8-14. Mark 1:1-8.

- What Sort of Persons? In this Advent time of looking to the future while living in the now, Saint Peter's question is the right one: "What sort of person ought you to be?" Saint John the Baptist offers a good response and better example. He is not full of himself. He knows his minor place. He points to the One who is both with us now and is also coming.
- . How will my waiting on the Lord make me more humble?
- . What full-of-myself behaviors can I change, can I let go?
- . Works of Mercy take the focus off me for the benefit of another. What will I do?

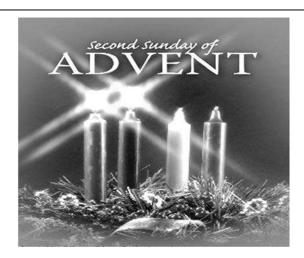
The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday, December 8, 2020 — Patronal Feast Day of the United States —

Genesis 3:9-15, 20, Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, Ephesians 1:3-6, 111-12, Luke 1:26-38.

The Lord is with You. The Lord is not just with Mary. That same God is also with us. Thus, also with me. For, as Saint Paul says, god chose us in Christ to be holy (too).

*How will I choose to be holy this day? This week? This Advent?



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Area Events

St. Anthony Men's Society invites you to their Drive-Thru Pancake and Sausage Breakfast on Sunday, December 13 – 7:30 a.m. – noon. Cost is \$8 per person.

WEEK 3 – ADVENT CARING COLLECTION – Please bring HYGIENE PRODUCTS – soap, lotion, shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, floss, diapers, wipes, etc.





Christmas Trees



This year we are looking for two live Christmas trees





7 1/2 to 8 feet tall, to decorate the altar space. We will also need strands of white lights to illuminate both trees to



shine brightly for the dear Lord. 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 and the lights.



Assumptions Catholic Store

Due to COVID-19, Assumptions has **CANCELLED** their visit to St. Rose of Lima in Quincy that was scheduled for December 12.

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.



The Story of the Advent Wreath

Advent wreaths were originally part of folk traditions of Northern Europe. Wreaths of evergreens were decorated with candles to symbolize life and light during the dark months of winter. Legend has it that Saint Boniface first gave the wreath its Christian meaning in the eighth century, and we have been using these wreaths as part of our Advent preparation ever since.

The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God. The evergreens signify continuous life. Each of the four candles represents one of the Sundays of Advent. The purple candles represent the prayer, penance, preparation, and good works we are called to do during Advent. The color purple signifies the "royalty" of Jesus Christ.

The pink candle is lit on the Third Sunday of Advent, which is the Sunday of rejoicing. The light of the candles reminds us that Jesus comes into the darkness of our lives to bring newness, life, and hope. We gradually add more light teach Sunday until Christ, our Light, comes at Christmas.

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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, Pam Klauser, 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.

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 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.



Christmas Cards for the Homebound

Do not forget to bring Christmas cards for the nursing homes and homebound from our parish listed below. Next Sunday, December 13, will be the last day to drop them off in the large decorated box in the Gathering Space.



Norma Ancell Liz Galloway

Carol Price Barb Bax

Tom & Carole Glossmeyer Marilyn Ridder

George Belker Elsie Hayes

Roger Blair Marg Blair

Doris Hildeband Anna Kenning

Roger Blair Marie Rose

Richard & Linda Rose Tom Roberts

Roger Brod Pam Klauser

Bob Schmidt Carlene Cane

Katherine Maas Mary Shiley

Toby Elsenpeter Carol Middendorf

John & Annette Sloup Alberta Engles

Betty Nichols Albert & Joyce Sohn

Bob Ericson Joan Olps

Jean Wagy Gene & Rita Esselman

Fave Orr Jill Wegs

Francis & Janice Fedler Allen Peters

Ruth Welchert Grace Figert

Linda Peters Ted Willer

Flo Freels Norma Pieper

Betty Wiewel Mr. & Mrs. Harold Zopf

Mr. & Mrs. Skip Vahlkamp

Ministries for Sunday Mass December 13, 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 — Brian Brod

Lector — Glen Ebbing

10:00 a.m. — Sacristan — Mike Grant

Server — Jill Kelly

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

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

Communion Minister — Deacon Terry

Lector — Nancy Weede

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

Server — Ed Duesterhaus

Greeters/Ushers — Bob Bergman, Bob Bastean, Wes Friday, Jim Smith, 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 — Mary Jo Terwelp

Lector — Heather Friday



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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

Janet Kroeger & Mary Alice Meyer Living & Deceased Members of the Sacred Heart League Maas & Doyle Families

Fr. Don, Everett & Mary Knuffman Jeffrey & BJ VandenBoom

Living & Deceased Members of the Bozarth & Kelly Families 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 Cimera 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

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