# Blessed Sackament

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#### **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

Monday: No Mass Tuesday: 8:00 a.m. Wednesday, thursday, Friday: 8:30 a.m. (School Year) Saturday: 8:30 a.m. (Spanish) Sunday: 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.

#### **RECONCILIATION:**

Wednesday 4:30 - 5:15 p.m. Saturday 9:00 - 9:30 a.m. Sunday 4:00 - 4:30 p.m.

#### VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR

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#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

Forming disciples through prayer, liturgy, Word of God and service.

#### Blessed Sacrament Parish 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time January 16, 2022

Monday	<b>January 17, 2022</b> No Mass	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>January 18, 2022</b>	
8:00 a.m.	Marge Blaair	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>January 19, 2022</b>	
8:00 a.m.	Betty Holtman	
5:30 p.m.	Klene Family	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>January 20, 2022</b>	
8:30 a.m.	Fr. Bob Porter	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>January 21, 2022</b>	
8:00 a.m.	Steven Stump	
Saturday	<b>January 22, 2022</b>	
8:30 a.m.	Fr. Charles Nelson	
<b>Sunday</b>	January 23, 2022	
8:00 a.m.	People of the Parish	
10:00 a.m.	Shirley Williams	
5:00 p.m.	Mark Frese	

#### January 2, 2022

Regular Collection:	\$16,000.89
Electronic Giving:	\$ <u>1.095.00</u>
Total Collection	<b>\$17,095.89</b>
Weekly Support Needed:	<u>\$12,013.00</u>
Deficit/Surplus:	\$5,082.89
Regular Support Actual (YTD)	\$324,390.24
Regular Support Needed (YTD)	<u>\$336,364.00</u>
Regular Deficit/Surplus: (YTD)	(\$11,973.76)
Total School Collection	\$3,01500
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#### This Week in Our Parish

Monday	Office Closed No PSR	
Tuesday	Liturgy Class Girls' Small Group	6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday	Adoration Liturgy Committee	8:30 a.m. – 5:10 p.m. 6:00 p.m.
Thursday	RCIA	6:30 p.m.

#### From the Pastor's Desk

Today we celebrate the **2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time.** We hear the story today of Jesus' first miracle at the Wedding Feast of Cana. After the wine runs out at the reception Jesus turns jars of water into wine. At the surprise of the headwaiter, this is the "good wine" that is served second. There is something symbolic happening here. The first wine represents God's covenant with Israel. This ancient covenant is surpassed by the New Covenant (New Wine) which Christ makes with His bride, the Church. The Wedding Feast of Cana thus anticipates our eternal heavenly marriage feast with Christ.

**Server Training now begins** for all 5<sup>th</sup> Grade students of Blessed Sacrament School and Parish School of Religion (PSR). I look forward to the training of our next group of young people wishing to serve the Lord at the altar of the Church. Server Commissioning will be Sunday, February 13, at the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

Our Accounting Office is making available **Printed copies** of your annual 2021 Financial contribution statements for you to pick up in church. On the weekend of January 30 we will have labeled and sealed envelopes containing your contribution information that you can use in preparing your tax return. Envelopes will be sorted alphabetically, and we encourage you to pick up your sealed envelope before or after Mass.

This week marks the 49<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Roe v. Wade (Saturday, January 22). This was the Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion in our country. We pray in a special way today for the end of abortion in our nation. We pray for the many victims of abortion: the unborn, and also the mothers and fathers who seek healing, love, and forgiveness through our Lord Jesus.

Today I will begin attending weekly meetings of the Legion of Mary, who meet on Sunday afternoons at 2:00 p.m. at St. Rose Parish Hall basement. Anyone interested in participating or learning more about the Legion of Mary are invited to attend.

Finally, we express our tremendous Gratitude to all those who helped Prepare for Bishop's Pastoral Visit and those who assisted in the Preparation and Celebration of Confirmation/1<sup>st</sup> Communion for our 64 Confirmation Candidates:

- 1. Director of Faith Formation: We thank Ginny Steinkamp who coordinated the many sacramental and liturgical preparation details over the last 4 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> months.
- 2. Catechetical Preparation: We thank our catechists Christie Bliven (Principal), Jess Foster, Mindy Richards, Wendy Blickhan, Nancy Weede, and Ginny Steinkamp for catechetically preparing our students for the sacraments. We also thank the parents and guardians and Confirmation sponsors who taught the faith by their own marvelous instruction and example.
- 3. Liturgical Service: We thank those who served in our two Confirmation liturgies: Steve Buckman and members of the Adult Choir; Deacon Terry; our many fantastic altar servers, lectors, ushers, and live-streamers. Thanks also to Fr. Dominic Rankin who served as our Master of Ceremonies.
- 4. Celebrant: Finally, we thank **Bishop Thomas Paprocki** for his Pastoral Visit with us last weekend, and for confirming our 64 Confirmandi and completing their initiation. I believe it was a wonderful weekend experienced by all!

May the Peace of Christ be with you all, Fr. Tom

## **Congratulations Confirmandi!**

On Saturday, January 8, the Vigil of the Baptism of the Lord, students from 3rd, 6th, and 7th grade gathered to celebrate the Sacraments of First Communion (3rd grade) and Confirmation (3rd, 6th, and 7th) during a 4 p.m. Mass and 7 p.m. Mass.

Students gathered before Mass to personally meet with the Bishop and Fr. Dominic Ranken, Bishop's Master of Ceremonies. Bishop explained the significance of his garments and his visit to our parish. Bishop is a reminder that the Catholic Church is universal and extends throughout the world and far beyond the walls of Blessed Sacrament.

Moving forward, students will be able to receive the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation at the Cathedral in Springfield. In this little pilgrimage, students will be able to connect with the Church's universality as well as the importance of these Sacraments.

Thank you to Bishop Paprocki for making the visit. We would also like to thank parents, sponsors, catechists, Deacon Terry, Father Tom, and our liturgical for their work in making this celebrating possible.



Students at the 7 p.m. Confirmation Mass pose for a picture with Bishop Paprocki

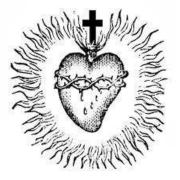
#### Theology on Tap | February 1

Join us at the Quincy Brewing Co. for Theology on Tap! Our own Bonnie Nytes, a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor for Quincy Catholic Charities, will be giving a talk about the intersection between faith and mental health.

People of all faith traditions are welcome and encouraged to join!

Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. with the talk beginning at 6:45 p.m.

For questions or comments, please contact Ginny Steinkamp at faithformation@blessedscs.org





#### **Great River Quest is BACK!**

Next one: <u>February 4–5, 2022</u> Quest is a 24-hour fast paced retreat for 13–15 year olds. It's a time to find out about God, friendships, and self in a fun-filled, exciting, carefree time. Quest gives you a chance to search for the real you!

Quest is held at the Franciscan Retreat Center <u>Friday, 6 p.m. – Saturday, 5:30 p.m.</u> Cost is \$50. Includes room, breakfast, lunch, snacks,

and other surprises.

Any questions, please contact Caroline Wiewel at 217-430-6086 or questcoordinator@greatrivertec.org

# Prayer, Liturgy, Word of God, Service

School News



We Must Always Be Thankful

## Writing and picture by: Sydney Hibbard – 8th Grade

I believe that even when times are hard or if you are having a bad time, you should always be thankful. When you have a house, family, friends, a school, you must realize that you have everything you need in life. You need to realize that someone in the world is probably having a harder time than you.

I drew this picture to represent a family praying at the dinner table, and even if it seems normal it isn't for everyone. Now days, many people don't have the time or the space to have a family meal together at a table.

To me, this picture represents what I think everyone's family should look like.

## Prayer Chaín

If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, call Carol Price to add their intentions to the Prayer Chain: 217-223-8881.

## Círcle of Caríng

If you know of anyone who could use a helping hand after returning home from the hospital, please **contact Nancy Kelly at 217-242-9562** during the month of **January 2022**. 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.

#### Remember the Sick in Your Prayers...

Please pray for parish family members:

Doris Hildebrand, Tom Liesen, Terry Stromquist, Linda Irvine, Jerry Duesterhaus, Karen Steinkamp, Betty Wiewel, Lloyd Riley, Judith Cimochwski, Michelle Young, Sharon Herren, Allan Harvey, Tim Lenane, Robin Cimera, John Sloup, Ralph and Barb Peters, Pauline Richmiller, and Vicki McKim.

## Quíncy Cursíllo

Cursillo weekends are back! A Men's Cursillo #349 will be held January 20–23 at the Franciscan Retreat Center located at 1909 North 18th St. in Quincy.

During this three-day experience those attending pray together, celebrate the Eucharist, listen to talks given by priests, religious, and laypersons, and share the fellowship of Jesus Christ and each other. It provides a casual and relaxed experience in a Christian community. Cost of the weekend is \$165 with lodging and all meals provided. A partial monetary gift to defray cost is available if needed.

For more information, call Mike Grant at 217-617-0879.



1**4-Day Candle** Burns in Memory of Martin Birchfield

## Missing Some Dishes?

If you brought food for the recent funerals, your dishes are ready for pick up in the kitchen. Thank you for your generosity!

## Prayer...Liturgy...Word of God...Service

#### We Need You!

Blessed Sacrament Catholic School offers an elective program for 7–8th graders and we are looking for volunteers. Do you have a skill, hobby, or passion you'd

be willing to share with us? It is only a 4x commitment, each Thursday of one month from 2–2:40, and you can pick the month! We can provide any materials or supplies you may need. Please contact Kailee Flesch at 217-617-6536 to volunteer or for more information.



## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 16, 2022

Isaiah 62:1-5. Psalm 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10. 1 Corinthians 12:4-11. John 2:1-11.

**Believing Signs.** At first glance, these readings lead us to bride and groom, gifts, and marriage. But there are important things underneath, important truths at the heart of these proclamations. God has not and will not abandon us (Isaiah). Charisms, that is, gifts of the Spirit, are given to everyone to use for the common good, not just one's own good (Corinthians). The miracle of water to wine is the first of many signs of the Messiah, the Christ (John). God's signs and good activity are everywhere.

What evidence do I have that God is with us still?

What gifts that I have, given by the Spirit, will I put to use for the good of another?

Christ is active all the time. What little and big signs of this goodness can I be part of? What signs will I rejoice in?

- Parish Link –Diocese of Springfield in IL

### A Prayer for Our Priest

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our priests to be strong in their vocation.

Set their souls on fire with love for your people. Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom. Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel.

Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. Help them to become instruments of your divine grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest.

Amen.



Congratulations Lou Ann Smith, winner of the quilt at the Bazaar. It was embroidered by Barb Daggett and Deb Schuering's mother, and assembled by Terri Many.

## Congratulations

Aden Smith has achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. For his project, he built 15 hands-free hand sanitizers for Blessed Sacrament School. Thank you, Aden, so much for thinking of us!

### Thank You

Thank you to all of you who purchased a Blessed Sacrament Coffee Mug in support of the Ghetto Project for Our Blessed Mother, Mary. If by chance you did not have an opportunity to purchase one, we have 6 available in the Parish Office for \$20.00 each.

#### Marríage Encounter Weekends

Grow your marriage! The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend coming to Springfield this March is a positive and personal experience offering married couples an opportunity to learn a technique of loving communication that they can use for the rest of their lives. It is a chance to look deeply into their relationship with each other and with God. It is a time to share their feelings, hopes, and dreams with each other. The emphasis of the Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend is on the communication between husbands and wives. It is not a retreat, marriage clinic, group sensitivity, or a substitute for counseling. It is a unique approach aimed at revitalizing Marriage. This is a time for you and your spouse to be alone together, to rediscover each other, and together focus on your relationship for an entire weekend. It's March 18-20 at the Villa Maria Conference Center in Springfield. There is an application fee of \$100. Apply at www.org by January 17. Questions? Call Terry and Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.



January 12, 2022

Reverend Thomas C. Meyer Pastor, Blessed Sacrament Parish 1119 South 7th Street Quincy, IL 62301

Dear Fr. Meyer,

Please pass on my thanks to everyone at Blessed Sacrament Parish who helped organize the events for my Parish Pastoral Visit this past weekend. It was a joy to impart to your third-graders, sixth, and seventh graders the gifts of the Holy Spirit and Holy Communion, and to join your parish community as well for the Sunday morning Masses. It was a gift to have the chance to talk to many parishioners after each of the Masses, and I want to thank again everyone who prepared for those Masses, assisted in various ministries, or sacrificed their time, energy, and prayers to make the weekend possible and beautiful.

My gratitude goes as well to all the members of the parish finance and pastoral councils, staff from the school and parish, and all others who came to our joint meeting and lunch. It was truly a blessed conversation, and one made possible by their attendance, preparations, and heartfelt conversations - all of that flowing from their evident love for the parish and desire to bring Our Lord, and the community they share in Christ, to many others. It was encouraging for me, and for everyone, to hear the many ways that Blessed Sacrament Parish extends the Love of Christ into our world. From dinners, retreats, bible-studies, and men's and women's groups for your adults, to family picnics, get-togethers, formationopportunities, and initiatives to deepen faith both in the parish/school and at home, I saw a community that loves to join together in fun and faith, as well as in the many different efforts you already make to reach out to the community: service times for the parish and school, streamed Masses and prayers, food drives, stewardship forms, and times of Adoration and intercession.

From all this, I can see that many of your parishioners have chosen a faithfulness far beyond their Sunday obligation. I pray that this visit renews all of you in the Lord's hope and love! Please know of my prayers in all the challenges you face in incorporating more families into the path of discipleship. If we simply continue to obey Jesus' call to "come, follow me," we can trust that He will accomplish in and through us a great harvest of saints!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Thomas John Paprocki

Most Reverend Thomas John Pabrocki **Bishop of Springfield in Illinois** 

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR January 23, 2022							
Mass Times	Servers	Communion Minister	Greeters	Lectors	Usher		
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	Mia Coval Addie Flesch Trip Flesch	Deacon Terry	Bad & Linda Morri- son (GS) Christ & Deb Wegs (WD)	Pam LaTour	Ferd Niemann, Robert Brown Ted Haugh Gerry Salfen		
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.	Emmalyn Smith Ryan Turnball Samuel Klauser	Karen Cawthon	Adam & Michelle Miller Family (GS) James Bailey Family (WD)	Jill Kelly	Marvin Schreake Ron Kelly Ed Dawson Greg Wittland		
Sunday, 5:00 p.m.	Noah Cunningham Gabe Boll Logan Meyer	Jill Shackelton	Dana & Julie Herring (GS) Joe Casper Family (WD)	Terry Duesterhaus	Mike Boll Ed Duesterhaus John & Melissa Dagget		
SERVERS THE WEEK OF January 24, 2022 January 25, Tuesday & January 26, Wednesday – 8:00 a.m. – Vincent Selby & Emmalyn Smith January 27, Thursday & January 28, Friday – 8:00 a.m. – Dawson Stafford, Helen Andlin & Ryan Turnbaugh January 22, Saturday – 8:30 a.m. – Noah Cunningham & Angel Salcedo & Kevin Alvarado							





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