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 The Baptism of the Lord January 9, 2022

Monday	January 10, 2022 No Mass
Tuesday	January 11, 2022
8:00 a.m.	Carolyn Meckes
Wednesday	January 12, 2022
8:00 a.m.	Klene Family
5:30 p.m.	Janet Unmisig Merkle
Thursday	January 13, 2022
8:30 a.m.	Audrey Holtschlag
Friday	January 14, 2022
8:00 a.m.	For the Sanctity Of Life
Saturday	January 15, 2022
8:30 a.m.	Richard Reis
Sunday	January 16, 2022
8:00 a.m.	Jean Peters
10:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
5:00 p.m.	Catherine Johnson

January 2, 2022

Regular Collection:	\$6,688.30
Electronic Giving:	\$ <u>1,905.00</u>
Total Collection	\$7,783.30
Weekly Support Needed:	<u>\$12,013.00</u>
Deficit/Surplus:	(\$4,229.70)
Regular Support Actual (YTD)	\$307,294.35
Regular Support Needed (YTD)	<u>\$324,351.00</u>
Regular Deficit/Surplus: (YTD)	(\$17,05.65)
Total School Collection	\$1470.00
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This Week in Our Parish

Monday	PSR	6:30 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.		
Tuesday	Men's Group Liturgy Class Protecting God's Children Girls' Small Group	6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.		
Wednesday	Adoration Education Council Pastor's Cabinet	8:30 a.m. – 5:10 p.m. 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.		
Thursday	Youth Group RCIA	3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.		

From the Pastor's Desk

Today we celebrate the **Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord.** Today we celebrate the manifestation of Jesus during His baptism in the Jordan River. The Trinity is present in the voice of the Father and the descent of the Holy Spirit. Christ's baptism initiates His three-year mission to take on Himself the sins of the world. Today is a good day to remember our own baptism. May the grace of our baptism continue to lead us in our journey of faith.

This Solemnity officially closes out the Christmas Season. On Monday we return to the season of Ordinary Time. We will march through the season of Ordinary Time for the next 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ weeks until Ash Wednesday, which falls this year on Wednesday, March 2.

Last evening here at Blessed Sacrament we celebrated the **Sacrament of Confirmation for our** 7th, 6th, and 3rd **Grade Students** and 1st Holy Communion for our 3rd **Grade students**. Bishop Thomas Paprocki celebrated these sacraments at two evening Masses at 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. We thank the Lord for His Gift of the Holy Spirit and the Gift of His Body and Blood that He has shared with our students in completing their initiation into the Catholic Church.

Today, Bishop Thomas Paprocki is making a **Pastoral Visit to Blessed Sacrament Church**. He is presiding at our two morning Masses (8 a.m. and 10 a.m.), and will be available for parish members to visit with him after each of these Masses. Coffee and donuts are available after each of these Masses to enjoy while waiting to visit with the Bishop. At 12:00 Noon Bishop is having lunch with members of the Parish Staff, Education Council, Finance Council, Pastoral Council, Pastor's Cabinet, and Stewardship Council. Following lunch these members will have a Joint Meeting with the Bishop, with an opportunity to share hopes and visions of our parish within the life of our Diocese of Springfield in Illinois.

This month we begin collecting subscription money for our Diocesan Newspaper, the *Catholic Times*. I encourage our parishioners to include \$15.00 in your *Catholic Times* envelope for your annual CT subscription. You may return your envelope in the collection anytime in the next few weeks.

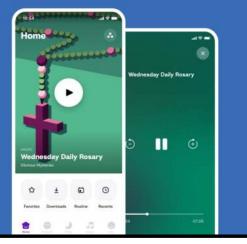
Finally, our Accounting Office is making available **printed copies of your annual 2021 financial contribution statements** for you to pick up in church. On the weekend of January 30 we will have labeled and sealed envelopes containing your contribution information that you can use in preparing your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

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

Start the New Year Off Right!

It's that time of year – the beginning! An opportunity for new starts, growth, and new routines. While many of us are setting goals for healthier lifestyles, growing intellectually, checking boxes off our bucket lists, hopefully we are setting spiritual goals too! Below are a couple opportunities to grow in your faith in this new year.

Hallew The #1 Catholic Meditation App



Hallow is an awesome app that helps guide you through prayer. Download this app to begin praying daily Rosaries, Litanies, Ignatian meditations, and more!

Faith Sharing Groups

Men's Group

Meets 2nd Tuesday of every month at 6:00 p.m. Open to all men seeking to grow in relationship with the Lord in fraternity.

Bible Study

Bible studies of various topics are offered regularly. If you would like to join a Bible study or lead one, please call the Parish Office.

Youth Group

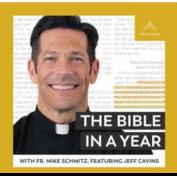
Whether you are a 6th–8th grader or have a passion for serving the youth, youth group is the place to be second and fourth Thursdays at 3 p.m. Volunteers are welcome!

Council of Catholic Women

Meets quarterly and is concerned with apostolic works to serve the Parish community. Contact Sally Kroner to get involved. Join Father Mike Schmitz as you take bite size chunks of Scripture everyday. The Bible in a Year Podcast is a great opportunity to immerse your life in God's Word in a way that isn't intimidating. You can even resolve to do this as a group and help keep each other accountable by signing up through the Hallow App.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO READ THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

JOIN CATHOLIC SPEAKER AND MEDIA EVANGELIST FATHER MIKE SCHMITZ AS YOU JOURNEY THROUGH THE STORY OF SALVATION HISTORY



Live a Life that is Sacramental!

Has it been a while since you have encountered Christ's mercy in Reconciliation? Do you long to spend time with our Eucharistic Lord in Adoration or at Mass? Check out Blessed Sacrament's Sacrament Schedule:

Confession:

Sunday: 4:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday: 4:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday: 8:30 a.m. (after Spanish Mass)

Adoration:

Wednesday: 8:30 a.m. – 5:15 p.m.

Daily Mass:

See front of bulletin.

Prayer, Liturgy, Word of God, Service

School News

I Am Grateful Royce Boyd – 8th Grade

God is great, and He has blessed me many times. To write down all of my blessings would take all the paper in the world, so I won't be doing that. Instead, I will tell you about a few of the most prominent ones in my life.

First off, there is His grace, mercy, and love. His grace has helped me do many things I never thought I was capable of doing. He has shown me His mercy, even though I have sinned many times. His love has comforted me when I felt alone and afraid. I don't know where I would be without Him.

Secondly, He has blessed me with a family that is amazing and great friends. Coming from a split family, it is sometimes hard to see the bright side. But if you look hard enough, you can see that God has blessed me by giving me two times the people who love me, two times the people that care about me, and two times the people who want me to do my best. Also, He has blessed me with great friends who help me become a better version of myself. My friends are always pushing me to be better, whether it is in sports, school, or my faith.

To add on, I am extremely thankful for the opportunity to go to a Catholic school. I know from experience that Catholic schools are much better than public schools. It is such a blessing to be able to go to a school that teaches me about my faith and helps me live it out. Knowing that some less fortunate families cannot afford Catholic education makes me even more thankful for this amazing opportunity.

Also, I feel blessed that God has given me athleticism and allowed me to play basketball. It is a great activity that goes far beyond winning and losing. This sport has taught me so much about how to handle myself. From basketball, I have learned friendship, patience, courage, and confidence.

Lastly, I would like to thank God for all of my failures and shortcomings. I know this seems like an odd thing to be thankful for, but I truly am. These failures and shortcomings have made me a better person and helped me become better at all that I do.

To sum up, God is amazing and has blessed me so much more than I deserve. I hope that one day I can use these blessings to glorify Him and show everyone the power of His love.

Rosary for Life

We are asking individuals or families to volunteer to pray the Rosary daily for one week for the intention of an end to legalized abortion and the restoration of respect for the dignity of all life.

A cloth bag containing a Rosary, Rosary instructions, holy card, a candle, and pro-life intentions will be provided to the volunteer. The bag will be in the Vestry and can be picked up after Sunday Mass. After your week is completed, we ask that you return the cloth bag containing everything to the Vestry in the back of church either on Saturday or early Sunday morning.

When returning the bag, please keep the holy card and the candle. The next person to pick up the bag will have a new candle to take with them.

To volunteer, please use the sign-up sheet that will be in the Gathering Space each week. You may choose which week you would like. Thank you for your many prayers for the unborn.

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 Caring

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**. <u>The Circle of Caring</u> 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.

Protecting God's Children Program

January 11, 2022 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. School Cafeteria Call the Parish Office to register: 217-222-2759

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

Remember the Sick in Your Prayers ...

Please pray for parish family members:

Doris Hildebrand, Tom Liesen, Terry Stromquist, Linda Irvine, Jerry Duesterhaus, Karen Steinkamp, Brice Shenck, Sandy Meade, Betty Wiewel, Dan Meade, Lloyd Riley, Judith Cimochwski, Michelle Young, Sharon Herren, Allan Harvey, Tim Lenane, Bob Bastean, Robin Cimera, John Sloup, Devin Steffen, Ralph and Barb Peters, Pauline Richmiller, Patty Adam, Maggie Kistner, and Vicki McKim.



14-Day Candle Burns in Memory of Leroy Brinkman

The Baptism of the Lord, Feast Sunday, January 9, 2022



Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11. Psalm 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30. Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7. Luke 3:5-16, 21-22.

Prayer. Jesus Himself is baptized by John. Then He prays. In His praying, the Spirit comes and the Father speaks words of possessive pleasure.

- . How will I pray this last day of the Christmas season?
- . When I am quiet enough, what do I hear God say?
- . What mercy work does the Spirit empower me to do?

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!



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!

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 is available if needed.

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

Paper Gator

St. Dominic School now has a Paper Gator in their back parking lot on the west side of the school. Please bring your newsprint, paper, and magazines to recycle at St. Dominic School. Support Catholic education and care for our planet in one act of love!

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 wwme.org by January 17. Questions? Call Terry and Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.



My dear friends in Christ,

Over the past couple of years, the pandemic has magnified the importance of communication. Whether it was announcing the obligation to return to Mass, reporting on our first March for Life in Springfield, updating people on life issues at the Statehouse, highlighting the gifts and talents of our clergy and lay faithful, and sharing incredible stories about people in our diocese, *Catholic Times* has consistently been in people's mailboxes and inboxes to provide the hope, inspiration, and education they need during these uncertain times.

Over the past year, *Catholic Times* has continued its emphasis on catechesis of the Catholic faith such as their Hey, Father! series, a special edition dedicated to the sacrament of confession, and a comprehensive look at what eternity looks like and why we must stive for sainthood. Feature reporting is also a major part of the magazine highlighting the stories of people, parishes, and schools that are building up the Kingdom of God in our diocese. The magazine's commitment to local coverage means when it is opened, readers will see stories that are important to their lives.

In the past year, the magazine refreshed its look, which included increasing the font size slightly. Father Dominic Rankin also launched a new series that promotes and inspires people about the vocation of marriage.

My column, "Lex Cordis Caritas," is on page 4 of each issue. It is one of the best ways that I can speak about the issues that we face as Catholics in Central Illinois and update readers on important decisions I make that impact the faithful. As bishop of this diocese, it is important for me to be an active participant in Catholic media.

It is all these reasons why I believe that *Catholic Times* should be available to every household in our diocese, either online (ct.dio.org), by email, or by mail. I invite you to support this important communication tool in our diocese. During the weekend of Jan. 8-9, you will have the opportunity to respond gratefully and ensure the *Catholic Times* remains an inexpensive source of information on the vital issues I have noted.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Thomas John Paprocki

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki Bishop of Springfield in Illinois Publisher, *Catholic Times*

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR January16, 2022							
Mass Times	Servers	Communion Minister	Greeters	Lectors	Usher		
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	Natalie Druffel Drew Fitzgerald Gabe Boll	Doug Luther	Gary & Kathy Beckman (GS) Christ & Deb Wegs (WD)	Mary Kay Brown	Ed Lohman Ted Johnson Kevin Syeinkamp Gerry Salfen		
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.	Oliver Hendrian Elliott Hendrian Maddie Maas	Nancy Schrodroski	Brian Hendrian Family (GS) Dana Stafford (WD)	Bill Schrodoski	Marvin Schreake Ron Kelly Shawn Dickerman Bill Awerkamp		
Sunday, 5:00 p.m.	Aleena Murphy Gabriella Chatten Allyson Murphy	Deacon Terry	Bonnie Cook (GS) Deacon Terry (WD)	Teresa Zaerr	Mike Boll Ed Duesterhaus Jim Smith John Bozarth		
SERVERS THE WEEK OF January 18, 2022 January 18, Tuesday & January 19, Wednesday – 8:00 a.m. – Amanda Goerlich, Oliver Hendrian January 20, Thursday & January 21, Friday – 8:00 a.m. – Samuel Klauser, & Maddie Maas & Allyson Murphy January 15, Saturday – 8:30 a.m. – Noah Cunningham & Angel Salcedo & Kevin Alvarado							





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