

# Blessed Sacrament

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## **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:00 a.m.

Thursday: 8:15 a.m. (School Year)

Saturday: 8:30 a.m. (Spanish), 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.

## **RECONCILIATION:**

Wednesday 4:30 - 5:15 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 - 9:30 a.m.

3:30 - 4:15 p.m.

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

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



**Blessed Sacrament Parish  
3rd Sunday of Advent**

*From the Pastor's Desk Cont.*

<b>Monday</b> 8:00 a.m.	<b>December 12, 2022</b> Robert Welchert
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:00 a.m.	<b>December 13, 2022</b> Patrick O'Neal
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	<b>December 14, 2022</b> Klene Family Robert Smith
<b>Thursday</b> 8:15 a.m. 3:00 p.m.-Sunset	<b>December 15, 2022</b> Brian Vahlkamp Marge Blair
<b>Friday</b> 8:00 a.m.	<b>December 16, 2022</b> Ruth Schmidt
<b>Saturday</b> 8:30 a.m.-Spanish 4:30 p.m.	<b>December 17, 2022</b> Ernie Buckman People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	<b>December 18, 2022</b> Madalon Elam Elaine Hall

*Sunday, December 4, 2022*

Regular Collection:	\$ 12,498.00
Electronic Giving:	\$ 1,090.00
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$ 13,588.00</b>
Weekly Support Needed:	\$ 12,013.00
Deficit/Surplus:	<b>+\$ 1,575.00</b>
Regular Support Actual (YTD)	\$ 242,827.77
Regular Support Needed (YTD)	\$ 276,299.00
Regular Deficit/Surplus: (YTD)	<b>(\$ 33,471.23)</b>
Total School Collection	\$ 2,812.00
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*From the Pastor's Desk*

Today we celebrate the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent. The first reading from the prophet Isaiah tells us that certain signs will accompany the coming of the Messiah: "Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared, then will the lame leap like a stag, then the tongue of the mute will sing." Jesus confirms that he personally fulfills the prophecy of Isaiah by the following signs: "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them." Jesus *continues* to fulfill this prophecy today in many varied ways. We *hear* and *see* in the life of the Church the coming of the Lord.

This past December 8 our Springfield Diocese entered into our new **Diocesan Year of the Eucharist**. The most recent edition of the Catholic Times highlighted this brand new year in which the Springfield Diocese will be highlighting our belief, love, and devotion to Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament. The Diocese is encouraging parishes to develop their own activities to celebrate and strengthen our own faith in the Eucharist. It is my hope that our Blessed Sacrament Parish can look in the coming year to create opportunities for all of us to grow in our devotion and love of the Eucharist.

For the upcoming Diocesan Year of the Eucharist, Pope Francis is granting a **Plenary Indulgence**, from December 8, 2022 through December 9, 2023, to anyone who makes a pilgrimage visit to:

- (a) Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, in Springfield,
- (b) Church of Sts. Peter and Paul in Alton.

To receive the Plenary Indulgence, one must fulfill the usual conditions of Sacramental Confession, Eucharistic Communion, and prayers for the intention of the holy Father. Many in our own parish will be traveling to the Springfield Cathedral this upcoming **April 1, 2023**, for 1<sup>st</sup> Communion & Confirmation for our 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade students. This would be a wonderful opportunity to seek the Plenary Indulgence.

This Sun. December 11 we will celebrate **Our Lady of Guadalupe with a 10:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish**. Our Spanish speaking community will be celebrating the Virgin Mary of Guadalupe within the celebration of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent. The readings, prayers, and music will all be in Spanish. All are welcome to attend.

This **Advent Season** Blessed Sacrament Parish is celebrating public **Evening Prayer (with Benediction) every Wed. evening from 5:00-5:20 p.m.** prior to 5:30 p.m. Mass. Please come join us.

Blessed Sacrament Parish has scheduled the following additional **Open Confession Times for the season of Advent:**  
**Sat. December 17 @ 9:15-10:30 a.m.**

3:30-4:15 p.m. (before 4:30 p.m. Mass)

**Sun. December 18 @ 7:30-8:00 a.m.** (before 8 a.m. Mass)

9:30-10:00 a.m. (before 10 a.m. Mass)

11:00-11:30 a.m. (after 10 a.m. Mass)

**Wed. December 21 @ 4:30-5:00 p.m.**

**Thur. December 22 @ 7:30-8:00 a.m.**

12:00-1:00 p.m.

5:00-6:00 p.m.

**Fri. December 23 @ 7:30-8:00 a.m.**

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

For your Christmas planning I publish our upcoming **Christmas Mass Schedule:**

**Christmas Eve Masses: 4:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 11:00 p.m.**

**Christmas Day Mass: 9:00 a.m.**

Finally, next Sun. December 18 we will have an **Advent Altar Server Outing**. As an expression of our gratitude to our Altar Servers, we will be attending a Quincy University Men's Basketball Game at 3:00 p.m., courtesy of the generosity of Quincy University. Before the game, we will go Christmas caroling to Sunset Nursing Home and County Market.

2:00 p.m.: Christmas Caroling at Sunset Home NH

2:30 p.m.: Christmas Caroling at County Market (24<sup>th</sup> & Spring)

3:00 p.m.: Attend QU Men's Basketball Game.

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





# Advent Caring Collection



Next Sunday, December 18, 2022 is the 4th week of Advent. As in the past we will be collecting different items for the Catholic Charities and Ladies of Charity pantries. In talking with both groups, we have made some modifications to better serve the client they serve. The items we are collecting are items they usually don't get from other sources. Next week we will collect paper towels.

## Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day Celebration December 11

Please join the Blessed Sacrament Parish Spanish Speaking Community for our Celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe's Feast Day.

- . Spanish Mass will begin at 10 p.m.
- . A meal provided by our Spanish Speaking Families will begin immediately after Mass.
- . At midnight, we will sing to Mary!

Please join us for this beautiful celebration of Our Lady and of Mexican culture!



## Youth Group!

6th, 7th, and 8th graders are welcome to join us for Youth Group on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. We focus on fellowship, faith formation, prayer, and service. The last meeting this month is...

**Thursday December 22 @ 3:00 p.m. in the Gathering Space**

All 6th, 7th, and 8th graders are welcome to join us! Bring a friend!



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



K-8th buddy activities provide leadership and mentoring opportunities for all our students.

In November, we enjoyed our blessing snack mix and wrote letters to family and friends letting them know how thankful we are for them.



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

## 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 217-223-4159 during the month of December 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, Betty Wiewel, Allan Harvey, Robin Cimera, Barb Peters, Maggie Kistner, Robert Conover, Linda Anemone, Anna Mae Timpe, Dan and Sandy Meade, Monica Mast, Carl Nieders, T. J. Nelson & Ken Nelson.

## Prayer Chain

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.



*14 Day Candle  
Burns in Memory of  
Ernie & Greg Buckman*

## Attention 5:00 p.m. Mass Ministers:

Please call the parish office and let us know what Mass you will now be attending.

## This Week in Our Parish

<b>Monday</b> 8th Gr. Fund Raising Mtg.-LL	<b>December 12, 2022</b> 6:00 p.m.
<b>Tuesday</b> Legion of Mary-GS Men's Group	<b>December 13, 2022</b> 1:15 p.m.-2:45 p.m. 6:00 p.m.
<b>Wednesday</b> Adoration Evening Prayer/Benediction	<b>December 14, 2022</b> 8:30 a.m.-5:10 p.m. 5:00 p.m.-5:20 p.m.
<b>Thursday</b> Pre School Christmas Program RCIA-GS	<b>December 15, 2022</b> 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
<b>Friday</b> CCW Christmas Dinner & Party-GS	<b>December 16, 2022</b> 6:00 p.m.

## Council of Catholic Women's Christmas Dinner

All ladies of the parish are invited to the annual Christmas Dinner on Friday, December 16, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. in the Gathering Space. The dinner is being catered and the cost is \$12.00 per person and can be paid that evening. Also we are asking all ladies to bring a wrapped \$5.00 gift for a game and gift exchange.

RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY MONDAY, December 12. To make a reservation call the Parish Office 217-222-2759.

In observance of the Eucharistic Revival Year, St. Anthony of Padua Parish is hosting the Forty Hours Devotion from Friday, December 16 through Sunday, December 18 at St. Anthony Church. We invite you to be part of this time of Eucharistic Renewal in the midst of final preparations for Christmas. The Church will be open for adoration throughout this time, pausing only for Masses. We are asking for two parties (individuals or families) to be present in the church at all times as "official adorers" and we expect to still need help to fill all of the hours. If you are willing to participate in this way, a listing of available hours will be available at [www.stanthonypadua.org](http://www.stanthonypadua.org) starting on Monday, December 12. Please call the St. Anthony Parish Office (217) 222-5996 to sign up for one of these hours. Even if you are not an 'official adorer', all are welcome to spend some time before our Eucharistic Lord.



*A huge THANK YOU goes out to all of our parishioners who gave Gift Cards for the Bazaar Raffle.*

To report allegations of sexual abuse of a minor by clergy or other church personnel -- even if it is in the past -- individuals are encouraged to call the Diocese's Child Abuse Reporting and Investigation number at 217.321.1155. Individuals may also contact Illinois Department of Children and Family Services Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.25.ABUSE.

## Adoration for Priests & Benediction

St. Brigid Church  
706 N Main Liberty Illinois,  
December 18, 2022 from  
3:00 to 4:00 p.m.  
All are invited to come and pray for your Priests.

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR Saturday, December 10, 2022

Mass Times	Servers	Communion Minister	Greeters	Lectors	Usher
<b>Saturday, 4:30 p.m.</b>	Maddie Maas Leah Terwelp Emmy Kistner	Patty Adam Cheryl Willland Teresa Zaerr	Devin Huner (GS) Andy & Danielle Weise (WD)	Jeanne Smith	Jim Schrand Gary Beckman Mary Lynn Tucker Greg Wittland

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR Sunday, December 11, 2022

Mass Times	Servers	Communion Minister	Greeters	Lectors	Usher
<b>Sunday, 8:00 a.m.</b>	Natalie Druffel Tripp Flesch Gabe Boll	Deacon Terry Pam Luther Doug Luther	Lee & Marie John (GS) Gina & Adam Druffel (WD)	Colleen Maalouf	Frank Flesch Ted Johnson Blake Niemann Brett Niemann
<b>Sunday, 10:00 a.m.</b>	Blake Myers Vivi Wilson Cecelia Coval	Jennifer Dickerman Ann Gage Jill Kelly	Cheryl Thevil (GS) Amber & Brian Hendrian (WD)	Kim Dinkheller	Ron Kelly Marvin Schreacke Mike Krueger Nathan Terwelp

SERVERS Week of December 5, 2022

**Monday, 8:00 a.m., December 5 & -Tuesday, 8:00 a.m., December 6-**Addie Dawson & Abram Hendrian

**Wednesday, December 7, 8:00 a.m.-** Leo Cramer & Natalie Druffel

**Thursday, December 8, 8:15 a.m.-** Leo Cramer, Natalie Druffel & Tripp Flesch

**Friday, December 9, 8:00 a.m.-** Leo Cramer & Tripp Flesch

**With Christmas right around the corner, we wanted to take this time to remind you :**

**December is also Safe Toys and Gifts Month.**



### HOW TO OBSERVE SAFE TOYS AND GIFTS MONTH

#### 1. Inspect toys before purchasing

Look for sharp points, edges, and parts that can fly off. Also, check for durability — should a child attempt to break, crush or pull toys apart. Furthermore, do not give toys with ropes, cords, or heating elements — and make sure crayons and markers are labeled “nontoxic.” Finally, it is important to NEVER give small toys with removable magnets or “button” batteries. These can cause serious injury or even death if ingested.

#### 2. Make sure the toy is age-appropriate

Not every toy is meant for every child. Keep in mind the child’s age and development level (most toys offer an age range for guidance). If shopping for infants and children with special needs, look for toys that appeal to the senses (sound, light, movement, texture, etc.) And, finally, remember the rule: If the piece can fit in a toilet paper roll, it is not meant for children under 3 years of age.

#### 3. Spread the word

Even the best parents can get it wrong. That’s why it’s crucial to share your knowledge about unsafe toys with fellow parents, grandparents, babysitters, etc. You can also use the hashtag #safetoy on social media.

**\*Brought to you by your Health & Wellness Council**



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

## A Christmas Meditation

by G.K. Chesterton

Any agnostic or atheist whose childhood has known a real Christmas has ever afterwards, whether he likes it or not, an association in his mind between two ideas that most of mankind must regard as remote from each other; the idea of a baby and the idea of unknown strength that sustains the stars. His instincts and imagination can still connect them, when his reason can no longer see the need of the connection; for him there will always be some savor of religion about the mere picture of a mother and a baby; some hint of mercy and softening about the mere mention of the dreadful name of God. But the two ideas are not naturally or necessarily combined.

It has been created in our minds by Christmas because we are Christians; because we are psychological Christians even when we are not theological ones. In other words, this combination of ideas has emphatically, in the much disputed phrase, altered human nature. There is really a difference between the man who knows it and the man who does not. It may not be a difference of moral worth; but it is a plain fact about the crossing of two particular lights, the conjunction of two stars in our particular horoscope. Omnipotence and impotence, or divinity and infancy, do definitely make a sort of epigram which a million repetitions cannot turn into a platitude. It is not unreasonable to call it unique. Bethlehem is emphatically a place where extremes meet.

No other story, no pagan legend or philosophical anecdote or historical event, does in fact affect any of us with that peculiar and even poignant impression, produced on us by the word Bethlehem. No other birth of a god or childhood of a sage seems to us to be Christmas or anything like Christmas. The truth is, that there is a quite peculiar and individual character about the hold of this story on human nature; it is not in its psychological substance at all like a mere legend or the life of a great man. It does not exactly in the ordinary sense turn our minds to greatness; to those extensions and exaggerations of humanity which are turned into gods and heroes, even by the healthiest sort of hero worship. It does not exactly work outwards, adventurously, to the wonders to be found at the ends of the earth. It is rather something that surprises us from behind, from the hidden and personal part of our being; like that which can sometimes take us off our guard in the pathos of small objects or the blind pieties of the poor. It is rather as if a man had found an inner room in the very heart of his own house, which he had never suspected; and seen a light from within.

It is if he found something at the back of his own heart that betrayed him into good. It is not made of what the world would call strong materials; or rather it is made of materials whose strength is in that winged levity with which they brush and pass. It is all that is in us but a brief tenderness that is there made eternal; all that means no more than a momentary softening that is in some strange fashion become strengthening and a repose; it is the broken speech and the lost word that are made positive and suspended unbroken; as the strange kings fade into a far country and the mountains resound no more with the feet of the shepherds; and only the night and the cavern lie in fold upon fold over something more human than humanity. Into a far country and the mountains resound no more with the feet of the shepherds; and only the night and the cavern lie in fold upon fold over something more human than humanity.

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