

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
4th Sunday of Advent
December 18, 2022**

From the Pastor's Desk Cont.

Monday 8:00 a.m.	December 19, 2022 Fr. Henry Schmidt
Tuesday 8:00 a.m.	December 20, 2022 Ralph Peters
Wednesday 8:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	December 21, 2022 Klene Family Greg Kuse
Thursday 8:00 a.m.	December 22, 2022 Carl Middendorf
Friday 8:00 a.m.	December 23, 2022 Andrew Maas
Saturday 4:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 11:00 p.m.	December 24, 2022 People of the Parish Ron Hinkamper Darlene & Brad Heckenkamp
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	December 25, 2022 Paul Schuering Sr. & Jr.

Today we celebrate the 4th Sunday of Advent. In the gospel story today an angel appears to Joseph announcing to him to take Mary into his home. Joseph's "yes" was key to the fulfillment of God's promise of a Messiah of the house of David. God continues to fulfill his promise of salvation in the world today. In what ways is the Lord awaiting a "yes" from me...in fulfillment of his promise?

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 final days of Advent:**

- Sat. Dec. 17 @ 9:15-10:30 a.m.**
3:30-4:15 p.m.
(before 4:30 p.m. Mass)
- Sun. Dec. 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. Dec. 2 @ 4:30-5:00 p.m.**
- Thur. Dec. 22 @ 7:30-8:00 a.m.**
12:00-1:00 p.m.
5:00-6:00 p.m.
- Fri. Dec. 23 @ 7:30-8:00 a.m.**

Sunday, December 11, 2022

Regular Collection:	\$ 7,320.88
Electronic Giving:	\$ 1,090.00
Total Collection	\$ 8,410.88
Weekly Support Needed:	\$ 12,013.00
Deficit/Surplus:	(\$ 3,602.12)
Regular Support Actual (YTD)	\$ 251,238.65
Regular Support Needed (YTD)	\$ 288,312.00
Regular Deficit/Surplus: (YTD)	(\$ 37,073.35)
Total School Collection	\$ 3,920.00
Haiti	\$ 250.00

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

Finally, 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.**

This Week in Our Parish

Monday Quincy Spirit Group-GS	December 19, 2022 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday Legion of Mary-GS	December 20, 2022 1:15 p.m.-2:45 p.m.
Wednesday Adoration Evening Prayer/Benediction	December 21, 2022 8:30 a.m.-5:10 p.m. 5:00 p.m.-5:20 p.m.
Thursday Office Closed Youth Group-GS RCIA-GS	December 22, 2022 3:00 p.m.- 4:15 p.m. 6:30 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.
Friday Office Closed	December 23, 2022

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



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.

Advent Caring Collection

Week

1

Toilet Paper



Week

2

Cleaning Supplies

laundry detergent, & dish soap



Week

3

Hygiene Products

diapers, wipes, toothpaste, toothbrushes, floss, shampoo, soap, lotion



Week

4

Paper Towels



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



Youth Group Christmas Party!

Christmas is almost upon us! This week at Youth Group we will be having an early birthday party for Jesus. Food, fun, and festivities to be had by all!

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

BSCS 7th & 8th grade November service project:
Volunteering at Horizons



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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 & Cheyenne Gayton

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*

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.

*THANK
YOU*

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

December is Seasonal Depression Awareness Month

We wanted to take a minute to look at Season Affective Disorder (SAD) a little further. In that bulletin we had mentioned a couple things to remember, including treatment options such as psychotherapy, medications, and even light box therapy.

Light therapy is one of the first line treatments for fall-onset SAD . It generally starts working in a few days to a few weeks and causes very few side effects. Research on light therapy is limited, but it appears to be effective for most people in relieving SAD symptoms

Light therapy. Some people with SAD find that light therapy can help improve their mood considerably. This involves sitting by a special lamp called a light box, usually for around 30 minutes to an hour each morning. Light boxes come in a variety of designs, including desk lamps and wall-mounted fixtures.

Before considering this or any treatment option make sure you consult your primary care provider to help guide and support the best direction for you.

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December 2022

Dear Friends in Christ,

For the past 143 years, the Catholic Children's Home (CCH) has served as a beacon of hope for thousands of children in need of safe harbor and a place to call home.

The CCH continues this mission by meeting the emotional, social, academic and basic material needs of all the children sent for residential care or special education services. This includes an innovative program designed to serve the needs of children with immense challenges of autism.

The children served by the CCH have been chronically abused, designated "unmanageable" by their schools or simply have no home. They are some of the most vulnerable in our society. Our Lord says, "What you have done for the least of my people, you have done for me." (*Matthew 25:38*) The CCH will continue to serve the special needs of these children in the name of Jesus Christ.

The holiday season is a particularly difficult time for these youths as many of them are without a family. Those who have a family are often lacking the special care they need. Please keep these children in your prayers throughout this holy season of Advent and Christmas.

In the spirit of Christ's incredible love for all children, I ask that you continue to support the work of the Catholic Children's Home and generously contribute to the special Christmas collection. "Let all that you do be done in love." (*1 Corinthians 16:14*) May God fill your hearts with love, grace and a spirit of giving during these blessed days of Advent and Christmas.

With every best wish and gratitude, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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



And you, Mary, the Virgin of expectation and fulfilment, who hold the secret of Christmas, make us able to recognize in the Child whom you hold in your arms the heralded Saviour, who brings hope and peace to all. With you we worship him and trustingly say: we need You, Redeemer of man, You who know the hopes and fears of our hearts. Come and stay with us, Lord! May the joy of your Nativity reach to the farthest ends of the universe!"

[Pope John Paul II, Christmas 2003](#)

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