

# Blessed Sacrament

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Blessed Sacrament School Phone: 228-1477

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School Administration Manager: Kailee Flesch

Secretary: Lori Quevillon

Custodian: Rick Epping

## 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:

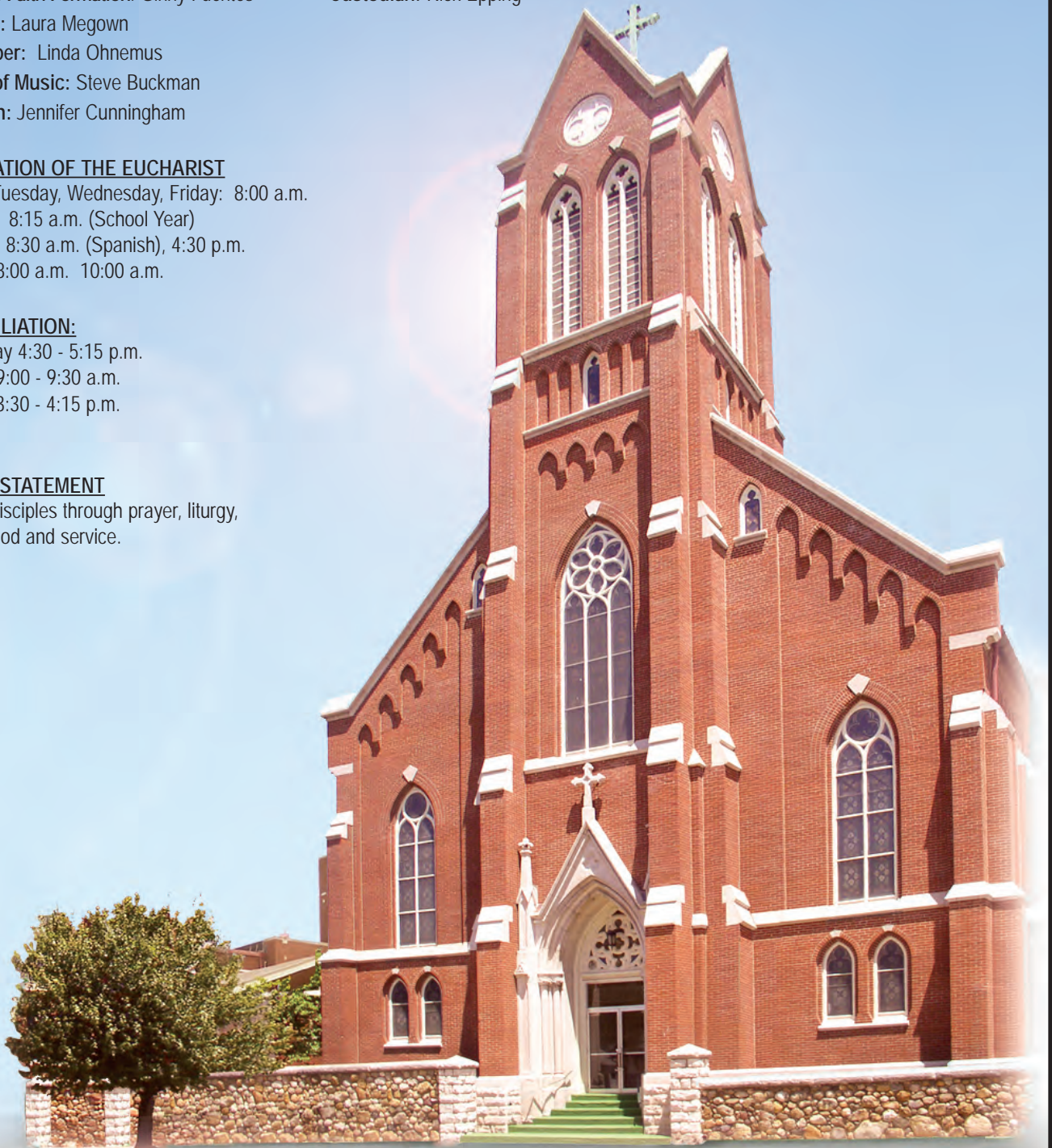
Wednesday 4:30 - 5:15 p.m.

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 Easter  
April 30, 2023**

*From the Pastor's Desk*

<b>Monday</b> 8:00 a.m.	<b>May 1, 2023</b> Ted Berter
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:00 a.m.	<b>May 2, 2023</b> Klene Family
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	<b>May 3, 2023</b> John Maguire Communion Service
<b>Thursday</b> 8:15 a.m.	<b>May 4, 2023</b> Karen Zopf
<b>Friday</b> 8:00 a.m.	<b>May 5, 2023</b> 1st Friday Memorials
<b>Saturday</b> 8:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m.	<b>May 6, 2023</b> 1st Saturday Devotion Carol Devine
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:10 a.m. (Spanish)	<b>May 7, 2023</b> Madalon Elam Myles Grant People of the Parish

*Sunday, April 23, 2023*

Regular Collection:	\$ 6,788.00
Electronic Giving:	\$ 955.00
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$ 7,743.00</b>
 Weekly Support Needed:	 \$ 12,013.00
<b>Deficit/Surplus:</b>	<b>(\$ 4,270.00)</b>
 Regular Support Actual (YTD)	 \$ 510,077.47
Regular Support Needed (YTD)	\$ 516,559.00
Regular <b>Deficit/Surplus:</b> (YTD)	<b>(\$ 6,481.53)</b>
 Total School Collection	 \$ 535.00
Haiti	\$ 115.00

*From the Pastor's Desk*

Today we celebrate the **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**. Each year this Sunday is designated as "Good Shepherd Sunday". It is the voice of the Shepherd that the sheep choose to follow. The sheep will not follow the voice of a stranger. In this metaphor, we are the sheep who seek to follow Jesus' voice. We attune our ears to His voice by continued prayer and the reading/meditation of Scripture. When Jesus calls, we do not want to mistake his voice for the voice of a stranger.

This weekend is a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday, and on every 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday we are now taking up a **2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for St. Vincent DePaul Society**. Please consider a generous contribution to help those in need in our local parish and city community.

I would like to thank our parish community for 2 Special Collections we have taken up in the last 2 months for important causes. Thank you for your generosity!

**Special Collection (Feb. 11/12) for Sage Moore Family: \$5,600+**

**Holy Thursday Collection for Mini Food Pantry: \$676.11**

Next **Saturday evening May 6 following the 4:30 p.m. Mass**, Blessed Sacrament will host a **Date Night for all Married Couples** in the Gathering Space. This night will be filled with fun (Newlywed Game), laughter, drinks, heavy appetizers, and desserts. Childcare will be provided. Cost is \$10 per couple. Please register by contacting Mike and Julie Boll at [mjboll02@gmail.com](mailto:mjboll02@gmail.com)

Next **Saturday/Sunday May 6-7** we will offer the **Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick at all Masses**. We last offered this sacrament in November, so it would be good to offer this sacrament again after six months.

With this week's arrival of May is also the Church's celebration of **May Crowning**. We will have our BSS May Crowning this **Thursday May 4 after the 8:15 a.m. School Mass**. I encourage our families to celebrate May Crowning in your own homes by praying the rosary together as a family. We crown Mary as queen of our universal Church and our parish, but also as the queen of our homes and families.

On **Saturday May 13 from 8-9 a.m.**, we will host a **Eucharistic Holy Hour to Pray for Vocations**. During this Holy Hour we will have special readings and prayers in which we will offer particular intercessions for the Lord to call forth those He is inviting to the vocations of priesthood and consecrated life. Please consider sharing one hour of your Saturday morning to pray to the Lord for Vocations.

On Saturday evening May 27 at the 4:30 p.m. Mass we will celebrate the **Extended Form of the Pentecost Vigil**. The Extended Form gives us the opportunity to "pray in vigil" for the coming of the Holy Spirit, much as Mary and the Apostles did at the original Pentecost. The Pentecost Vigil has an extended Liturgy of the Word:

4 OT Readings with 4 Responsorial Psalms  
Gloria  
Epistle (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)  
Gospel & Homily

The Rites of Full Communion of our RCIA Candidates will also take place in this liturgy through the celebration of the Rites of Reception, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion. Please consider attending this very special Vigil Mass of Pentecost where we will liturgically pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Finally, this upcoming **Wednesday May 3** I will be in Springfield in the afternoon/evening for the annual **Priest Jubilee Celebration** at the Villa Maria Retreat Center. At this annual event, the priests of the Diocese gather with Bishop Thomas Paprocki to celebrate the priesthood anniversaries of our brother priests. We have three Jubilarians celebrating 65 years of priesthood (Bishop Victor Balke, Msgr. David Peters, Fr. John Sohm), one celebrating 60 years (Fr. Kevin Sullivan), and one priest celebrating 25 years (Fr. Tom Meyer).

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

*(P.S.) Blessed Sacrament is posting the job opening of **Director of Faith Formation**. Duties include: coordinating sacramental preparation, Domestic Church Circle (formerly PSR), and adult faith formation; and overseeing RCIA, VBS, Youth Ministry, and the Pre Cana Day. The Director will also have an active role in faith formation in Blessed Sacrament School.*

*The position is full time. Resumes can be emailed to me ([tmeyer@dio.org](mailto:tmeyer@dio.org)) or sent to the "DFF Search Committee" here at Blessed Sacrament Parish.*





## **Please join us for May Crowning** Thursday, May 4 after 8:15 a.m. School Mass in the Grotto

May Crowning is a traditional Roman Catholic ritual held during the month of May.

It is a solemn procession to the Blessed Virgin Mother where she is crowned with flowers honoring her as "The Queen of May."

The queen symbol was attributed to Mary because she was a perfect follower of Christ, who is the absolute "crown" of creation. She is the Queen of Heaven and of our lives. We entrust all our intentions to her, and she takes them to her Son, who is the King.

The maid of Nazareth consented to God's plan; she journeyed on the pilgrimage of faith; she listened to God's Word and kept it in her heart; she remained steadfastly in close union with her Son, all the way to the foot of the Cross; she persevered in prayer with the Church.

Thus, in a way she won the "crown of righteousness" (II Tim 4:8), the "crown of life" (Jas 1:12; Rev 2:10), the "crown of glory" (I Pet 5:4) that is promised to those who follow Christ.



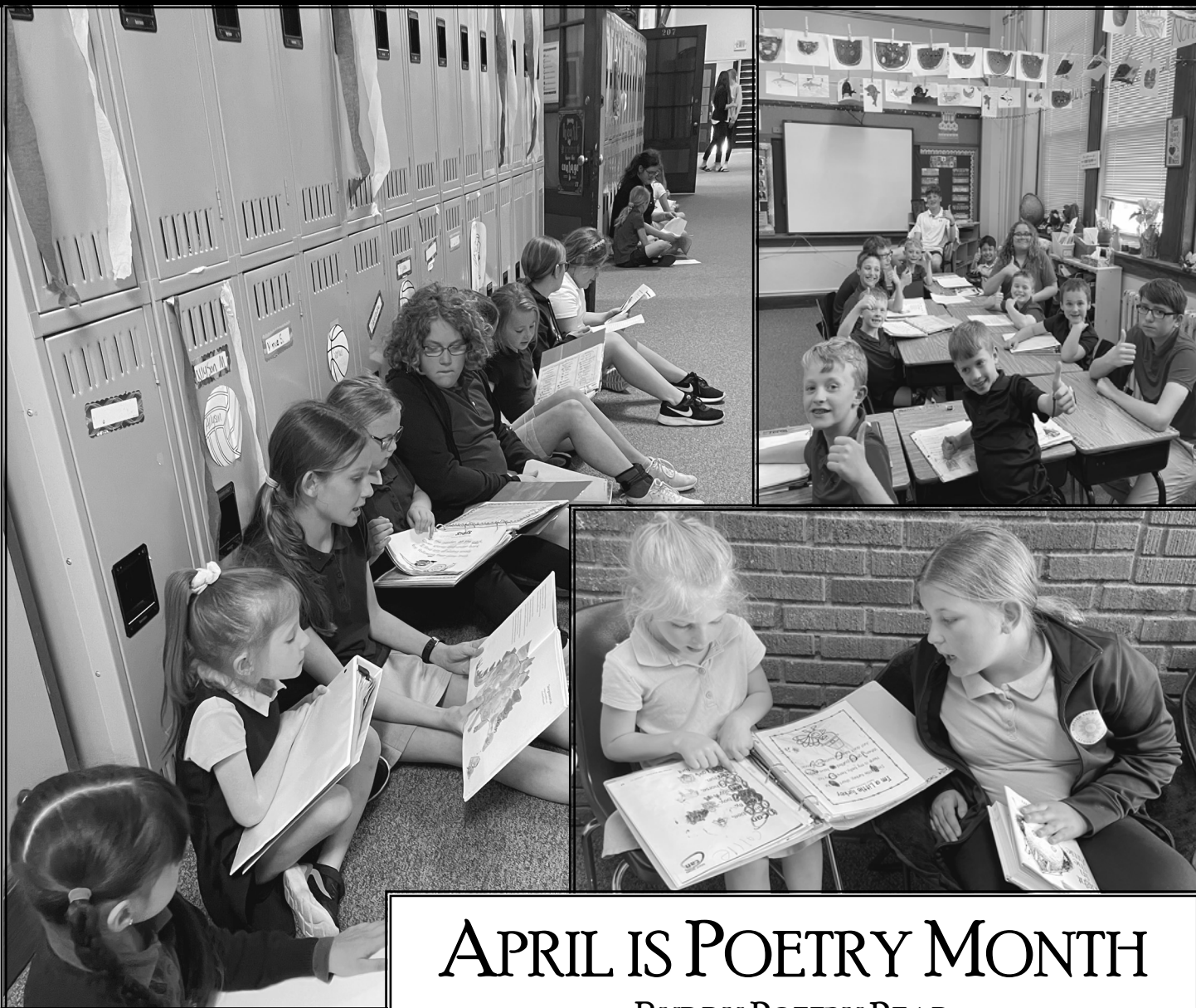
# **Strengths and Abilities in Autism**

Autistic people may display a range of strengths and abilities that can be directly related to their diagnosis, including:

- . Learning to read at a very early age (known as hyperlexia).
- . Memorizing and learning information quickly.
- . Thinking and learning in a visual way.
- . Logical thinking ability.
- . May excel (if able) in academic areas such as science, engineering and mathematics as they are technical and logical subjects that do not heavily rely on social interaction.
- . Having an extraordinarily good memory (being able to remember facts for a long period of time).
- . Being precise and detail orientated.
- . Exceptional honesty and reliability.
- . Being dependable in regard to schedules and routines.
- . Having an excellent sense of direction.
- . Be very punctual.
- . Strong adherence to rules.
- . Able to concentrate for long periods of time when motivated.
- . A drive for perfection and order.
- . A capability for alternate problem solving.
- . A rare freshness and sense of wonderment.

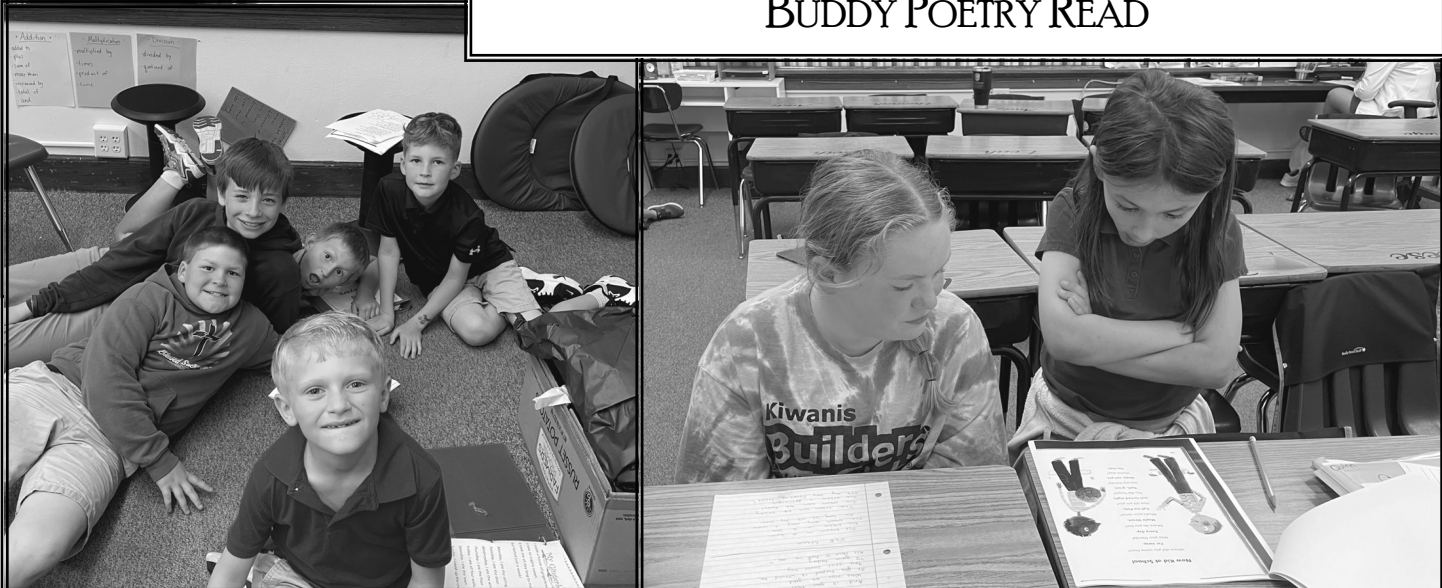
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# *Prayer...Liturgy...Word of God...Service*



## APRIL IS POETRY MONTH

BUDDY POETRY READ



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



—Attention—

## Community of Catholic Women (CCW)

All women of the parish are invited to the Annual Mother/Daughter Dinner on Tuesday, May 23 at 6:00 pm at the large shelter house in South Park. The meat and table service will be furnished. Please bring a covered dish to share and your own drinks. It will be a fun evening, please come and enjoy!

## Mass Intentions

Remembering a loved who has passed with a *Mass Intention* offers their soul special grace to rest in peace. Mass Intentions can be reserved by calling the parish Office at 217-222-2759. The offering is \$10 per Mass.



## Save the Date Save Your Blood!

Friday, May 12, 2023  
Gathering Space  
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
For an appointment call  
1-800-733-2767  
or visit RedCrossBlood.org

## 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.

## Remember the Sick in Your Prayers...

Please pray for parish family members:  
Doris Hildebrand, Tom Liesen, Allan Harvey,  
Robin Cimera, Barb Peters, Maggie Kistner,  
Robert Conover, Linda Anemone, Sandy Meade,  
Monica Mast, Ken Nelson, Eric Strunk, Billie Alonza,  
Rita Esselman, Lori Massey & Nancy Weede.



## 14 Day Candle

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Anna Mae Timpe

## Donor How-To Sessions

The Invest in Kids Act allows donors to provide direct scholarships for low-income K-12 students and receive a 75% credit for their donation on their Illinois state taxes with donations made through the Empower IL program. Thanks to our current donors, 43 students received more than \$87,000 in Tax Credit Scholarships this school year. And, the need continues to grow.

Donating through Empower IL, though not difficult, requires a few steps. The QCES Foundation will host a two-night donor how-to session Tuesday, May 2 from 6-7 p.m. and Thursday, May 11 from 6-7:30 p.m. at St. Francis school or via Zoom. Space is limited for both options. To sign up, visit <https://bit.ly/EmpowerDonation> or call the foundation office at (217) 779-3157.

## Holy Hour for Vocations

Saturday, May 13, 2023

8:00 a.m.—9:00 a.m. in Church  
9:00 a.m. Breakfast in the Gathering Space

RSVP to Colleen Maaloof at 619-395-0625  
or [cvmaalouf@gmail.com](mailto:cvmaalouf@gmail.com)

## Sausage For Sale

Sausage Links

3 lbs. Bags

\$12.00



Contact Parish Office to purchase at 217-222-2759

## First Saturday Devotion

The next First Saturday Devotion at Blessed Sacrament will be on Saturday, May 7, 2023. The Devotion includes Sacrament of Reconciliation, prayers, the Rosary, Mass, and a Meditation on the mysteries of the Rosary. Confessions start at 7:30 a.m.; prayers will be said at 7:50 a.m.; the Rosary at 8:00 a.m.; Mass at 8:30 a.m.; and the Meditation for 15 minutes right after Mass concludes. Flyers with more information that further explain the First Saturday Devotion are at the back of Church. Please join us if you can!

*A Devotion of the Legion of Mary*

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR Saturday, May 6, 2023

Mass Times	Servers	Communion Minister	Greeters	Lectors	Usher
<b>Saturday, 4:30 p.m.</b>	Ava Beswick Vivi Wilson Sofie Hale	Deacon Terry Mary Schoenekase Greg Schoenekase	John & Melissa Daggett (GS) Mark Ohnemus (WD) Kari & Travis Shull (SD)	Pam LaTour	John Bozarth William Casper Lee John Jim Schrand

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR Sunday, May 7, 2023

Mass Times	Servers	Communion Minister	Greeters	Lectors	Usher
<b>Sunday, 8:00 a.m.</b>	Stone Flesch Trip Flesch Mia Coval	Ed Lohman Damin Meyer Kevin Steinkamp	Glen & Becky Ebbing (GS) Mindy & Brian Richards (WD) Erin Haugh (SD)	Laura Peterson	Chris Wegs Michael Moenning Gerry Salfen Sub. Requested
<b>Sunday, 10:00 a.m.</b>	Kynzi Barnes Emma Vogel Brinna Stafford	Maggie Reis Jamie McDowell Kevin Phillips	Don Turnbaugh Family (GS) Ashley Bockhold (WD) Anand Sangoi Family (SD)	Kathy Xamis Sub. Requested	Marvin Schrecke Ron Kelly Mark McDowell Richard Sibbing

### SERVERS Week of May 1, 2023

**Monday, May 1, 8:00 a.m. & Tuesday, May 2, 8:00 a.m.**—Cora Agrabright & Kynzi Barnes  
**Wednesday, May 3, 8:00 a.m.**—Olivia Bailey & Kaileb Baker  
**Thursday, May 4, 8:15 a.m.**—Olivia Bailey, Kaileb Baker & Sofie Hale  
**Friday, May 5, 8:00 a.m.**—Olivia Bailey & Sofie Hale  
**Saturday, May 6, 8:30 a.m.**—Divya Sangoi

### *This Week in Our Parish*

<b>Monday</b>	<b>April 30, 2023</b>
Quincy Spirit Group Picnic	6:30 p.m.
QCES Board Meeting	6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>May 2, 2023</b>
GriefShare	10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
Legion of Mary-GS	1:15 p.m.–2:45 p.m.
Baptism Preparation Class-GS	5:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.
St. Vincent DePaul-GS	6:00 p.m.–7:15 p.m.
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>May 3 2023</b>
Adoration	8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Bible Study-GS	1:00 p.m.–2:30 p.m.
Evening Prayer	5:00 p.m.
Benediction	5:20 p.m.
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>May 4, 2023</b>
RCIA-LL	6:30 p.m.
Pastoral Council-LL	7:15 p.m.



**Calling All Married Couples!**

**The Newlywed Game**

**Saturday, May 6**  
5:45pm, following 4:30pm Mass

**Blessed Sacrament Gathering Space**  
\$10/ couple

All married couples in the parish are invited to enjoy a **DATE NIGHT** filled with fun, laughter, drinks, heavy appetizers and desserts!  
**Space is limited!** Reserve your spot today with Mike & Julie Boll ([mjboll02@gmail.com](mailto:mjboll02@gmail.com))





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## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Join us for an out of this world  
adventure June 5-9th from 6-8:30pm  
at Blessed Sacrament.

### PARTICIPANTS

Preschool - 5th grade  
(Grade entering Fall  
2023)

### VOLUNTEERS

6th-12th grade & Adults  
(students may earn  
service hours)

\$25 per child  
\$60 for family of 3  
or more children



SCAN THE CODE  
to register online.  
Register before May 9th  
to guarantee a t-shirt!



## First Friday Memorials 2022-2023

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 Madalon Elam,  
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 Hamil & Hilda Elam,  
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 Missie Ohnemus Moore  
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 Mary Gates &  
 Barbara Gates Gerdes  
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 Albright & Havermale Famies  
 Josie & Eva Knuffman  
 Kuse & Schmidt Families  
 Goehl & Koettlers Families  
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 John & Jody Hartman  
 Fr. Don Everett & Mary Knuffman  
 Jeffery & B J VandenBoom  
 Franke & Smith Families  
 Bange & Benz Families  
 Cook, Gollaher & VandenBoom Families  
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 Geschwandner Family  
 Janet Kroeger & Mary Alice Meyer  
 Ted Peters, Vern, Rose & Gerald Zimmerman  
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 Nick Schulte & Living & Deceased members of Schulte/Grawe Families  
 Deceased Members of the Fenwick & Schinderling Families

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 Lawrence & Mary Dietrich Families  
 Les Duersterhaus  
 Patrick Joseph Dolan  
 Frank & Elsie Olps & Family  
 Van Marter and Meade Families  
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 Charlie & Scott Roan  
 Living & Deceased members of Lawrence & Marie Klausner Family  
 Gale & Annette Hill Family  
 J A Buckman  
 Carl & Margaret Spetnagel  
 Charles, Margaret, Pete & Steve Huefner  
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 William Hughes  
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 Joseph & Mary Clare Haugh & Paul & Ruth Jochem  
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