Blessed Sackament

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Blessed Sacrament Parish Phone: 222-2759 Pastor: Fr. Tom Meyer Pastor Emeritus: Monsignor Michael Kuse Permanent Deacon: Deacon Terry Ellerman Director of Faith Formation: Ginny Fuentes Secretary: Laura Megown Bookkeeper: Linda Ohnemus Director of Music: Steve Buckman Custodian: Jennifer Cunningham

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.

Parish Website: www.blessedsacramentqcy.org

Diocesan Website: www.dio.org

Blessed Sacrament School Phone: 228-1477 Principal: Lisa Berhorst School Administration Manager: Kailee Flesch Secretary: Lori Quevillon Custodian: Rick Epping

Monday August 7, 2023 8:00 a.m. William & Myrtle Timpe Family Tuesday August 8, 2023 8:00 a.m. John Allen Wednesday August 9, 2023 8:00 a.m. Klene Family 5:30 p.m. Barb Woodvine Thursday August 10, 2023 8:00 a.m. Fr. John Sohm Fridav August 11, 2023 8:00 a.m. Gerald Schwartz Saturdav August 12, 2023 4:30 p.m. Max Kinne Sunday August 13, 2023 8:00 a.m. **Genevieve Koetters** 10:00 a.m. Steve & Nell Krueger 11:10 a.m.-Spanish People of the Parish

Sunday, July 30, 2023

Regular Collection:	\$ 6,897.00
Electronic Giving:	<u>\$ 5,620.00</u>
Total Collection	\$ 12,517.00
Weekly Support Needed:	\$ 12,013.00
Deficit/ Surplus :	+\$ 504.00
Regular Support Actual (YTD)	\$ 44,447.25
Regular Support Needed (YTD)	<u>\$ 60.065.00</u>
Regular Deficit /Surplus: (YTD)	(\$ 15,617.75)
Total School Collection	\$ 3,035.00
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This Week in Our Parish

Tuesday GriefShare Legion of Mary-GS Men's Group-GS

Wednesday Adoration-Church Reconciliation

Thursday Legion of Mary Curia Mtg-.GS 2:00 p.m.- 3:30 p.m. RCIA-GS

Saturday BSS Back-to-School Bash August 8, 2023 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. 1:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

August 9, 2023 8:30 a.m.-5:10 p.m. 4:30 p.m.- 5:00 p.m.

August 10, 2023 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

August 12, 2023 4:30 p.m.

From the Pastor's Desk

Today we celebrate the **Solemnity of the Transfiguration** of the Lord. The 1st Reading is from the Book of the Prophet Daniel. Daniel has a vision of "the Ancient One" seated on a throne, with surging streams of fire flowing from his throne. Daniel then saw a vision: "One like a Son of man coming, on the clouds of heaven." This Son of Man approaches the Ancient One, and receives from him dominion, alory, and kingship. According to Catholic tradition, we understand the Ancient One to be God the Father. Throughout the New Testament Jesus himself attributes to himself the identity of the "Son of Man."

The 2nd Reading is from the 2nd Letter of Peter. Peter describes with his own testimony the moment of Christ's Transfiguration on Mt. Tabor. "We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven while we were with him on the holy mountain." Peter believes we should be attentive to this message, "as to a lamp shining in a dark place."

The Gospel is Matthew's version of the Transfiguration. Peter, James, and John are led up a high mountain (Mt. Tabor) where Jesus is transfigured before them. Moses (the Law) and Elijah (prophets) appear conversing with Jesus, likely speaking with him about his approaching death and resurrection. A bright cloud casts a shadow over them, and the voice of the Father speaks from the cloud, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him."

Throughout these readings there is a strong theme of Christ's kingship being given to him by God the Father ("Ancient One.") We see a glimpse of Christ's kingship in his transfiguration, yet this is only a mere foreshadowing of the climatic vision of kingship we will see when Christ mounts his cross. We are challenged to see in our own crosses a share in the great beauty of Christ's kingship.

Next Saturday evening August 12 we will celebrate our **4:30 p.m. Mass as an outdoor "Mass in the Grass,"** in the grassy area on the west side of 7th Street. We will have picnic tables to sit on, and we will have a large tent over us to protect us from the sun. After Mass we will have grilled hot dogs and bratwurst to eat, in addition to side items that parish members will be bringing. Blessed Sacrament School families will be bringing their "Stop and drop" items before and after Mass. I would like to thank our parish Pastoral Council for envisioning and executing this event. We welcome our parish members to come enjoy next Saturday our 1st annual "Mass in the Grass!"

Finally, it is time to begin thinking about **RCIA**. In a few weeks we will begin our next season of weekly RCIA sessions for those considering entrance into the Catholic faith. The first several months of RCIA are considered a period of "Inquiry" when participants have a chance to learn more about the Catholic faith without making any specific commitments. If you or someone you know are interested in starting in the RCIA, please contact Deacon Terry or Ann Gage.

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



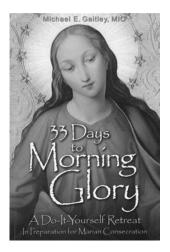
Starting August 29, 2023 our parish will be beginning a JUNIOR Legion of Mary Presidium. The Junior Legion is an organization for the spiritual development of persons under 18 years of age. Members do this through prayer and spiritual work in union with our Blessed Mother under the guidance of Senior Legion of Mary members. Meetings will be held on Tuesdays after school from 3 p.m. –430 p.m. Those interested please email

ourlegionofmary@blessed scs.org

August 6, 2023 The Transfiguration of the Lord

"...then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."" – Matthew 17:5

When Peter, James and John heard this they immediately fell prostrate to the ground and they "were very much afraid." We, too, may respond the same way when we hear God's voice. How many times do you become fearful when invited to participate more fully in the life of the Church? Or, when someone says something negative about the Church, are you afraid to respond? Remember, we too, are beloved sons and daughters of God; Jesus is there to help us, but we need to listen.



MARK YOUR CALENDERS!

Plan to join Blessed Sacraments Legion of Mary presidium for an extraordinary 33 day journey to Marian consecration. Using the book titled <u>33 Days</u> <u>to Morning Glory</u>, we will begin on September 4 and end on October 7. Weekly meetings for discussion will be held on the following dates with discussion materials provided.

> 9/7 @ 6:30 p.m. 9/14 @ 6:30 p.m. 9/21 @ 6:30 p.m. 9/28 @ 6:30 p.m. 10/5 @6:30 p.m.

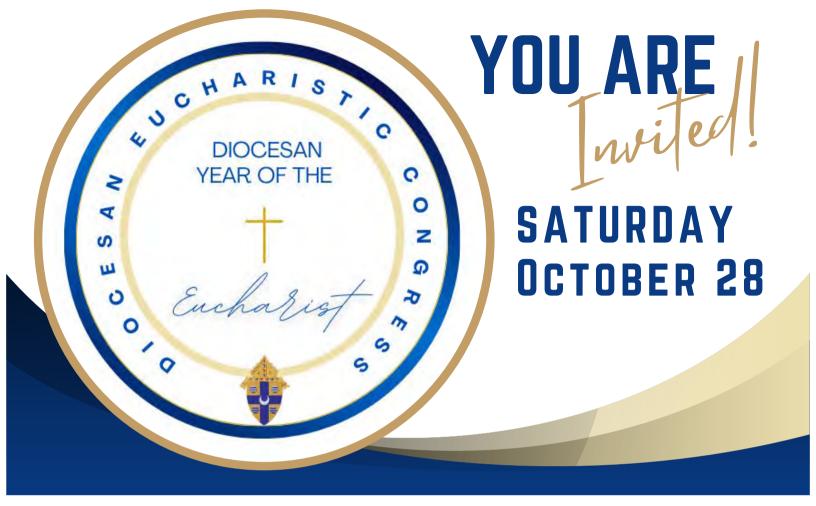
The Legion of Mary is offering to sponsor half the cost of the book for each individual interested in joining the study. For more information please email Denise Sangoi at ourlegionofmary@blessedscs.org

EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

AT THE BOS CENTER IN SPRINGFIELD | OCTOBER 28, 2023

CATHOLIC SPEAKERS - RECONCILIATION - MASS WITH OVER 5000 CATHOLICS - CATHOLIC VENDORS - EUCHARISTIC ADORATION - DOCUMENTARY VIEWINGS

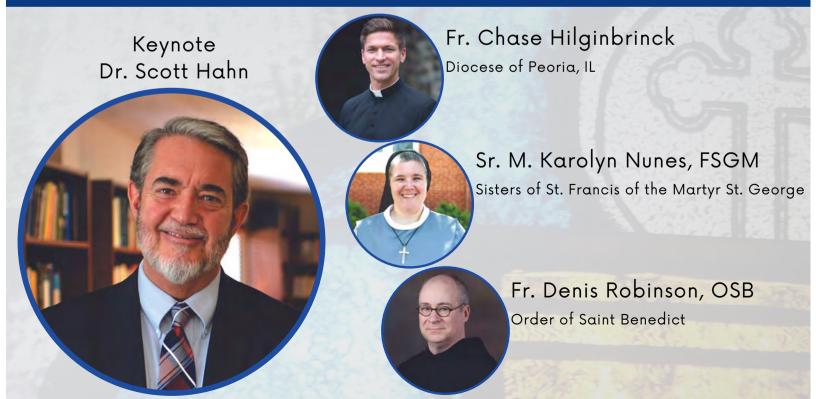
Register now by calling the parish office or emailing faithformation@blessedscs.org For more information head to https://dio.org/revival-bos/



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The Diocesan Eucharistic Congress will include nationally recognized Catholic speakers, adoration, confession, and Mass. The arena will be packed with thousands of Catholics from across the diocese. To attend, contact our parish office.

For details, speaker bios, and schedule - visit dio.org/revival-bos



Prayer...Líturgy...Word of God...Servíce

To All Catholic Women

It will soon be time for our Catholic women of the Quincy Deanery area to get together again! This meeting will be held Wednesday, August 30 at the Knights of Columbus hall in Mt. Sterling and hosted by the women of Holy Family Catholic Church.

This will be our first time at Holy Family since the re-institution of the Quincy Deanery and we are excited they are having us! Please plan to attend and support their efforts to host this!

More information on this day will be forthcoming soon so please keep watch for it in your bulletin and please mark your calendars!

To register, call the Parish Office at 217-222-2759.

Círcle of Caríng

If you know of anyone who could use a helping hand after returning home from the hospital, please contact the Parish Office at 217-222-2759 during the month of August 2023. 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.

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.

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, Lori Massey, Carl Nieders, Paulette Vahlkamp, Angie Havermale, Deb Beebe, Mary Bradfield, Rosie Meyer, Carol Price and Linda Hinkamper.

'Save the Date'

Blessed Sacrament Holiday Bazaar December 2, 2023 8 a.m.–2 p.m. K of C Hall

Support Birthright of Quincy's Annual Raffle

The raffle is free to enter but suggested donations are \$1.00 per ticket or \$5.00 for 6 tickets. Winners will be drawn at the K of C BBQ on Sunday, August 13, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. The 1st place winner will have their choice of prizes and the 2nd place winner will receive the remaining prize. To enter the raffle contact Birthright at 217-224-1277.

> Win Your Choice of a Beautiful Queen Size Quilt or a Dining Out Package



14 Day Candle Burns in Memory of Max Kinne

Back-to-School Cocktail Party

Shake off the stress of back-to-school and join us for a cocktail party hosted by the QCES Foundation on Friday, August 18 from 5:30-7:30 at The Dock. Enjoy drinks, a food truck, games, and more! Free will donations at the door support the QCES Foundation. For more information, call (217) 779-3157.



Birthright Bake Sale at K of C BBQ

Our Bake Sale has become extremely popular and a wonderful support to Birthright, so we are asking again for each Catholic Church in Adams County to participate by donating baked goods (homemade or store-bought) for the Bake Sale.

Blessed Sacrament's day to provide baked items for the event Saturday, August 12, 2023. The booth opens from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Items can be brought to our booth on the K of C grounds or arrangements can be made with your parish for a pick up time. For questions or to set up a pick up time please call Patty at 217-577-8558.

The wonderful variety in the past couple of years has been amazing. Thank you for your continued support of Birthright Quincy! May God Bless You!!!!

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR Saturday, August 12, 2023						
Mass Times	Servers	Communion Minister	Greeters	Lectors	Usher	
Saturday, 4:30 p.m.	Maddie Maas Leah Terwelp Emmy Kistner	Ruth Bange Marie John Teresa Zaerr	Andy & Jane Flachs (GS) William & Katrina Casper (WD) Travis & Kari Shull (SD)	Jeanne Smith	Jim Schrand Gary Beckman Dean Herring Lee John	
LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR Sunday, August 13, 2023						
Mass Times	Servers	Communion Minister	Greeters	Lectors	Usher	
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	Gabe Boll Grayson Haugh Caroline Haugh	Deacon Terry Nancy Kelly Laura Petterson	Steve & Marjorie Schlueter (GS) Karen Finson (WD) Linda & Brad Morrison (SD)	Sara Reuschel	Ed Lohman Brian Brod Jean Brod Chris Wegs	
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.	Ryan Turnbaugh Vincent Selby Lucas Selby	Jill Kelly Maggie Reis Donna Vogel	Jim & Barb Daggett (GS) Richard & Debra Schuering (WD) Jane Grant (SD)	Mike Grant Pam Luther	Marvin Schreacke Ron Kelly Mark McDowell Jim Vogel	

SERVERS Week of August 7, 2023

Monday, August 7, 2023, 8:00 a.m. & Tuesday, August 8, 8:00 a.m.-Cora Argabright & Hadley Garner Wednesday, August 9, 8:00 a.m. -Quinn Feldner & Carson Kerkhoff Thursday, August 10, 8:00 a.m. & Friday, August 11, 8:00 a.m.- Quinn Feldner & Carson Kerkhoff



GriefShare Sessions Beginning



GriefShare is a support group for anyone who has experienced the death of a loved one. GriefShare is a network of more than 12,000 churches worldwide empowering congregations to offer support groups.

Often friends & family want to help, but don't know how. That's the reason for GriefShare. The group is led by caring people who have experienced grief and have successfully rebuilt their lives. They understand how you feel because they have been in the same place. They will walk you on the long path through grief toward healing and hope for the future.

The program is non-denominational & offers biblical concepts for healing grief. All are invited regardless of how long ago your loss occurred.

GriefShare meets once per week on Tuesday mornings from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Gathering Space of our Church for 13 weeks. New sessions beginning Tuesday, August 8, 2023.

For more information call Deacon Terry at 217-222-2759.

Seven Sisters Apostolate

Praying for someone is one of the best ways to offer them spiritual support. It is important to remember to pray for priests, given the nature of their vocations and dedication to our parish community. The Seven Sisters Apostolate is a group that dedicates itself to powerful support for our parish priests, assuring that at least one Holy Hour is prayed for them every day of the week.

The ministry is a national group that began in 2010 in Minnesota. It's name comes from the seven days of the week, with one sister dedicated to each day.

A meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 14 at 6:00 p.m. in the Gathering Space here at Blessed Sacrament. At the meeting you may choose the day you wish to spend an our in prayer for our priests & deacon: Fr. Tom, Fr. Mike or Deacon Terry. Please come Monday, August 14, so we can fill each day with prayerful support. If you have any questions, contact Sally Kroner at 217-779-7177 or Jane Lester at 217-779-7921.

Know Someone Who Would Make a Good Deacon or Thinking About It?

Called to serve?

Come and see - All men discerning a vocation to the diaconate are invited to a weekend experience at the Villa Maria Catholic Retreat and Conference Center on Friday, September 8 (4 p.m.) through Saturday, September 9, (2 p.m.). During the weekend, you will meet the men and wives currently in formation, proctor classroom lecture, join in meals, and have social time. In addition to attending Mass with the deacon candidates and wives, you will participate in the *Liturgy of the Hours* and Morning and Evening Prayer. Wives of men discerning a vocation are invited and strongly encouraged to attend.

To register for this event please use this link form.jotform.com/231135196152046.

Make Quincy a Sanctuary City for the Unborn

A new, grassroots, effort is being attempted to end abortion, at least on a local level. A federal law, the Comstock Act, prohibits the mailing and the receiving of abortion-inducing drugs and abortion paraphernalia. Local city council passage of an ordinance would ensure enforcement of the Comstock Act.

Quincy is in the beginning stages of attempting to have an ordinance passed to enforce the Comstock Act and make Quincy a Sanctuary City for the Unborn.

Everyone who wishes to see Quincy, IL be a Sanctuary City for the Unborn is highly encouraged to sign the online petition below. The petition gauges the interest our community has for this initiative.

Online Petition (sanctuarycitiesfortheunborn.com)

The petition information will only go to The Sanctuary Cities for the Unborn Initiative and will not be subject to Freedom of Information Act. Also contact your councilmember directly to express your support for this initiative. This link lists the emails of all Quincy council members: www.guincyil.gov/city-government/city-council Questions: Call Kathy Xamis at 217-257-7346







First Friday Memorials 2022-2023

A.B. Blickhan & H.B. Schuering Families Madalon Flam John & Delores Peterson, Hamil & Hilda Elam, Marshall, Mildred Campbell & John Peterson Jr. The Hessling Family William and Esther Bergman Missie Ohnemus Moore Members of Bozarth & Kelly Families Parker & Mildred Gates Mary Gates & Barbara Gates Gerdes Maas & Doyle Families Albright & Havermale Families Josie & Eva Knuffman Kuse & Schmidt Families Goehl & Koetters Families Living and Deceased Members of the Hull, Dempsey and Kelly Families Harold & Virginia Hartman John & Jody Hartman Fr. Don Everett & Mary Knuffman Jeffery & B J VandenBoom Franke & Smith Families Bange & Benz Families Cook, Gollaher & VandenBoom Families Norbert & Viola Klingele Families Henry & Regina Geschwandner Families Janet Kroeger & Mary Alice Meyer Ted Peters, Vern, Rose & Gerald Zimmerman Living & Deceased Members of the Sacred Heart League Nick Schulte & Living & Deceased Members of Schulte/Grawe Families & Schinderling Families



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