

Blessed Sacrament

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PARISH

Blessed Sacrament Parish Phone: 222-2759

Pastor: Fr. Tom Meyer

Pastor Emeritus: Monsignor Michael Kuse

Permanent Deacon: Deacon Terry Ellerman

Director of Faith Formation: Audreana Derhake

Secretary: Laura Megown

Bookkeeper: Linda Ohnemus

Director of Music: Steve Buckman

Custodian: Ted Hea

SCHOOL

Blessed Sacrament School Phone: 228-1477

Principal: Lisa Berhorst

School Administration Manager: Kailee Flesch

Secretary: Lori Quevillon

Technology: Dottie Buckman

Custodian: Rick Epping

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

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

Wednesday: 5:30 p.m., Thursday: 8:15 a.m. (School Year)

First Saturday of the month: 8:30 a.m.

Saturday: 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m., 11:10 a.m. (Spanish)

EUCARIST ADORATION

Wednesday: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

RECONCILIATION:

Wednesday: 4:30 - 5:00 p.m.

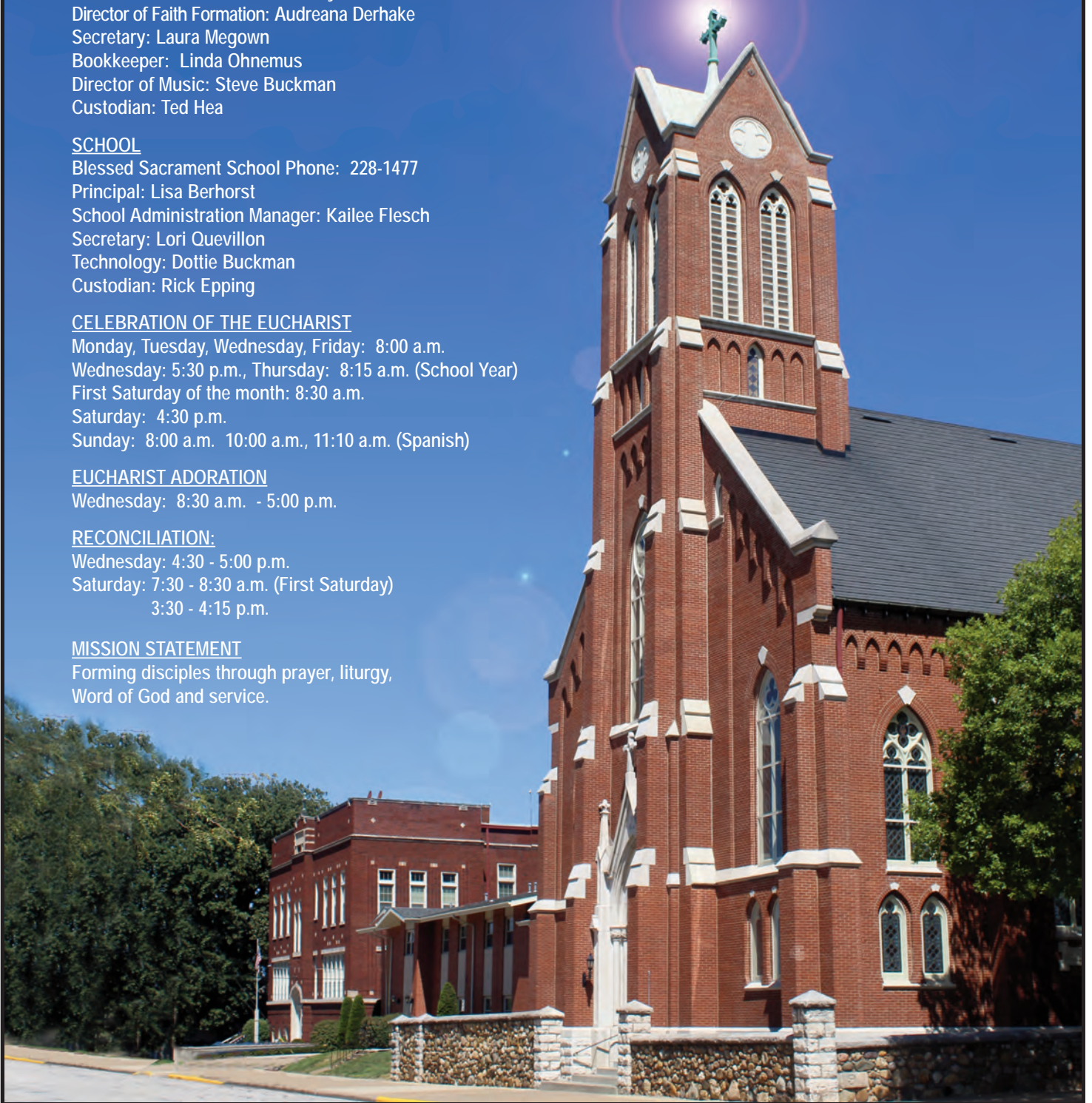
Saturday: 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. (First Saturday)

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

Monday	December 18, 2023
7:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (Lauds)
8:00 a.m.	John Ohnemus
Tuesday	December 19, 2023
8:00 a.m.	William & Myrtle Timpe Family
Wednesday	December 20, 2023
8:15 a.m.	Gary Reis
5:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer (Vespers)
5:30 p.m.	John Allen
Thursday	December 21, 2023
8:00 a.m.	The Poor Souls of Purgatory
Friday	December 22, 2023
8:00 a.m.	Klene Family
Saturday	December 23, 2023
4:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer (Vespers)
4:30 p.m.	Angie Havermale
Sunday	December 24, 2023
8:00 a.m.	Al Dusterhaus
10:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
11:10 a.m.-Spanish	For the Homebound of Our Parish
Christmas Eve	
4:00 p.m.	Andrew Maas
5:30 p.m.	Neil & Ilene Megown
11:00 p.m.	Bill Adam

Sunday, December 10, 2023

Regular Collection:	\$ 18,301.63
Electronic Giving:	\$ 1,005.00
Total Collection	\$ 19,306.00
Weekly Support Needed:	\$ 12,093.67
Deficit/Surplus:	+\$ 7,293.63
Regular Support Actual (YTD)	\$244,427.80
Regular Support Needed (YTD)	\$288,312.00
Regular Deficit/Surplus: (YTD)	(\$ 43,884.20)
Total School Collection	\$ 14,312.00
Haiti	\$ 2,462.75

This Week in Our Parish

Monday	December 18, 2023
GIFT-School	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	December 19, 2023
Legion of Mary-GS	1:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m.
Junior Legion of Mary-GS	3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
Quincy Spirit Group-GS	6:30 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday	December 20, 2023
Adoration-Church	8:30 a.m.- 5:10 p.m.
Reconciliation-Church	4:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
Benediction/Evening Prayer-Church	5:10 p.m.-5:30 p.m.
Thursday	December 21, 2023
RCIA-GS	6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
Friday	December 22, 2023
Office Closed	

Today we celebrate the 3rd Sunday of Advent. We celebrate today "**Gaudete Sunday**", which is Latin for "Rejoice." We light the Rose candle and wear the Rose vestments signifying the joy that is in our hearts at the closeness of the Lord's coming. We see the figure of John the Baptist once again in today's Gospel. John the Baptist proclaims that "he came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him." We Christians, 2,000 years later, continue to receive and internalize the testimony of John the Baptist. We receive the testimony that Christ's coming, whom we await, truly is the **light** of our lives. We hope that our lives show forth this truth that Christ is the light of my life, so that our lives can be a testimony to others.

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, this Sunday, December 17, the Catholic parishes of Quincy will host a **City Wide Advent Penance Service on Sunday, December 17 @ 2:00 p.m. at St. Francis.** All of the priests of Quincy will be available to hear our confessions this (Sunday) afternoon. Please join us for one of the most important spiritual ways to prepare our hearts for Christmas.

May the Peace of Christ be with you all,

Fr. Tom



Advent Caring Collection

Week Week Week Week

1

Toilet Paper



2

Cleaning Supplies



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Hygiene Products



4

Paper Towels



Next Sunday, December 24, 2023 is the 4th week of Advent. As in years past we will be collecting different items for the Catholic Charities and Ladies of Charity pantries. For the 4th week of Advent we are collecting paper towels. Donations are collected in the Gathering Space.



JR LEGION OF MARY



Over the last 2 weeks our Jr Legion of Mary members have been working on a Christmas service project they came up with all on their own. Last week they decorated 36 Christmas cookies and this week they hand delivered them to neighbors located around Blessed Sacrament. The students also had the great idea to include an invitation to Mass in a Christmas card signed by the entire Jr legion! They made so many peoples day brighter with their cheerful smiles and servant hearts!



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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 the Parish Office at 217-222-2759 during the month of December 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.

Remember the Sick in Your Prayers...

Please pray for parish family members: Doris Hildebrand, Tom Liesen, Allan Harvey, Robin Cimera, Barb Peters, Robert Conover, Linda Anemone, Monica Mast, Ken Nelson, Eric Strunk, Lori Massey, Carl Nieders, Paulette Vahlkamp, Mary Bradfield, Rosie Meyer, Dave Terwelp, Joyce Blickhan, Gene & Rita Esselman.



14 Day Candle Burns in Memory of Jim Bange

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.

Catholics Returning Home

St. Francis Solanus Parish will offer a six-week series entitled "Catholics Returning Home" beginning **Wednesday, January 3**, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall, located on the north side of the church at 17th and College Avenue. It will run for six consecutive Wednesday evenings and will conclude on February 7. The sessions are for non-practicing Catholics who are seeking answers to questions about returning to the Church. If you know someone who has left the Church, please invite them to join us.

For more information, call Deacon Wayne Zimmerman, 217-430-7792.

Attention: For Tax Deductions

Any annual donations you want recorded for the 2023 tax year must physically be in the before December 31



We would like to thank all of you for making us feel so welcome here at Blessed Sacrament. Your kindness and thoughtfulness will not be forgotten! Know all of you are in our prayers...

Deacon Mike and Jean

We Are Blessed Sacrament

Stewardship Corner

Welcome to our Stewardship Corner. In the coming weeks we will be highlighting our ministries of Prayer. Blessed Sacrament offers many opportunities for prayer. The Ministries included in Prayer are: Eucharistic Adoration, the Auxiliary Legion of Mary, Junior Legion of Mary, Ministry of Praise, Prayer Chain, and the Sacred Heart League. All of these ministries offer opportunities to have a heart to heart with God. It is through prayer that we nurture our personal relationship with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.



Did you know our School and Parish has a Wish List? Scan the QR code to check it out!

Hours OPEN at the Adoration Chapel -St Peters

Tuesday: 2 p.m.

Wednesday: 1 a.m., 2 a.m., 3 a.m., 11 a.m. weeks 1, 3, 4 p.m. weeks 2, 4, 5

Thursday: Midnight week 2

Friday: 1 a.m., 11 p.m.

Saturday: Midnight, 1 a.m., 2 a.m., 3 p.m. weeks 1, 5, 5 p.m. weeks 2

Ask a friend to join you in taking an hour or share the time slot!

Please call Mary Voorhis at 217 653 3127 or call or text Gina Wolf at 217 257 9966 with questions or to fill an hour.

We Want Your Input!

Quincy Catholic Schools are embarking on a comprehensive strategic planning process that will set the future direction for the next three-five years. Your feedback is important to us! We are asking all parents, faculty, staff, and friends to share their insights on our schools. The survey can be accessed at <https://bit.ly/QCSsurvey> and will be available until December 12, 2023.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR Saturday, December 23, 2023

Mass Times	Servers	Communion Minister	Greeters	Lectors	Usher
Saturday, 4:30 p.m.	Ava Beswick Sofie Hale Kaileb Baker	Ruth Bange Deacon Terry Marie John	Terry Duesterhaus (GS) Debbie Smith (WD) Dana Herring (SD)	Pam LaTour	Ed Duesterhaus Julie Herring Dean Herring Lee John

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR Sunday, December 24, 2023

Mass Times	Servers	Communion Minister	Greeters	Lectors	Usher
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	Ellie Reuschel Olivia Young Quinn Feldner	Brian Brod Jean Brod Kevin Steinkamp	Ferd & Barb Niemann (GS) Chris & Debbie Wegs (WD) Mary Kay Brown (SD)	Ed Lohman	Gerry Salfen Robert Brown Frank Flesch Blake Niemann
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.	Landon Borewick Riley Grant Lillian Hendrian	Jennifer Dickerman Maggie Reis Nancy Schodroski	Richard & Debra Schuering (GS) Amber & Joe Bordewick (WD) Kelly & Mike Baker (SD)	Ann Gage Kathy Xamis	Ed Dawson Ron Kelly Mark McDowell Marvin Schreacke

SERVERS Week of December 18, 2023

Monday, December 18, 2023, 8:00 a.m.: Kyra Brandon & Luke Bozarth
Tuesday, December 19, 2023, 8:00 a.m.: Kyra Brandon & Luke Bozarth
Wednesday, December 20, 8:15 a.m.: Evie Cramer, Divya Sangoi & Max McDowell
Thursday, December 21, 8:00 a.m.: Evie Cramer & Divya Sangoi
Friday, December 22, 8:00 a.m.: Divya Sangoi & Max McDowell

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS – WE HOPE YOU FIND A HOME HERE!

We are glad that you are here! We pray that through our worship, you may experience the depth of God's love for us. If you would like to register as a member of Blessed Sacrament Parish, please complete the form below and drop it in the collection basket, or email the rectory office at: parishoffice@blessedscs.org Or if you prefer, scan the below QR code and complete the form online. Once received, someone from parish office will contact you for additional information.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Date: _____ Phone: _____



If you have not been active in the practice of the Catholic faith, we encourage you to return. If a previous marriage has kept you from receiving the Sacraments, we invite you to contact our pastor. In many cases, we can work with you toward a favorable solution so you can again receive the Sacraments in the Catholic Church.



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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

December, 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

The mission of the Catholic Children's Home (CCH) is to be a beacon of hope for thousands of children in need of a safe harbor and a place to call home. For the past 144 years, the (CCH) has continued 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 severe autistic challenges.

The children served by CCH have been chronically abused, designated "unmanageable" by their schools or simply have no place to call home. They are some of the most vulnerable in our society. In the words of Pope Francis, "We need to see each child as a gift to be welcomed, cherished and protected."

The holiday season is a particularly difficult time for these youths as many of them are without a family. Those who have a family often lack the special care they need. Please keep these children in your prayers throughout this holy season of Advent and Christmas. With your help, the Catholic Children's Home can continue to serve the special needs of these children in the name of Jesus Christ, as it has since 1879.

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. "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." (Romans 15:13) 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,

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

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