

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.

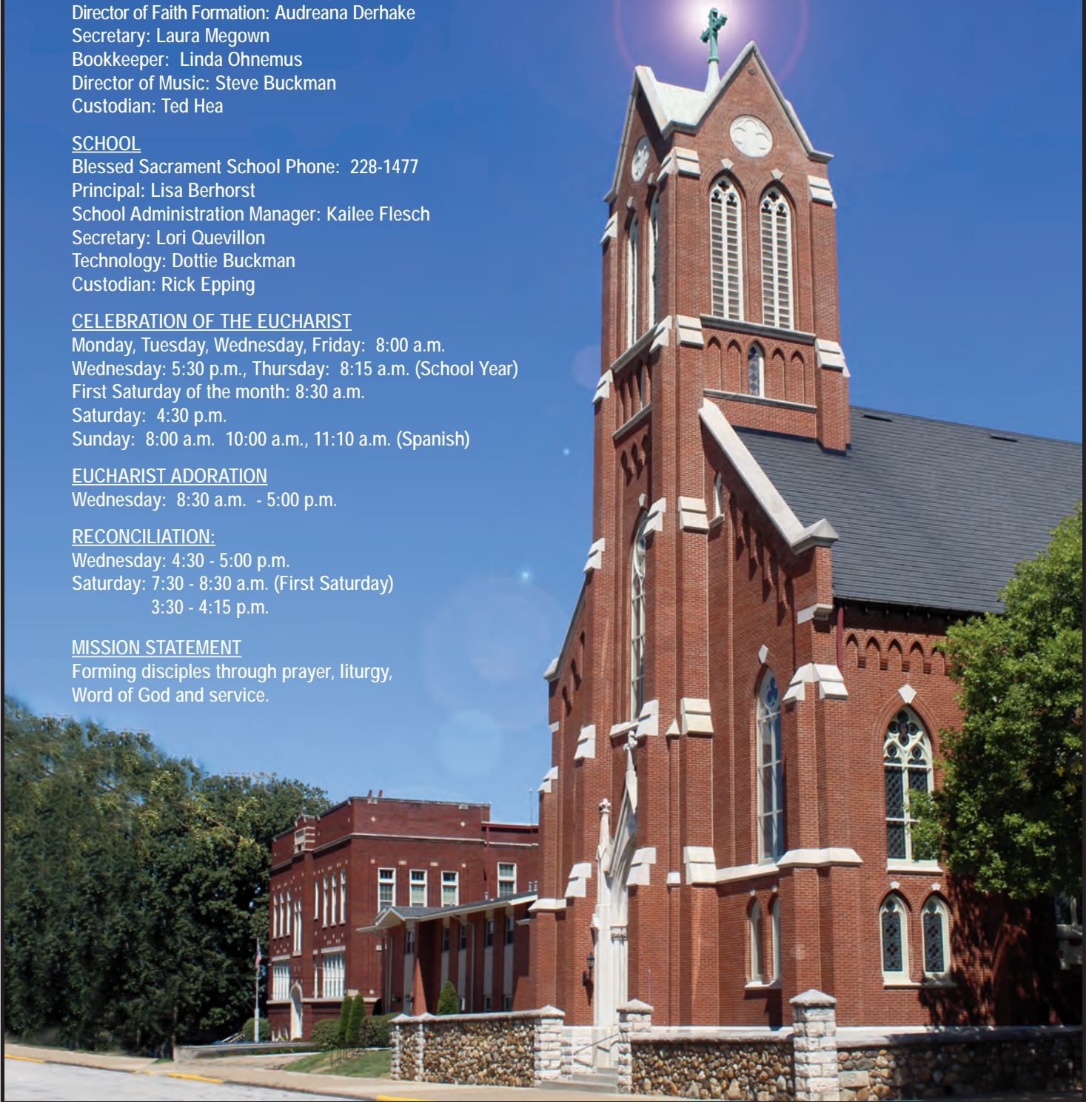
Saturday: 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. (First Saturday)

3:30 - 4:15 p.m.

MISSION STATEMENT

Forming disciples through prayer, liturgy,

Word of God and service.



**Blessed Sacrament Parish
4th Sunday of Advent
December 24, 2023**

Monday 9:00 a.m.	December 25, 2023 Paul Schuering, Jr.
Tuesday 8:00 a.m.	December 26, 2023 Stephen Stump
Wednesday 8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	December 27, 2023 Jim Bange Evening Prayer (Vespers) Angie Havemale
Thursday 8:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m.-Sunset Home	December 28, 2023 Gerald Leroy Schwartz Klene Family
Friday 8:00 a.m.	December 29, 2023 John Ohnemus
Saturday 4:00 p.m. 4:30 p.m.	December 30, 2023 Evening Prayer (Vespers) Barb Dance
Sunday 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m.-Spanish	December 31, 2023 Stephen Stump Elaine Hall People of the Parish

Sunday, December 17, 2023

Regular Collection:	\$ 16,852.00
Electronic Giving:	\$ 1,005.00
Total Collection	\$ 17,857.00
Weekly Support Needed:	\$ 12,093.67
Deficit/Surplus:	+\$ 5,844.00
Regular Support Actual (YTD)	\$262,284.80
Regular Support Needed (YTD)	\$300,325.00
Regular Deficit/Surplus: (YTD)	(\$ 38,040.20)
Total School Collection	\$ 2,035.00
Haiti	\$ 125.00

This Week in Our Parish

Monday Office Closed	December 25, 2023 Merry Christmas!
Tuesday Office Closed Legion of Mary-GS	December 26, 2023 1:15 p.m.–3:00 p.m.
Wednesday Adoration-Church Reconciliation-Church Benediction/Evening Prayer -Church	December 27, 2023 8:30 a.m.– 5:10 p.m. 4:30 p.m.–5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.–5:20 p.m.
Friday Office Closed	December 29, 2023

From the Pastor's Desk

Today we celebrate the 4th Sunday of Advent. We hear in the Gospel today the story of the Archangel Gabriel's appearance to Mary asking her to become the mother of "the Son of the Most High." Mary accepts the divine initiative with the words, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." With Mary's consent the Holy Spirit descends upon her and the Son of God takes on human flesh - is made incarnate - within her. Everything is now in place for God's plan of salvation to come to fulfillment.

Finally, for your Christmas planning I publish our **Christmas Mass Schedule**, beginning this evening:

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

Christmas Day Mass: 9:00 a.m.

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



The Feast of the Holy Innocents

The Feast of the Holy Innocents, or Childermas in Old English, commemorates the death of the male children in Bethlehem who were 2 years of age or under. King Herod the Great had ordered this, in order to ensure that the infant Messiah sought by the Magi would be unable to displace him on his throne. This is why Saint Joseph was told in a dream to take the Child and the Blessed Virgin and flee to Egypt to escape the persecution of King Herod.

On this day we are reminded, as well, that all lives are precious, and it is our responsibility to protect every life from the moment of conception to natural death.

Pope Francis stated in his 2016 address for the Feast of the Holy Innocents:

‘Christmas is accompanied, whether we like it or not, by tears. The Evangelists did not disguise reality to make it more credible or attractive. They did not indulge in words that were comforting but unrelated to reality. For them, Christmas was not a flight to fantasy, a way of hiding from the challenges and injustices of their day. On the contrary, they relate the birth of the Son of God as an event fraught with tragedy and grief. Quoting the prophet Jeremiah, Matthew presents it in the bluntest of terms: “A voice is heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children” (2:18). It is the sobbing of mothers bewailing the death of their children in the face of Herod’s tyranny and unbridled thirst for power.

Today too, we hear this heart-rending cry of pain, which we neither desire nor are able to ignore or to silence. In our world – I write this with a heavy heart – we continue to hear the lamentation of so many mothers, of so many families, for the death of their children, their innocent children.’ (*Letter of His Holiness Pope Francis to Bishops on the Feast of the Holy Innocents*)

The Feast of the Holy Innocents is celebrated on December 28.

“Christian joy is born from a call – the same call that Saint Joseph received – to embrace and protect human life, especially that of the holy innocents of our own day.” - Pope Francis, address on the Feast Day of the Holy Innocents, 2016

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MISSIONARIES WILL RECEIVE:

- Paid full-time employment
- Food, gas, and lodging all covered
- A trip to Indianapolis for the National Eucharistic Congress, fully paid for by the Diocese
- A daily opportunity to share Jesus with kids
- A week off
- Paid training
- 2 retreats to grow in faith
- Heaps and heaps of fun!

SAVE THE DATE: Illinois March for Life:

Wednesday, April 17, 2024. Mass, 10:00 a.m., Sangamon Auditorium, on the UIS Campus, 1 University Plaza, Springfield. Noon, rally in front of the State Capitol, followed by a march around the State Capitol complex. The Mass, rally and march are intended for 7th-12th graders, college students, and adults.



Pray to Protect Human Life: [Sign-up](#) for the 9 Days for Life Novena, January 16-24, 2024, for the protection of human life. Each day’s intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Participants can download the novena or sign up to receive the daily prayers via email or text message www.respectlife.org/9-days-signup

4th Sunday of Advent

“Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!” – Luke 1:28

After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God’s call. Mary teaches us to live with joy for all we have been given. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we are called to reflect Christ’s light to the world through our gratitude and generosity



*Merry
Christmas!*



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

Science Technology Religion Engineering Art Math Chain Reaction of Kindness

4th grade collected 200 boxes of cereal in the month of November while they studied chain reactions in STREAM class. At the end of the month, they used the cereal boxes to create a chain reaction and demonstrate to the school. The cereal is now being stocked in the food pantry for those in need.



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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 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.

Mass Intentions Needed for 2024

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.

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.

Another Successful Bazaar!



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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 before December 31



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



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR Saturday, December 30, 2023

Mass Times	Servers	Communion Minister	Greeters	Lectors	Usher
Saturday, 4:30 p.m.	Vince Selby Lucas Selby Kyra Brandon	Doug Luther Deacon Terry Cindy Humphrey	The Don Turnbaugh Family (GS) Devin Huner(WD) Sara Cramer (SD)	Teresa Zaerr	Gary Beckman Mike Cramer Jim Schrand Greg Wittland

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR Sunday, December 31, 2023

Mass Times	Servers	Communion Minister	Greeters	Lectors	Usher
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	Caroline Haugh Madyson Shull Natalie Druffel	Deacon Terry Colleen Maalouf Steve Schlueter	Mary Lynn Tucker (GS) The Mark Reuschel Family (WD) Marjorie Schlueter (SD)	Damin Meyer	Ed Lohman Mike Moenning Gerry Salfen Chris Wegs
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.	Emma Vogel Haley Terwelp Jace Sheely	Laurie Brink Deacon Terry Jessica Genenbacher	Karen Kalberer (GS) Patty Adam (WD) Mary Jane Murphy (SD)	Jill Kelly Nancy Weede	Ron Kelly Mark Terwelp Marvin Schrecke Bill Averkamp

SERVERS Week of December 26, 2023

Tuesday, December 26, 2023, 8:00 a.m.: Sophia Sibbing & Wes Sibbing

Wednesday, December 27, 8:00 a.m.: Lucas Selby & Vince Selby

Thursday, December 28, 8:00 a.m.: Emma McDowell & Emmy Kistner

Friday, December 29, 8:00 a.m.: Kyra Brandon & Quinn Feldner

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.

Christmas Prayer

Glory to God in the highest!
My precious Lord, Jesus,
I adore You with profound love and rejoice in the celebration of Your birth.
Your love for us is unfathomable,
it is glorious
transforming,
awe-inspiring,
and deeply personal.
You chose to come and dwell among us,
being born into poverty, rejection and humility.
Yet Your mother knew whom she bore,
Her heart was filled with the tenderest love
as she adored her Child and her God.
Help me, dear Lord,
to come to love You with the heart of Your mother.
Invite me to adore You with St. Joseph and the poor shepherds.
Reveal to me the glorious power of Your birth
and change my life on account of this perfect gift of Yourself.
I love You, dear Lord Jesus.
Help me to love You with all my heart.
Newborn Savior of the World,
I trust in You.
Mother Mary and St. Joseph,
Pray for me and for all.
Amen.
(My Catholic Life)

We thank all of you for the kindness and love you have blessed us with in 2023. May you all be blessed richly by Jesus and His angels and His Saints in this holiday season!

Merry Christmas!
From Fr. Tom and the Parish Staff



First Friday Memorials 2023-2024

Flaiz & Lohman Families & Nick Miller
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 Jeffrey & BJ VandenBoom
 Fr. Don Everett & Mary Knuffman
 The Hessling Family
 Larry & David Steinkamp
 Virginia & Francis Liesen
 Michael G. Liesen
 Bill Wegs
 Milkint & Weede Families
 William Hughes
 Bange & Benz Families
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 Norbert & Viola Klingele Families
 Henry & Regina Geschwandner Families
 Louis & Laura Holtschlag & Family
 Louis J. Frese & Walker Morrison Families

Kathleen Cain
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 Albright & Havermale Families
 Deceased Members of Fenwick & Schinderling Families
 Berter & Smith Families
 Maas & Doyle Families
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 Ted Peters, Vern, Rose & Gerald Zimmerman
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 Deceased Members of the Haugh & Jochem Families
 Living & Deceased Members of Dempsey, Hull & Kelly Families
 Deceased & Living Members of the Community of Catholic Women
 Living & Deceased Members of Rita Walker Family Jack Souders
 J. R. & Alta Rosenkoetter
 Evelyn Duesterhaus
 Irene Rossmiller
 Dietrich & Johnson Families
 Clarence & Evelyn Genenbacher Family
 Patrick J. Dolan
 Bill Junkerman
 Lawrence & Catherine Frese
 Joe Altgibbers
 VanMarter & Meade Families
 Living & Deceased Members of Kelly & Bozarth Families
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