

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.

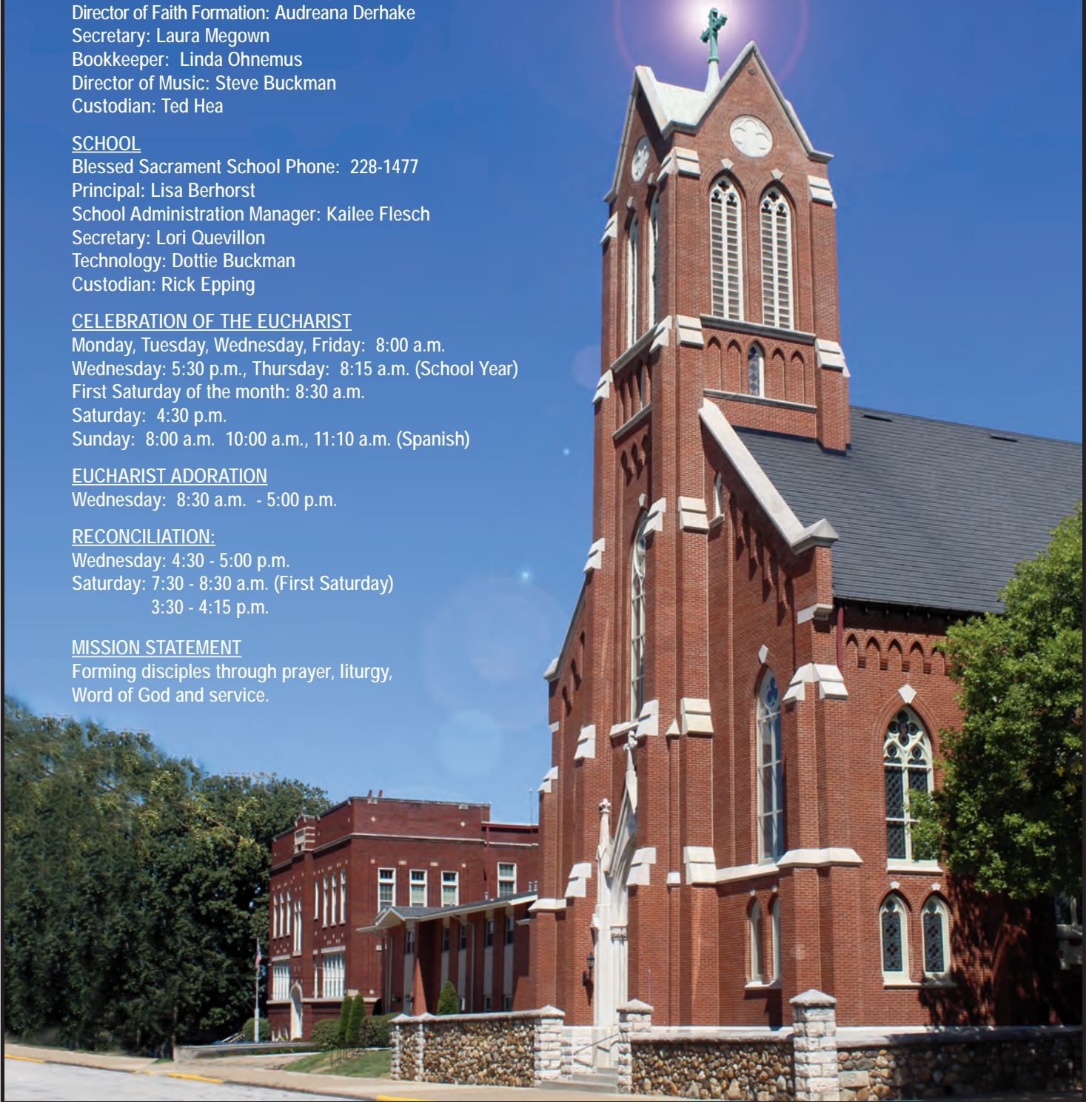
Saturday: 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. (First Saturday)

3:30 - 4:15 p.m.

MISSION STATEMENT

Forming disciples through prayer, liturgy,

Word of God and service.



**Blessed Sacrament Parish
Solemnity of the Holy Family
December 31, 2023**

From the Pastor's Desk

Monday 9:00 a.m.	January 1, 2024 John Allen
Tuesday 8:00 a.m.	January 2, 2024 Legion of Mary Auxiliary Members
Wednesday 8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	January 3, 2024 Maurine Goehl Evening Prayer (Vespers) Klene Family
Thursday 8:15 a.m.	January 4, 2024 Chad Herring
Friday 8:00 a.m.	January 5, 2024 First Friday Memorials
Saturday 8:30 a.m.-First Saturday 4:00 p.m. 4:30 p.m.	January 6, 2024 The Poor Souls of Purgatory Evening Prayer (Vespers) Angie Havemale
Sunday 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m.-Spanish	January 7, 2024 Evelyn Duesterhaus For All Parishioners to Have a Healthy, Prosperous & Loving New Year People of the Parish

Sunday, December 24, 2023

***To Be Reported the
Week of
January 7, 2024***

This Week in Our Parish

Monday Office Closed	January 1, 2024 Happy New Year!
Tuesday Legion of Mary-GS	January 2, 2023 1:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m.
Wednesday Adoration-Church Reconciliation-Church Benediction/Evening Prayer -Church St. Vincent DePaul-GS Pastoral Council-GS	January 3, 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. 6:00 p.m. 7:15 p.m.
Thursday Legion of Mary Curia Mtg.-GS RCIA-GS	January 4, 2024 2:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.

Today we celebrate the **Solemnity of the Holy Family**. Today we celebrate the mystery of the graced family life shared among Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. It was through these important years of childhood and young adulthood in the Holy Family that Jesus received his human formation. The family continues to be the primary place where human formation takes place. It is in the home where parents teach their children how to become young men and women of integrity. We pray for all the families of Blessed Sacrament Parish that our Lord may assist parents in this important task of forming our children in the faith.

Tomorrow (Monday, January 1) we celebrate the **Solemnity of Mary Mother of God**. Our US bishops have **dispensed the obligation to attend Mass** since it falls on a Monday, although we will still offer a 9:00 a.m. Mass. We celebrate Mary's motherhood of Jesus who is both fully God and fully human. We honor Mary who first brought Christ into the world, and who invites us to receive him into our hearts and into our lives.

In January we begin collecting subscription money for our Diocesan Newspaper, the **Catholic Times**. I encourage our parishioners to include \$15.00 in your Catholic Times envelope for your annual CT subscription. You may return your envelope in the collection anytime in the next few weeks.

Next **Saturday, January 6 after the 4:30 p.m. Mass** Blessed Sacrament is having a **Parish Epiphany Party** at Western Catholic Union for members (and spouses) of our Parish Staff, Buildings and Grounds Committee, Education Council, Finance Council, Haiti Committee, Health & Wellness Council, Liturgy Committee, Pastoral Council, Stewardship Committee, and St. Vincent De Paul Society. If you have not already done so, please RSVP your attendance by Tuesday, January 2.

Finally, I would like to say **Thank You** to the many talented people who made the Christmas liturgies last weekend so beautiful. First I would like to thank the accompanists, cantors, adult choir members, and instrumentalists for their gift of music that add so much to our liturgies. I offer thanks also to our lectors, altar servers, ushers, greeters, Extraordinary Ministers, and sacristans. I would like to thank our Art & Environment Committee and our parish Minutemen who have beautifully decorated our church in preparation for Christmas. Finally, I extend a very important thank you to Parish Music Director Steve Buckman who prepared and coordinated the music for all of our Christmas liturgies. Wonderful job everyone in making our Christmas liturgies last weekend such a joy-filled encounter with the Lord!

May the Peace of the Word-made-Flesh be with you all,
Fr. Tom



Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

January 1st

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Mass celebrating the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God will be **January 1 2024 at 9 a.m.**

Immediately following mass, our Legion of Mary will lead us in praying the Rosary. Please consider joining us on this day honoring our Blessed Mother!

Host the Pilgrim Virgin statue in your home!- Most

people are unable to make a pilgrimage to Fatima, Portugal, the place where Mary appeared to three children and gave her formula for peace and for the conversion of Russia. Instead of making the pilgrimage, the Pilgrim Virgin Statue can be brought to your home. This pastoral activity has been a source of



blessings and spiritual growth for our parish members.

Ministry Participation: This devotion involves the statue residing in different homes on a weekly basis. Each Saturday a special ceremony is conducted as the statue is transferred from one home to another. The family hosting the statue during a given week recites the Rosary each day at a fixed time. Family, neighbors and fellow parishioners can be invited to join the hosting family.

Benefit for the Volunteer:

This devotion is offered for world peace, conversions, and vocations to the priesthood and religious life. For families, this offers a wonderful time for praying together as a family.



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BSCS caroling at Horizons
December 2023



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. 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 Bill Casper

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.



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

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.

Special Collection for Haiti

Reminder that Next Weekend is our Monthly 2nd Collection for our sisters and brothers of St. Antoine in Haiti. Based on our video calls recently with Fr. Lops and the Sisters at the Clinic, they are in dire need of our prayers and financial support, so thank you for your generosity in these areas.

"Save the date for Quincy Catholic Charities Fundraiser, April 6. Additional details coming soon!"

A Prayer for Our Priests

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests.

Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments.

Help our priests to be strong in their vocation.

Set their souls on fire with love for your people.

Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom. Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel.

Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. Help them to become instruments of your divine grace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest.

Amen.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR Saturday, January 6, 2024

Mass Times	Servers	Communion Minister	Greeters	Lectors	Usher
Saturday, 4:30 p.m.	Vince Selby Lucas Selby Leah Terwelp	Deacon Terry Cheryl Wittland Greg Wittland	Lee & Marie John (GS) Greg & Mary Schoenekase (WD) Bonnie Cook (SD)	Madison Daggett	Jim Schrand John Daggett Dana Herring James Smith

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR Sunday, January 7, 2024

Mass Times	Servers	Communion	Greeters	Lectors	Usher
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	Kyle Thompson Stone Flesch Hadley Garner	Deacon Mike Brad Morrison Linda Morrison	Frank & Kailee Flesch (GS) Mary Lynn Tucker (WD) Karen Finson (SD)	Chris Wegs	Gerry Salfen Kevin Steinkamp Andy Weise Danielle Weise
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.	Cora Argabright Addie Dawson Alijah Dawson	Laurie Brink Jamie McDowell Kevin Phillips	Richard & April Sibbing (GS) Richard & Debra Schuering (WD) Jane Grant (SD)	Ann Gage Kathy Xamis	Ron Kelly Marvin Schreacke Mark McDowell Dan Brink

SERVERS Week of January 1, 2024

Monday, January 1, 2024, 9:00 a.m.: Lillian Hendrian & Briella Reis
Tuesday, January 2, 8:00 a.m.: Riley Grant & Asher Richards
Wednesday, January 3, 8:00 a.m.: Bryson Shull & Madyson Shull
Thursday, January 4, 8:15 a.m.: Olivia Bailey, Kaileb Baker & Blake Myers
Friday, January 5, 8:00 a.m.: Olivia Bailey & Kaileb Baker

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

My dear Friends in Christ,

Catholic Times has always been a key communication tool for our diocese. Whether it is important announcements, teaching the faith, or inspirational stories, the magazine provides tremendous value to readers. That was apparent this past year with a special edition highlighting the rich history of our diocese when we celebrated the 100th anniversary of the transfer of the See city from Alton to Springfield and a special edition that captured the historical Eucharistic Congress in Springfield.

We were also given this powerful story this past year from one of our parishes. In one of their bible studies, the topic of Confession came up. Two women mentioned that they had went to Confession after many decades because of the encouragement found in 2021 special edition of *Catholic Times* that focused solely on the sacrament. They both said they had saved their copy because it was so good, helpful, and encouraging!

For another consecutive year, *Catholic Times* received a national award from the Catholic Media Association's national awards program. Also new this past year, *Catholic Times* launched a new website, dio.org/catholictimes that features podcasts, videos, articles, my column, and a better search tool.

Catholic Times remains dedicated to helping Catholics better understand the Catholic faith through their Hey, Father! series, addressing complex issues in bioethics, and explaining the significance of sacraments. Feature reporting stands as a cornerstone of the magazine, spotlighting narratives of individuals, parishes, and schools actively contributing to the growth of the Kingdom of God within our diocese. The magazine's steadfast commitment to local coverage ensures that each edition brings forth stories relevant to reader's lives, showcasing contributions from familiar faces, including both laity and clergy.

My column, "Lex Cordis Caritas," is one of the best ways I can speak about the issues we face as Catholics and update readers on important decisions I make that impact the faithful.

It is all these reasons why I believe *Catholic Times* should be available to every household in our diocese, either digitally or by mail. During the weekend of January 6/7, 2024, please encourage your parishioners to respond gratefully in support of this communication tool so we can ensure *Catholic Times* remains an inexpensive source of Catholic information, education, and inspiration.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois
Publisher, *Catholic Times*

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