Blessed Sacrament

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PARISH

Blessed Sacrament Parish Phone: 217-222-2759

Pastor: Fr. Tom Meyer

Pastor Emeritus: Monsignor Michael Kuse

Permanent Deacons: Deacon Terry Ellerman, Deacon Mike Ellerman

Director of Faith Formation: Audreana Derhake

Secretary: Laura Megown Bookkeeper: Linda Ohnemus Director of Music: Steve Buckman

Custodian: Ted Hea

Blessed Sacrament Society of St. Vincent de Paul: 217-430-3723

SCHOOL

Blessed Sacrament School Phone: 217-228-1477

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., 11:30 a.m. (Spanish)

EUCHARIST 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 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD January 5, 2025

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| Monday 8:00 a.m. | January 6, 2025 Fr. Pat Christopher |
| Tuesday 8:00 a.m. | January 7, 2025 Legion of Mary Auxiliary Members |
| Wednesday 8:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m. | January 8, 2025 Carolyn Meckes The Unborn |
| Thursday 8:15 a.m. | January 9, 2025 Tom Lepper |
| Friday 8:00 a.m. | January 10, 2025 Klene Family |
| Saturday 4:30 p.m. | January 11, 2025 People of the Parish |
| Sunday 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.mSpanish | January 12, 2025 John Allen Mary Bradfield James Johnson |

Christmas, December 25, 2024

| Redular Collection: 5 3.978.00 | Regular Collection: | \$ 3,978.00 |) |
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Sunday, December 29, 2024

| Regular Collection: Electronic Giving: Total Collection | \$ 7,715.00 \$ 4,570.00 \$ 12,225.00 |
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| Weekly Support Needed: | \$ 12,013.00 |
| Deficit/ Surplus : | +\$ 72.00 |
| Regular Support Actual (YTD) | \$ 286,681.23 |
| Regular Support Needed (YTD) | \$ 312,338.00 |
| Regular Deficit /Surplus: (YTD) | (\$ 25,656.77) |
| Total School Collection | \$ 3,990.00 |
| Haiti | \$ 950.00 |

This Week in Our Parish

| Tuesday | January 7, 2025 |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| Legion of Mary-GS | 1:15 p.m3:00 p.m. |
| Jr. Legion of Mary-GS | 3:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m. |
| Theology on Tap-Fuzzy Bubbler | |
| Wednesday | January 8, 2025 |
| Adoration-Church | 8:30 a.m5:00 p.m. |
| Reconciliation-Church | 4:30 p.m.–5:00 p.m. |
| Evening Prayer/Benediction | 5:00 p.m.–5:20 p.m. |
| St. Vincent DePaul-GS | 6:00 p.m. |
| Pastor's Cabinet-GS | 7:15 p.m. |
| Thursday | January 9, 2025 |
| RCIA-GŚ | 6:30 p.m. |

From the Pastor's Desk

Today we celebrate the **Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord.** Today we celebrate the visit of the Magi to the infant Jesus. The Magi represent the Gentiles to whom our Lord intended to include in his gift of salvation. The Gentiles were not the original Chosen People, but our Lord always intended to include them in his plan of salvation. In God's plan Israel was to be like the Star of Bethlehem - a light to the nations to guide them to the Lord. Like Israel, the Church today is called to be the star to guide people today on their path to the Lord.

Our next Theology on Tap is scheduled for this Tuesday, January 7 at 6:00 p.m. at the Fuzzy Bubbler. QU Theology Chair Dr. Daniel Strudwick will be talking on "Kingdoms in Conflict."

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.

Our Accounting Office is making available printed copies of your annual 2024 Financial Contribution Statements for you to pick up in church. In the upcoming weeks we will have labeled and sealed envelopes containing your contribution information that you can use in preparing your tax return. Envelopes will be sorted alphabetically, and we encourage you to pick up your sealed envelope before or after Mass.

I will soon begin Server Training with our 4th Grade students and any other interested students in Grades 5-8. This training usually takes 4-5 weeks to complete. I hope to have a New Server Commissioning on Sunday, February 9.

Finally, next weekend (January 11-12) parish member Jim Smith will speak before all of the weekend Masses about the **Secular Franciscans** who have been an active presence here in Quincy for many years. Please listen and consider if the Lord may be guiding you in your heart to look further into this opportunity for holiness.

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

To report allegations of sexual abuse of a minor by clergy or other church personnel — even if it is in the past — individuals are encouraged to call the Diocese's Child Abuse Reporting and Investigation number at 217.321.1155. Individuals may also contact Illinois Department of Children and Family Services Child Abuse Hotline at **1.800.25.ABUSE**.

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"The Mission of The Family" videos:

kofc.org/en/campaigns/into-the-breach.html

The five videos are less than 14 minutes in length.

Retreat for married couples offered -

Worldwide Marriage Encounter presents weekend experiences for married couples to rekindle romance, enhance meaningful communication,

meaningful communication, and deepen and renew commitment. Sign-up now! For more information or to apply, go to www.org or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317. Next ones:

1/31/2025 – 2/2/2025, St. Peters, MO 4/4/2025 – 4/6/2025, St. Peters, MO

January 5, 2025

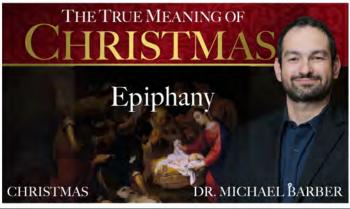
The Epiphany of the Lord

"...They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." – Matthew 2:11

What gifts do you give to the Lord? Pope St. Gregory said that these three gifts represent what we should give God every day. Gold – we should reflect Christ's wisdom in all our relationships. Frankincense – represents our daily prayer and adoration to God. Myrrh – is a symbol of our daily sacrifices that we unite with Jesus for the sake of others.









Epiphany | The True Meaning of Christmas

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Job Opening at St. Dominic School

Kindergarten Teacher Aide: Would you enjoy a part-time job helping in a kindergarten classroom? St. Dominic School is accepting applications for a part-time teacher aide for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year on Friday mornings from 8:00-11:30 am. Enthusiastic applicants should email or mail a cover letter, resume, and references to Mrs. Carol Frericks at principal@stdominicquincy.org or to St. Dominic School of St. Anthony Padua Parish, 4100 Columbus Rd., Quincy, IL 62305

QUINCY CURSILLO

Cursillo weekend retreats begin at 7:00 p.m. on a Thursday night and end on Sunday afternoons around 4:00 p.m.

Dates for upcoming Cursillo's are:

January 23-26, 2025 Men's #373

Derek Burns, Rector

February 20-23, 2025 Women's #374

Dianne Deters, Rectora

March 20-23, 2025 Men's #375

Ryan Kent, Rector

April 24-27, 2025 Women's #376

Kathy Cramsey, Rectora

Thank you for your generosity!

The members of the Blessed Sacrament Parish St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to express our deepest gratitude for your continued support of the 5th Sunday Collection. It is only with your support that we are able to provide assistance with food, shelter, financial aid, and other resources to the less fortunate in times of need. This time of the year can be a struggle for many to make ends meet. Thank you for your continued support.

A Journey to JOY

3 Day Mission at St. Brigid Church in Liberty, IL January 12, 13, & 14 at 7:00 p.m.

Free Will offering. Frank Runyeon is the presenter. Frank is Catholic and an honors graduate of Seminary and Princeton University.

Sunday topic: Luke: Stories on the Road Monday topic: Sermon on the Mount Tuesday topic: Hollywood vs. Faith

Annual QND Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

QND Pancake and Sausage Breakfast will be Sunday, January 5 from 8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. in the QND cafeteria. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. (Children under 5 eat Free). All proceeds benefit the Catholic Heart Workcamp trip this summer.

Boy Scout Troop 1 Annual Christmas Tree Pick-up will be Saturday, January 4 AND January 11.

The fee is \$10. To schedule a pick-up you can:

- Venmo name, address, phone number, requested pick-up date (along with payment) to @Joe-Henning-3 OR
- •Call/text 1-573-494-2758, provide the same information as above and we will get you scheduled.

Trees must be outside by 8 a.m. the morning of pick-up. Please call if you have any questions. Thank you!

Come & See.

Who are the Secular Franciscans?

We are an official Order within the Roman Catholic Church, the OFS was founded by St. Francis almost 800 years ago. Our purpose is to bring the gospel to life where we live and where we work. We look for practical ways to embrace the gospel in our lives and try to help others to do so likewise. The 3rd Order of the Secular Franciscans, St. Elizabeth of Hungary Fraternity, will be meeting in the Gathering Space on Sunday, January 19, 2025 from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. If you feel that God is calling you to do something more with your life, come and see us.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR Saturday, January 11, 2025

| Mass Times | Servers | Communion Minister | Greeters | Lectors | Usher |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|--|---|-----------------|---|
| Saturday, 4:30 p.m. | Jocelyn Weise Blake Myer | Deacon Terry Greg Wittland Cheryl Wittland | Greg & Mary Schoenekase (GS) Dana & Heather Stafford (WD) Kathy Beckman (SD) | Colleen Maalouf | Melissa Daggett John Daggett Gary Beckman Jim Schrand |

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR Sunday, January 12, 2025

| Mass Times | Servers | Communion Minister | Greeters | Lectors | Usher |
|-----------------------|---------|---|---|-----------------------------------|--|
| Sunday, 8:00 a.m. | | Deacon Mike Karen Finson Pam LaTour | Mike & Kellie Beswick (GS) Kailee Flesch (WD) Caitlin Deskins (SD) | Gayle Tenhouse | Brett Niemann Larry Jochem Ed Lohman Chris Wegs |
| Sunday, 10:00 a.m. | | Laurie Brink Nancy Schodroski Mary Lenane | Lowell & Beverly Peters (GS) Shawn & Kristin Buehler (WD) Paulette Bozarth (SD) | Audreana Derhake Patty Adam | Ron Kelly Marvin Schreacke Dan Brink John Bozarth |

SERVERS Week of January 13, 2025

Monday, January 13, 8:00 a.m. — Alex Coronado & Katelyn Dance Tuesday, January 14, 8:00 a.m. — Alex Coronado & Katelyn Dance Wednesday, January 15, 8:00 a.m. — Alex Coronado & Katelyn Dance Thursday, January 16, 8:15 a.m. — Oliver Derhake, Alyssa Druffel & Ben Genenbacher Friday, January 17, 8:00 a.m. — Oliver Derhake & Alyssa Druffel

Please Pray for Parish Family Members:

Doris Hildebrand, Tom Liesen, Robin Cimera, Robert Conover, Rosie Meyer, Gene & Rita Esselman, Dan Meade, Kristin Adams, Jane Lester, Alia Strunk, Delores Lumpkins, Joe Conover, Evelyn & Jerry Gengenbacher, Sylvia Peters, Dustin Houston, Nancy Weede, Jeff Lewis & Julie Stromquist.



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Daughter of Christopher & Maria Hillebrenner Baptized on

December 27, 2024

May God bless & keep you!

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December, 2024

My dear Friends in Christ,

Catholic Times, the magazine of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois, 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. For example, that was apparent this past year with special coverage of the historic National Eucharistic Pilgrimage procession that stopped in seven cities in our diocese.

Calholic Times continues to hear from readers across the diocese that they read it from "cover to cover." In fact, two people specifically told us they "finally understand purgatory" and why we must pray for the dead after Catholic Times offered several pages in a November edition educating people about this aspect of our faith.

For another consecutive year, Catholic Times received national awards from the Catholic Media Association's national awards program. Catholic Times' new website offers a much better user experience that features podcasts, videos, articles, my column, and an easy search tool.

Catholic Times is committed to deepening readers' understanding of the Catholic faith through this Hey, Father! series, tackling complex topics in bioethics, and illuminating the meaning of sacraments, the Mass, and Church teachings. At the heart of the magazine is its feature reporting, which highlights inspiring stories of individuals, parishes, and schools working to advance the Kingdom of God within the diocese. With a strong focus on local coverage, each issue delivers stories that resonate with readers, featuring contributions from both laity and clergy who are integral to the community.

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 11/12, 2025, 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.

+ Thomas John Paprock

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

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Theology on Tap Kingdoms in Conflict

Join Dr. Daniel Strudwick as he discusses the spiritual battle between the Kingdom of God and the Kingdom of Darkness. January 7, 2024

6:00 p.m. - Doors Open 6:35 p.m. - Talk Begins

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First Friday Memorials 2023-2024

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