

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: Scott Wymer
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)

EUCCHARIST ADORATION

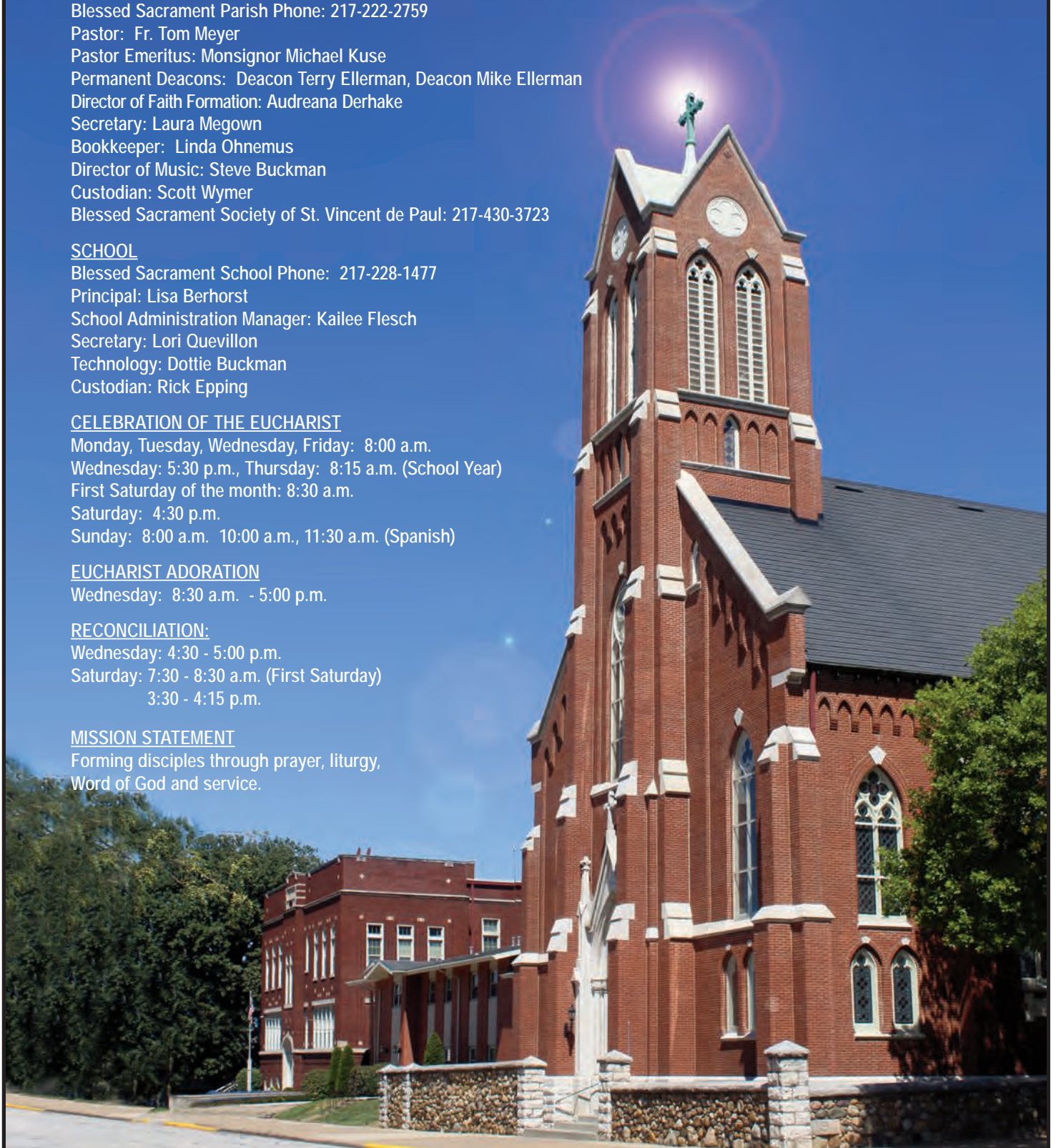
Wednesday: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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
First Sunday of Advent
November 30, 2025**

Monday 8:00 a.m.	December 1, 2025 Louis Meckes
Tuesday 8:00 a.m.	December 2, 2025 Klene Family
Wednesday 8:15 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	December 3, 2025 Sage Moore John Maguire
Thursday 8:00 a.m. 3:00 a.m.-Sunset Home	December 4, 2025 Jerry Kuhn Annette Moore
Friday 8:00 a.m.	December 5, 2025 First Friday Memorials
Saturday 8:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m.	December 6, 2025 For the Reparation of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Jane Flachs
Sunday 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.-Spanish	December 7, 2025 William Birchfield Darlene & Brad Heckenkamp People of the Parish

Sunday, November 23, 2025

Regular Collection:	\$ 11,285.00
Electronic Giving:	\$ 640.00
Total Collection	\$ 11,925.00
Weekly Support Needed:	\$ 12,013.00
Deficient/Surplus:	(\$ 88.00)
Regular Support Actual (YTD)	\$ 220,408.41
Regular Support Needed (YTD)	\$ 252,273.00
Regular Deficit/Surplus: (YTD)	(\$ 31,864.59)
Total School Collection	\$ 1,973.00
Haiti	\$ 681.60

This Week in Our Parish

Tuesday Legion of Mary-GS Jr. Legion of Mary-GS Theology on Tap-Fuzzy Bubbler	December 2, 2025 1:15 a.m.–3:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.
Wednesday Adoration-Church Evening Prayer/Benediction St. Vincent DePaul-GS Pastoral Council-GS	December 3, 2025 8:45 a.m.–5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.–5:20 p.m. 6:00 p.m.–7:15 p.m. 7:15 p.m.
Thursday OCIA-GS Choir Practice-Church	December 4, 2025 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
Saturday Wine & Cheese-GS	December 6, 2025
Sunday Coffee & Donuts	December 7, 2025 After All Masses

From the Pastor's Desk

Today we celebrate the 1st Sunday of Advent. We bless our Advent wreath today and light our first of four Advent candles. This season of Advent is a hope-filled season which speaks to us about the three Coming's of Christ: history, mystery, and glory. Although our Advent attention is strongly affixed to Christ's historical coming in Bethlehem, the Church invites us to consider his *present coming in mystery* and his *future coming in glory*. It is Christ's glorious coming to which the gospel refers to today. "Be vigilant at all times." Because we do not know the timing of Christ's coming, we should always be prepared and alert awaiting his return.

Please mark your calendars for our **Advent Parish Mission** which will be **Next Weekend!!!**... during the evenings of **Sunday - Tuesday, December 7 -9**. We have invited Catholic speaker **Patty Schneier** to lead us in this Parish Mission entitled "**See the Beauty, Discover the Joy.**" Please consider joining us for all or some of these three evenings of our Advent Parish Mission. It will be a wonderful way to spiritually prepare our hearts for the Solemnity and Season of Christmas.

Two weeks ago was our **Stewardship Commitment Sunday**. Thank you to everyone who filled out and submitted your Stewardship forms. If you have not yet turned in your form, you can do so online, or return your completed form to the designated location in the Gathering Space, or mail to the Parish Office. Thank you for discerning your gift of stewardship that you offer in love of Jesus and in support of the mission of Blessed Sacrament Parish.

We continue our **Capital Campaign: "Honoring our Past, Strengthening our Future!"** Please continue to pray for the success of our upcoming campaign. And please read through the information we have sent you by mail. May the Lord guide us in building momentum for some neat things that the Lord may wish to have for us here at Blessed Sacrament Parish and School.

Finally, **Theology on Tap** is this upcoming **Tuesday, December 2 at 6:00 p.m. at the Fuzzy Bubbler**, with **Fr. Zach Samples**. Fr. Zach is Springfield Diocesan Vocation Promoter and former Parochial Vicar at St. Peter's. We welcome Fr. Zach back to Quincy for our December Theology on Tap!

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



Calendar of Saints and Feasts for week of
November 30 - December 6

December 3 – St. Francis Xavier
December 4 – St. John Damascene & St. Barbara
December 5 – Bl. Nicolas Steno
December 6 – St. Nicholas

**Don't forget to put your shoes out for St. Nick
Friday night!**

**Intentions of the Holy Father for the month of
December - For Christians in areas of conflict.** Let
us pray that Christians living in areas of war or
conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be
seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE

*Immaculate
Conception*

Monday Dec 8th

A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION



St. Andrew Novena starts this Sunday,

November 30- One sweet and simple way to incorporate
the season of Advent by a small act of prayer and raising your
heart to God is through the St. Andrew novena prayer. This
relatively new devotion is said to have originated in Ireland over
100 years ago. The devotion begins on November 30 and ends on
Christmas Eve. 15 times a day, you recite the prayer:

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of
God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in
Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, I
beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my
desires, [here mention your request] through the merits of Our
Savior Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother. Amen.

Graces are given through this beautiful and easy recitation that
directs our hearts and our minds to the coming of Our Lord Jesus
Christ at Christmas.

CATECHETICAL CORNER

*Welcome to the Catechetical Corner! Each week, we
explore a truth of our Catholic faith – a small seed of
understanding meant to help our love for Christ and His
Church grow.*

**The First Sunday of Advent:
A New Beginning**

This weekend we begin **Advent** and celebrate the
start of a new liturgical year – a fresh spiritual
beginning the Church gives us annually. Advent is
a season of **hopeful waiting**, inviting us to slow
down, awaken our hearts, and prepare room for
Christ who comes to us in three ways: in history at
Bethlehem, in mystery through the sacraments, and
in glory at the end of time.

Scripture urges us, *“Stay awake! For you do not know
when the Lord will come”* (Mark 13:35). Advent is
not passive waiting – it is active preparation.
Lighting the Advent wreath, setting aside moments
of quiet prayer, going to Confession, and practicing
small acts of charity all help us reorient our lives
toward Christ.

As we enter this new Church year, let us ask God
to renew our desire for Him and deepen our
longing for His presence.

**Come, Lord Jesus, awaken my heart to your
coming and renew in me the hope of Your
salvation. Amen.**

Blessed Sacrament Community of Catholic Women

*Invite all women to our
Christmas Lunch*

Saturday, December 6, 2025

11:00 a.m.

Sprout's Inn

Cost has been covered by generous donors - we
will have free will offering for our CCW Fund.

Bring a \$10 wrapped gift if you'd like to
participate in the gift exchange



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OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL



Make Every Moment Count for Good

Join us in supporting our ARTS PROGRAM and help our kids spark creativity!

Every little bit counts—your generosity can change the lives of our students.



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DECEMBER 2
Giving Tuesday



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opportunities
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GIVING TUESDAY

WISH LIST



Please Pray for Parish Family Members:

Doris Hildebrand, Robin Cimera, Rita Esselman, Kristin Adams, Delores Lumpkins, Joe Conover, Jeff Lewis, Barb Bax, Greg Schoenekase, Debra Powell, Susan Peters, Mary Neuser, Linda Anemone, Maddie Maas, Sophia Fletcher, Fr. Tom, Fr. Mike, Phillip Holt, Robert Conover & Msgr. Leo Enlow.

The Catholic Youth Organization of Quincy (CYO) has an opening for a new representative on the Board of Directors from Blessed Sacrament Parish. If interested, call President Tom McGlaughlin at 217-653-1032 or 217-223-9321. Tom will be glad to give you all the information you need and answer any questions you may have. *Please consider stepping up and help support Catholic Youth Sports!*

To the Members of Blessed Sacrament- Thank you so much for hosting a game at the Bands & BBQ fund raiser. Your servant hearts made the day joy filled and welcoming! -With deep gratitude, The Horizon's Family

QND High School is Seeking Qualified Candidates for a Maintenance/ Groundskeeper Position.

Qualified candidates should submit a cover letter, resume and two letters of reference by Friday, December 5, to QND Principal Mark McDowell at mmcdowell@qndhs.org. Compensation is based on skill set and related experience and ranges from \$17-\$22 per hour. More specific information will be provided upon request.

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, or just lend a helping hand.



***14 Day Candle
In Memory of
Jana Casper***



DIocese of Springfield in Illinois
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

November 4, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In our Diocese of Springfield in Illinois, too many of our neighbors still live in poverty. On average, about 12 percent of people across our diocese live below the poverty line.¹ These families struggle daily with food, housing, and stability, reminding us of the Lord's words: "Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40).

The Diocesan Campaign for Justice and Hope (DCJH) exists to bring realistic hope and practical help to the poor. Every dollar you give to this second collection stays within diocesan boundaries, supporting only those organizations that uphold Catholic teaching and our consistent life ethic. Funded ministries provide food, education, family support, and other pathways out of poverty.

Your past generosity has already changed lives. I now ask you again to give generously, so that together we may bring Christ's love to those in greatest need.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

1. ¹ U.S. Census Bureau, *American Community Survey (ACS) 5-Year Estimates, 2019-2023*, county-level poverty statistics for the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois, via HDPulse Social Determinants of Health Data Portal, https://hdpulse.nlmhd.nih.gov/data-portal/_social/poverty/table?demo=00008&ct=whps=17.



SPEAKER
PATTY SCHNEIER

Fellowship 5:30 p.m.
Talk at 6:30 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE

**December
7, 8, & 9TH**

Blessed Sacrament
PARISH MISSION

"SEE THE BEAUTY. DISCOVER THE JOY"

COME JOIN US

BLESSED SACRAMENT

ALL ARE WELCOME

FREE ADMISSION

Please keep Mary Lou Hays and her family in your prayers. She passed way on November 20, 2025. Her funeral was held on November 24, 2025. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon Her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES Saturday, December 6, 2025

Mass Times	Servers	Communion Minister	Greeters	Lectors	Usher
Saturday, 4:30 p.m.	Kinsley Adams Michael Wilson Vivi Wilson	Doug Luther Mary Jo Terwelp Cheryl Wittland	Mike & Sara Cramer (GS) John & Diane Butler (WD) Andy Flachs (SD)	Pam Luther	Joe Casper Katrina Casper Jim Schrand Tim Terwelp

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR Sunday, December 7, 2025

Mass Times	Servers	Communion Minister	Greeters	Lectors	Usher
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	Stone Flesch Finley Flesch Hadley Garner	Kailee Flesch Nancy Kelly Ed Lohman	Ferd & Barb Niemann (GS) Devon & Erin Stegeman (WD) Deborah Wegs (SD)	Matt Schmidt	Frank Flesch Jeff Goerlich Gerry Salfen Chris Wegs

Mass Times	Servers	Communion Minister	Greeters	Lectors	Usher
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.	Kaci Stegeman Sylvia Feldner Emma Vogel	Deacon Mike Brenda Phillips Kevin Phillips	2-3rd grade House Members (GS) 2-3rd grade House Members (WD) 2-3rd grade House Members (SD)	2-3rd grade House Members	4-3rd grade House Members

SERVERS Week of December 8, 2025

Monday, December 8, 8:15 a.m. – Kamdyn Peters Kaileb Baker & Jace Sheely
Monday, December 8, 5:30 p.m. – Landon Bordewick & Ava Beswick
Tuesday, December 9, 8:00 a.m. – Kamdyn Peters & Jace Sheely
Wednesday, December 10, 8:00 a.m. – Kaileb Baker & Jace Sheely
Thursday, December 11, 2025 8:00 a.m. – Loreli Berhorst & Temprance Berhorst
Friday, December 12, 2025, 8:00 a.m. – Loreli Berhorst & Temprance Berhorst

December – Stewardship for the Savior

As we journey through Advent and approach Christmas, our hearts are drawn to the humility and generosity of God. He gave us His only Son—not in grandeur, but in simplicity. In return, we are invited to give ourselves, our time, and our gifts to build up His kingdom.

Stewardship is one of the most powerful ways we prepare for the coming of Christ. In this holy season, your support makes it possible for our parish and school to celebrate with beauty and purpose—through liturgies, Advent events, and joyful outreach to those in need.

At our Catholic school, students are learning not only about the Nativity story but also how to prepare their hearts for Christ through prayer, service, and generosity. Their families benefit from your commitment to keeping Catholic education strong and spiritually centered.

As we exchange gifts this Christmas, let us remember that our best gift is the one we give back to God. Thank you for your continued stewardship—your generosity helps welcome the Christ Child into our community every day.



✨ YOU'RE INVITED! ✨

BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH MISSION 3 NIGHTS OF RENEWAL

WHAT IS A PARISH MISSION?

A PARISH MISSION IS LIKE A MINI-RETREAT RIGHT HERE AT OUR PARISH – THREE EVENINGS SET ASIDE FOR PRAYER, REFLECTION, AND INSPIRING TALKS TO HELP US GROW IN FAITH AND COMMUNITY.

WHEN: DECEMBER 7, 8, & 9

WHERE: BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

SPEAKER: PATTY SCHNEIER

Fellowship each evening at 5:30 p.m.; Program at 6:30. p.m.

WHAT TO EXPECT:

🌟 UPLIFTING TALKS FROM OUR GUEST SPEAKER

🙏 PRAYER AND TIME FOR REFLECTION

👉 FELLOWSHIP WITH OUR PARISH FAMILY

💡 A CHANCE TO PAUSE FROM EVERYDAY LIFE AND BE REFRESHED IN CHRIST

WHO IS IT FOR?

EVERYONE!

INDIVIDUALS, COUPLES, FAMILIES, YOUNG AND OLD. COME AS YOU ARE

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WHY COME?

🙏 RENEW YOUR FAITH

👉 DEEPEN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS

🌟 STRENGTHEN OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

💡 BE INSPIRED TO LIVE THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL EVERY DAY

"COME TO ME, ALL YOU WHO ARE WEARY AND BURDENED,
AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST." – **MATTHEW 11:28**

First Friday Memorials 2025

Nick Schulte & Living & Deceased Members of Grawe & Schultz Families
Roehling & Doellman Families
Eiers & Herold Families
Frank & Elsie Olps Family
Dietrich & Johnson Families
Less Duesterhaus
Louis J. Frese & Walker
Morrison Families
Bill Junkerman
Lawrence & Catherine Frese
Joe Altgibers
Parents of Jan & Toot Ewalt
Living & Deceased Members of Rita Walker Family
Maas & Doyle Families
Sage Moore
Haugh & Jochem Families
Cook, Gallaher & VandonBoom Families
Charlie & Scott Roan
Living & Deceased Members of Lawrence & Marie Klausner Family
Living & Deceased Hull, Dempsey & Kelly Families
Living & Deceased Members of the Schulte & Kroeger Families
Madalon Elam, Marshall & Mildred Campbell, Hamil & Hilda Elam, John & Delores Peterson & John Peterson Jr.
Selby & Meier Families
Missie Ohnemus
Milkint & Weede Families
Franke & Smith Families
Deceased Members of Fenwick & Schinderling Families
A.B. Blickhan & H.B. Schuering Families
Kenneth & Joan Steinkamp
Mary & Greg Wellman
Gale & Annette Hill Family

Living & Deceased Members of CCW
Tracy Dede & the Families of Mary & Jerry Lovell
Bill Wegs
Ken Moenning
Patrick Dolan
Richard & Helen Lukeman
The Hessling Family
Albright & Havermale Families
William & Esther Bergman
Living & Deceased Members of Penie Emma Vahlkamp Families
Living & Deceased Members of Peters & Maguire Families
Bange & Benz Families
Flaiz Lohman Families & Nick Miller
Goehl & Koetters Families
Clarence & Evelyn Genenbacher Family
Jeffery & B J VandenBoom
Fr. Don,
Everett & Mary Knuffman
Larry & David Steinkamp
Virginia & Francis Liesen
Michael G. Liesen
Norbert & Viola Klingele & Families
Henry & Regina Geschwandner & Families
Louis Holtschlag Family
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Ted Peters; Vern, Rose & Gerald Zimmerman
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