

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

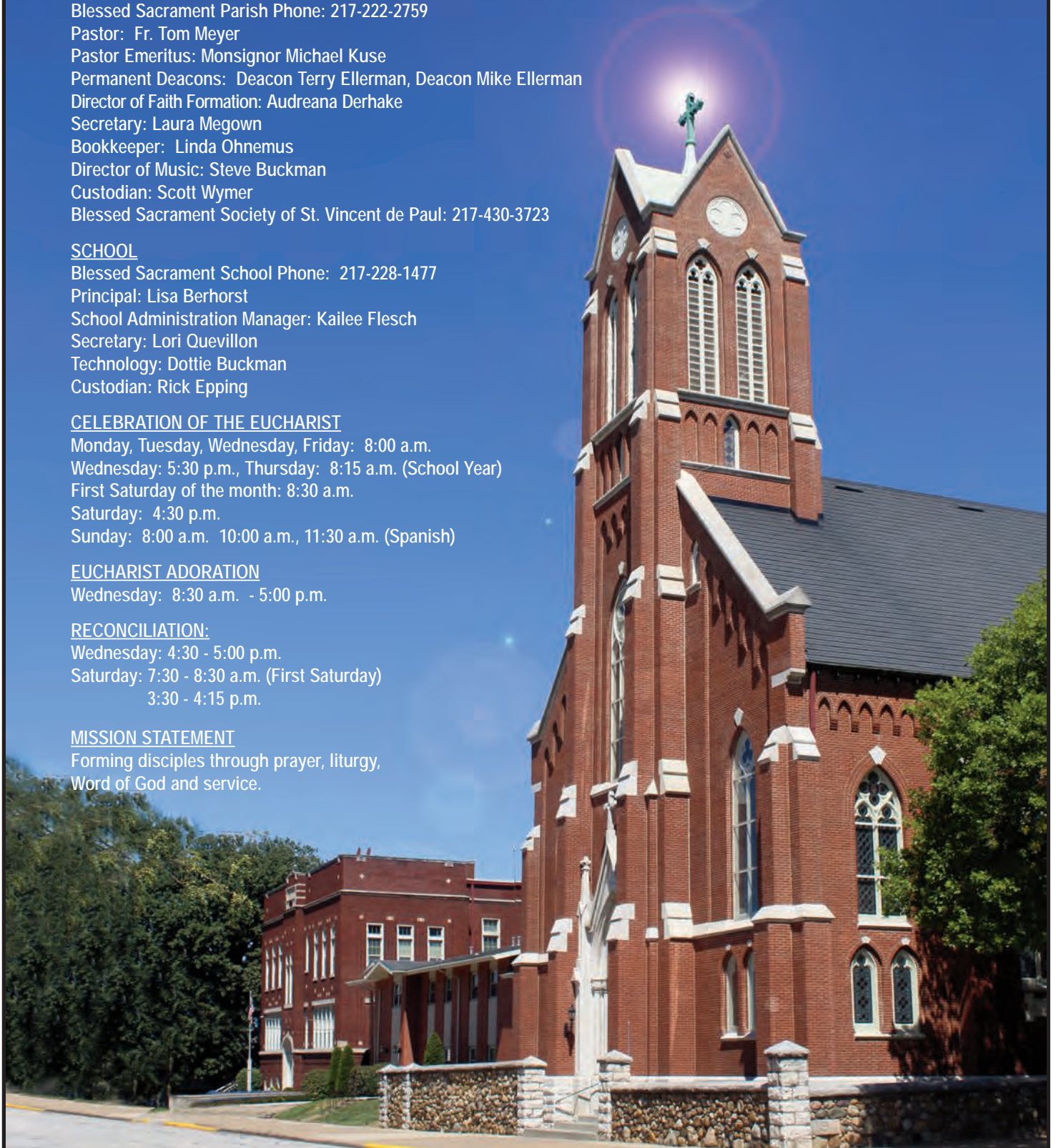
Wednesday: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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
3rd Sunday in Advent
December 14, 2025**

Monday 8:15 a.m.	December 15, 2025 William & Myrtle Timpe Family
Tuesday 8:00 a.m.	December 16, 2025 Bob Orr
Wednesday 8:15 a.m. (K-8) 5:30 p.m.	December 17, 2025 Klene Family Maryrose Kelly
Thursday 8:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m.-Sunset Home	December 18, 2025 Fr. Joseph Ring Sallie Gehring
Friday 8:00 a.m.	December 19, 2025 Fr. Tom's Intentions
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	December 20, 2025 LeRoy Nelson
Sunday 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.-Spanish	December 21, 2025 Madalon Elam Elaine & Jacob Hall People of the Parish

Sunday, December 7, 2025

Regular Collection:	\$ 19,641.00
Electronic Giving:	\$ 605.00
Total Collection	\$ 20,246.00
Weekly Support Needed:	\$ 12,013.00
Deficient/Surplus:	+\$ 8,233.00
Regular Support Actual (YTD)	\$ 251,135.56
Regular Support Needed (YTD)	\$ 276,299.00
Regular Deficit/Surplus: (YTD)	(\$ 25,163.44)
Total School Collection	\$ 5,802.00
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From the Pastor's Desk

Today we celebrate the 3rd Sunday of Advent. The first reading from the prophet Isaiah tells us that certain signs will accompany the coming of the Messiah: "Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared, then will the lame leap like a stag, then the tongue of the mute will sing." Jesus confirms that he personally fulfills the prophecy of Isaiah by the following signs: "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them." Jesus *continues* to fulfill this prophecy today in many varied ways. We *hear* and *see* in the life of the Church the coming of the Lord.

We continue our **Capital Campaign: "Honoring our Past, Strengthening our Future!"** This weekend we are holding our **Capital Campaign Commitment Weekend (December 13-14)**. This event gives every member the opportunity to make a pledge or gift who may not have done so by this time. Thank you for the

From the Pastor's Desk (Continued)

many generous pledges and gifts we have received thus far! May the Lord continue this beautiful momentum to help bring some neat things to us here at Blessed Sacrament Parish and School.

This coming **Thursday, December 18** our BSS Pre-School is celebrating their **PreK Christmas program at 6:00 p.m.** here at Blessed Sacrament. We look forward to hearing the message of Christmas through the singing and messages of our 3 and 4 year olds as they – and we – prepare to celebrate Christ's birth.

I would like to communicate that our **Parish Secretary Laura Megown** will soon be stepping down from her position here at the Parish Office. Laura has faithfully worked here for five years after she joined us in December 2020. She has been a delight here in the Parish Office and has been such a kind and welcoming presence to all who call or come to our Parish Office doors. Please feel free to communicate your own gratitude to Laura over the next few weeks as we look to find her replacement. May the good Lord continue to bless Laura for all the good she has done for us here at Blessed Sacrament.

For your Christmas planning I publish our upcoming **Christmas Mass Schedule:**

Christmas Eve Masses:
4:00 p.m.,
5:30 p.m. (Spanish),
11:00 p.m.

Christmas Day Mass:
9:00 a.m.

There will be a **City-Wide Parish Advent Penance Services** next **Sunday, December 21 @ 2:00 p.m.** at **St. Francis Church**. All of our priests of Quincy will be available to hear our confessions next Sunday afternoon. Please join us for one of the most important spiritual ways to prepare our hearts for Christmas.

Finally, I would like to say **Thank You to our Parish Mission Organizing Team** who did such a marvelous job in preparing the many details of this past week's Advent Parish Mission. Thanks first to our Parish Mission Organizing Chair Katrina Casper who led our amazing team. Thanks also to her team members Audreana Derhake, Lori Holthschlag, and Jaimie Thornton for their hard work throughout the week. Thanks also to our 8th Grade students who provided babysitting. Thanks too to Mike and Nancy Bernhardt for providing our guest speaker with housing. Finally, thank you to Patty Schneier for coming all the way from Florissant, MO, to give us three evenings of amazing spirit-filled talks. I am so grateful to all those who made this past week's beautiful parish mission possible. I am so proud of our parish!

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

**Calendar of Saints and Feasts for week of
December 14 - December 20**

December 14 – St. John of the Cross
December 15 – Bl. Mary Frances Schervier
December 20 – St. Vincent Romano



Join us in sharing essentials with our community! **Next Sunday, December 20, 2025 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. All items will continue to be collected through the end of December. Donations are collected in the Gathering Space.

**YOUTH GROUP
CHRISTMAS
PARTY**

ALL AREA 6TH-
8TH GRADERS
WELCOME!

Get ready for a fun-filled Youth Group Christmas Party! 🎄

Join us for games, pizza, and a Christmas movie, plus a White Elephant gift exchange (bring a \$5 gift or something fun from home). Don't come alone—bring a friend and celebrate the season with us! 🎁🍷🥳

SUN DEC 14 @ 6P
BLESSSED SACRAMENT RECTORY BASEMENT

The flyer is decorated with colorful Christmas ornaments, stars, and a large illustration of Santa Claus at the bottom. A yellow tag with the text 'ALL AREA 6TH-8TH GRADERS WELCOME!' is attached to the right side.

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.

What “Rejoice” (Gaudete) Sunday Means

The Third Sunday of Advent is called **Gaudete Sunday**, from the Latin word *gaudete*, meaning “**rejoice.**” The name comes from the opening antiphon of the Mass: “*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice*” (Philippians 4:4). As we near the middle of Advent, the Church pauses to remind us that our waiting is filled with joy — because the Lord is close.

You may notice a shift in tone at Mass: **rose-colored vestments**, lighter decorations, and a sense of hopeful anticipation. Advent remains a season of preparation and repentance, but Gaudete Sunday reassures us that God’s promises are being fulfilled and Christ’s coming is near. The Catechism teaches that Christian joy flows from hope and trust in God’s saving love (cf. CCC 1813). Gaudete Sunday invites us to lift our eyes from busyness or burden and rediscover the quiet joy that comes from knowing that Emmanuel — *God with us* — is drawing near.

Prayer:

Lord, help us to rejoice always, trusting in Your promises and preparing our hearts to welcome You with joy. Amen

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Please call Audreana at 217.222.2759 to inquire or email faithformation@blessedscs.org with a cover letter and resume.

A more detailed job description can be found at blessedsacramentqcy.org

The announcement is framed by a blue and yellow curved border. At the top center is the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Parish logo, which features a sunburst design with the letters 'BS' in the center, surrounded by the text 'BLESSSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC PARISH'.

D.A.R.E.



**2025 6th grade
D.A.R.E graduates**

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AND VIOLENCE.

**D.A.R.E. essay
contest winner:
Reagan Lucchetti**

Please keep Bob Orr and his family in your prayers. He passed away on December 5, 2025. His funeral was held here on December 13, 2025. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

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 & Don Kelly.

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.

This Week in Our Parish

Sunday Edge Youth Group-LL	December 14, 2025 6:00 p.m.
Monday 3 rd Grade Parent Meeting-GS	December 15, 2025 6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
Tuesday Legion of Mary-GS Jr. Legion of Mary-GS Men's Group-Cafeteria Quincy Spirit Group-GS	December 16, 2025 1:15 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday Adoration-Church Evening Prayer/Benediction	December 17, 2025 8:45 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. - 5:20 p.m.
Thursday Pre-K Christmas Program-Church OCIA-GS Choir Practice-Church	December 18, 2025 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.

Quincy Catholic Charities would like to thank you for all you do! We know you serve, donate and use your talents to leave a positive impact in our communities and beyond. Whatever you do is noticed.

We would like to extend our gratitude to each of you in this season of Thanksgiving. Quincy Catholic Charities is keenly aware of the needs of our communities and know that no one can do it alone. It takes each of us to make a difference and you do make that difference! May you have a blessed Thanksgiving and give to yourself a moment to be thankful for all you have and all you are to one another.

Quincy Catholic Charities is seeking a part-time Office Assistant. The hours for this position are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:30-4:30, with some flexibility to determine the set schedule. Interested candidates can apply on Indeed. For additional information you may reach out to Kevin Williams, Area Director at Williams_qcc@cc.dio.org.

2026 Stewardship



Thank you to everyone who has turned in their stewardship form. 1/3 of forms have been returned. Please return your stewardship form if you haven't already.



Please use this QR code to submit your 2026 Stewardship form

Men's Group

Reminder Men's Group will be meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the School Cafeteria!

Hope to see you there!



*14 Day Candle
In Memory of
Bill Casper*

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES December 20 & 21, 2025

Mass Times	Servers	Communion Ministers	Greeters	Lectors	Ushers
Saturday, 4:30 p.m.	Haley Terwelp Blake Myers Kamdyn Peters	Mike Bernhardt Nancy Bernhardt Ceil Dix	Nathan & Kelly Terwelp (GS) Devin Huner (WD) Sara Cramer (SD)	Pam Luther	Mike Cramer Dean Herring Jim Schrand Greg Wittland
Mass Times	Servers	Communion Ministers	Greeters	Lectors	Ushers
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	Finley Flesch Sylvia Feldner Bryson Shull	Diana Finley Laura Peterson Mary Lynn Tucker	Chris & Deborah Wegs (GS) Brian & Mindy Richards (WD) Mary Kay Brown (SD)	Pam LaTour	Robert Brown Mike Moenning Gerry Salfen Matt Schmidt
Mass Times	Servers	Communion Ministers	Greeters	Lectors	Ushers
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.	Benjamin Genenbacher Kerrylee Rosson Aislynn Shull	Deacon Terry Ann Gage Maggie Reis	Travis & Kari Shull (GS) Richard & April Sibbing (WD) Paulette Bozarth (SD)	Joe Bordewick Kathy Xamis	B J Berhorst John Bozarth Ron Kelly Marvin Schrecke

Servers Week of December 22, 2025

Monday, December 22, 2025 - Haley Terwelp & Katelynn Myers
Tuesday, December 23, 2025 - Haley Terwelp & Katelynn Myers
Wednesday, December 24, 2025 - 4:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 11:00 p.m. - TBA
Thursday, December 25, 2025 - 9:00 a.m. - TBA
Friday, December 26, 2025 - Landon Bordewick & Ava Beswick

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.



Blessed Sacrament Parish Family joined together to celebrate Advent at our Parish Mission with our guest speaker, Patty Schneier.

Sharing faith! & Enjoying Fellowship!



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