

# Blessed Sacrament

1119 South Seventh Street, Quincy, IL 62301

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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

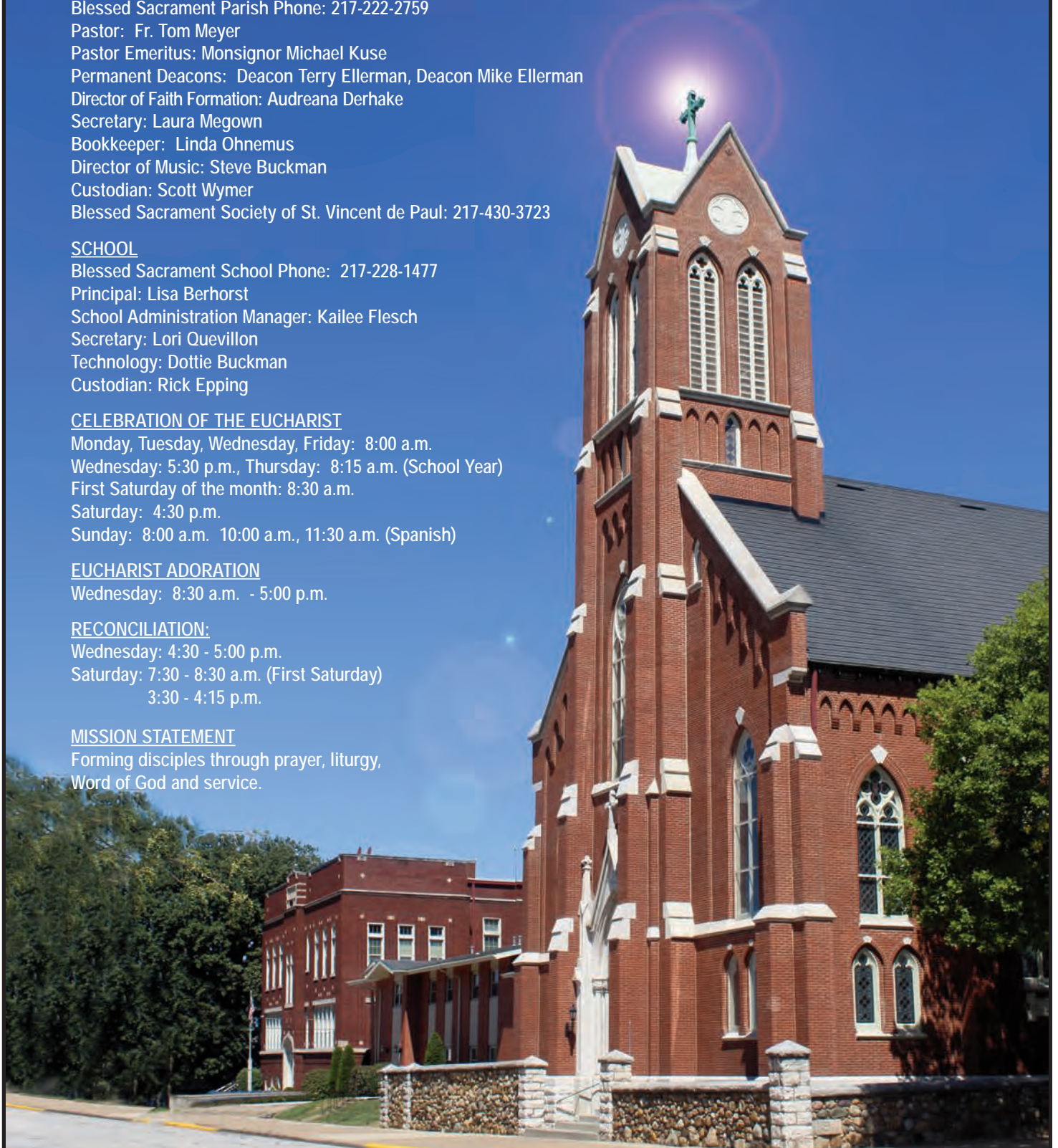
Wednesday: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

## 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  
4th Sunday in Advent  
December 21, 2025**

**From the Pastor's Desk**

Today we celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent. In the gospel story today, an angel appears to Joseph announcing to him to take Mary into his home. Joseph's "yes" was key to the fulfillment of God's promise of a Messiah of the house of David. God continues to fulfill his promise of salvation in the world today. In what ways is the Lord awaiting a "yes" from me...in fulfillment of his promise?

Last weekend we held our Capital Campaign Commitment Weekend (December 13-14). In NEW pledges last weekend we received...  
45 New Pledges for \$83,500  
 New Updated Pledge Total: \$1,147,300  
 Well Done, Blessed Sacrament Parish!!!

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.

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

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

<b>Monday</b> 8:00 a.m.	<b>December 22, 2025</b> Teresa Vahlkamp
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:00 a.m.	<b>December 23, 2025</b> Klene Family
<b>Wednesday</b> 4:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 11:00 p.m.	<b>December 24, 2025</b> Herring & Kuhn Families People of the Parish Neil & Ilene Megown
<b>Thursday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>December 25, 2025</b> Paul & Ginnie Schuering
<b>Friday</b> 8:00 a.m.	<b>December 26, 2025</b> Sandy Meade
<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>December 27, 2025</b> Robert "Toot" Ewalt
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.-Spanish	<b>December 28, 2025</b> Susan Murry Steve Stump People of the Parish

**Sunday, December 14, 2025**

Regular Collection:	\$ 12,407.76
Electronic Giving:	\$ 605.00
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$ 13,012.76</b>
Weekly Support Needed:	\$ 12,013.00
<b>Deficient/Surplus:</b>	<b>+\$ 999.76</b>
Regular Support Actual (YTD)	\$ 264,148.32
Regular Support Needed (YTD)	\$ 288,312.00
Regular <b>Deficit/Surplus:</b> (YTD)	<b>(\$ 24,163.68)</b>
Total School Collection	\$ 9,377.00
Haiti	\$ 1,456.27

**Week of December 21, 2025**

<b>Sunday</b> City-wide Penance-St. Francis Edge Youth Group-LL	<b>December 21, 2025</b> 2:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.
<b>Wednesday</b> Mass Mass-Spanish Mass	<b>December 24, 2025</b> 4:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 11:00 a.m.
<b>Thursday</b> Mass	<b>December 25, 2025</b> 9:00 a.m.



**Thank you to Silvia Lopez** for her beautiful work decorating our Church for the Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe!

## 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.*

### **Preparing Spiritually for Christmas**

In the midst of decorations, gifts, and busy schedules, the Church gently reminds us that Christmas is first a spiritual celebration—the coming of Christ into our lives. Advent is a sacred time meant to prepare our hearts to welcome Jesus, not just remember His birth long ago. Scripture encourages us, *“Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths”* (Isaiah 40:3).

A spiritual Christmas preparation begins with making room for Christ. This can include setting aside quiet time for prayer, reflecting on the daily Advent Scripture readings, or gathering around the Advent wreath. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is one of the most powerful ways to prepare, allowing Christ to enter a heart renewed by mercy. Acts of charity—especially toward the poor, lonely, or forgotten—help us imitate the love that brought Jesus into the world.

The Catechism teaches that Advent invites us to “share in the long preparation for the Savior’s first coming” while renewing our desire for His return (CCC 524).

When we prepare spiritually, Christmas becomes more than a date on the calendar—it becomes a true encounter with Emmanuel, *God with us*.

Prayer:

Come, Lord Jesus. Prepare my heart to receive You with faith, hope, and love. Amen.

### **Youth Group will NOT be meeting**

**Sunday, December 21 and December 28 –**

Weekly meetings will resume January 4 @ 6 p.m.!



## WE ARE HIRING

### PARISH SECRETARY

FULL TIME HOURLY POSITION  
(Part-time hours and adjusted daily schedules may be considered for the right candidate.)

OFFICE HOURS:  
MONDAY - FRIDAY 8AM - 5PM  
(Some flexibility in daily hours may be available.)

Provide front-desk hospitality, answer phones, manage office tasks and records, assist with communications, support parish staff, and handle mail and payments

Please call Audreana at 217.222.2759 to inquire or email [faithformation@blessedsacs.org](mailto:faithformation@blessedsacs.org) with a cover letter and resume.

A more detailed job description can be found at [blessedsacramentqcy.org](http://blessedsacramentqcy.org)

# CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

<u>CHRISTMAS EVE</u>	<u>CHRISTMAS DAY</u>
4:00 PM	9:00 AM
5:30 PM * SPANISH	
11:00 PM	

COME, LET US ADORE HIM.  
Join your parish family at  
Blessed Sacrament for  
Christmas Eve and Christmas  
Day Masses



**Mayor Linda Moore  
visited with BSCS  
students this week.**



*Please keep Connie McDowell and her family in your prayers. She passed away on December 15, 2025. Her funeral was held here on December 19, 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.*

**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.

*Please keep Robert "Toot" Ewalt and his family in your prayers. He passed away on December 15, 2025. His funeral will be held here on December 21, 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.*

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**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE PICK-UP**

**Saturday January 3, 2026**  
**Saturday January 10, 2026**  
**Fee: \$10**

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All tinsel, decorations, lights, and stands must be removed from trees.

To schedule your pick-up:

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- Or Call/Text 573-494-2941



Please have your tree outside by 8:00 AM on your scheduled pick-up day.

Thank you for supporting Scouting!

**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

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The Annual QND Pancake and Sausage Breakfast will be Sunday, January 11 from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the QND cafeteria. The cost is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. (Children under 5 eat free). All proceeds benefit the Catholic Heart Workcamp trip this summer.



- \$35 Includes t-shirt, pizza, snacks and admission into the game
- Ages 3-8<sup>th</sup> grade, check in begins @ 5:30 in the QND Lobby (walk-ins welcome) and camp begins at 5:45
- Register by 1-14-26 to guarantee t-shirt size, mail check to QND or Venmo: Elizabeth-Brown-265
- Game begins @ 7:00. Parents will pick up in the multipurpose room after halftime performance.
- Questions Contact: QNDCheer@QuincyNotreDame.org



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

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES December 27 & 28, 2025

Mass Times	Servers	Communion Ministers	Greeters	Lectors	Ushers
<b>Saturday, 4:30 p.m.</b>		Terry Duesterhaus Deacon Terry Mary Schoenekase	Joe & Katrina Casper (GS) Mark Ohnemus (WD) Kathy Beckman (SD)	Andy Weise	Gary Beckman Ed Duesterhaus Jim Schrand James Smith
<b>Sunday, 8:00 a.m.</b>		Deacon Mike Linda Morrison Brad Morrison	Brett & Stephanie Niemann (GS) Mark & Judy Schulte (WD) Caitlin Deskins (SD)	Gayle Tenhouse	Jeff Goerlich Ted Johnson Gerry Salfen Kevin Steinkamp
<b>Sunday, 10:00 a.m.</b>		Lisa Berhorst BJ Berhorst Deacon Mike	Cory & Kim Vogel (GS) Lowell & Bev Peters (WD) Karen Kalberer (SD)	Mike Young Mandy Young	Ed Dawson Ron Kelly Mark McDowell Marvin Schrecke

### Servers Week of December 29, 2025

**Monday, December 29, 2025-** Brandon Shull & Aislyn Shull  
**Tuesday, December 30, 2025-** Brandon Shull & Aislyn Shull  
**Wednesday, December 31, 2025-** Michael Wilson & Vivi Wilson  
**Thursday, January 1, 2026-** Blaise Young & Katelyn Dance  
**Friday, January 2, 2026-** Blaise Young & Katelyn Dance

### 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.

# At Christas Time, In Loving Memory of...

Mrs. Lawrence Steinkamp  
Mrs. Laura Peterson  
Mr. Phillip Elam  
Mr. & Mrs. James Rinella Ms.  
Pat Meckes  
Ms. Teresa Vahlkamp  
Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Reagan

Mrs. Clara Burghart  
Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Steinkamp  
Mr. & Mrs. Roger Schinderling  
Mr. & Mrs. Greg Wittland  
Ms. Leslie Geschwandner  
Mr. & Mrs. James Koettters  
Mrs. Susan Kelley  
Ms. Julie & Ms. Dana Herring  
Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Weise  
Mr. & Mrs. Steve Tenhouse  
Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Gerveler  
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Krueger  
Mrs. Mary Shiley  
Mr. & Mrs. Kent Thompson  
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Jochem  
Mrs. John Sloup  
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Schuering

Ms. Kathy Kerker  
Mrs. Gary Reis  
Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Phillips  
Mrs. Charlotte Buckman  
Mrs. Karen Finson  
Mrs. Mary Lynn Tucker  
Mr. & Mrs. Mark Schulte  
Mr. & Mrs. Gary Wittler  
Mr. Matt Schmidt & Ms. Amy Lennerd  
Mrs. Joan VandeBoom  
Mrs. Ruth Felker  
Mr. & Mrs. Chris Wegs  
Mrs. William Hughes  
Mr. Brad Dietrich  
Mr. Don Dryer & Ms. Sarah Wellman  
Ms. Joy Hessling  
Mr. Pete Holtschlag  
Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Ebbing  
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Hermann  
Mrs. Bonnie Cook  
Ms. Mary Miller  
Mr. & Mrs. Mike Young  
Mr. Kerry Humphrey  
Mr. & Mrs. James Daggett  
Mr. & Mrs. Wes Friday  
Mrs. Anna Baugher  
Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Lovell  
Mrs. Winnie Beckman  
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Weise  
Mrs. Rosalie Maguire  
Mrs. Janet Conover  
Mrs. Ruth Bange  
Mr. & Mrs. Ferd Niemann  
Mrs. Terry Duesterhaus  
Mrs. Kathy Albright  
Mrs. Robert Cameron  
Mr. & Mrs. Louis Frame  
Ms. Sally Kroner  
Ms. Teri Leisen  
Mr. & Mrs. James McDowell  
Ms. Pam LaTour  
Mrs. Joan Cannady

Larry Steinkamp Family  
John & Delores Peterson; John Peterson, Jr.; Joyce Peters & Sylvia Peters  
Madalon Elam; Hamil & Hilda Elam; Marshall & Mildred Campbell  
Melisa Delany, Morris Shiley, Pat & Sam Rinella; & Chris Brown  
Alice & Lewis Meckes; Audrey Appenbink; & Kathleen Glassman  
Raymond (Skip) Vahlkamp & Brian Vahlkamp  
Paul Reagan, Ron Miller, Joy Reagan, Carol Barnett, Harold & Margie Miller, Marcie & Bill Lawson,  
Victor & Rosemary Reagan

Bob Burghart  
Kenneth & Joan Steinkamp; Mary & Greg Wellman  
Lucille Schinderling & Mary Jane Fenwick  
Dan Wittland; Charlie & Marily Schafer  
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Sage Moore  
Sylvia Bican  
Earl & Luella Heck

Morris Shiley; Melisa Delany  
Al & Evelyn Duerstaus; John Duersthaus  
John Sloup; Joe & Ann Sloup; Joe & Mary Rodio

Robert & Louis Root; Mike Root; Russel & Emmogene Salrin  
Gary Reis; and All parishioners who have pasted  
The Gallagher Family; The Phillips Family  
Anna Mae Timpe; Greg Buckman; Ernie Buckman; Bill & Myrtle Timpe  
Barbara Jean Polus  
Danny Tucker  
Schulte & Kroeger Families

Herd & Betty Schmidt  
Jeffrey & BJ VandenBoom  
Dan Felker; Fritz & Virginia Taute

Community of Catholic Women of Blessed Sacrament Parish  
Kathy Holtschlag

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Bob Cook; Cahterine Gallaher; Alfred VandeBoom  
Louis, Laura, Carol, Tom and LeRoy Holtschlag

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Edmund & Kathleen Baugher; Woody Baugher; Angela Baugher  
Traci Dede  
Larry Beckman  
Maurice & Elizabeth Weise; Edward & Lucille Archer  
Maguire & Peters Family  
Laura Aikman; Msgr. Micheal Kuse  
Benz & Bange Families  
Harold & Marilyn Bertrand; Fern & Rita Niemann

Bruce Albright; Victor & Dorothy Havermale  
Barb & Jim Nicholas; Charles, Merly & Florence Smith  
William & Yvonne Lohman; Cathy Lohman; Alma Olker & Family

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Paul & Ginnie Schuering  
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Eiers & Herold Families  
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Dietrich & Johnson Families  
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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  
Frank & Janet Kroeger,  
Lisa M. Luke; Mary A. Meyer  
Ted Peters; Vern, Rose & Gerald Zimmerman  
Living & Deceased Members of the Sacred Heart League  
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