

# 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

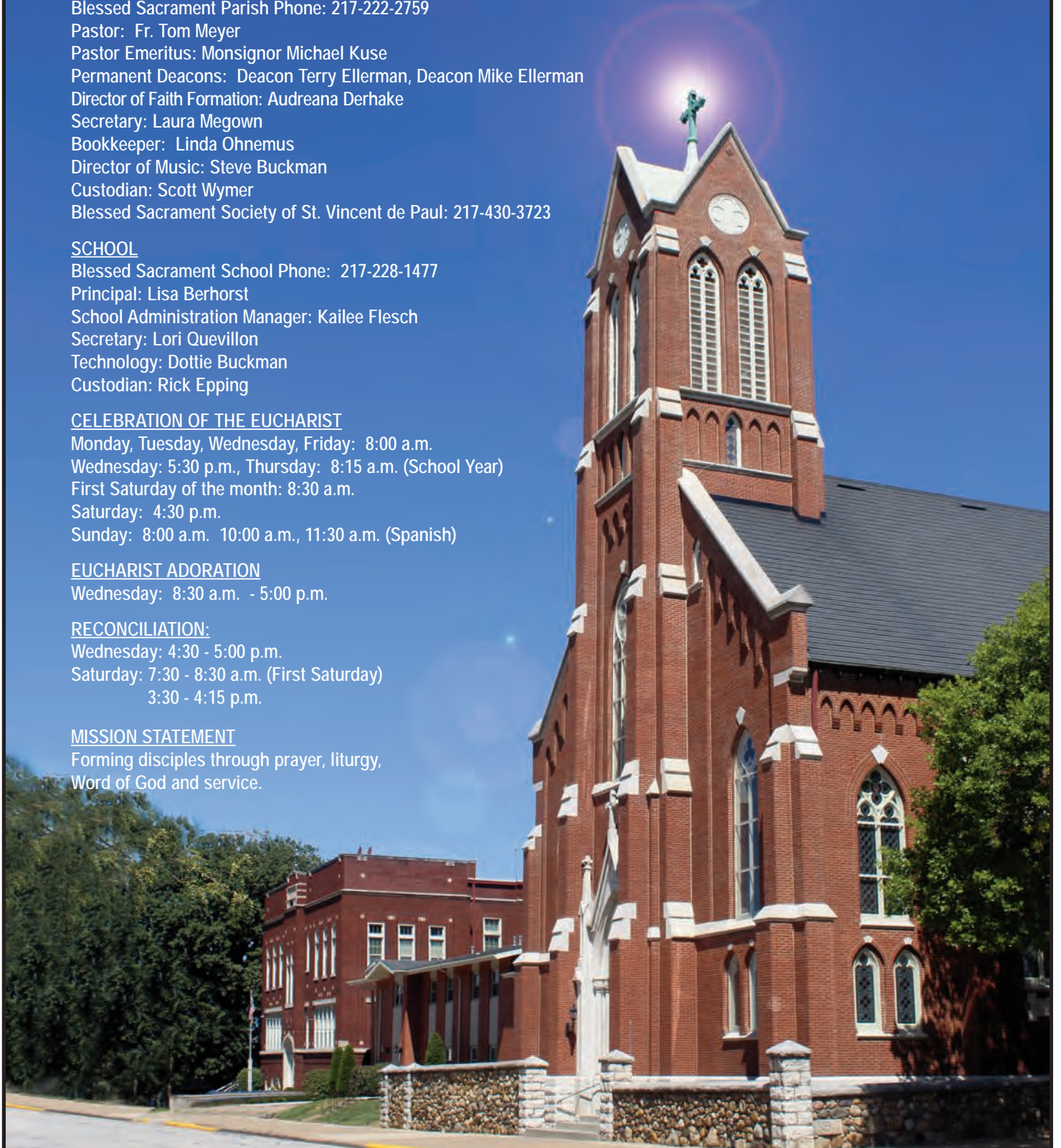
Wednesday: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

## 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  
The Solemnity of the Holy Family  
December 28, 2025**

<b>Monday</b> 8:00 a.m.	<b>December 29, 2025</b> Mark Hughes
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:00 a.m.	<b>December 30, 2025</b> Klene Family
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:00 a.m. 4:30 p.m.-News Year's Eve	<b>December 31, 2025</b> Legion Of Mary Axillary Members Connie McDowell
<b>Thursday</b> 9:00 a.m.-New Year's Day	<b>January 1, 2026</b> William & Myrtle Timpe
<b>Friday</b> 8:00 a.m.	<b>January 2, 2026</b> First Friday Memorials
<b>Saturday</b> 8:30 a.m.  4:30 p.m.	<b>January 3, 2026</b> For the Reparation of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Chad Herring
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.-Spanish	<b>January 4, 2026</b> Fr. Daren Zehnle Darlene & Brad Heckenkamp People of the Parish

**Sunday, December 21, 2025**  
To Be Reported on January 4, 2026

**This Week in Our Parish**

<b>Wednesday</b> Office Closed Confessions-Church Vespers-Church Mass-Church	<b>December 31, 2025</b>  3:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. 4:30 p.m.
<b>Thursday</b> Office Closed Mass	<b>January 1, 2026</b>  9:00 a.m.
<b>Saturday</b> Epiphany Gathering-GS	<b>January 3, 2024</b> 5:30 p.m.

**From the Pastor's Desk**

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.

**From the Pastor's Desk (Cont.)**

Two weekends ago we held our **Capital Campaign Commitment Weekend (December 13-14)**. With the Commitment Weekend pledges included, our new results are....

**New Updated Pledge Total: \$1,147,300**  
**Well Done, Blessed Sacrament Parish!!!**

The following is our Mass schedule for this week's **January 1 Solemnity of Mary Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)**:

**Wednesday, December 31 (New Year's Eve)**  
**@ 4:30 p.m.**  
**(Confessions: 3:30-4:00 p.m.)**  
**(Vespers: 4:00-4:15 p.m.)**  
**Thursday, January 1 (New Year's Day)**  
**@ 9:00 a.m.**

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 3 after the 4:30 p.m. Mass** Blessed Sacrament is having a **Parish Epiphany Party** in our **Parish Gathering Space** 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, December 30.

Finally, I would like to say **Thank You** to the many talented people who made the Christmas liturgies this past week 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 this past Wednesday/Thursday such a joy-filled encounter with the Lord!

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





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 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.*

**St. Peter Job Opening - Director of Liturgy and Music** St. Peter's Church is looking for a Full Time or Part time - Director of Liturgy and Music. This person will oversee all aspects of the parish's liturgical life. Qualifications requested are a professional who holds specialized credentials in music and has a thorough understanding of Roman Catholic liturgy, serves the parish as principal musician, organist/pianist, and choir director. This person of faith is responsible for the technology in the church and effective planning, coordination, and execution of both the rituals and music for the parish liturgies. Salary ranges from \$20,000 to \$40,000. Please send resume along with 2 references to St. Peter Parish Office, 2600 Maine Street, Quincy IL, 62301 or email [k.smith@cospq.org](mailto:k.smith@cospq.org)

***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.

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**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE PICK-UP**

**Saturday January 3, 2026  
Saturday January 10, 2026**

**Fee: \$10**

**Let us handle the disposing of your tree**

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

To schedule your pick-up:

- Venmo your name, address, phone number, and payment to @Amanda-Doellman
- 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

**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.

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](mailto:QNDCheer@QuincyNotreDame.org)



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In Memory of  
Madalon Elam**

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES January 3 & 4, 2026

Mass Times	Servers	Communion Ministers	Greeters	Lectors	Ushers
<b>Saturday, 4:30 p.m.</b>	Haley Terwelp Vivi Wilson Michael Wilson	Deacon Terry Marie John Doug Luther	Stephen & Christina Selby (GS) Kathy, Kamden & Karson Huner (WD) Mary Miller (SD)	Pam Luther	Gary Beckman Ed Duesterhaus Lee John Jim Schrand
<b>Sunday, 8:00 a.m.</b>	Scarlett Richards Asher Richards Ava Beswick	Deacon Mike Laura Peterson Mary Lynn Tucker	Devon & Erin Stegeman (GS) Conrad & Lorraine Dvorak (WD) Jeffery & Suzanne Peters (SD)	Andrew Weise	Frank Flesch Ted Johnson Gerry Salfen Matt Schmidt
<b>Sunday, 10:00 a.m.</b>	Landon Bordewick Kynzi Barnes Handley Garner	Deacon Mike Elizabeth Bozarth Donna Vogel	Jim & Barbara Daggett (GS) Robin & Shane Reis (WD) Paulette Bozarth (SD)	Joe Bordewick Nancy Weede	John Bozarth Ron Kelly Marvin Schrecke Jim Vogel

### Servers Week of January 5, 2026

**Monday, January 5, 2026-** Kamdyn Peters, Kaileb Baker Jace Sheely  
**Tuesday, January 6, 2026-** Kamdyn Peters & Jace Sheely  
**Wednesday, January 7, 2026-** 3-6<sup>th</sup> Graders  
**Thursday, January 8, 2026-** Oliver Derhake & Temprance Berhorst  
**Friday, January 9, 2026-** Oliver Derhake & Temprance Berhorst

### January - Stewardship Begins with Gratitude

A new year offers us a chance to pause and reset—not just with goals or resolutions, but with gratitude. Every blessing we have—our families, our health, our faith—is a gift from God. And every gift is an invitation to give back.

Stewardship begins here. It is the expression of our gratitude in concrete ways—by praying, serving, and giving with intention. As we step into this new year, our parish and school rely on your support to continue forming disciples, educating children in the faith, and offering a vibrant Catholic presence in our community.

In our Catholic school, the fruits of your stewardship are visible each day—in the smiles of students, the faith of teachers, and the sacred learning that takes place in every classroom. When you give, you invest in a future rooted in faith.

Let's begin 2025 with hearts full of thanksgiving and a renewed desire to serve. Thank you for your faithful and consistent support.

BLESSED SACRAMENT  
**BATTLE OF  
THE  
PADDLES**

**Saturday, February 21, 2025**  
**Doors open: 5pm, Auction: 6-8pm**  
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Eiers & Herold Families	Bill Wegs
Frank & Elsie Olps Family	Ken Moenning
Dietrich & Johnson Families	Patrick Dolan
Less Duesterhaus	Richard & Helen Lukeman
Louis J. Frese & Walker	The Hessling Family
Morrison Families	Albright & Havermale Families
Bill Junkerman	William & Esther Bergman
Lawrence & Catherine Frese	Living & Deceased Members of Penie Emma Vahlkamp Families
Joe Altgibers	Living & Deceased Members of Peters & Maguire Families
Parents of Jan & Toot Ewalt	Bange & Benz Families
Living & Deceased Members of Rita Walker Family	Flaiz Lohman Families & Nick Miller
Maas & Doyle Families	Sage Moore
Haugh & Jochem Families	Goehl & Koetters Families
Cook, Gallaher & VandonBoom Families	Clarence & Evelyn Genenbacher Family
Charlie & Scott Roan	Jeffery & B J VandenBoom
Living & Deceased Members of Lawrence & Marie Klausner Family	Fr. Don,
Living & Deceased Hull, Dempsey & Kelly Families	Everett & Mary Knuffman
Living & Deceased Members of the Schulte & Kroeger Families	Larry & David Steinkamp
Madalon Elam, Marshall & Mildred Campbell, Hamil & Hilda Elam, John & Delores Peterson & John Peterson Jr.	Virginia & Francis Liesen
Selby & Meier Families	Michael G. Liesen
Missie Ohnemus	Norbert & Viola Klingele & Families
Milkint & Weede Families	Henry & Regina Geschwandner & Families
Franke & Smith Families	Louis Holtschlag Family
Deceased Members of Fenwick & Schinderling Families	Frank & Janet Kroeger;
A.B. Blickhan & H.B. Schuering Families	Lisa M. Luke; Mary A. Meyer
Kenneth & Joan Steinkamp	Ted Peters; Vern, Rose & Gerald Zimmerman
Mary & Greg Wellman	Living & Deceased Members of the Sacred Heart League
Gale & Annette Hill Family	Bill Adam
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