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EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 2, 2022

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Mass Times

Sunday: 5:00 PM Saturday

7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, & 11:00 AM Sunday

Monday: 8:30 AM

Tuesday-Thursday: 7:00 AM & 8:30 AM

Friday: 8:30 AM

Saturday: 8:30 AM

Holy Days: see website & bulletin

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday: 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM

(sign up for a Holy Hour at
bbsacrament.org/adoration!)

Saturday: 9:00 to 10:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday: 6:30 to 7:00 PM

Saturday: 9:00 to 10:00 AM &
4:15 to 4:45 PM

Sunday: 7:00 to 7:30 AM &
10:15 to 10:45 AM

Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday,
after the 8:30 AM Mass

First Saturday Rosary

First Saturday of the month, 8:10 AM

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Parish Mission Statement:

Blessed Sacrament Parish forms and nurtures active disciples of Christ, who love God and neighbor, through the Dominican pillars of Prayer, Study, Community, & Ministry.

Our Vision:

To be a flourishing faith community, with all parishioners engaged in transforming lives through evangelization and discipleship.



Br. Edward van Merrienboer, O.P.—Pastoral Associate Emeritus
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Christ Manifested to the Whole World

Christ today manifested to the sages from afar, and thus to the whole world, as the fulfillment of the promises made to Israel, promises that touch not only Israel and the Church, but every human heart. Christ is made manifest as the unique and universal Savior of the world whom the Church today proclaims and celebrated in this solemn mystery of the Epiphany.

In our time we are happy to celebrate but more timid to proclaim this mystery. To ascribe a uniquely salvific role, *universal in scope*, to Jesus Christ seems to constitute an affront to the communities of other religious founders. According to much of the modern mentality, all religions express some experience of the “transcendent”--- however it may be named and described. In the culture of pluralism that surrounds and to some extent infects us, the idea prevails that no religion can claim to possess a privileged description of a reality incomprehensible and ineffable to all equally, not to afford unique access to a realm in principle available to all equally.

It must be stated forthrightly that the mystery we celebrate on Epiphany Sunday---namely, Christ’s unique role as universal savior---in no way entails a devaluation of the world’s religions. As Pope Benedict XVI has often pointed out in his writings, the religions of the world are monuments to the human search for God. As such, they are worthy of respect and study because of the immense cultural richness of their witness to the desire for God planted in every human heart. But the Christian faith attests not principally to the human search for God, but over and above to God’s search for us. As Pope Benedict once said in a homily, this feast celebrates the “*inquietudine di Dio*”—the restlessness of God for us. It is God who is restless in his desire to share with us nothing less than a communion of life, a participation in the divine love of the Trinity. We may think of the star that the sages followed as a kind of supernova, a sign of God’s bursting love for us.

This is the basic starting point for understanding the unique role of Jesus Christ in the salvation of humanity. For the idea that God wants to share communion of his life with persons who are not God cannot come from anyone but God himself. The initiative here is strictly on God’s side, both to reconcile us because of sin and to make possible a kind of life that would not only be impossible for us but unthinkable as well. Salvation in this comprehensive sense is not something that we can be arranged by human beings. It cannot come from us because we do not have the resources nor the imagination to conceive such a destiny for humanity.

Saviors are a dime a dozen when we fail to grasp what is really at stake in the divinely willed salvation. We need to be delivered not just from error, suffering, warfare, injustice, and poverty. To understand what the Christian faith means and promises by salvation, we must grasp both the peril of the human condition as well as the glory that is human destiny in the economy of salvation. If Christians abandon the proclamation of Christ’s unique and universal mediatorship as the divine, only begotten son of the Father, we will have no other mediator to replace him. We need the Savior who is not just any savior. God gave to the sages the grace and the joy to follow the star and behold this great mystery. Let us join them today.

Brother Edward, O.P.



St. Thomas Aquinas Dinner
Thursday, January 27
Blessed Sacrament Friary



This year, our own Br. Edward van Merrienboer, O.P., will present on the history of the parish as we celebrate 100 years! Join us for a social starting at 6:00, dinner by Kristy and Clark Heine (Marigold Kitchen) at 6:30, and the presentation at 7:30. The cost is \$35 per person. Register with a paper form in the back of church or online at blsacrament.org!

News and Upcoming Events

Angel Tree thanks!

From Kathy Wall: "I want to say a big THANK YOU to all the parishioners who helped with our Angel Tree project this year. We served 27 families, buying 130 presents for 65 children and writing 101 letters to 27 prisoners. Each family also received a bag of apples and oranges along with candy to put in their stockings! Your generosity this Christmas is most appreciated! A special thanks to those who helped bring gifts to the Assembly Hall and who helped with the sorting and delivery. You are God's angels here on earth; may God bless you abundantly!"

Red Cross Blood Drive Wednesday, January 12

1:00-6:00 pm, Assembly Hall

We are once again hosting a blood drive in January! Go to redcrossblood.org/donate to find our drive and sign up to donate blood!

Senior Meal Wednesday, January 12 Noon, Parish Center Dining Room

Contact Megan or Erin if you would like to attend!

Human Trafficking Awareness presentation Wednesday, January 12 7:00 pm, Assembly Hall

Anne Haines from the St. Bakhita Catholic Worker House and Deacon Steve Przedpelski from the Franciscan Peacemakers, both in Milwaukee, will present on human trafficking awareness and how their ministries are assisting those seeking freedom from the industry.

Icon-painting workshop Friday-Sunday, January 14-16 Friary (School Cafeteria)

Local iconographer Drazen Dupor, who has sold his work at our Christmas Market, will be offering an icon workshop here! No prior experience is needed. The class will run 4:00-9:00 pm on Friday, 9:00 am -4:00 pm Saturday, and 11:30 am-4:00 pm on Sunday. The cost is \$200, payable by check to the artist on the first day of class. Wear your painting clothes, or bring an apron/smock, and bring a lunch/dinner for each day. Contact Erin in the parish office with questions or to sign up!

Annual Men's Retreat at Lake Winnebago Thursday, February 17-Sunday, February 20

Every year for over 40 years, men from Blessed Sacrament and other Madison parishes have been attending a retreat at the Jesuit Retreat House on Lake Winnebago. This year's retreat starts on February 17 with dinner and concludes with lunch on February 20. The JRH continues to honor their commitment to not turn anyone away due to financial constraints. If you'd like to attend, go to www.jesuitretreathouse.org and register for retreat #008. Contact Steve Sadoff for more information: 608-770-9778 or healprint@gmail.com.



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Pre-registration for the 2022-2023 school year (and beyond) is now open! If you have a child who would be new to our school and would like to pre-register them, please visit school.blsacrament.org/newstudents. Contact the school to learn more: 608-233-6155.

Blessed Sacrament school admits students of any race, color, national, and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered program.

Frassati Fest 2022

February 11th - 13th
Kalahari Resort, Wisconsin Dells

All high school teens are invited for a weekend at the Kalahari for an amazing event for teens from all over the Diocese of Madison. It's an opportunity to grow in your faith, meet new people, have fun at the waterpark, and so much more!

For more information visit: blessedsacramentteens.org/FrassatiFest



Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati

Please welcome our new parishioners!

Dr. Aleksandra Sobieska Snyder and family
Harriet Murphy

Are you interested in joining our parish? Stop by the parish office to pick up a registration packet, or visit blsacrament.org or contact Erin in the parish office to get started!

Weekly Event Calendar

(see front cover for regular confession, adoration, & devotion schedule)

Sunday, January 2

Coffee & Donuts! | 8:30 am-1:00 pm, Friary

Monday, January 3

Tuesday, January 4

St. Vincent de Paul committee mtg | 6:00-7:30 pm, St. Dominic Room

Boy Scouts Troop mtg | 7:00-8:30 pm, Assembly Hall

Wednesday, January 5

Youth Ministry Catechist Formation | 6:30-7:30 pm, Youth Center

Pastoral Council mtg | 7:00-9:00 pm, St. Dominic Room

Thursday, January 6

Friday, January 7

Saturday, January 8

Lay Dominican Chapter mtg | 1:00-3:00 pm, St. Dominic Room

New Member Welcome Reception | 6:00-7:30 pm, Parish Center

Sunday, January 9

Cub Scouts Pancake Breakfast | 8:00 am-12:30 pm, Friary
(dine-in and take-out available, tickets available at the door for \$8 each; kids 5 and under eat free!)



Featured FORMED Content

It's still the Christmas season! Continue your reflection on the Incarnation by watching "FORMED Now! The Manger and the Cross." Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Elizabeth Klein discuss the simple beauty of Christ's Incarnation by exploring the relationship between Jesus' coming to us as a baby and His death on the cross. Search for it on FORMED!

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Mass Intentions

+ indicates the person is deceased

Saturday, January 1, 2022—Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

8:30 AM +Rita Kubaritz

5:00 PM +Frank Reale (Celebrant: Fr. Andy)

Sunday, January 2, 2022—Epiphany of the Lord

7:30 AM Our Parish Family (Fr. Andy)

9:00 AM +Amy Haddox Ocasio (Fr. James Pierce)

11:00 AM +Gola Finkelmeyer (Fr. James Pierce)

Monday, January 3, 2022

8:30 AM Fr. Ron Kreul, O.P.

Tuesday, January 4, 2022—St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

7:00 AM +Ed Stanton

8:30 AM +Julie Pitot

Wednesday, January 5, 2022—St. John Neumann

7:00 AM +Mary Jean Whelan-Iacovani

8:30 AM +Chester Roszkowski

Thursday, January 6, 2022

7:00 AM The Holy Souls in Purgatory

8:30 AM +JoAnn Huber Abeln

Friday, January 7, 2022

8:30 AM +Mary Greenhalgh

Saturday, January 8, 2022

8:30 AM +Edward Lemke

5:00 PM Our Parish Family (Celebrant: Fr. Andy)

Sunday, January 9, 2022—Baptism of the Lord

7:30 AM +Rita Kubaritz (Fr. Andy)

9:00 AM +Howard Elliott, Jr. (Fr. James Pierce)

11:00 AM +Pete Walker (Fr. James Pierce)

Mass intentions are available by calling the parish office at 608-238-3471 or emailing erin@blsacrament.org.

In an effort to create more space in the bulletin, we are no longer including a schedule of the week's Mass readings. You can find them at the USCCB website (bible.usccb.org/readings/calendar), or please take a free *Magnificat* when they are made available near the end of each month!

Stewardship Report

November 2021

Total: \$65,752.02

November 2020: \$81,669.44



Please pray for all those who are ill, especially:

Andy Devine, Alexander Kotloski, David Stiennon, John Ouellette, Paul Werth, Cormac Bower, Helen Karls, Sarah Opitz-Stapleton, Dave Wirka, Bob Lochner, Ila Elizabeth Scullion, Linda Kelly, Margaret Sommer Sazani, Br. Vince DiRienzo, Elliott Volin, Larry Lazars, Buffy Stevens, Bob Lunda, and Barbara Chryst.

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Br. Jordan Coonen, O.P.: ext. 132

Br. Vince DiRienzo, O.P.

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please call 608-982-1573 to reach our priests directly**

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Joining the parish

We'd love to have you as part of our parish family! To find registration materials, including information on our ministries, stop by the parish office to see Erin, or visit bbsacrament.org/join to get started.

Change of address or contact info?

Whether you're moving but still want to be part of our parish, switching parishes, or leaving the area, or if you just have a new phone number or email address, please contact Erin, our administrative assistant, so we can update your contact information!



Around the Diocese

Tornado Relief through the Diocese

Please consider making a donation to the relief efforts underway in parts of the Midwest and South that were affected by tornadoes recently. You can visit www.madisondiocese.org/donate to make a donation; click on "I want to support" and choose "Disaster Relief Fund—USCCB (US and Kentucky Tornado Relief)".

You can also donate to Catholic Charities at www.catholiccharities.us/campaign/ccusa-disaster-relief/c535051



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Creation Care Corner

A New Year's Resolution to Care for Creation:

- The Pope's encyclical, *Laudato Si'*, is a text of landmark significance in Catholic Social Teaching. He challenges us to rethink our relationship with nature.
- Pope Francis reframes the environmental dialogue from a political discussion into language of faith. Creation, the natural world around us, is recognized as a precious gift from God to be revered by all.
- The Pope asks us to examine our lifestyles through sound ecological virtues, strive for greater simplicity and to focus less on material things.

What will you do in the New Year to demonstrate your care for creation and gratitude for this great gift from God?



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