

# ~ Our Mission ~

To be formed as disciples who ~ encounter the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, ~ love the Lord through worship, and ~ bring Christ to others through joyful service.



# 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." - Jn 2:1-3

#### Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

## **Sacraments**

Reconciliation: Saturday 3:00 - 3:45 PM

**Baptism**: Celebration of the sacrament is held following the 11:30 AM Mass. Call the parish office for arrangements. If you are baptizing your first child, you will need to view a Baptism preparation video in advance of the baptism.

Anointing of the Sick: Call the parish office (266-9721) day or night.

<u>Matrimony</u>: Couples intending marriage should call the parish office six months preceding their intended marriage for Pre-Marital Inventory and other preparations for marriage.

#### **Parish Information**

1020 S. First Ave. Morton, IL 61550 (309) 266-9721 Msgr. Gerald Ward, Pastor www.bscmorton.org

#### **School Information**

1018 S. First Ave. Morton, IL 61550 (309) 263-8442 Mike Birdoes, Principal www.bssmorton.org

Please join Father Jerry on the church Facebook page and on YouTube "live" for Mass on Saturdays at 4:30 PM, Sundays at 9:30 AM, and daily Mass, Monday -Friday at 8:00 AM.

Holy Communion will be distributed after the Saturday 4:30 PM Mass and Sunday 9:30 AM Mass, at the front doors of the church, under the canopy 10 minutes after Mass, until all have received.

Please check our website, bscmorton.org or Facebook page for updates.





www.facebook.com/Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church -Morton, Illinois/

# Mass Intentions

January 17	Monday - St. Anthony
8:00 AM	John Baptist Nguyen
January 18	Tuesday
8:00 AM	David Pickerill
January 19	Wednesday
8:00 AM	Dutch & Joan Naftzger
January 20	Thursday - Sts. Fabian & Sebastian
8:00 AM	John K. Gibson
January 21	Friday - St. Agnes
8:00 AM	Martha Nguyen
9:30 AM *	Rosie Kilhoffer
January 22	Saturday
4:30 PM	Kimberlee Ransdell
January 23	Sunday - Third Sunday in Ordinary
8:00 AM	Dean Steinkoenig Time
9:30 AM	For the People of the Parish
11:30AM	Valentine Klunk

All of the following Masses: Monday - Friday at 8:00 AM, Saturday at 4:20 PM, and Sunday at 9:30 AM, will be streamed 'live' on the **parish** Facebook page and on YouTube (Live BSC Stream).

\* The 9:30 AM school Mass is streamed 'live' on the **school** Facebook page and on YouTube (Live BSS Stream).

# Weekday Ministers

### Monday, January 17, 8:00 AM Mass

- Lector: Helen Moore
- Eucharistic Minister: Cindy Honegger
- Tuesday, January 18, 8:00 AM Mass
- Lector: Jim Behme
- Eucharistic Minister: Chuck Maroon
- Altar Server: Clara Oswald
- Wednesday, January 19, 8:00 AM Mass • Lector: Dean Hild
- Eucharistic Minister: Frank Eason
- Altar Server: Dominic Vallar

# Thursday, January 20, 8:00 AM Mass

- Lector: Helen Moore
- Eucharistic Minister: Slawek Lopko
- Altar Server: Joseph Lopko

# Friday, January 21, 8:00 AM Mass

- Lector: Mary Venden
- Eucharistic Minister: Denny Cramer

# New Members Welcome!

# THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!

NEW PARISHIONERS

Please register in the Parish. Stop by or call the parish office at 309-266-9721, or register online at www.bscmorton.org.

# Weekend Ministers

# Saturday, January 22, 4:30 PM

- Lectors: Sue D'Amore & Charles Carr
- Eucharistic Ministers: Elizabeth Lankton & Peggy Sheckler
- Music: BethAnn Wirth
- Ushers: Gene & Kathy Brandt, Karen Pickering, Alina Shannon
- Altar Servers: Brooklyn Hanson & Carter Cashdollar

# Sunday, January 23, 8:00 AM Mass

- Lectors: Matt Heberer & Deb Oberle
- Eucharistic Ministers: Brenda Harris & Debi Frow
- Music: BethAnn Wirth
- Ushers: Greg & Teresa Goodyear, Del Young, James DeGeeter
- Altar Servers: Jake Heberer & NEED ONE

# Sunday, January 23, 9:30 AM Mass

- Lectors: Lee Hall & Lorie Steeples
- Eucharistic Ministers: Joseph Wizieck & Kevin Rapp
  Music: Choir
- Ushers: Paul & Jeri Gilfillan, Jerry DuBois, Greg Riley
- Altar Servers: Katie Ellison & Sydney Huser

# Sunday, January 23, 11:30 AM Mass

- Lectors: Jessica Lee & Yvonne Peifer
- Eucharistic Ministers: John & Cara Dennison
- Ushers: Bill Van Dyke, Brett Grieder, Tim Wiggers, NEED ONE
- Altar Servers: Noah Veselsky & Dax Duffy



# From death to new life our prayers & sympathy to:

Robert Hines, at the loss of his wife; Sandy Streeter, Robert (Courtney) Hines, at the loss of their mother, **Betty Hines** 

Wilma Gaydos, at the loss of her husband; Paul (Michelle) Gaydos, at the loss of his father, **Frank Gaydos** 

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

# Hannah Lange & Joshua Borden

were married in our parish on January 15.

We wish them a lifetime of God's blessings.



# Congratulations!



# PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

What's happening this week in our Parish

#### **Tuesday, January 18** 6:00 PM 8th Grade Dinner Dance Meeting Fr. Finnell Room Wednesday, January 19 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study w/Dcn Kevin Fr. Wuellner Room 8:30 AM Biblical Walk Through the Mass Fr. Wuellner Room 6:30 PM Choir Practice Liturgical Music Room Thursday, January 20 6:00 PM Praise & Prayer Group w/Dcn Kevin Fr. Finnell Room 7:30 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Church Saturday, January 22 - Respect Life Collection after Mass 3:00 PM Reconciliation until 3:45 PM Church Sunday, January 23 - Respect Life Collection after all Masses 9:30 AM Religious Ed. Kindergarten **Catechesis Atrium** 10:15AM Religious Ed. Classes Gr. 1-8 School 10:30AM RCIA Session Fr. Wuellner Room 10:30AM Biblical Walk Through the Mass Liturgical Music Rm 12:30PM Religious Ed. Classes High School Parish Hall & in Church 1:30 - 1:45 PM 7:33 PM Holy Ground Youth Group Youth Ministry Room

# "We must learn to live together as brothers or we will perish together as fools." Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

NOTE: ALL PARISH & SCHOOL OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED TOMORROW, MONDAY, JANUARY 17, IN OBSERVANCE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY.

# Our Stewardship of Treasure

# Sunday, January 9

Envelopes / Cash	\$ 13.241.44
Online Giving / Checks	\$ 11,384.80
Total Gifts Received	\$ 24,626.24
Weekly Budget	\$ 19,000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 5,626.24

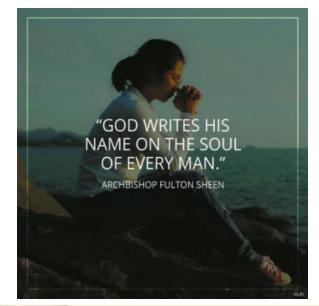


An easy way to increase your gifts to the church is through **online giving**. Take a minute to visit our website, <u>bscmorton.org</u>, and click Giving, then Online Giving, to set up your online giving account.



# TO THESE NEW PARISHIONERS AT BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

Michael & Kristin Ciolino 23780 Farmdale Rd., Washington





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# Donut Sunday Social TODAY, Sunday, January 16, 2022 after 8:00 AM & 9:30 AM Masses

All are invited to the parish hall for coffee, juice and donuts. We especially encourage new members of our parish family to attend and meet other parishioners! Members of the Ministry of Hospitality will be on hand to answer any questions and offer information about ways to become involved at Blessed Sacrament.

Blessed Sacrament Faith and Wellness team will hold a **Blood Pressure Screening** event during the donut



Sunday. They will be available in the Fr. Finnell room after the 8:00 AM and 9:30 AM Masses.

# **BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL NEWS**



Blessed Sacrament School is in need of a Cafeteria Assistant. We are looking to hire a person part-time, two or three days a week. If you are interested or

would like more information, please contact Mike Birdoes at 309-263-8442 or Amanda Cannon at <u>acannon@bssmorton.org</u>.



Monical's Community Day for Blessed Sacrament School is <u>TOMORROW</u>, Monday, January 17. You MUST bring the flier with you (or show it on your phone) if dining in, or

mention the offer prior to ordering carry out or delivery. *Blessed Sacrament PTO will receive 20% of each bill that mentions this offer.* The flier is available on the information desk in the gathering space and will also be sent out via <u>email to school</u> <u>families</u>. Morton and Pekin Monical's are the only locations participating in this fundraiser. Thank you for supporting the Blessed Sacrament PTO!

# FREE THR W CHAMPIONSHIP

BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 9-14

All boys and girls ages 9-14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the **2022 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship**. Age eligibility is determined by the age of the contestant as of January 1. The free local competition will be held **TODAY, Sunday, January 16**, at 1:00 PM, at the Blessed Sacrament School gym, <u>1018 South First</u> <u>Avenue</u>, Morton. The gym will be open at 12:00 PM for registration and warm-ups. The Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually, with winners progressing through local, regional and state competition. All boys and girls ages 9-14 years old are eligible to participate and will compete in their respective age divisions. For additional information, contact John Replogle at (309) 925-5119.



# Annual Collection for Baby Food Project January 22 - 23, 2022

The annual collection for the <u>Right to Life Baby Food</u> <u>Project</u> (sponsored by Tazewell County Right to Life) will be held at all Masses **NEXT weekend**, **January 22-23.** Your **monetary contributions** will be used to purchase baby food and formula in memory of the more than 61 million babies aborted since the 1973 Supreme Court decision.

Recipients of this project include Catholic Charities, the Empower Life Center, the Crittenton Crisis Nursery, and the Women's Care Center. Your donations are greatly appreciated. **Please make checks payable to <u>Tazewell County Right to Life.</u>** 



"I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one."



On January 10, Fr. Jerry blessed all the classrooms for the new year. This is an annual blessing on the first day back to school after Epiphany Sunday.

JOHN 17:20-21

Is 62:1-5 | 1 Cor 12:4-11 | Jn 2:1-11

## GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

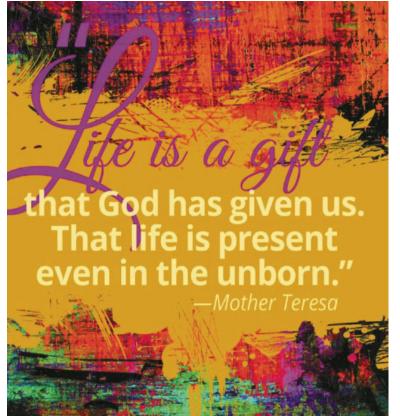
It was several years ago now, but the scene is still vivid in my mind. My son stood confidently in front of the altar as the music rose in a crescendo and his bride stepped into sight. The love and joy he felt trickled down his cheek as she walked down the aisle. He broke into a smile as she joined him, and proudly took her hand to promise to become one with her forever. Isaiah writes: "As a bridegroom rejoices in his bride so shall your God rejoice in you." Isaiah was talking about the nation of Israel, but God loves and rejoices in each of his children and wants us to know the joy of being loved by him. He generously shares his gifts with us, "different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit," St. Paul explains to the Corinthians. All spiritual gifts come from God, and all are important and necessary: "To each individual, the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit." God's gifts are distributed uniquely to each person to use in our own unique way to "announce his salvation, day after day," and invite others to discover the joy of his great love.

## GO EVANGELIZE

#### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

You are a masterpiece! This message was conveyed at the camp our diocese held each year to help teens recognize that they are God's beloved sons and daughters, called and gifted by the Holy Spirit to be missionary disciples. Discerning what our gifts are and how to use them can be challenging. The Gospel about the wedding at Cana offers an interesting guide. Mary tells the waiters, "Do whatever he tells you." By reserving time for listening and not speaking during prayer, we can hear what Jesus is "telling" us. Jesus then says to the waiters, "Fill the jars with water." We can "fill our jars" with the knowledge of how to live as disciples by reflecting on Scripture. Finally, Jesus tells the waiters, "Draw some out." We can "draw" on his love for strength and courage when we need it, but more importantly, we are called to "draw some out" to share with others. In sharing the "good wine," the Good News of Jesus Christ, others will begin to believe in him, too.

**PRAYER** As the new year gets under way, devote time to discerning the unique spiritual gifts, or charisms, you have been given. Make time for silent prayer and reflecting on Scripture each day.



Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children January 22, 2022



SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, February 26, 2022 Adults 21 and over

Sunday, February 27, 2022 Teen Trivia

> All proceeds to benefit Catholic Heart WorkCamp.

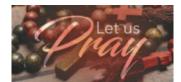
# Praise & Prayer Group

The "Jesus I Trust in You" Praise & Prayer group meets in the **Fr. Finnell Room every Thursday at 6:00 PM.** If you like to sing and Praise GOD or if you or a family member needs prayers, please consider joining us. Come and go as you please. Contact Deacon Kevin at 309-657-6320 if you have any questions.



# **Eucharistic Adoration**

Adoration is held on **Thursdays**, from **7:30 - 8:30 PM**.



# PARISHIONERS

Cynthia Nash Cindy Cruse Denny Krumholz Lynne Barker Shawn Kirwan Shannon Walls Stephanie Graves Laura Donley Kristin Koch Louie Hofer Don Upper Joe Crusen Joann Welsh Debbie Oberle Carlos Rivera Gloria Andrews Pam Daub Judith Gorman Carroll Lulay Margaret Greer

# Catholic Women's League Membership Dues



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For the calendar year January 1 - December 31, 2022

Members - \$20/per year Life Members - \$10/per year Please pay before April 1, 2022.

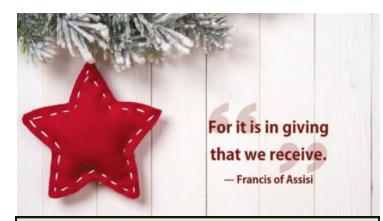
*New Members, please contact Ann Gerardo for applications and questions -* 630-464-8474 (cell)

# PRAYER REQUESTS

# FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF PARISHIONERS - Call the parish office (309-266-9721) to update this list as needed.

- $\diamond~$  Lawrence Clarkson, son-in-law of Bob & Jan Heaton
- ◊ Ellen Rogers, sister of Wilma (Frank) Gaydos
- $\diamond~$  Liz Speichinger, daughter of Sue Speichinger
- ◊ Carl Ruck, friend of Bob & Jan Heaton
- Gary LeMasters, Ralph Staley, Jim Burtis, friends of Sandi & Brad Armstrong
- ◊ Kelley Schaar, daughter of Suzanne Harms
- ◊ Carol Mindrum, sister of Ralph Pouliot
- ♦ Mike Esser, nephew of Judy Erickson
- ◊ Jack O'Connell, brother-in-law of Dee O'Connell
- ◊ Richard Pouliot, brother of Ralph Pouliot
- ◊ Justin Harris, friend of the Soza family
- ◊ Nicole Alksnis, sister of Jennifer Strohl
- Michelle McFarland & Samantha Reif, daughters of Margene Reif
- ◊ Sharon Skaggs, mother of Jenny Avalos
- ◊ Glenda Berry & family, friends of Carol & Wayne Reiser
- ◊ Noah Kraus, grandson of Dennis & Jessie Glore
- ◊ Missy Koester, aunt of Caitlin Seibert
- ◊ Herman Schumacher, father of Stacia (Cary) Lyons
- ♦ Marshall Tucker, friend of the Armstrong family
- ◊ Tony Erickson, son of Judy Erickson
- ◊ Jamil Alwan, friend of Sandi Armstrong
- ◊ Loana Sirbu, friend of Shaun & Dawn Cotter
- ◊ Donna Quickstad, sister of Carol (Gary) Main
- ◊ Elaine Carr, mother of Charles Carr
- ◊ Jim Williams, friend of Brad & Sandi Armstrong
- ◊ Karen Strohl, friend of Kim Marron
- ◊ Hanan Erian, friend of Kimberly (Phil) Lange's brother
- ◊ Mark DuFresne, nephew of Jan (Jack) Gibson
- ◊ Larry Longbons, nephew of Dee O'Connell
- > Paul Keitel, brother of Sue (Matthew) Knight
- ◊ Craig Barrick, friend of Rod & Terri McKimson
- ◊ Tazio Grivetti, friend of Phil & Kimberly Lange
- Rick Mahrt, brother of Mary Beecham, Diane Mahrt, and Ron (Vicky) Mahrt
- ◊ Carol Thayer, cousin of Dee O'Connell

- ◊ Bob Jones, husband of Katie Jones
- ◊ Craig Sears, brother-in-law of Joanne Waechter
- ◊ Judy Campbell, sister of Claire Cooper
- O Tom Berta, grandson of Joan Berta
- Or. Greg Johns, friend of Brad & Sandi Armstrong
- ◊ Yvonne Mueller, mother of Dan (Lori) Mueller
- ◊ Linda Zulz, sister-in-law of Dee O'Connell
- ◊ Becky Douglas, friend of Sandi Armstrong
- ◊ Joyce Walker, mother of Judith (John) Huser
- Wayne Hopper, brother-in-law of Brenda & Deacon Michael Harris
- ◊ Marlene Beer, family member of Shaun & Dawn Cotter
- ◊ Ray Lobato, brother-in-law of Suzette & Greg Massey
- ◊ Rick Mutz, uncle of Nancy (Dave) Keimig
- ◊ Joyce Mettile, cousin of Nancy (Dave) Keimig
- ◊ Jerry Siwicke, brother of Joan (Tom) Mulherin
- ◊ Barbara Hammond, sister of Charlene (David) Glore
- ♦ Bill Thayer, cousin of Dee O'Connell
- Oanny Traenkenschuh, brother of Lynn (Carroll) Lulay
- ♦ Tom Reuter, former parishioner
- ◊ Gordon Finch, father of Garry (Joanna) Finch
- ◊ Jim Rock, brother-in-law of Jack & Jan Gibson
- ◊ Suzanne Vallar, step-mother of Jason (Leslie) Vallar
- ◊ Sara Vallar, sister-in-law of Jason & Leslie Vallar
- ◊ Granddaughter of Rosemary Bayless, former parishioner
- ◊ Ian Gibson, grandson of Jack & Jan Gibson
- ◊ Mia Evans, niece of Jason & Leslie Vallar
- Virginia Schmidt, friend of Dean & Carol Hild
- ◊ Jerry Jones, friend of Brad & Sandi Armstrong
- ♦ Bob Fayas, nephew of Jan & Jack Gibson
- ◊ Tonya Buhs Lueder, daughter of Jeanne Buhs
- ♦ Edward Peifer, husband of Yvonne Peifer
- ◊ Theresa Metz & Melissa Wheeler, friends of Kim Marron
- ◊ Tammy Fuller, neighbor of Bill & Jan Nordsiek
- ◊ Larry Lau, neighbor of Bill & Jan Nordsiek



Because of the incredible generosity of Blessed Sacrament parishioners, **150** people in the parish and community and **30** families served by the Missionaries of Charity benefited from the **Sharing Christmas 2021** program. We are so thankful that many souls experienced the love of Christ through our parish community's compassion, charity and prayers during the Christmas season!

"A special thank you for all that you did to make families in need both here in Peoria and in Springfield have a better Christmas. Your generosity is outstanding. God bless all of you. Truly together we make "something beautiful for God," as St. Teresa of Calcutta has said. May the Infant Jesus bless each and every one of you, and reward you as only He knows how."

Sincerely in Jesus & Mary, Sr. M. Zita, MC for the Missionaries of Charity

"Thank you all so, so much for the gift cards. It will really help me because I am not able to work much. Please know I really appreciate it!"

"With sincerest appreciation, the young men and staff of Guardian Angel Home thank you for the useful and thoughtful Christmas gifts. Your generosity during this holiday season is a beautiful example of the true nature of giving."

"Blessed Sacrament is so generous. Please thank the parish. God bless them."

\*A special thank you to Anne & Troy Saunders, MaryBeth Steinkoenig, and Nicole & Joey Baer for coordinating this program.

# **Current Mass Schedule**

Weekend: Saturday—4:30 PM \* Sunday—8:00 AM, 9:30 AM,\* 11:30 AM Weekdays: Monday—Friday - 8:00 AM\* & Fridays during school year - 9:30 AM\*\*

\*also "live" on the parish Facebook page and YouTube. \*\*also "live" on the school Facebook page and YouTube.

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# Staff Directory

Website : www.bscmorton.org

# Parish Office

309-266-9721

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Hours: (M-F) 8:30 AM-12:00 PM & 1:00 PM-3:30 PM		
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Deacon Kevin Zeeb	309-657-6320	
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fcn@bscmorton.org		

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309-266-9721

1020 S. First Ave., Morton, IL 61550 Hours: (M-Th) 8:30 AM-12:00 PM & 1:00 PM-3:30 PM Family Faith Formation-MaryBeth Steinkoenig msteinkoenig@bscmorton.org High School Faith Formation-Joseph Wizieck jwizieck@bscmorton.org Administrative Assistant-Connie Zuercher czuercher@bscmorton.org

# **School Office**

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Parish Trustees: Julie Blair, Andy Honegger

St. Vincent de Paul Helpline—309-677-7696 (M - Th 9:00AM - 1:30PM; do not leave a message.)



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