



### ~ 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.

April 14, 2024

### Parish Information

1020 S. First Ave.  
Morton, IL 61550  
(309) 266-9721  
Father Adam Cesarek, Pastor  
[www.bscmorton.org](http://www.bscmorton.org)

### School Information

1018 S. First Ave.  
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Melissa Zobrist, Principal  
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### Livestreaming

For those unable to attend Mass in person, please join Father Adam on the church Facebook page and on YouTube "live" for Mass on **Sundays at 9:30 AM**, and daily Mass, **Tuesday - Thursday at 8:00 AM**, and **Fridays at 9:00 AM** (on the church Facebook page and the church's Youtube page, when school is in session). When school is not in session, the Friday Mass will be at 8:00 AM.

Please check our website, [bscmorton.org](http://bscmorton.org) or Facebook page.

## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled ... You are witnesses of these things." - Lk 24:44, 48

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**Reconciliation:** Saturdays: 3:00 - 4:00 PM

also Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 7:30-7:50 AM

**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 have a meeting with Fr. Adam Cesarek in advance of the baptism.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Call the parish office (309-266-9721) day or night.

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



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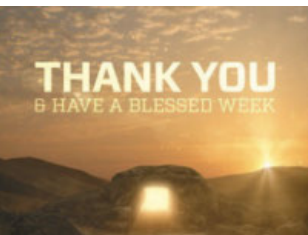
## Mass Intentions

<b>April 15</b>	<b>Monday</b>
8:00 AM	Communion Service
<b>April 16</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>
8:00 AM	Jan Smith
<b>April 17</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>
8:00 AM	Florence Gudmunson
<b>April 18</b>	<b>Thursday</b>
8:00 AM	Dee O'Connell
<b>April 19</b>	<b>Friday</b>
9:00 AM*	Richard Lynch
<b>April 20</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
4:30 PM	Pat Ozella
<b>April 21</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>
8:00 AM	Calvin & Margaret Zobrist
9:30 AM	For the People of the Parish
11:30AM	Gerald & Pauline Tonsor

\*All of the following Masses: Tuesday - Thursday at 8:00 AM, Friday at 8:00 AM (9:00 AM when school is in session), Sunday at 9:30 AM are streamed 'live' on the **parish** Facebook page & on YouTube (Live BSC Stream).

## Weekday Ministers

<b>Monday, April 15, 8:00 AM</b>	<b>Communion Service</b>
• <b>Lector:</b>	Becky Erickson
• <b>Eucharistic Minister:</b>	Al George
<b>Tuesday, April 16, 8:00 AM</b>	<b>Mass</b>
• <b>Lector:</b>	Blake Miller
• <b>Eucharistic Minister:</b>	Denny Cramer
• <b>Altar Servers:</b>	Oliver Gale & Benjamin Gale
<b>Wednesday, April 17, 8:00 AM</b>	<b>Mass</b>
• <b>Lector:</b>	Denise Lux
• <b>Eucharistic Minister:</b>	Blake Miller
• <b>Altar Servers:</b>	Alyssa VanMeenen & Simon Wiggers
<b>Thursday, April 18, 8:00 AM</b>	<b>Mass</b>
• <b>Lector:</b>	Blake Miller
• <b>Eucharistic Minister:</b>	Pat Malik
• <b>Altar Servers:</b>	Toby Fitzgerald & Addison Caldera



I want to thank everyone for a very blessed Holy Week and a beautiful Paschal Triduum. It was a great blessing to be with you all for my first time at Blessed Sacrament for

these most holy days of our year. As we continue through the Easter season, I also want to thank so many of you for the very kind Easter cards and gifts that I have received over the last couple of weeks. I feel so grateful, blessed and loved here at Blessed Sacrament and I want you all to know of my gratitude for your kind words and notes. May God bless you all as we continue walking through this holy season of Easter together.

With Easter gratitude,  
Father Adam

## Weekend Ministers

### Saturday, April 20, 4:30 PM Mass

- **Lectors:** Blake Miller & Chris Oswald
- **Eucharistic Ministers:** Stephen Welch & Alice Barbour
- **Music:** Maria Hercik
- **Ushers:** Karen Pickering, Jeff King, Alina Shannon, Peggy Sheckler
- **Greeters:** Nick & Julie Scibona
- **Altar Servers:** Dillon Hinch & Kennedy Crawford
- **MC:** Lauren Pickering

### Sunday, April 21, 8:00 AM Mass

- **Lectors:** Mary Venden & Gloria Wolters
- **Eucharistic Ministers:** Blake Miller & Don Schultz
- **Music:** Maria Hercik
- **Ushers:** Dennis Albers, Steven Schwartz, Gene & Kathy Brandt
- **Greeters:** Greg & April Veselsky
- **Altar Servers:** Liam Veselsky & Noah Veselsky
- **MC:** Ethan Herrman

### Sunday, April 21, 9:30 AM Mass

- **Lectors:** Blake Miller & Michael Zabinski
- **Eucharistic Ministers:** Regina Zabinski & Thomas Rossi
- **Music:** Maria Hercik
- **Ushers:** Carol Paluska, Greg Riley, Jim Hartrich, Del Young
- **Greeters:** Brett & Stephanie Bergman
- **Altar Servers:** Ian Yontz & Jacob Yontz
- **MC:** Tessa Fitzgerald

### Sunday, April 21, 11:30 AM Mass

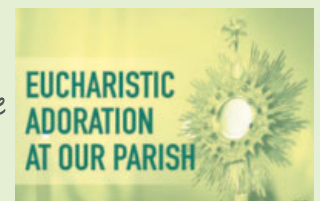
- **Lectors:** Joyce Baldi & Charles Carr
- **Eucharistic Ministers:** Blake Miller & Sue D'Amore
- **Ushers:** Tim Wiggers & John Replogle
- **Greeters:** Richard & Mahi LaHood
- **Altar Servers:** Coraline Clayton & Eva Hammer
- **MC:** Andrew Elward

## Adoration of the Most Holy Eucharist

Thursday, 8:30 AM - 8:30 PM

Thank you to all who have signed up for Blessed Sacrament Parish's weekly perpetual Adoration of the Most Holy Eucharist. Adorers, please remember to check-in using the weekly "Adoration Check In" sheet on the information desk. **To those who have not yet signed up**, please consider signing up for an hour or half-hour period via Flocknote.com (My Dashboard>Thursday Adoration Signup). Two people must always be present when the Holy Eucharist is exposed. Unfortunately, there are several times during the day when we are short on adorers, especially between 9:30 AM - 7:30 PM. Therefore, we are asking every able parishioner to sign up via Flocknote.com. Look for times when there are "79 or 78 positions available" (more positions available means fewer adorers). **If you cannot commit to being present each week**, then please come when you can. Unregistered adorers should add their names to the "Unregistered Adorer Sign In" sheet on the information desk.

"A Holy Hour brings Heaven's  
choicest blessings on those who are  
faithful to their Hour."  
~ Pope Saint Paul VI





## PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

What's happening this week in our Parish

### Monday, April 15

1:00 PM Work of Our Hands Ministry Fr. Wuellner Room  
6:30 PM High School Girls Small Group Youth Ministry Room

### Tuesday, April 16

6:00 PM Grief Care Fr. Wuellner Room

### Wednesday, April 17

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study with Dcn Kevin Fr. Wuellner Room

### Thursday, April 18

8:30 AM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 8:30 PM Church  
6:00 PM Praise & Prayer Group w/Dcn Kevin Fr. Wuellner Room

### Friday, April 19

10:00AM Blessed Friday Fellowship Parish Hall

### Saturday, April 20 - St. Vincent de Paul collection weekend

2:00 PM BSS Spring Musical Performance Parish Hall  
3:00 PM Reconciliation until 4:00 PM Church

### Sunday, April 21 - St. Vincent de Paul collection weekend

10:30AM Religious Education Classes Grades 1-6 School  
10:30AM Religious Education Classes Kindergarten

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Atrium

1:30 PM First Communion Retreat Parish Hall and school

3:30 PM Blessing Cup Prayer Svc. & Reception Church/Parish Hall

6:00 PM Religious Education Jr. High & High School  
Parish Hall, Fr. Wuellner Room, Youth Ministry Room

## Our Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday, April 7

Sunday Baskets	\$ 16,111.00
Online Giving	\$ 16,625.88
<b>Total Gifts Received</b>	<b>\$ 32,736.88</b>
Weekly Budget	\$ 23,000.00
<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ 9,736.88</b>



An easy way to increase your gifts to the church is through **online giving**. Take a minute to visit our website, [bscmorton.org](http://bscmorton.org), and click Giving, then Online Giving, to set up your online giving account.

## BAPTISM

We welcome into the Church through the Holy Sacrament of Baptism

### Beau Brooks Haberland

son of Mark & Brandi (Melton) Haberland

baptized in our parish on April 6

and

### Lucy Jean Anderson

daughter of Nathan & Jane (Martin) Anderson

baptized in our parish on April 7

and

### Maclain Clevens Davis

son of Jody & Megan (Santman) Davis

baptized in our parish on April 7



*From death to new life -  
our prayers & sympathy to:*

Claire Cooper, at the loss of her brother,  
**James William Hagemann**

Phil (Jamie) Skinner, at the loss of his father,  
**Phillip Skinner, Sr.**

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.



THANK YOU BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH!

## Easter Basket 2024

*"Thank you to all you great people! We really needed this at this time. I sure appreciate you all and hope you have a nice Easter!"*

**- Easter Basket recipient**

"The great gift of Easter is hope."  
- BASIL HUME



Blessed Sacrament parishioners once again went above and beyond to bring extra blessings this Easter to a number of families in the parish and community. We are so thankful for the generosity and compassion of this parish flock and we pray that all will enjoy a very blessed Easter season!

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### JOB OPENINGS

For each of the following positions, we seek someone committed to personal and staff prayer, good teamwork and discipleship with enthusiasm to lead more people to Jesus and our Catholic faith, who will integrate their work into the parish vision of strengthening, collaboration between the school and parish, family faith formation and building up of small groups.

#### Full-Time PreK Classroom Teacher

Candidate will teach in a self-contained classroom with students who are preparing to enter kindergarten the following year.

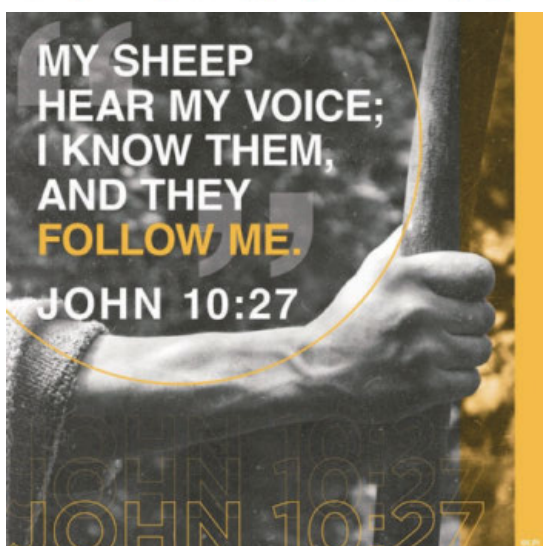
#### Full-time 2nd Grade Teacher

Candidate will teach in a self-contained classroom while preparing students to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

#### Full-time Director of Advancement \*

Candidate will work closely with both the parish and school on enrollment/retention management, annual campaign, fundraising, school scholarships, and website design/updates.

Please contact Melissa Zobrist at [mzobrist@bssmorton.org](mailto:mzobrist@bssmorton.org) to apply for school positions or Fr. Adam Cesarek at [fradam@bscmorton.org](mailto:fradam@bscmorton.org) for the parish position.\*



### Work of Our Hands Ministry

Are you interested in joining a group that likes to talk, laugh, and pray together, all the while making rosaries for the missions and lap blankets for the Cancer Center? If so, please join us. We are the Work of Our Hands Ministry of Blessed Sacrament and we meet every 3rd Monday of the month, from 1:00 to 3:00 PM, in the Fr. Wuellner room. Our next meeting is **tomorrow, Monday, April 15.**



#### Did you Know?

Your child can attend a Catholic School?  
Financial Assistance Is Available

**John Lancaster Spalding Scholarship Fund** grants tuition assistance scholarship grants from the

endowment fund established as a result of the Diocese of Peoria ROOTED IN FAITH Campaign and named in honor of Archbishop Spalding, the first Bishop of Peoria, will be available for the 2024-2025 school year for students enrolled in or intending to enroll in grades Kindergarten through 12 in any Catholic school located in the Diocese of Peoria whose families are active members of a Catholic parish in the diocese. All grants will be based on financial need objectively assessed. Information about the grants and application materials may be obtained from the Diocesan website [www.cdop.org](http://www.cdop.org) under the heading **Catholic Education** and then under **Financial Assistance**. Consult the detailed protocols and procedures and checklist for all requirements necessary to be eligible for an award. Parents must apply at: <https://online.factsmgmt.com/aid>. Families of students currently receiving grants are reminded that all grants are for one year only, and anyone seeking to renew a grant for the 2024-2025 school year must reapply. **Deadline date for the completed application is April 26, 2024.** Notification of grant awards will be made in June of 2024.



Congratulations to these candidates and catechumens that entered the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil:



*Bronwyn Knight  
Jennifer McIntyre  
Steve Micheletti  
David Snyder  
Kathleen Snyder*



**Saturday, April 27**



- 6:00 pm—11:00 pm \* Barrack's Catering Dinner \***  
**\* Libations \* Silent and Live Auctions \* Raffle Drawings \***  
**\* Next Thing Smokin' Band \* Fun and Fellowship \***



**Wear your best Country Western clothing, don't forget to add the BLING!**

**TICKETS ON SALE NOW**

**in the Religious Education Office and are \$60 per person. Table reservations for 8 people (\$480) or 10 (\$600) can be purchased with one check payable to Blessed Sacrament Fellowship Festival for the group.**

## **Lone Star Cash Raffle**

### **Raffle Tickets**

**\$100 each**

**\* Limited to 300 tickets \***

**1st Prize \$5,000**

**2nd Prize \$3,000**

**3rd Prize \$2,000**

Drawing will be held on Saturday, April 27 at the Boots & Bling Spring Gala. Need not be present to win.

### **Silent and Live Auction**

#### **Items Needed for Spring Gala**

- Time —lessons, Christmas decorating, painting, fresh garden vegetables, Fall yard cleanup
- Experiences — group themed dinners/events hosted by parishioners
- Condo / timeshare rentals
- Theater Tickets
- Tickets to professional sporting events, autographed memorabilia
- Restaurant or Spa gift certificates
- Family Memberships — Zoo, Museum
- Golf Outings



Please contact Mahi LaHood [mahikulani@gmail.com](mailto:mahikulani@gmail.com) or Liz Wilson [wilsonelizabeth74@gmail.com](mailto:wilsonelizabeth74@gmail.com) with your donations.

Amazon Wish List: go to our website - [bscmorton.org](http://bscmorton.org) > Ministries & Organizations > Fellowship Festival/Spring Gala > bottom right hand page, click on Amazon Wish List.

### **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL – 1<sup>st</sup> QUARTER 2024**



**THANK YOU** to the parishioners of Blessed Sacrament Church for their support and generous contributions to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. We have been able to assist our friends in need with some requests that have been above and beyond our usual parameters because of the generosity of the parishioners.

SVdP meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month and anyone interested in this ministry is invited to attend. We enjoy our time together to enrich our spirituality and continue to enhance our special ministry of home visits and special projects.

*We thank our donors who make it possible to provide this assistance!*

**HOME VISIT TEAMS** – Our helpline received calls for assistance and **\$8,398** was distributed for rent/housing assistance for **18 households (29 individuals)**, while **\$5,232** was allocated for utilities, etc. for **16 households (32 individuals)**.

**ENOUGH STUFF THRIFT SHOP** (Sue Rapp, Coordinator) – **\$933** in supplies donated.

**SOPHIA'S KITCHEN** (Kay Schmitz, Coordinator) – **\$962** was used to purchase products to help stock the shelves for the soup kitchen.





**SATURDAY VOLUNTEERS/COMMUNITY HARVEST** (Chris Becker, Coordinator) – Our SVdP members continue to serve on the 3rd Saturday of every month. There is a great need for food in our area and we are always looking for extra hands! Please email Chris Becker at [christinek.becker.52@gmail.com](mailto:christinek.becker.52@gmail.com) if you are interested in joining this team.

**THANK YOU!** A special thank you to the home visit teams, coordinators of special projects, Third Sunday collection volunteers, Community Harvest Saturday volunteers, and all those involved with SVdP who serve so selflessly to help those in need. Our conference members are dedicated in our mission to assist people in need in our area. We welcome any parishioner to be part of this great ministry team. If you are interested in becoming a member of the SVdP team, please email [svdp.61550@gmail.com](mailto:svdp.61550@gmail.com).

## **TOTUS TUUS**



**SAVE THE DATE FOR THIS AMAZING EXPERIENCE FOR K-12TH GRADE. A TIME OF FUN, COMMUNITY, CATECHESIS AND TRANSFORMATION. WE HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US JUNE 9-14.**

P A R I S H I O N E R S	Cynthia Nash Cindy Cruse Denny Krumholz Lynne Barker Shawn Kirwan Shannon Walls Stephanie Graves Laura Donley Louie Hofer Don Upper Joann Welsh Debbie Oberle Carlos Rivera Carroll Lulay Julia Dennison Sharon Lynch Christine Becker Jerry Oberle Kellyann Anderson Robert Burns Steve Bottorff Helen Moore Dcn Dave Steeples Jamie Reese Terry Metzger	Christina Romero Paul Henderson Frank Welsh Earl Buchanan Denny Cramer Carol Tronick Joan Newkirk Hailey Polk David Detweiler Madeline Lux Mary Schafer Marge Venegoni Greg Eberle Russell Lux Mary Ingolia Dee Berg Northrup Kristin Koch Keith Bohnker Rena Smith Harvey Smith Sheilah Dreyer	<div><div><div>Grief Care at Blessed Sacrament Church</div><div><p>The next GRIEF CARE session will be held on <b>TUESDAY, April 16, at 6:00 PM</b>, in the Fr. Wuellner Room. The sessions are open to anyone (including non-parishioners) who has experienced the loss of a loved one regardless of where they are on their grief journey or whether or not they have attended in the past. Group participants support each other by sharing their unique experiences and by offering wisdom, reassurance, and consolation. The environment creates a warm and hospitable space where the opportunity for healing is cultivated. If you have any questions, please contact Mickey King at 309-266-9721, ext. 4, or email <a href="mailto:mking@bscmorton.org">mking@bscmorton.org</a>.</p></div></div></div> <div><div><div><p><b>PLEASE REVIEW THE PRAYER LISTS</b> on this page and contact Judith in the parish office at 309-266-9721 or via email - <a href="mailto:Judith@bscmorton.org">Judith@bscmorton.org</a> to update this list as needed.</p></div><div><p><b>PRAYER REQUESTS</b></p></div></div></div>
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St. Thomas the Apostle Parish is looking for a full or part time bookkeeper with accounting

experience. This position will be responsible for managing receivables and payables, tuition, tracking donations, preparation of monthly financial statements and preparing the annual budget. If interested, please send a resume to [parishoffice@stthomas-church.net](mailto:parishoffice@stthomas-church.net) or call Terri at the parish office at 309-688-3446.

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**SCAN TO REGISTER:**



## Current Mass Schedule

**Weekend:** Saturday—4:30 PM  
Sunday—8:00 AM, 9:30 AM,\* 11:30 AM  
**Weekdays:** Tuesday - Thursday - 8:00 AM\*  
Friday - 9:00 AM\* (when school is in session)  
Friday - 8:00 AM\* (when school is NOT in session)  
Monday - Communion Service - 8:00 AM



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

## Staff Directory

Website : [www.bscmorton.org](http://www.bscmorton.org)

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Deacon Rick Miller 309-925-3806

Deacon Dave Steeples 309-335-6730

Deacon Kevin Zeeb 309-657-6320

**Pastoral Associate**—Mickey King  
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**Accountant**—Kim Gryl  
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**Administrative Assistant**—Judith Huser  
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**Building Supervisor**—John Huser  
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**Liturgy Coordinator**—BethAnn Wirth  
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**Faith Community Nursing**—Chris Teuerle  
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**Religious Education Office** **309-266-9721**

1020 S. First Ave., Morton, IL 61550

Hours: (T-F) 8:30 AM—12:00 PM & 1:00 PM—3:30 PM

**Family Faith Formation**—MaryBeth Steinkoenig  
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**Administrative Assistant**—Connie Zuercher  
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**Administrative Assistant**—Melissa Brummel (Ext. #210)  
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**Parish Trustees:** Julie Blair, Andy Honegger

**St. Vincent de Paul Helpline**—309-264-5815  
(M - Th 9:30AM - 1:00PM; do not leave a message.)

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