DECEMBER 26TH, THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday - 4:30 pm Sunday - 8:00 am and 10:30 am Weekday Mass Schedule Mon - Weds and Fri 8:30 am

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Every Wednesday from 9:00 - 12:00 pm SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Please contact the Parish Administration for more information. SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION) 3:45 - 4:15 pm on Saturday or by appointment SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION As scheduled SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE Arrangements to be made with the Pastor. SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS As scheduled by the Bishop. **ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

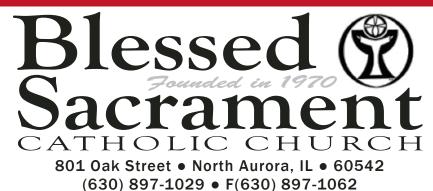
Upon request and as scheduled. If you or your family member is sick or will be hospitalized and wants to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, please call Parish Office.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We, the People of Blessed Sacrament, see ourselves as a community of faith, united by Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Through our celebration of the Sacraments, we proclaim His Presence and offer our service to all.

BULLETIN DEADLINES

Items must be submitted in writing to the office or emailed to bulletin@blsacr-na.org by Monday, noon to be published in the next weekend's bulletin.



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CHOIDAN OFFICE HOURS

The office will be closed Dec. 27th, Dec. 31st and Jan. 3rd

Office Hours Mon - Thurs: 9:00 am - Noon & 1:00 - 4:00 pm Friday: 9 am - Noon

A Reflection on the Gospel

Families can be very difficult things to negotiate. This is true not only of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our Church, our society, and our global family as well. Everything human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of wonderful life-giving successes as well as painful spirit-robbing abuses. Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with the experience of family. Our needs, experiences, and unresolved baggage often color what we bring to our familiar relationships. They contribute to our level of defensiveness, how guarded and protected we become, and what prejudices we believe.

In order to break the cycle of dysfunction we have to remember that it is not only by human effort that we negotiate the difficult and challenging events of our lives. There is a Divine Effort at work as well. For sure, the human effort can create quite a mess and easily destroy lives. This is true of any family with which we are associated. Today's Feast of the Holy Family serves to help us understand that there is a Divine Story being told as well. It is a story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds, and light where there is darkness.



Do we believe that God is always working, guiding, restoring, and leading? Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able to understand what it really means to forgive. Pope Francis tells us that the "light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other families." While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past, and still a leading star in God's continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth because they knew they were not alone. We can too.



A special THANK YOU from Father Max!

Thank you to all our dedicated volunteers who have helped make our journey from Advent into Christmas prayerful and meaningful. Please know that we appreciate your commitment to the Blessed Sacrament parish community and all who come to pray and worship with us. May God Bless you and your families.

Prayer Requests

Our parishioners, relatives and friends who suffer from illness, are homebound, confined to a care facility or hospitalized and the unemployed. May the healing hand of God rest on these people and guide them in their time of need.

The deceased priests of the Rockford Diocese who celebrate their anniversary of death this week: Rev Manuel G Gomez, Deacon William Rees, Rev Lloyd McDonald SS, Rev John McGowan, Rev W Michael McKinstra, Rev Henry Hagen, Rev Thomas P Dolan, Rev Williams P Collins and Rev Bernard A Ratazak.

Our service men and women. Look upon our men and women in uniform and protect them in their time of need: CS3(SS) Kevin Bohler, PVT Dominic Bourge, CWO3 Nicholas Brandenburg, SGT Jacob Deegan, SGT Jovany Espinoza, SGT Zachary Gardner, Capt. Ryan C Lutz, SPC Andrew McMullen, Med Spec4 Cheston Shacklett, PVT Maggie Witt ANG, Lance Corporal Jackson Woodward USMC.

For those who are sick. Ann Aister, Louis Amesquita, Happye Baessler, Jody Behringer, Mildred Blazer, Pastor Bongcac, Bill Bower, John Bukovits, Aubrey Brandt, Ann Ciaccio, Anna Giovanna Contaldo, Coring Coronado, Thess David, Linda Dokman, Grace Dungan, Edward Feltes, Edsel Fernando, Mary Grommes, Joan Hallstein, Ronald Hammer, Debbie Harvat, Mike Height, John Heinen, Allen Hobbs, Mikaela Hogue, Daniel Johanson, Sharon Konen, Rosalva Lacke, Joan Leifheit, Chris Lewis, Michele Lewis, Randy Likavec, Larry and Linda McNamara, Mito Melo, Josh Miksanek, David Murdock, Chuck Noyes, Ann Pacatte, Chris Patrick, Vi Plante, Bruce Renz, Liz Rihia, Tim Roberts, Nancy Schiffer, Joanne Schneider, Kathy Score, Erin Sickinger, Mark Sickinger, Brian Simmons, Nancy Simmons, John Sloan, Paula Sloan, Charles Stangel, John & Shirley Theis, Mike Theisen, Viera Tulgren, George Vander Linde, Delores Voss, Gary Wallace, Wiesbrock Family, Victoria Williams, Mary Ann Wolf and Jeff Wunderl.

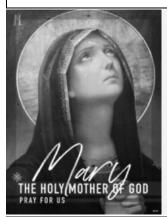
Mass Intentions

Mon	Dec 27		No Mass		
Tue	Dec 28	8:30 am	† Frank Kingsley / Ted Hoss		
Wed	Dec 29	8:30 am	† Pedro & Pilar Gambalan / Andrew & Maribel Balamino		
Thur	Dec 30	8:30 am	Liturgy of the Word Communion Service		
Fri	Dec 31	4:00 pm	† Fr. George Glover / Linda & Dave Michels		
Sat	Jan 1	9:00 am	Community of Blessed Sacrament / Father Max		
Sun	Jan 2	8:00 am	† Richard & Virginia Koehler / Ken & Nancy Koehler		
		10:30 am	† Shirley Weber / Don & JoAnn McCluckie		

Mass at Asbury Gardens on Wednesdays at 10am

Readings for the week of December 26, 2021

Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8 Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18 Wednesday:1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35 Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40 Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18 Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21 Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12



Holy Days

This year the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God falls on a Saturday. It is therefore not a holy day of obligation.

The Mass for the Epiphany of the Lord will be celebrated on Saturday, January 1st at 4:30 and Sunday, January 2nd at 8 and 10:30.

Knights of Columbus



HOCKEYMANIA charity fundraiser is back!



This fundraiser offers guaranteed weekly winners with cash prizes for 15 weeks of the NHL hockey season. Tickets are \$20 each. In order to get your chance to win, please ask any of the Knights of Columbus members for a ticket!!! Thank you for supporting our Knights of Columbus Council!



Vocation Support Raffle

The Knights of Columbus wish to acknowledge, with heartfelt thanks, the Blessed Sacrament Parishioners, who purchased raffle tickets for the Vocations Support Program. Thank you! Congratulations to JAN ENGLUM of Sycamore who won first place \$10,000.



Adoration

Every Wednesday from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

If a weekend Mass is being offered for your intention, please introduce yourself to an usher so we know your family will bring up the gifts during the offertory. Thank you.

Flocknews Update

To ensure that you are receiving communications from Father Max and the parish office please add mail@flocknote.com to your address book/safe senders list.



Stay in touch with news and updates from Father Max and Blessed Sacrament. We are using a new tool to communicate via email or text called Flocknote.

Here are the instructions to sign up for Flocknote...

Text message the letters BLSACR to the 5-digit phone number 84576.

BLSACR is all one word, no spaces, not case sensitive (and make sure your auto-spelling-

corrector on your phone doesn't mistakenly

change the text.)

Click on the link that is then sent to you and complete your profile by entering your first and

last name.

If you can't complete this on your mobile phone,

please go online to:

blessedsacrament33.flocknote.com.

As a reminder you don't have to download anything or create a password in order to participate and you can unsubscribe at any time.

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If you would like envelopes or haven't received the upcoming quarter's envelopes, please call the office at 630-897-1029. Thank you!

e-Giving

Important benefits of Online Giving...

- The satisfaction of giving to God first.
- Easier to fulfill stewardship commitments.
- Strengthens participation and support in the Church.
- Allows you to contribute even when you are away.
- Easier personal budgeting
- Using your favorite credit cards and collecting your points, miles and reward benefits.

How do I sign up? It's EASY!

- Go to GiveCentral.org and search for our parish.
- Click on the Start Giving icon.
- Follow the prompts.

Tentral



Classes will resume Sunday, January 9th.

Wishing all our families a Joyous New Year!

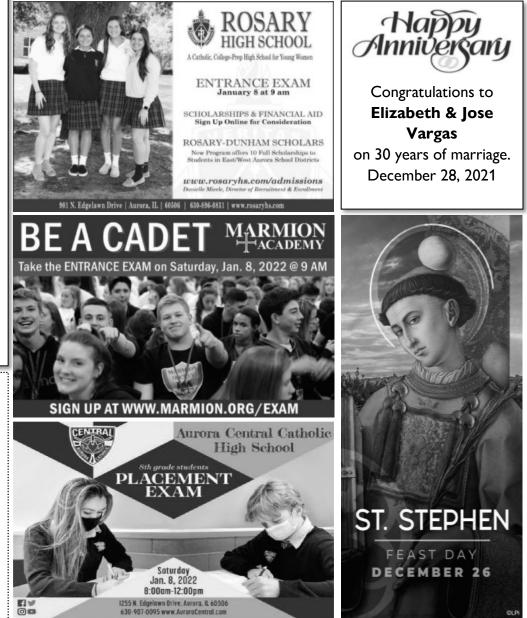
Stewardship/		Regular (102)	E-giving (63)	Total
Contribution	Envelopes	\$5,639.00	\$2,243.00	\$7,882.00
Report	Loose Offering	\$558.55	\$0.00	\$558.55
D Mil. Holl.	Children	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Dec 11th/12th	Fuel	\$160.00	\$60.00	\$220.00
	Building Main.	\$1,453.00	\$298.00	\$1,751.00
521 Registered Families	Totals	\$7,810.55	\$2,601.00	\$10,411.55

This week we are tithing \$100 to Boys Town.

Last week we tithed \$100 to Mutual Ground.

2021 Contribution

The IRS requires a receipt to prove a charitable contribution of \$250.00 each or more. For contributions less then \$250, the IRS will accept your canceled check as proof. This rule applies to one time gifts of \$250 or more, not the cumulative total for the year. Also, our books have to be turned over to 2022 on January 1st. We must receive your last contribution for 2021 by December 31, 2021. Any checks received after December 31st, but dated before, will not be recorded for 2021.

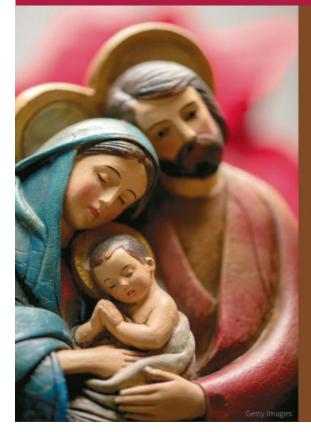


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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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"Holy Family of Nazareth, make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family and its beauty in God's plan."

—Amoris Laetitia, 325

Reverse Collection Today

Please return your food/ donations next weekend so that it can be taken to the Food Pantry on Monday, January 3rd.



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