JANUARY 2ND, THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



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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The office will be closed on Monday, Jan. 3rd

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

Friday: 9 am - Noon

A Reflection on the Gospel

In his Apostolic Exhortation, The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see

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in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.



A Stroke Scan representative will be attending all Masses on January 8 & 9 to announce an Ultrasound Screening event. Preregistration will be held after each Mass for the ultrasound screening event that is scheduled for January 19, 2022.



Our condolences to parishioner Christine (Dave) Huberty whose mom, Mary Jane Cairns, died on December 19, 2021. May her soul rest in peace.

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: Deacon William Miller, Rev Frederick H O'Rourke, Deacon Frank Zammuto, Rev Anthony B Buetter, Rev Thomas Smith, Msgr Louis J Franey, Msgr Michael A Kurz, Deacon Fred Skrade.

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, Ginny Geinosky, 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.

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Mass Intentions

Mon Jan 3

Tue Jan 4 8:30 am † Margaret & Ray Feltes / Bernice Paar

Wed Jan 5 † Brett Deiter / Linda Deiter 8:30 am

Thur Jan 6 Liturgy of the Word Communion Service 8:30 am

8:30 am † William Wulff / Mary Weirich Fri Jan 7 Sat Jan 8 4:30 pm † Nancy Gladis / Dee Volkman

8:00 am Community of Blessed Sacrament / Father Max Sun Jan 9

10:30 am † Juanita Amesquita / Banks Family

Mass at Asbury Gardens on Wednesdays at 10am

Readings for the week of January 02, 2022

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44 Wednesday:1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

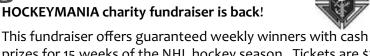
Women's Bible Study

Sign-up for the next Women's Bible Study begins January 1-January 9th in the Narthex. The six week session on "Philippians" begins January 19 and runs through February 23. Study guides are \$9. The study is held on Wednesdays from 1-3 PM.

For more info, call Pat at 630-346-0289

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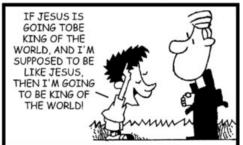


prizes for 15 weeks of the NHL hockey season. Tickets are \$20 each. In order to get your chance to win, please ask any of the Knights of Columbus members for a ticket!!!

Thank you for supporting our Knights of Columbus Council!

Youth Collection Envelopes are available in the Narthex. Help teach your child the rewards of giving to the church. Please make sure to write down your child's name, grade, and the box # you took on the sign-up sheet so we can account for what is given.

EPIPHANY







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-spellingcorrector 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.



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

Stewardship/ Contribution
Report
Dec 18th/19th

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	Regular (86)	E-giving (66)	Total
Envelopes	\$5,451.00	\$3,408.00	\$8,859.00
Loose Offering	\$985.00	\$0.00	\$985.00
Children	\$3.00	\$0.00	\$3.00
Fuel	\$105.00	\$640.00	\$745.00
Building Main.	\$333.00	\$460.00	\$793.00
Totals	6,877.00	\$4,508.00	\$11,385.00

This week we are tithing \$100 to the Poor Clares.

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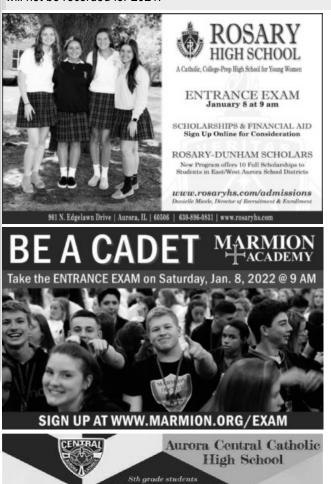
No Religious Education this week.

Classes will resume Sunday, January 9th.

Wishing all our families a **Joyous New Year!**

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.



National Migration Week

Loving Father, Protect, we pray, all those forced from their homes by violence and persecution, guide them to places of shelter and safety, and grant that people migrate always by choice and not necessity. Watch over children who migrate alone, protect them from the risks they face all by themselves, help them reach their destination safely, and reunite them with those from whom they have been separated. Guide all migrants who seek a better life, to new opportunities, and grant them a new beginning. We beseech you to give each of us the strength and generosity to welcome the stranger and to open our homes to the newcomer, and in doing so to comfort those who are suffering. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

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Father Max and the Parish
Staff wish you a safe and
Happy New Year!



They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrth.

Coffee & Donut Sunday



The Christmas
Season lasts
through the
Baptism of the
Lord on
January 9th.



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