January 9th, The Baptism 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

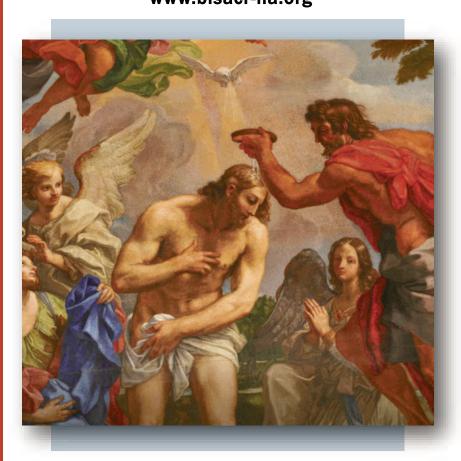
We, the People of Blessed Sacrament, see ourselves as a community of faith, united by Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Through our celebration of the Sacraments, we proclaim His Presence and offer our service to all.

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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A Reflection on the Gospel

"We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ."
— Pope Francis

What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life.

It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order,

caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism.

It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear.



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.



Memorial Mass for Kim McLevain January 15, 2022 11:00 am

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 Casper J Huth, Very Rev Henry L Weckerle, Deacon Robert Dolan, Rev Charles K McCarren, Msgr James J Bennett, Rev Thomas M Moore, Deacon Richard Groom, Rev Edward J Lehman, Msgr John L Laffey and Rev Anthony J Becker.

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, AnnaPaula Battersby, Jody Behringer, Mildred Blazer, Pastor Bongcac, Bill Bower, John Bukovits, Aubrey Brandt, Ann Ciaccio, Anna Giovanna Contaldo, Coring Coronado, Samantha Dauer, 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, 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 10 8:30 am † Bernice Sickinger / Kate & Brian Pientak
Tue Jan 11 8:30 am † Norm Williams / Mike & Jane Auter
Wed Jan 12 8:30 am † Herve & Linda Lagueux / Flore Lagueux
Thur Jan 13 8:30 am Liturgy of the Word Communion Service
Fri Jan 14 8:30 am † Bertha Due / Barb Sorg & Shirley Due
Sat Jan 15 4:30 pm † Clarence Mathey / Eileen Mathey

Sun Jan 16 8:00 am † Living & Deceased Anton Racs Family / Mary Racs

10:30 am Community of Blessed Sacrament / Father Max



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.

Readings for the week of January 09, 2022

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20 Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45 Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

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.

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

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!



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.

Our condolences to parishioner Sherry (Bill) Dahl whose mother, Shirlie Hankes, died on January 3, 2022. May her soul rest in peace.



Our condolences to parishioner Al (Mary) Olah whose brother, Ed Olah, died on December 22, 2021.

May his soul rest in peace.



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				
Jan 1st/2nd				

521 Registered Families

	Regular (84)	E-giving (70)	Total
Envelopes	\$2,698.00	\$3,493.00	\$6,191.00
Loose Offering	\$217.00	\$0.00	\$217.00
Children	\$2.00	\$0.00	\$2.00
Fuel	\$5.00	\$575.00	\$580.00
Building Main.	\$518.00	\$805.00	\$1,323.00
Totals	\$3,440.00	\$4,873.00	\$8,313.00

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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.



Intercessions For Life

January 9th The Baptism of the Lord

For all Christians: may we live out our baptismal call to proclaim the Gospel of God's love and the dignity of every human life;

We pray to the Lord:

This week we are tithing \$100 to RITAS Ministry.

2021 Contribution

In order to streamline donation reporting, Blessed Sacrament will only be printing out tax letters when asked to do so. Please call the office if you would like to receive a tax letter. As always, Give Central users are able to print their total deductions from the GC website. Please note records for all Diocesan Appeals will be sent directly to you from the Diocese.

Day of Prayer for the Unborn

"We must never think any one of us is indispensable" —Saint Mother Teresa January 22 is the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. This day is of particular importance because in 1973 on this day abortion was legalized in Roe vs Wade. We are called to observe this day through prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Join us for an hour of prayer in Church from 7 to 8 pm at Blessed Sacrament on Friday, January 21, 2022.



At Blessed Sacrament there will be an hour of prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. This is an hour of adoration, scripture and silent reflection. We will also pray a Pro-Life Rosary together. Consider coming as a family and praying together.

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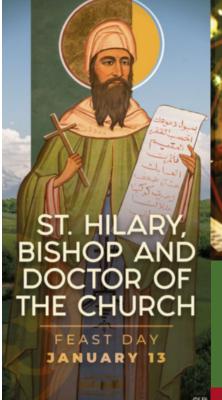
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