January 16th, Second Sunday In Ordinary Time



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

God delights in you. How do you feel when you hear that? Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly arises from one's toes with the expression of great glee. Reflecting upon the deep measure of joy God has in us can be a source of joy for ourselves. Delight is infectious. A very young brother and sister were playing on the beach when the all too familiar ice cream truck made its daily rounds. The boy shook with excitement and delight as he took his sister's hand and exclaimed, "The ice cream man is here, isn't it great!" As they ran off toward the truck, one could hear the girl reply, "Yeah, I can't wait!" The experience of a child's delight in something so simple as ice cream, lifts our spirits from our burdens and transports us to the lighter, more innocent side of life.

Life is not meant to be a burden. Believe it or not, God actually wants us to be happy! In fact, the wedding feast at Cana shows us that God even puts His blessing on our happiness. It is okay to celebrate the wonder of ourselves and others. Life is good. It is always interesting to note that Jesus saves the good wine until last. You would think it would be the other way around. The superb quality of Jesus' wine points to the superior quality of life we find in Christ. It is not a life of burdens but a life of wonder and delight! In Christ, we are lifted from the superficial and mundane to a life of purpose, hope, and love.

God is with us through the long haul, through the challenges and sorrows as well as the successes and accomplishments. In spite



of the fact that we often wander from the path, God's celebratory delight in us remains. As spouses are asked to remain faithful to each other through whatever life brings, God remains faithful too. This promise remains through this life and into the next. All we have to do is take the advice of Jesus' mother to heart when she says, "Listen to him." This wisdom saves us from foolishly giving in to the illusion that we can make better wine than Jesus.

No RE on Sunday due to the holiday weekend.

The parish offices will be open on Monday.



Our condolences to parishioner Kevin (Mart) O'Connor whose sister-in-law, Adeline Harriman, died on December 30, 2021.

May her soul rest in peace.

Adult Faith Formation meeting in HFH on Jan 17th at 6:00 pm

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 William P Staff, Rev Brian Olsen, Msgr Philip E O'Neil, Rev L Dudley Day, Rev Thomas J Kearney, Rev Raymond M Hettermann, Rev Leo J Bartel, Rev L Thomas Risley.

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, Bernadine Karafiat, 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, Joan Skapy, 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.

To add to our prayer list, please email Jenny at Psecretary@blsacr-na.org.

Names on our prayer list will be kept on for two months at a time unless the office is notified otherwise.

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Mass Intentions

Mon Jan 17 8:30 am † Peter L. Kashuba / Ressler Family

Tue Jan 18 8:30 am † All Souls

Wed Jan 19 8:30 am All on Prayer List / St. Mother Teresa Prayer Group

Thur Jan 20 8:30 am Liturgy of the Word Communion Service
Fri Jan 21 8:30 am † Mark Boecker / Tony & Helen Boecker
Sat Jan 22 4:30 pm † Frank Kingsley / Dick & Janice Buss
Sun Jan 23 8:00 am † Bette Keyser / Bonnie & Ray Beach

10:30 am Community of Blessed Sacrament / Father Max

Readings for the week of January 16, 2022

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12 Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21 Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30

Spiritual Ministry Programming of the Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary

ONLINE ZOOM PRESENTATION

Winter Day of Recollection lead by Sister Linda Hatton, sscm Thursday, January 13th (9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.)

ONLINE ZOOM PRESENTATION

Scams, Schemes, & Swindles: How to Avoid Becoming a Victim lead by Detective Richard Hall, City of Batavia: Thursday, January 20th (9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.)

ONLINE ZOOM SERIES

THE CREED Video Series: lead by Sr. Myra Lambert, sscm

Wednesday, Jan. 26th, Feb. 23, March 23, April 27th May 25th and June 22nd (6:30 pm to 8:00 pm)

Additional information can be found at: https://www.sscm-usa.org/Workshops-Retreats.html

HOCKEYMANIA Update!

This year the Hockeymania fundraiser is participating in the guaranteed winners program, which assures one of our tickets to win each week of the fundraiser. We would like to recognize the following WINNERS from this year's fundraiser:

Week# 1 - ticket # 856 ~ Jerry Zbylut (\$75 - third place)

Week# 1 - ticket # 882 ~ Mary Ann Leo (\$25 - third lowest) sold by Dominick Leo



Please continue checking future bulletins, we have at least one NEW winner to announce each week. Also, a big **THANK YOU** to all those that supported this year's fundraiser.

26 SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME







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.

Acolyte Installation for parishioner Ken McLaughlin

Ken McLaughlin will be installed as an Acolyte on January 22, 2022 at the Cathedral of St. Peter's in Rockford. This is the final step before Diaconate Ordination in September 2022. Please keep him in your prayers!

Did you Know????

An acolyte is a cleric promoted to the fourth and highest minor order in the Latin Church, ranking next to a subdeacon. The chief offices of an acolyte are to light the candles on the altar, to carry them in procession, and during the solemn singing of the Gospel; to prepare wine and water for the sacrifice of the Mass; and to assist the sacred ministers at the Mass, and other public services of the Church. In the ordination of an acolyte the bishop presents him with a candle, extinguished, and an empty cruet, using appropriate words expressive of these duties. The duties of the acolyte in Catholic liturgical services are fully described in the manuals of liturgy, e.g. Pio Matinucci, "Manuale Sacrarum Caeremoniarum" (Rome, 1880), VI,

625; and De Herdt, "Sacrae Liturgiae

Praxis" (Louvain, 1889), II, 28-39.

Stewardship/ Contribution Report

Jan 15/16th

521 Registered Families

	Regular (55)	E-giving (70)	Total
Envelopes	\$3,310.00	\$3,393.00	\$6,703.00
Loose Offering	\$353.72	\$0.00	\$353.72
Children	\$1.00	\$0.00	\$1.00
Fuel	\$5.00	\$60.00	\$65.00
Building Main.	\$225.00	\$885.00	\$1,110.00
Totals	\$3,894.72	\$4,338.00	\$8,232.72

This week we are tithing \$100 to the Mamre Spred program.

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.



We received \$2,268.01 in monetary donations and bags of groceries for the Aurora Food Pantry and Hesed House.

In the past month, we received \$1,070.00 in grocery gift cards and cash donations for the needy in our parish.

May God bless all of you!

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.

January 15-16, 2022

The National Appeal reflects the varied ways we seek to communicate Christ's message. Pope Francis has called upon us to dedicate ourselves to spreading the Gospel Message to everyone we meet.

One of the ways we could do this is by participating on the weekend of January 15 and 16 in our annual collection for the National Appeal.

Simply offer what you can to help promote the Gospel through these worthy causes:

- · Retirement Fund for Religious
- Catholic Campaign for Human Development
- **Catholic Communication Campaign**
- Catholic University of America Rockford Diocesan Priests' Pension
- Catholic Elementary School Financial
- Support for the Diocese of Rockford

Please bring the National Appeal envelope to Mass, or donate online at www.rockforddiocese.org/donate

Thank you for your generous gift.

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.



Prayer for Christian Unity

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity has a history of over 100 years, in which Christians around the world have taken part in an octave of prayer for visible Christian unity. By annually observing the WPCU, Christians move toward the fulfillment of Jesus' prayer at the Last Supper "that they all may be one." (cf. John 17:21)

Excerpt from Pope Francis' prayer for peace:

"Lord, God of Abraham, God of the Prophets, God of Love, you created us and you call us to live as brothers and sisters. Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our brother or sister. Make us sensitive to the plea of [those] who entreat us to turn our weapons of war into implements of peace, our trepidation into confident trust, and our quarreling into forgiveness. "Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last, and may the words 'division,' 'hatred' and 'war' be banished from the heart of every man and woman. Lord, defuse the violence of our tongues and our hands. Renew our hearts and minds, so that the word which always brings us together will be 'brother,' and our way of life will always be that of . . . Peace . . . ! Amen." (Invocation for Peace, June 8, 2014) Copyright © 2015, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington DC. All rights reserved.

STROKE SCAN PLUS

Stroke Scan Reminder

Screening appointments take place Jan 19th. Come prepared by wearing a two piece comfortable outfit, no big meals or caffeine 2 hours prior to screening, if diabetic, make sure to eat a light meal and you may continue taking medication, if needed. If interested, call to see if there are any available appointments at 832.437.7355.

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