JANUARY 23RD, THIRD 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

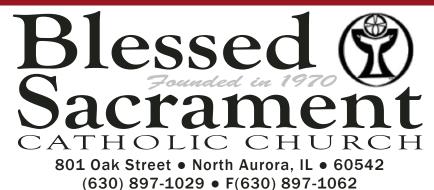
Upon request and as scheduled. If you or your family member is sick or will be hospitalized and wants to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, please call Parish Office.

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

A Reflection on the Gospel

Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God's transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is — the God of our salvation history or the "gods" of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God's constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God's Word, God's life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one's soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn't forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God's Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainly of God's fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away.



Please pray for our Confirmands as they go on their retreat to LaSalle Manor Sunday, January 30th. May the Holy Spirit enlighten, guide, strengthen, console and open their hearts as they embark on this journey.



Our condolences to parishioner Marcia Duvick whose granddaughter, Hannah Nash, died in Colorado on January 8, 2022. 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: Rev Anthony Renne, Msgr Thomas P Bermingham, Deacon Lloyd J Kipping, Deacon Ralph Statter, Rev John L Daleiden, Rev Bernard L Heffernan, Rev Patrick J Quinn, Rev Theodore B McCormick and Rev Daniel J Considine.

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, Dianne Gatz, Fred Garcia, 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 24	8:30 am	† Charmaine Volatile / Bereavement Group
Tue	Jan 25	8:30 am	† Halina Zarniewska / Agnes & Ken Fron
Wed	Jan 26	8:30 am	† Deceased Members, Relatives & Friends of Bl. Sacrament
Thur	Jan 27	8:30 am	Liturgy of the Word Communion Service
Fri	Jan 28	8:30 am	† Sue & Gerry Theisen / Family & Friends
Sat	Jan 29	4:30 pm	† Kim McLevain / Rosalva Lacke
Sun	Jan 30	8:00 am	Community of Blessed Sacrament / Father Max
		10:30 am	† Joanne Piotrowski / Mike Piotrowski

Readings for the week of January 23, 2022

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30 Tuesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18 Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20 Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25 Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34 Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41 Next Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/1 Cor 12:31—13:13

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

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 Week# 2 - ticket # 865 ~ Candace Amesquita (\$25 - Bonus) sold by Todd Banks



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.

Are your old newspapers collecting dust? A fellow parishioner is collecting newspapers for the Anderson Animal Shelter in North Aurora. Please drop off any old newspapers in the white basket near the bulletin board in the narthex. Thank you!





As we begin preparing for Lent, we are asking that if you took home a Stations of the Cross booklet last year please return it to the server room as soon as possible so that we may plan accordingly.

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.



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.



Blessed Sacrament Church North Aurora, IL

Upcoming Happenings...

Jan 24	6:30 pm	Finance Council	
Jan 25	6:00 pm	K of C / TMIY	
Jan 30	9:00 am	Religious Ed	
	1:00 pm	Confirmation retreat	
Jan 31 6:30 pm		Parish Council	



Envelopes are available on the tables in the back of church.

Sunday of the Word of God

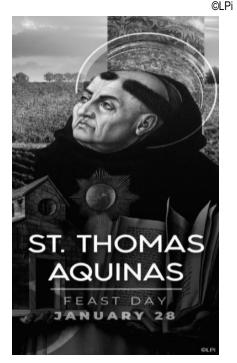
(Observed on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time)

"He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures" -Lk 24:45

We can never forget that the words of the Lord are spirit and life. They are the soil that quickens the seed of all stewardship. There is no mindfulness, no prayer, no graciousness, no gratitude or accountability or sense of commitment unless there is the Word.

So let us pray today for mindfulness, that our every action will be grounded in the law of God — giving it true spirit and life.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



		Regular (74)	E-giving (62)	Total
Stewardship/	Envelopes	\$6,904.00	\$3,043.00	\$9,947.00
•	Loose Offering	\$345.00	\$0.00	\$345.00
Contribution	Children	\$1.00	\$0.00	\$1.00
Report	Fuel	\$130.00	\$125.00	\$255.00
	Building Main.	\$815.00	\$923.00	\$1,738.00
Jan 15/16th	Totals	\$8,195.00	\$4,091.00	\$12,286.00
	Christmas	Regular	E-giving	Total
526 Registered Families	Envelopes	\$13,244.00	\$2,695.00	\$15,939.00
	Loose Offering	\$2,322.28	\$0.00	\$2,322.28
	Totals	\$15,566.28	\$2,695.00	\$18,261.28

This week we are tithing \$100 to the Dominican Literacy Center.

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.



Catholics nationwide are preparing to pray 9 Days for Life, the annual pro-life novena beginning this year on January 19.

In the Catholic Church, a 'novena' consists of prayers or actions over nine successive days. This pro-life novena is an opportunity for recollection and reparation in observation of the anniversary of Roe v. Wade-the Supreme Court decision that made abortion legal throughout the United States.

Sponsored by the Committee on Pro-Life Activities of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, 9 Days for Life began in 2013 in commemoration of the 40th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision. This is the tenth year the novena is taking place.

The overarching intention of the novena is the end to abortion. Each daily intention highlights a related topic and is accompanied by a reflection, educational information, and suggested daily actions. The novena encompasses the annual Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children on January 22. All are invited to sign up at <u>9daysforlife.com</u>.

ABORTION IS NOT HEALTH CARE

In recent years pro-abortion groups have radically altered their messaging strategy, abandoning the slogan of "choice" to claim instead that abortion is simply essential health care for women. References to abortion or abortion "services" have been replaced in pro-abortion literature by the euphemism "abortion care." By claiming an objective basis in medicine, abortion supporters seek to marginalize health care providers and others who disagree with them, dismissing these Americans as not living up to "the standard of care." But this claim is contrary to the facts. Abortion is a marginal practice, neither performed nor accepted by most health care providers; it does not improve (and can even jeopardize) women's life and health; and American law has recognized for decades that it is not "just another medical procedure." Far from being integral to our health care system, abortion is something that supporters seek to impose on that system by force of law.

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Dearest St. Joseph, at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home. As God's humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child.

We praise God that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you. May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish, and safeguard God's most precious gift of life.

Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life —especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen.

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During the month of February, we celebrate the Feast of the Chair of St Peter on 2/22/22.

Come learn and pray the Chaplet of St Peter with us at the Catholic Corner in Geneva. We will gather to pray throughout the month of February at noon Monday-Saturday.

Call Judy or Kim if you have any questions (630)457-5466.



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