

MAY 1ST, THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



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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.

Congratulations on your first Holy Communion!



Anton Arellano
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Rachel Caramay
Tessa Foster
Charlotte Goettsch
Eleanor Jezioro
Meredith Katich
Liam LaFreniere
Charlotte McCoy
Harrison Renz
Madelyn Severson
Martin Thweatt

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

A Reflection on the Gospel

Could it be that God's image has become so soiled and distorted that it is hard for us to see it? Our self-serving agendas have done a great job twisting God's image into what profits us. We want our agenda to be God's agenda and use prayer as the convincing leverage we need. Worse still, our success and egocentric agenda often erases God's image completely, replacing it with our own. St. Oscar Romero instructs us that the Son of Man "dies on the cross to cleanse God's image, which is soiled in today's humanity, a humanity so enslaved, so selfish, so sinful." Striving to preserve control of our destinies at all costs, we fail to see the risen suffering servant, the Christ, standing right beside us.

Jesus, who suffered and died on a cross and was raised from the dead, corrects our soiled image of God. He shows us God as God is, not who we want to make God to be. God is the God of the poor, the weak, and the marginalized. He is the God who tenderly caresses us when we are suffering and hurting, assuring us that all will be safe and well. He is the God of equity, peace, justice, and compassion who wants happiness for each of His children, desiring their wellbeing and success. God goes where men and women are afraid to go, sitting with the lost, the broken, and the sorrowing. St. Oscar Romero challenges us to illuminate with "Christ's light ... even the most hideous caverns of the human person: torture, jail, plunder, want, chronic illness. The oppressed must be saved." The resurrection calls us to be God's microphone, a messenger, and a prophet (St. Oscar Romero).

Using eyes that see beyond the limited constructs and desires of our world, we can see the true and real Jesus standing before us, calling us to transformation and change. Asking us more than once, "do you love me?" We are beckoned to give an answer. Answering in the affirmative, it is now our task to feed the sheep and the lambs who belong to God. In short, equipped with the power of the resurrection and a corrected image of God our task is to make things better, brighter, holier, more life-giving, and just for all of God's children. Considering our choices, our interactions, our philosophies, and aspirations, how can we do this?



Our condolences to Chris Vonhoff whose father, John Sloan, died on April 25, 2022.
May his soul rest in peace.



Through the waters of Baptism,
we welcome to the Body of Christ...
Andrew David Stallings
son of Alissa Stallings
May 1, 2022



Through the waters of Baptism,
we welcome to the Body of Christ...
Nora Joyce Klemencic
daughter of Christina &
David Klemencic
May 1, 2022

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 Sylvester J O'Hara, Deacon Ardee Lanphier, Rev Albert J Neidert, Rev James F McGuire, Rev Dorrance E Tranel and Deacon Don Callahan.

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, Major Ryan C Lutz, SPC Andrew McMullen, Med Spec4 Cheston Shacklett, PVT Maggie Witt ANG, Lance Corporal Jackson Woodward USMC.

For those who are sick. Anne Aister, Sandra Anderson, Happye Baessler, 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, Maria Frank, Ginny Geinosky, Kerry Goettsch, Mary Grommes, Joan Hallstein, Debbie Harvat, Marlene 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, Chuck Noyes, Chris Patrick, Vi Plante, Bruce Renz, Liz Rihia, Tim Roberts, Nancy Schiffer, Joanne Schneider, Kathy Score, Beth Shannon, Erin Sickinger, Mark Sickinger, Brian Simmons, Nancy Simmons, Joan Skapy, Paula Sloan, Charles Stangel, John & Shirley Theis, George Vander Linde, Delores Voss, Gary Wallace, Mary Weirich, Wiesbrock Family, Victoria Williams, Mary Ann Wolf and Jeff Wunderl.

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

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

Mass Intentions

Mon	May 2	8:30 am	† James Miksanek / Rosemary Miksanek
Tue	May 3	8:30 am	† Rosemary Diederick / Lee & Gert Saras
Wed	May 4	8:30 am	† John Heinen / Jan Orland
Thur	May 5	8:30 am	Liturgy of the Word Communion Service
Fri	May 6	8:30 am	† Randy Barkei / Rod & Pat Barkei
Sat	May 7	4:30 pm	† Bruce De King / Ross & Grace Fisher
Sun	May 8	8:00 am	† Living & Deceased Families of Mary Racs & Edith Nickels / Mary Racs
		10:30 am	Community of Blessed Sacrament / Father Max

Readings for the week of May 01, 2022

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29
 Tuesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14
 Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40
 Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51
 Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59
 Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69
 Next Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 [3c]/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

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The Blessed Sacrament Knights of Columbus
Pancake Breakfast
 Sunday, May 1st

Our menu includes...pancakes, bacon, sausage and beverages at the same 2019 price of \$7.00 /person. Children 6 and under are free.



Baby Bottle Drive

The baby bottle drive is back!

The Respect Life Committee is uniting with the Knights of Columbus and the Altar and Rosary Society to have a Baby Bottle drive the month of May.

The donations will go to the Fr McGivney Center, which assists prolife pregnancy centers throughout various dioceses in Illinois. These centers support mothers and their babies who have chosen life for their children. These mothers are provided with housing and counseling to begin a new life with their children.

Volunteers will be in the Narthex beginning May 7/8th distributing the baby bottles. Bottles with donations should be returned by May 28/29th.

Please prayerfully consider donating and saving your change for this cause.



Grieving With Great Hope Prayerful, Practical and Personal Grief Support May 10, 17 & 24

St. Katharine Drexel Parish is pleased to host this grief support workshop beginning Tues., April 26th from 7-9pm for five consecutive Tuesdays. The presenters of the video-based sessions share that healing is an intentional process, and that when we gather as a community of faith, we can become disciples of hope to each other. RSVPs are requested so we can order each participant a book. A freewill offering will be collected to help cover the cost of materials. RSVP at www.stkatharinedrexel.org or call the office 630-466-0303.



Adoration

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



The Altar & Rosary Society will be holding work meetings on the second Tuesday of each month from 10:00 to 1:00 pm, in Holy Family Hall.

All ladies of the parish are welcome!

We are decorating holiday wreaths and more in preparation for our Fall Luncheon and Mini Bazaar.

Please call Sharon Konen if you can attend, 630-466-4613.

Refreshments will be served.

Next Meeting, May 10th



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.

Upcoming Happenings...

May 2	9:00 am	St. Mother Teresa Prayer Group
May 4	1:00 pm	Women's Bible Study
May 5	6:30 pm	Bible Study with Ken
May 6	8:30 am	First Friday Devotion

Stewardship/ Contribution Report April 23rd/24th

543 Registered Families

	Regular (83)	E-giving (66)	Total
Envelopes	\$4,928.00	\$2,313.00	\$7,241.00
Loose Offering	\$370.00	\$0.00	\$370.00
Children	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fuel	\$15.00	\$125.00	\$140.00
Building Main.	\$208.00	\$200.00	\$408.00
Totals	\$5,521.00	\$2,638.00	\$8,159.00

This week we are tithing \$100 to Fox Valley Hands of Hope.

Thank you for all your weekly contributions and for your help with our energy budget. Know that your contribution to our parish is very important to meet our expenses.

— Father Max & the Finance Council

Do You Love Me?

2022 Diocesan Appeal Pledge Weekend



Your contribution to the 2022 Diocesan Appeal helps tend to the many needs of our Church. The funds from this appeal support our parishes, our priests, and ministries of the Diocese of Rockford that in turn tend to the faithful and ensure that young and old continue to be nurtured in the sacraments and educated in the faith.

We are called as Catholics to treat all with dignity and respect, and to tend to all God's creation in love and true service.

May you give generously to the 2022 Diocesan Appeal, as we all work together to love the Lord, and our neighbor. And, may our love and service inspire others to do the same.

Envelopes are available in the Narthex if you have not received yours.

There are several options for Diocesan Appeal giving: use the envelope you received and drop it in the collection basket, text "Donate" to 815-885-5806, go online at www.rockforddiocese.org/donate to give via the Diocesan's Give Central link or by credit card or through your bank account or finally scan your personal QR code on the letter you received to give online.

By joining our efforts together in the Christian mission of loving others, the Diocesan Appeal shows us what we are capable of when we put Christ at the center. Please prayerfully consider a donation to the 2022 Diocesan Appeal.

Announcements

Mass Offerings are available in June and July for weekday Masses.



Meal Ministry If you or someone you know would like a home cooked meal due to illness or recent death in the family please call Sherry Dahl at 630-896-3803.



Attention Liturgical Ministers The May-June Schedule has been sent out via FLOCKNOTE. IF you did not receive it please let Jenny know. As a reminder the schedule is available on our narthex bulletin board and on our website under the Ministry Schedule tab.



St. Mother Teresa Prayer Group
The group will meet next on **Monday, May 2nd at 9 am** in the chapel.
All are welcome.

Happy Anniversary
Congratulations to
Steven & Justine Bosco
on 15 years of marriage.
May 5, 2022

HOCKEYMANIA Update!

Week# 13 - ticket # 826 ~ Mike Deegan (\$25 - Bonus winner)

Week# 14 - ticket # 815 ~ Ben Bernardi (\$25 - Bonus winner)



Please check next week's bulletin, only one week left. Week #15 wraps up our HockeyMania season for this year. THANK YOU to all those that supported this year's fundraiser!



**Update your
contact info!**

If you have recently moved or made any changes to your contact information, please call the parish office. We try to verify any info received from the Post Office/Diocese regarding address changes before we delete parishioners from our roster. We have received several of these notices in the past month. Please keep us informed. Thank you!

Thank you to those who contributed to our almsgiving collection for Hope for Haitians.

We received \$5,995.98. That figure doesn't include those who gave on line or directly to Hope for Haitians. "It is more blessed to give than to receive." God bless your generosity!



Welcome Jennifer, Alissa and Michael who received the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil.



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