### MAY 8TH, FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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



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#### A Reflection on the Gospel

"Human beings, while capable of the worst, are also capable of rising above themselves, choosing again what is

good, and making a new start." (Pope Francis) We have a difficult time figuring out what is true and best for us. There are many voices talking and so many trying to get our attention. We wrongly convince ourselves that the true voice is the voice of progress, the one that speaks of contemporary wants and desires, enticing us with the latest trends and causes. We are taught, by listening to the voices around us, that truth is found in feelings and thought, and ideals must match current and popular human wants. Because we feel a particular way it must be true. Then, we find a shepherd who empathizes with us and



affirms us. We follow that voice even though listening to that voice will render us powerless and lead us to harm. There are many with me in this procession to this pasture. I must be on the right path and listening to the right voice.

We are very confused. What can keep us safe and from harm? Where do we go to find life, love, and happiness? Jesus tells us that he is the way, the truth, and the life. The only way to get to Truth, who is God, is through him. There is no other way. The Church, the gate around God's pasture of life, is charged with the mission of directing us where God desires that we go. In the midst of all of the conflicting voices around us, the voice of truth is often muffled in all of the noise, but it beckons us to a life of virtue and grace. Helping us understand who we are and where we have to be, it discerns the voice of God, providing us with the safety net we need to stay straight on our path to life eternal.

We have to trust the voice of God, the true Shepherd, even when it does not mirror what we want and what others may believe. Faith goes way beyond feeling and involves a radical trust in Someone who can lead us and form us. At day's end, if we do not know to find our way home, we will be truly lost.



### A Note from Father Max

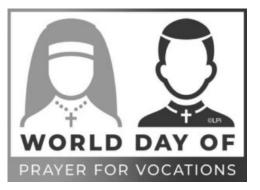
Thank you to all those who sent me best wishes and prayers on the occasion of my 30th Anniversary of Ordination and my birthday. I am truly grateful and may God bless you all.



Through the waters of Baptism, we welcome to the Body of Christ... Allis Joy Winowiecki daughter of Corey & Lizzy Winowiecki May 8, 2022



Congratulations to Bev & Ray Hatfield on 50 years of marriage. May 13, 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 Francis J Antl and Rev Adolph H Weideman.

**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, Griselda Cuevas, 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.

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# Mass Intentions

Мо	on	May 9	8:30 am	† Sharon Reilly / Sherry Kenneavy
Tu	le	May 10	8:30 am	† Halina Zarniewska / Agnes & Ken Fron
W	ed	May 11	8:30 am	Improved health of Margaret Nkenganyi / Beatrice & Michael Atem
Th	nur	May 12	8:30 am	Liturgy of the Word Communion Service
Fri	i	May 13	8:30 am	Sophia Bourge 16th Birthday / Bourge Family
Sa	at	May 14	4:30 pm	† Sovlak Family / Dauer Family
Su	In	May 15	8:00 am	† Wilbert Feltes & Mary Allen / Janice Feltes
			10:30 am	Community of Blessed Sacrament / Father Max

### Readings for the week of May 08, 2022

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10 Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30 Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Jn 12:44-50 Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/Jn 13:16-20 Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6 Saturday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17 Next Sunday: Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-13/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35



### Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for May

Faith-Filled Young People

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.



# 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 in the chapel



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 autospelling-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.

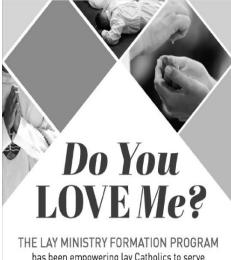
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upcoming Happenings								
May 10	10:00 am	Altar & Rosary Workshop						
May 11	1:00 pm	Women's Bible Study						
May 12	6:30 pm	Bible Study with Ken						
May 24	7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus						

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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.

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Stewardship/		Regular (95)	E-giving (80)	Total		
•	Envelopes	\$4,807.00	\$6,163.00	\$10,970.00		
Contribution	Loose Offering	\$551.00	\$0.00	\$551.00		
Report	Children	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
•	Fuel	\$55.00	\$50.00	\$105.00		
April 30th/ May 1st	Building Main.	\$513.00	\$255.00	\$768.00		
543 Registered Families	Totals	\$5,926.00	\$6,468.00	\$12,394.00		

This week we are tithing \$100 to Mayslake Ministries - Veterans' Retreat.

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

Announcements

Mass Offerings are available in July and August 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 MEAL MINISTRY 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.

The 50th Anniversary Pictorial Directories have arrived! If you had your photo taken (or submitted a photo) for our 50th Anniversary Pictorial Directory, they are now ready for pick up in Holy Family Hall after all Masses beginning this weekend. Arrangements for pick up may also be made by contacting Peg Lefevre at 630-845-3426.



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!



Hesed House has onsite and offsite volunteer opportunities available! Get involved by reaching out to Adam Zapfel, Volunteer Coordinator at 630.897.2156 ext 516 or azapfel@hesedhouse.org.



#### FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

Heavenly Father, from the beginning you have chosen to entrust the human person to mothers in a special way. We thank and praise you for the gift of mothers; for their tenderness, care, and compassion, for their intuition and encouragement, for commitment and sacrifice. Bless all mothers this day.

Keep, strengthen, and refresh them in your loving care. May they be blessed by our openhearted love and gratitude. Amen.

# FORMED

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- Enter your name and email address

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Questions? Call Ken McLaughlin, Adult Faith Formation Coordinator 630-544-8792.

#### Featured on Formed this week Bible study:

*Lectio: Salvation with Dr. Michael Barber.* This 10-part Bible study helps you put your Lenten promises to work this Easter season.

<u>Movie:</u> Don Bosco: The True Story of the Apostle of Youth.

<u>Children:</u> *Signs of Grace.* This series helps children understand the power of confession and reconciliation.



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