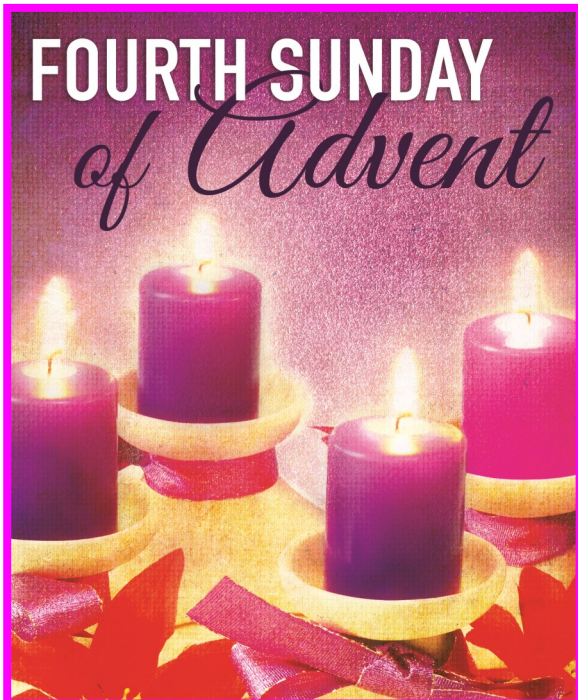


Blessed Sacrament Church

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December 18, 2016



Parish Office:

Phone: 277-2949

3012 Jackson St.

Hours: 8:00 am — 4:00 pm, Mon—Fri

Weekend Liturgies

Saturday—4:30 pm

Sunday—7:30 am, 9:00 am & 10:30 am

Weekday Liturgies see schedule inside

Mon thru Fri. -6:45 am

Holy Day Liturgies

Evening before—5:30 pm

Holy Days—6:45 am, 8:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday—3:45 pm

Weekdays—20 minutes Prior to Mass

Prayers Request Line:

Sue Lilla—255-3956

dsuelilla@gmail.com

Baptism:

By appointment following required pre-baptism class.

Marriage:

By appointment following required 6 month marriage preparation program. Please call parish office to make appointment.

Communion Sick Calls:

Persons unable to attend Mass, please contact the parish office to make arrangements to receive the sacraments.

Anointing of the Sick:

Please contact the parish office.

Learning Centers:

Parish Religious Ed. Programs 277-4739 Ext. 115

Angel House—3002 Jackson St 277-2001

Angel House/Villa Maria—2302 West St. 234-1854

Holy Cross—Blessed Sacrament Center 277-4739

Holy Cross—St. Michael Center 239-1090

BHCS Central Office—1018 Grandview 252-1350

Pastoral Staff:

Pastor: **Rev. Daniel Rupp**

Permanent Deacon: **Fred Karpuk**

Permanent Deacon: **Dick Billings**

D.R.E./Youth Ministry: **Fran O'Tool**

Liturgy Coordinator: **Ann Schultz**

Parish Coordinators:

Director of Operations: **Terry McElroy**

Parish Director: **Joseph M. Puetz**

Parish Director: **Gina M. Sitzmann**

Finance Committee Chair: **Kathy Pynn**

Pastoral Council Chair: **David Sly**

Peace & Justice Coordinator: **Bernadette Rixner**

Adult Faith Formation Coordinator: **Betty Pratt**

Knights of Columbus Grand Knight: **Anthony Gabriel**

Bishop Heelan Catholic Schools:

BHCS President: **Jim Tschann** Holy Cross School

Principal: **Michael Sweeney**

Our Mission:

We, the Blessed Sacrament Parish Family, seek to be a community of peace justice and love, as expressed in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Our Parish Life

Monday	December 18, 2016
7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting
Tuesday	December 19, 2016
10:00 am	Prayer Shawl Ministry Mtg.
11:30 am	Development Rosary
7:00 pm	Bible Study
Wednesday	December 20, 2016
9:30 am	Bible Study
7:15 pm	Celebration Choir Practice
Thursday	December 21, 2016
7:30 am	Bible Study

Parish Financial Blessings Year-to-Date Giving Information July 1, 2016-December 12, 2016

Total Income.....	\$438,876.06
Total Expenses.....	\$515,999.24
Difference.....	-\$77,123.18
Sunday Collections	
Auto <u>46</u> Env <u>32</u>	\$15,325.00
Loose Contributions.....	\$880.00

Other Income

AT&T Rent.....	\$2,500.00
DAA Payback.....	\$35,529.00
Hot Lunch Reimbursement.....	\$1,669.00

Bills Paid this Week

The Globe.....	\$533.25
Cathedraticum/Education Fund.....	\$1,208.00
Plains Boiler.....	\$447.92
Trinity Heights.....	\$125.00

Upcoming Bills

Priest Health Insurance.....	\$1,167.00
Property & Liability Insurance.....	\$3,045.00
BHCS Investment.....	\$59,199.67

DAA Week 13

Total pledges for this week	3
Dollar amount pledged this Week.....	\$1,750.00
Total pledges this year.....	232
Total dollar amount pledged.....	\$66,460.00
New pledges	10
Total dollars received TD.....	\$53,572.00

Gift-Bearers

Saturday	December 24, 2016
4:30 pm	The Lamson Family
9:00 pm	The Lohr Family
Sunday	December 25, 2016
7:30 am	Volunteer
9:00 am	The Damian Lara Family
10:30 am	Gordon & Kathy Pynn

Help is needed to Decorate the Church for Christmas: After the 10:30 Mass **TODAY** Sun. **Dec. 18th** everyone is invited to stay after Mass or come to help to decorate the Church for Christmas.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Monday	December 19, 2016
6:45 am	Deceased members of the Maryott & Murphy families
Tuesday	December 20, 2016
6:45 am	Msgr. Roger Augustine
8:00 am	Joe & Ellen K. Cosgrove
Wednesday	December 21, 2016
6:45 am	Norman & Ethel Williams
Thursday	December 22, 2016
6:45 am	Kevin Brady
5:30 pm	Jack Wetzel, Bart & Anne Wetzel & Esther Gorman
Friday	December 23, 2016
6:45 am	Matthew Vondrak & Donna Vondrak
8:00 am	No Mass
Saturday	December 24, 2016 Christmas Eve
4:30 pm	Chuck Condon & the deceased members of the Condon Family
9:00 pm	Tom Hicklin, Donna Ortt, Wilma Cronin Spartz & Frances Murray
Sunday	December 25, 2016 Christmas Day
7:30 am	Deceased members of the Ventercher & Watson Families
9:00 am	Blessed Sacrament Parish
10:30 am	Dr. Timothy Moran, Terry Healy, Marvin Japel, Harold McDermott

Extra-ordinary Ministers

Saturday	December 24, 2016 Christmas Eve
4:30 pm	Barb & Tom Vakulskas, Beth Karpuk, Ann Feauto, Mike Meier, Sr. Colane Recker, Steve & Marilyn Joyce
9:00 pm	Mary Ann Audino, Dean Spartz, Jan, Pat & Kelsey McCann, Al Metz, Joan Rizk
Sunday	December 25, 2016 Christmas Day
7:30 am	JoAnn Watson, Dave Stedman, Mark & Jane Stevens
9:00 am	JoEllen & Dave Fravel, Liz & Mike Rickert, Maggie & David Tillmann
10:30 am	Jeanette Frey, Terri & Steve Kimbell, Kathy & Gordon Pynn, Lynne Wetzel, Florence Wictor

Servers

Saturday	December 24, 2016
4:30 pm	The Lamson's
9:00 pm	Emily & Luke Payer, Cooper Stabile, Matthew Lohr
Sunday	December 25, 2016
7:30 am	Kate Maly, Elliot McLarty
9:00 am	Nick, Jacob & Sam McGowan
10:30 am	Megan Hartnett, Sarah Glover, Peyton Schermerhorn



From the desk of Fr. Dan Rupp...

December 18, 2016 The 4th Sunday of Advent

Christmas Mass Schedule

The Christmas Mass Schedule is as follows:

Christmas Eve:

Saturday, Dec. 24th at 4:30 pm & 9:00 pm. The 9:00 pm Mass will be by candlelight.

Christmas Day:

Sunday, Dec. 25th at 7:30 am, 9:00 am, & 10:30 am

This SUNDAY – New Youth Group (Together Under God- TUG)

We've had our 2nd meeting!!! We had a great time and pizza was enjoyed by all. Our next meeting is **this Sunday** (December 18th) at noon. We will again meet in the upper room of the old convent (above Angel House). All students from grades 9-12 are invited. Whether parishioner or not. Whether Catholic or not.

Advent Penance Services

Advent is upon us and part of having a good Advent season includes making a good Confession. This year, in anticipation of the merger with St. Mike's, we will have a combined Penance Service with St. Mike's). The Advent Service is at St. Mike's and the Lenten Service will be here at Blessed Sacrament. Here is a list of the Penance Services:

Sunday, December 18th at 1:00 pm at Sacred Heart

Sunday, December 18th at 2:30 pm at St. Mike's (combined service for Blessed Sacrament and St. Mike's).

We are There!!! – Diocesan Annual Appeal (DAA) – Yeah!!!

We have reached our goal!!!! Yeah!!! As of Tuesday, we have raised \$66,460. Special thanks to all who have donated. If you have not yet donated, please consider doing so as so many good things come from the DAA. If you would still like to give, you can call the office or go the diocesan website.

Food, Family and Fellowship

Easy brunch bake

Ingredients:

6 refrigerated buttermilk biscuits

12 eggs

1/2 onion, diced

5 oz Canadian bacon, diced

1/2 cup cheddar cheese

1/2 cup mozzarella cheese

1/2 tsp salt

1/4 tsp pepper

2 Tbsp. chives, chopped

Directions:

Whisk together the eggs, onion, bacon, cheese, salt, and pepper. Place buttermilk biscuits in a greased 9x9 inch casserole dish, and pour the egg mixture over them. Top with chives. Bake at 350°F for 30-35 minutes. Let cool and top with more chives (optional).

Special Thanks to the Blessed Sacrament Celebration Choir for caroling at our home this past Sunday. Beautiful music from beautiful people. May God bless each of you and may you and your families have a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Holy New Year.

Dick and Pat Collins

Thank you for all those who helped this year with the tree of Love!! With your generosity we were able to help more than 45 families and over 150 individuals this Christmas with a gift. We wish you a Merry Christmas! See you next year! Tree of Love Committee

Youth Ministry News

PREP Calendar

No PREP December 21st or 28th
Class begins again on January 4th

PREP Sends Gifts to BS Parish Nursing Home Residents
Loads of love in the form of handmade Advent Wreaths and Christmas Cards went to our approximately 50 nursing home residents last week. God bless our hard working kids and their generous donation of time and talent!

The First Reconciliation Learning Centers

Are Friday, January 14th or Saturday, January 15th in the Holy Cross Blessed Sacrament School Basement, If you haven't already done so, sign up for a session by e-mailing Fran O'Tool.

First Reconciliation Ceremony is Tuesday, January 24th at St. Michael Church.

Catholic Charities Annual Christmas Collection

Parents do the best they can with what they have been given, and at Catholic Charities, we try to provide more tools and resources for parenting in today's world. Love & Logic is a program that gives parents basic skills to help parent their child. What a resource-as those of us with kids know it is the greatest gift in the world to be a mom or dad, and also the hardest. These classes are offered FREE of charge to any one who is interested because of the generous donations that are given by parishioners at the second collection at Christmas each year.

Holy Spirit Retirement Home 2016-17 Annual Appeal

Holy Spirit just kicked off their 2016-17 Annual Appeal. The goal is \$50,000 this year. Eleven Blessed Sacrament parishioners reside at Holy Spirit.

To donate, please mail your contribution to: Holy Spirit Retirement Home - 1701 W. 25th St., Sioux City, IA 51103 or visit their online giving page at:
<https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=a059a1>.

Job Opportunity

Highly Competitive Wage & Tuition Reimbursement!

Bishop Heelan Catholic School needs Kitchen Manager/Cashier. No Nights, No Weekends No Holidays and Summers Off! For more information and application materials, contact Wade at 712-635-7051, wadek@lunchtimesolutions.com

Holy Cross School News

December 19:

- PK-2nd grade Christmas program, 10am & 7pm at St. Michael's Church
- Grades 3-5 Rollerama skating party, 9 am
- Grades 6-8 Honor club attend movie, 9 am
- PTO-faculty staff cookie exchange

December 20:

BS Center Mass, 8:am

December 21:

Early dismissal – BS Center 11:30 am & SM Center noon. **Lunch will not be served.**

December 22-January 3:

Christmas vacation

Holiday Office Hours

During the upcoming Holidays, Blessed Sacrament Parish office will be closed Monday, December 26th and Monday, January 2, 2017.

Marriage Encounter

Give the GREATEST gift of all to your spouse, the gift of LOVE and your time. The gift of a marriage Encounter weekend will last forever. The weekend experience provides a quiet, awesome environment for couples to focus on one another and grow their relationship. For information or to sign up, 563-608-3305; or iowa-wwme.org.

Foster Parents Needed

As we think about meaning of Christmas, December is a great time to raise awareness about children in foster care and to celebrate the foster families, workers and advocates who make a difference in their lives. We have an ongoing need for more foster parents, especially for those families who can foster teenagers, sibling groups and children with special needs or behaviors. Right here in Iowa, more than 2,550 children were referred into foster care in 2015. Unfortunately, there are only 2,300 licensed foster families in the state of Iowa. That number needs to increase. Remember, it only takes one individual to transform the life of a child in need. To learn more, please visit www.IowaKidsNet.com.

Iowa Right to Life has canceled the Midwest march for Life that was to take place on January 13, 2017.

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