

DECEMBER 8TH, SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



#### 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

Thursday 8:30 am (Communion Service)

#### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

*Every Wednesday from 9:00 - 3:00 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@bbsacr-na.org](mailto:bulletin@bbsacr-na.org) by  
Monday, noon to be published in the next  
weekend's bulletin.

# Blessed Sacrament

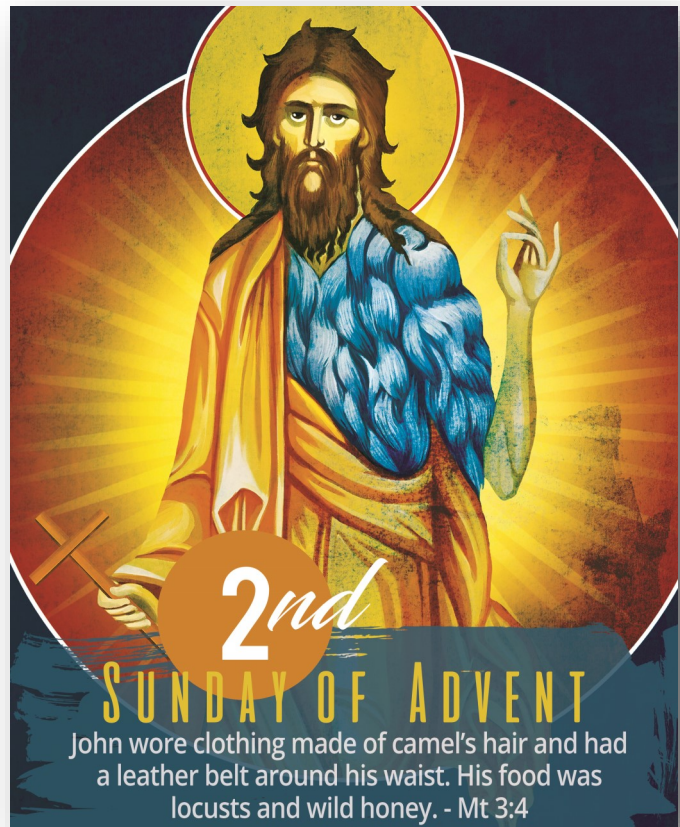
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#### Office Hours

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

Friday: 9 am - Noon

### A Letter from Father Max



**Dear Blessed Sacrament Families/Friends,**

Advent greetings from Father Max!

#### **A FEW THINGS FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

A month ago we undertook a major project of tuck-pointing around the Church and the Hall buildings. This project is now complete. The windows and control joints have been caulked and the lintels have been painted. The tuck-pointing on the bell tower, however, is pending due to more structural inspections and a review will be completed in the spring. As I mentioned earlier, the project will cost the parish around \$110,000.00.

Also, I wanted to bring to your kind attention that the **sound system in the Holy Family Hall will be upgraded** soon replacing the old equipment which I believe has served its purpose for the past 50 Years! The present PA system has been causing a few problems during the events. Since we have been holding more events, now some of which need the PA system, I thought of upgrading the same in order that we have a smooth flow of sound and communications. This project will cost the parish around \$6,000.00. I want to take this opportunity **to thank Ken Kish** for taking care of our PA system both in the church and the Holy Family Hall.

**On December 15<sup>th</sup>, we will be celebrating another Children's Christmas Pageant and Parish Christmas Potluck after the 10:30 Mass.** These gatherings are an opportunity for all of us to come together as a Parish community in the light of our 50<sup>th</sup> Parish Anniversary celebrations through 'Prayer and Presence', a theme that we have chosen to commemorate 50 years of Blessed Sacrament. I hope to see as many families as possible for this special performance put on by the children and then for food and fellowship in Holy Family Hall. As is tradition, a timely visitor dressed in red will stop by for a special appearance.

After consulting the Parish Council and Parish Staff, **I have made a major change to our Christmas Eve Masses.** Beginning this year, we will be having the Christmas Eve Masses at 4:00 pm, instead of 4:00 pm & 4:30 pm. Both Masses will be held simultaneously in the Church and the Holy Family Hall. I hope this change will help the faithful to attend the Christmas Eve Masses as early as 4:00pm which will then allow more time later in the evening for family gatherings. The 8:00 pm Mass on Christmas night and 9:00 am on Christmas morning will stay the same.

**The Season of Advent** calls us to "stay awake" and not sleep through the opportunities life gives us to discover God and His life changing spirit. Advent calls us to "watch," to pay attention to the signs of God's unmistakable presence in our lives and to live life expectantly as a gift from God. May we all discover the undying hope that Christ offers us as we prepare, once again, for the celebration of His birth.

May God bless you and your family in every good way.

Peace, Joy and Blessings,

Father Max Lasrado

## Prayer List

**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 Walter E Lessman, Deacon Gene Reilly, Rev John J Kilduff, Rev Daniel D Tranel, Rev Edwin A McCormick, Rev Daniel A Feeley, Rev John M Dording and Rev Clarence J Thennes.

**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, CWO3 Nicholas Brandenburg, IT1 Jeremy Daly, CPL Jacob Deegan, Airman Jovany Espinoza, Sgt Zachary Gardner, Capt Ryan C Lutz, SFC John David Martin, SPC Andrew McMullen, SPC Jason McMullen, Med Spec4 Cheston Shacklett, Ensign Andrew C Young.

**For those who are sick:** Ann Aister, Happye Baessler, Margie Ban, Betty Dabney, Linda Dokman, Denis Fellman, Lourdes Fillo, Juan Garcia, Judy Gramme, Phil Gurbal, Mary Beth Hutches, Sharon Konen, Kathy O'Donnell Kurtzweil, Michele Lewis, Linda McNamara, Mito Melo, Chelet Mendoza, Susan Mendoza, Joanne Piotrowski, Brian Simmons, Nancy Simmons, Paula Sloan, Charles Stangel, Kylie Taylor, Ryan Vonnhoff, Delores Voss, Micah White, Wiesbrock Family, Phill Winekie and Mike Winn.

**To add to our prayer list, please email Jenny at [Psecretary@blsacr-na.org](mailto:Psecretary@blsacr-na.org).**



# Aunt Mary's Storybook Project

This advent, the Respect Life committee is working with the religious education students and families to collect new or gently used children's books for Aunt Mary's Storybook Project. This organization coordinates with local prisons. Volunteers record parents reading the books to their children and encourage the parents to add a personal message. The recordings and books are gifted to the children as a way of helping them to cope in this stressful situation and to be reminded that their parents still love and care for them. We would appreciate any donations. There are drop boxes in the Narthex and RE building.

## Mass Intentions

Mon	Dec 9	8:30 am	† Miksanek Family / Rosemary Miksanek
Tue	Dec 10	8:30 am	† Jean Koehler / Ken & Nancy Koehler
Wed	Dec 11	8:30 am	† Deceased Members of the Maloney Family / Mary Olah
Thur	Dec 12	9:00 am	Communion Service
Fri	Dec 13	8:30 am	† Glen Vining / Bereavement Ministry
Sat	Dec 14	4:30 pm	Community of Blessed Sacrament / Father Max
Sun	Dec 15	8:00 am	† Father Slampak / Parish Family
		10:30 am	† Raphael Edorh / Lawson Family

Rosary is prayed on week days at 8:10 am and on weekends 1/2 hour before Mass.

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS - DECEMBER 14TH/15TH

Masses	4:30 pm	8:00 am	10:30 am
<b>Servers</b>	Natalie Goettsch Caroline Goettsch	Nolan Casher Harry Casher	Elena Mancini Olivia Gurbal Dylan Fogle
<b>Leaders</b>	Chloe Pendzinski	Annie Noonan	Kerry McLaughlin
<b>Readers</b>	Caroline St. Clair	Brendan Noonan	Steve Castillo
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Jeanette Cruz Barbara Bogovich Pam Boland	Les Paul Karen Paul Ken Kish	Nichole Garcia Steve Auchstetter Kim Auchstetter
<b>Gifts</b>	Volunteer Family	Volunteer Family	Lawson Family
<b>Rosary</b>	Eileen Mathey	Bernice Paar	Rose Lacke

## Homebound Ministry

Our home visits let them know they are loved, prayed for, and still a vital part of our church community.

We also serve Residents of the North Aurora Care Center.

### December 15th Ministers:

- #1 8:00 am Nancy & Pat  
#2 8:00 am Maureen & Phyllis  
10:30 am Cleo & Regine

## Mass Coordinators

Usher	4:30	Ray Melby
Captains	8:00	Tony Boecker
	10:30	Mike Knazur
Mass	4:30	Mary Weirich
Captains	8:00	Helen Boecker
	10:30	Cass Middleton

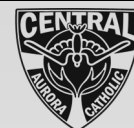


Our deepest sympathies to the family of Dave Parker, whose brother Michael, passed away on November 28th. May his soul rest in peace.

## Upcoming Happenings...

Dec 8	9:00 am	Sunday RE
	11:30 am	Pageant Practice
	6:00 pm	Confirmation Class
Dec 11	6:30 pm	Wednesday RE
	6:45 pm	Communal Penance
Dec 12	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Dec 14/15	After Masses	Lights of Love
Dec 15	11:30 am	Christmas Pageant & Potluck
Dec 17	7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus

## High School Happenings



### Aurora Central Catholic

[www.auroracentral.com](http://www.auroracentral.com)

Choral Concert, December 8 at 6:00 pm

Band Concert, December 10 at 7:00 pm

### Marmion Academy

[www.marmion.org](http://www.marmion.org)

Go Cadets Nights

Saturday, December 21 at 9:00 am

Tuesday, January 28 at 5:30 & 7:00 pm

### Rosary

[www.rosaryhs.com](http://www.rosaryhs.com) / 630-896-0831

Christmas Concert, Dec. 11 at 7:00pm



Please use the west canopy entrance for adoration.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
Every Wednesday from 9:00 am to 7:45 pm



## 2019 Diocesan Appeal

This year the Diocese has set the target of \$50,908.00 for our parish. Thank you to all who have responded to this Appeal. So far 239/565 (42%) families have made pledges. As always, any funds received over the target will be used for our building projects and maintenance.

*If you haven't received a diocesan appeal envelope, please pick one up in the narthex.*

## Coats for Kids

To make sure every child has a warm coat this winter, the Msgr. Edward Wright Knights of Columbus Council will collect Coats for Kids from November 9th thru December 15th. The community of Blessed Sacrament is asked to donate a new or gently used, **clean** coat for toddlers, kids and teens.

Please bring your donations to Holy Family Hall and place in box marked for donations. God bless you!



## Stewardship/Contribution Report

Nov 23rd / 24th

581 Registered Families

	Collection	E-giving	Total
Envelopes (143)	\$4,475.00	\$1,884.00 (54)	\$6,359.00
Loose Offering	\$735.64	—	\$735.64
Children (2)	\$2.00	—	\$2.00
Fuel	\$354.00	35.00	\$389.00
Building Main.	\$506.00	\$175.00	\$681.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$6,072.64</b>	<b>\$2,094.00</b>	<b>\$8,166.64</b>

## Stewardship/Contribution Report

Nov 30th / Dec 1st

581 Registered Families

	Collection	E-giving	Total
Envelopes (156)	\$6,559.50	\$3,724.00	\$10,283.50
Loose Offering	\$763.00	—	\$763.00
Children (2)	\$6.00	—	\$6.00
Fuel	\$520.00	\$130.00	\$650.00
Building Main.	\$838.50	\$240.00	\$1,078.50
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$8,687.00</b>	<b>\$4,094.00</b>	<b>\$12,781.00</b>

**Parents: Winter Weather Help Needed** We are in need of a volunteer/s to shovel snow, and salt if needed, around the RE entrance on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings, perhaps 20 minutes before class starts if the snow is less than 2". Please help our children and teachers to stay safe on the snow and ice. If interested see Melissa or Jenny.

**Christmas Altar Flowers** Memorialize your loved ones and beautify our altar for the holidays. Please put your offering and the names of your loved ones on the attached envelope and place it in the collection basket by the weekend of December 22nd. You may also donate online via [www.givecentral.org](http://www.givecentral.org).

**Save the Date** for Stroke Scan Screening in Holy Family Hall on Wednesday, December 18th.

**Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception** is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.

**The Young at Hearts Christmas Party** will be held on December 10th at 11:30am at the Oak Street Restaurant at Randall and Oak Sts in N Aurora. All seniors are welcome and are encouraged to bring a friend. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

**Save the Date for the annual Dinner-Dance...February 29, 2020.**



## Christmas Masses

**Christmas Eve, Dec 24**  
4:00 pm (HFH & Church)  
& 8:00 pm

**Christmas Day, Dec 25**  
9:00 am

**Solemnity of Mary Vigil, Dec 31**  
4:30 pm

**Solemnity of Mary, Jan 1**  
9:00 am

This year we will be having Christmas Eve Masses at 4:00pm simultaneously (previously we had a 4:00pm & 4:30pm Mass). One will be held in Holy Family Hall and one will be held in the church. We are experimenting with this new schedule that will benefit all the faithful since most of the people prefer as early as 4:00pm on Christmas Eve.



We will be selling Christmas ornaments in honor of our 50th year after all Masses through December 22nd.

The cost is \$10 each and there are a limited number.



## Lights of Love

Honor those you LOVE, APPRECIATE and REMEMBER this holiday season with handmade tribute cards. Cards are \$5 each and can be purchased after weekend Masses.



## We need your help!

Contribute to the Blessed Sacrament 50th Anniversary Book by sharing your memories of events, people, and organizations, no matter how long you've been a parishioner.

Share photos, letters, documents, notes, news articles.

Contact Gib Drendel  
at 630-363-5439



**Choir Practice**  
**December 12th & 19th**  
**7:00 to 8:00 pm**



**Extra ushers are needed for the Christmas Masses!**

Sign-up sheet is in the Usher's Room.



Thank you for your monetary (\$1,872.35) and food donations to the Aurora Interfaith Food Pantry and the Hesed House Soup Kitchen. Thank you for generously providing for your neighbor's needs!



Thank you for selecting a tag from our Giving Tree to provide a gift for a local family & child in need. We appreciate your assistance to return the wrapped gift by Dec 15th to ensure on time delivery.

Please call Jessica Benelli at (630)299-6319 if you have any questions.

**God bless your generosity!**



Communal Penance Service

Dec 11th at 6:45 pm

RE children will be in attendance.

Saturdays 3:45-4:15 pm

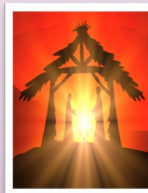
Or by appointment

Thank you to the families that lit our advent wreath this weekend!

**4:30 Macatula Family**

**8:00 Dauer Family**

**10:30 Rogus Family**



# Christmas Pageant & Potluck

Dec 15th, from 11:30-1:30

**Everyone in the parish is invited!**

Please come and bring a dish to share. If your last name begins with A-D, please bring an appetizer or main dish. If your last name begins with P-Z, please bring a dessert. Food sign up sheets are in the Narthex. We are also asking for donations of baked goods for the cake walk – you can drop off during any Mass on Dec. 14th or 15th.

Please come if you are able to help set up at 2:00 pm on Saturday Dec 14th. If you have any questions please call Lizzie Winowiecki at (309) 945-7643.

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