

# BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY—FRIDAY, 8:30AM—4:00PM

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## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### Weekday Mass:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday,  
Friday: 8:30am

### Weekend Mass:

Saturday: 4:30pm  
Sunday: 9:00am & 11:00am



## PASTORAL COUNCIL

Dan Armock, Chair.  
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## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays at 3:30 pm or by appointment.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parish registration of six months is required.  
Preparation session required. Contact the parish office for details.

## SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Contact the parish office a minimum of six months prior to the preferred wedding date.  
Marriage preparation sessions are required.

## PARISHIONER MEMBERSHIP

New members are always welcome to our Parish. Parishioner status is maintained by registration in the parish, active participation in weekend liturgies and full participation in the parish stewardship program. All family members 18 years and older should be individually registered with the parish. Parish membership and participation is required of those desiring the Sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist, Confirmation and Matrimony.





## Mass Schedule

<b>Sat, Dec 22</b> 4:30 pm	<b>VIGIL: 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> Wendelin Schmich; Harry & Jeremy Waranica	
<b>Sun, Dec 23</b> 9:00 am 11:00 am	<b>4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> Parish Family Jerry Korstange	
<b>Mon, Dec 24</b> 4:30 pm 10:00 pm	<b>VIGIL: CHRISTMAS</b> Parish Family Parish Family	
<b>Tues, Dec 25</b> 10:00 am	<b>CHRISTMAS</b> Parish Family	
<b>Wed, Dec 26</b> 8:30 am	<b>ST. STEPHEN, THE 1ST MARTYR</b> Margaret Warwick	
<b>Thurs, Dec 27</b>	<b>ST. JOHN, APOSTLE &amp; EVANGELIST</b> **No Mass**	
<b>Fri, Dec 28</b>	<b>THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS</b> **No Mass**	
<b>Sat, Dec 29</b> 4:30 pm	<b>VIGIL: THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY &amp; JOSEPH</b> Joe & Josephine Kozarski	
<b>Sun, Dec 30</b> 9:00 am 11:00 am	<b>THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY &amp; JOSEPH</b> Gene Borek John & Anita Koepke	

## SACRED SCRIPTURE

### Readings for the Week of December 23, 2018

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b> Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45
<b>Monday</b>	Vigil Mass: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Solemnity of The Nativity of the Lord — Christmas</b> Night Mass: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 Day Mass: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>St. Stephen, the First Martyr</b> Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3-4, 6-8, 16-17; Mt 10:17-22
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>St. John, Apostle and Evangelist</b> 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
<b>Friday</b>	<b>The Holy Innocents, Martyrs</b> 1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr</b> 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary &amp; Joseph</b> Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-5; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Lk 2:41-52

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## BY GEORGE....

From a Christmas Sermon by St. Leo the Great, Pope

"Dearly beloved, today our Savior is born; let us rejoice. Sadness should have no place on the birthday of life. The fear of death has been swallowed up; life brings us joy with the promise of eternal happiness.

No one is shut out from this joy; all share the same reason for rejoicing. Our Lord, victor over sin and death, finding no man free from sin, came to free us all. Let the saint rejoice as he sees the palm of victory at hand. Let the sinner be glad as he receives the offer of forgiveness. Let the pagan take courage as he is summoned to life.

In the fullness of time, chosen in the unfathomable depths of God's wisdom, the Son of God took for himself our common humanity in order to reconcile it with its creator. He came to overthrow the devil, the origin of death, in that very nature by which he had overthrown mankind.

And so at the birth of our Lord the angels sing in joy: *Glory to God in the highest*, and they proclaim *peace to his people on earth* as they see the heavenly Jerusalem being built from all the nations of the world. When the angels on high are so exultant at this marvelous work of God's goodness, what joy should it not bring to the lowly hearts of men?

Beloved, let us give thanks to God the Father, through his Son, in the Holy Spirit, because in his great love for us he took pity on us, and when we were dead in our sins he brought us to life with Christ, so that in him we might be a new creation. Let us throw off our old nature and all its ways and, as we have come to birth in Christ, let us renounce the works of the flesh.

Christian, remember your dignity, and now that you share in God's own nature, do not return by sin to your former base condition. Bear in mind who is your head and of whose body you are a member. Do not forget that you have been rescued from the power of darkness and brought into the light of God's kingdom.

Through the sacrament of baptism you have become a temple of the Holy Spirit. Do not drive away so great a guest by evil conduct and become again a slave to the devil, for your liberty was bought by the blood of Christ."

## STEWARDSHIP - Week ending December 15 & 16

### Week 25/52

Adult Envelopes (174 used)	\$11,338.94
Automatic Envelopes (63 used)	5,630.00
Youth	62.20
Loose Stewardship	717.34

**Total Stewardship this week** \$17,748.48

<b>YTD</b>	\$345,934.07
<b>Budget YTD</b>	\$366,057.69
<b>Last YTD</b>	\$362,810.80

<b>5% Tithe this week</b>	\$887.42
<b>YTD Tithe</b>	\$17,296.70

## ~THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH~



### Banns of Marriage

#### 1st Banns

Aimee Wilson &  
Derek Kitt

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

This coming week, the Parish Office will be closed on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. We will be open on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

### SAVE THE DATE

The next blood drive sponsored by the Knights of Columbus will be on **Monday, February 18th from 2:00-7:00pm** in the Church multipurpose room.

### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

There will be no adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on **Tuesday, December 25 or Tuesday, January 1st**. We will start back up again on **Tuesday, January 8th**. Have a blessed Christmas!



### HAVE YOU HAD A CHANGE OF ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL ADDRESS?

We are beginning to update our database for next year's Parish phone/address directory. Please let us know by calling the Parish Office or you can go to our website, under the tab "About Us" and use the form there to get us that info. Thanks for helping us keep our Parish records up-to-date.

The new membership directory for Blessed Sacrament should be ready for publishing in March, 2019. Anyone interested in placing an advertisement or personal message in our new directory should call **Jill Garner** at (800) 544-6903 ext. 111 toll free or email her at [jgarner@cathedral-directories.com](mailto:jgarner@cathedral-directories.com). Your current ad or business card could be used or help in making up a new ad could be arranged. Please feel free to pass this information on to others. Advertisers do not need to be members of our church.

## ~In Our Thoughts & Prayers~ Homebound Parishioner of the Week

Please remember in your thoughts and prayers our parishioner **Liz Vainavicz**, recovering from surgery. Cards may be sent to 2585 Black Horse Ct NE, 49505. Let Liz know you are a parishioner and that you are thinking of her.

*Christmas Blessings*

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### MERRY CHRISTMAS!

We wish all parishioners of our 4 parishes many Christmas blessings!

### WOULD YOU LIKE TO GIVE THE GIFT OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION AND SQUEEZE IN A DONATION BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR?

Many of our parish families struggle to afford Catholic school tuition. Some decide they simply can't afford it, even though they want to provide their children with the blessings that such an education provides. All Saints Academy's Tuition Angel program makes it possible for you to donate to ASA, and direct your donation to help a youngster learn and grow in God's word. Make a real difference in the life of a child. Please call 364-9453, or go to our web page at [www.asagr.org/tuition-angel-program](http://www.asagr.org/tuition-angel-program) to learn how you can make a difference today...and for years to come.

### WHY CHOOSE CATHOLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION?

Catholic Schools join with the family to help students understand their special place in the family, the Church, and society. In Catholic Schools, students explore their faith through classes and activities in Scripture, Sacraments, Church, and morality.



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