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Dear Blessed Sacrament Parishioners,


I am happy to announce the arrival of Fr. Scott Boone to Blessed Sacrament and St. Edward Parishes. Archbishop Jackels has assigned Fr. Boone to serve as sacramental priest for the parishes of St. Edward and Blessed Sacrament in Waterloo. Some of you may remember that Fr. Boone served as Associate Pastor of St. Edward from 2005-06. So, *what is the role of "sacramental priest?"* The name attempts to describe the responsibilities of the position: to provide for the **sacramental needs** of the people of the parishes. His role

will therefore focus on presiding at various sacraments at the direction of the two pastors. For example, both Fr. Bullock and I want to take a day off each week. It has been my experience in priestly ministry that we do not always get that full day off. There are sacramental needs that come up such as funerals along with other administrative work that prevents us from having a full day off. With Fr. Boone's presence, that will be more possible with him providing sacramental needs. He will also support with various Masses celebrated in other places in the area (e.g., schools and nursing homes), assist with providing pastoral care for the sick and homebound, minister to the dying, and assist with confessions and anointing of the sick. Fr. Boone will also be available to assist other parishes in regards to sacramental needs but his main responsibility is to our two parishes. Fr. Bullock will serve as Fr. Boone's supervising priest and I have welcomed Fr. Boone to reside here at Blessed Sacrament. However, Fr. Boone will not be responsible for any administrative work and will not be a part of any parish committee. Fr. Boone comes to us after a leave from active ministry due to health reasons since May 2018. He is originally from Marshalltown and attended Loras College. While at Loras in 1992, he was diagnosed with brain cancer. Over the past five years, Fr. Boone has been living with increased residuals from his surgery in 1992. As he moves along in this assignment, he will have much more to share about his experience of sickness, recovery and faith. Please extend a warm welcome to Fr. Boone when you see him!

The role of sacramental priest reflects the efforts of the Archdiocese to provide for those critical sacramental moments which are so important to our lives of faith. As you can imagine, priestly ministry in our day is multi-faceted and rich. We are all definitely part of a great effort by priests, deacons, and dedicated lay ministers who serve together to provide for the rich tapestry of pastoral and liturgical ministry that comprises the work of the church. The sacramental priest takes up that part of our mission specifically related to the sacraments. While your pastor, too, is responsible for the sacraments, the needs are wide and so the "sacramental priest" will collaborate with the pastors in the part of our mission that is the provision of the sacraments. I am reminded that Blessed Sacrament once had two or three priests assigned here at the same time. I also know that when Fr. Bullock was at St. Edward as Associate Pastor in 1994-5, there were three priests assigned to St. Edward. Clearly, in recent years there has been a single priest serving in both Blessed Sacrament and St. Edward parishes. The assigning of a sacramental priest is another way to collaborate in priestly ministry of providing the sacraments. Fr. Bullock and I are thankful to Fr. Boone for his willingness to be with us, and we are grateful to Archbishop for sending the support and collaboration of Fr. Boone to provide fully for the sacramental needs of our people!

In Christ,

Fr. Tony



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and de Lourdes Okoniewski, 87,
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