

BLESSED SACRAMENT *Parish*

January 1, 2012
Mary, the Holy Mother of God

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MISSION STATEMENT

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Parish communicates the Word of God and its message of salvation through preaching, education and the promotion of peace and justice. This mission of evangelization, which entails forming ourselves in belief, sharing that belief and transforming the world around us, is achieved in the context of the Dominican tradition and its emphasis on the four pillars of celebrating God's presence through prayer, building up the Body of Christ through community life, serving God's people through ministry, and forming ourselves in Catholic Christian tradition through life-long study.



VISION STATEMENT

As a vibrant faith community, Blessed Sacrament Catholic Parish shall seek to involve all parishioners in the mission of evangelization.



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Pastor's Letter

I want to wish you all a happy, healthy and holy New Year. I wish you also a joyous feast of Mary—the Mother of God. As we enter into a new calendar year, we do not know what is in our future. The world and national economy remains uncertain. For some of us, there is a lack of clarity in terms of our jobs. For others of us, we may be dealing with the uncertainties of health problems. The list could go on. But as we celebrate this feast of Mary—let us think back to her situation. Life in that era was at best uncertain with a foreign/military occupation, uncertainties in terms of food security, concerns about diseases for which there were few cures. On top of those issues, Mary was pregnant and then gave birth as a teenager (perhaps 14-16 years old) to Jesus, the Son of God. What did that mean for the present and the future? Talk about uncertainty.

Yet Mary, in the face of this uncertainty, placed her trust in God: "I am the handmaid of the Lord, let it be done to me according to your will." In placing her trust in God, it did not mean that she did not have questions or doubts. It did not mean that life was always easy. It did not mean that she would not suffer (in fact it was prophesied that her heart would be pierced and hence one of the titles for Mary is the Sorrowful Mother). Just think of the image of the Michelangelo's "pieta" in St. Peter's in Rome. Placing trust in God is not a "pollyannaish" gesture. Rather it is a response of faith that in the midst of uncertainty and at times trial, we can still be a people of hope and love. Msgr. Mike Burke—my good friend from St. Maria Goretti—(even though he trash talks me a bit about the Badgers vis-a-vis my Penn State allegiance), frequently says: "Keep hope alive." I think this is what Mary did throughout her life, this is what we are called to do.

Finally, thanks to everyone who helped to make our Advent and Christmas celebrations so beautiful and spiritually uplifting. I especially want to thank our Faces of Christ speakers: Linda Bridwell, Barney Gallagher, Sue Grady, Beth Neary, Ryan O'Connor, Becky Otte, Kara Slaughter and Dan Vimont. Thanks also to all of our musicians and vocalists and other liturgical ministers who made the liturgies so inspiring—especially Kitty Maas, our music director. I want to thank our environment committee led by Dee Temprano for creating a beautiful worship space as well as John and Sally Ouellette for once again providing the Christmas trees. And thanks to all of you who have been so cooperative with adjusting to the new translation of the Mass.

Again, may you have a happy New Year.

Fr. Pat

School News & Events

Happy New Year to all our parishioners who support our school. May 2012 be filled with blessings abounding for you and your families.

Classes resume on Tuesday, January 3, 2012

Auditions for Blessed Varieties, our school talent show, will take place on January 17th and 18th. Audition forms, which came home on December 21, are due in the office on Tuesday, January 10, by 3:30 PM. Students in grades 4-8 are invited to audition.

Save these dates! The athletic committee will sponsor our 27th Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, February 12. The APT will sponsor our 13th Dinner/ Auction on Sunday, February 18. More information will follow!

Registration for the 2012-2013 school year will begin on January 19. All new students should be preregistered so that we can provide registration materials to these families on the 19th!

Religious Education Grade 1-8 Calendar

- January 8 - Class
- January 8 - First Eucharist Liturgy
Sign-up after the 9:00 AM Mass
- January 15 - No Class
- January 22 - Class
- January 29 - Class - Game Day!

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 31

5:00 PM Joseph Bernards

Sunday, January 1

7:30 AM Our Parish Family

9:00 AM Lorraine Sachs

11:00 AM Maria Welton

Monday, January 2 - St. Basil the Great

8:30 AM Edward Burns

Tuesday, January 3 - Most Holy Name of Jesus

7:00 AM

8:30 AM Beatrice Kelly

Wednesday, January 4 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

7:00 AM

8:30 AM Tom & Marcella Claridge

Thursday, January 5 - St. John Neumann

7:00 AM

8:30 AM Mary Dirienzo

Friday, January 6 - St. André Bessette

8:30 AM Jeanette Claridge

Saturday, January 7

8:30 AM Robert & John Branstetter

5:00 PM Bernadine Victor

Sunday, January 8

7:30 AM Felice R. Nowakowski

9:00 AM Maria Welton

11:00 AM Our Parish Family

5:00 PM The Youth of Our Parish

Soldiers Prayer List

Jared Brnak - Cousin of the Jeff Schmidt family, serving in Afghanistan.

Benjamin Scheck - Nephew of Patrice Qualey & Scott Gilbertson, serving in Iraq.

Please keep them and all people affected by war in your prayers.

Readings for the Week

Sunday, January 1

Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Monday, January 2

1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28

Tuesday, January 3

1 Jn 2:29--3:6/Jn 1:29-34

Wednesday, January 4

1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42

Thursday, January 5

1 Jn 3:11-21/Jn 1:43-51

Friday, January 6

1 Jn 5:5-13/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

Saturday, January 7

1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 2:1-11

Next Sunday, January 8

Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Parish Calendar of Events

Sunday, January 1 - New Year's Day
Monday, January 2
 NO School and Parish Office Closed
Tuesday, January 3
 7:00 PM Troop #16 Boy Scout Troop FR
Wednesday, January 4
 12:00 PM Senior Meal PC
 1:00 PM Bible Study PC
 3:15 PM 1st Grade Cub Scouts FR
 3:15 PM 2nd Grade Girl Scouts RM21
 3:30 PM Destination Imagination SL
 6:30 PM Salvation Army PC
 7:30 PM Bible Study PC
 7:30 PM Pastoral Council PC
Thursday, January 5
 9:00 AM Rosary CH
 3:00 PM 4th Grade Cub Scouts AH
 4:00 PM YM Food Pantry OS
 7:00 PM Bible Study: Timeline PC
 7:00 PM Prayer Group SL
Friday, January 6
 8:55 AM Chaplet/Divine Mercy CH
 3:15 PM Pack #16 Bear Cub Den FR
Saturday, January 7
 9:00 AM Reconciliation/Holy Hour/Adoration CH
Sunday, January 8 - Epiphany
 After Mass Coffee & Donuts (After 9&11) FR
 10:15 AM Religious Ed. Grade 1-8 SCH&PC
 12:00 PM Discipleship Intensive PC
 12:00 PM RCIA PC
 5:00 PM Teen Mass CH
 6:00 PM Teen Meal FR
 7:00 PM Confirmation 9/10 Grade AH

Assembly Hall-AH • Church-CH • School-SCH
 Parish Center-PC • Friary-FR • Music Room-MR
 School Library-SL • Bell Room-BLR • Garages-GR
 Church Basement Band Room - BDR • Off Site-OS

Eucharist

Monday & Friday..... 8:30 AM
 Tuesday-Thursday..... 7:00 & 8:30 AM
 Saturday..... 8:30 AM (Vigil 5:00 PM)
 Sunday..... 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 AM

Administration

Week Ending December 18, 2011
 Envelopes\$24,963
 Offertory\$524
 Totals\$25,487
Week Ending December 25, 2011
 Envelopes\$23,506
 Offertory\$1,812
 Totals\$25,318
New Fiscal Year July 1, 2011-Dec. 25, 2011
 Envelopes\$415,773
 Offertory\$11,652
 Totals\$427,425

Emmaus Ministry



Friday Potluck for Families with Very Young Children - First Friday, (January 6) a monthly potluck at 6 PM with a brief discussion of the upcoming Sunday readings (6:30 PM) for families with very young children: 5713 Piping Rock Rd., Madison, just off of Whitney Way near the beltline. A heads up is great but not necessary: bklinge@gmail.com. Call 249-0120 if you have trouble finding us.



Third Sunday Brunch at the Multicultural Center - Donate, Shop, Cook or Serve. Meet other young adults, grads, and young professionals. Cook from 9:30-11 AM and/or serve from 10:30 AM-12:45 PM. Donations sorely needed. Sign up: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/multicultural30>.

Parent Group Mondays 9 AM, Assembly Hall - Contact mauraamacdonald@yahoo.com.

Weekly Drop In Sunday Vespers & Potluck - Families with Young Children, Young Adults & Grad students, drop in at 5 PM to Sunday Vespers at the Klingele house, followed by a potluck dinner: 5713 Piping Rock Rd., Madison, just off of Whitney Way near the beltline. A heads up is great but not necessary: bklinge@gmail.com. Call 249-0120 if you have trouble finding us.

Sacramental Preparation

NEW YEAR: NEW INTEREST IN BECOMING CATHOLIC? - If you make up your mind right now to find out what it takes to become a Catholic, you can begin exploring the possibilities without delay, as well as at any time during the year. You are always welcome to inquire and/or get started in the process: contact Ed Emmenegger at the Parish Center, 238-3471 extension 119, or ed@bbsacrament.org.

CONFIRMATION FOR ADULT CATHOLICS - To complete the grace of Baptism, the Church has always urged its members to receive this gift of the special strength of the Holy Spirit. If you have never completed your initiation into the Body of Christ with this anointing, now is your opportunity to receive the gifts to witness His presence in all you do. In most cases, if you are an active member of this faith community, only five sessions would be necessary to prepare for this sacrament. Sessions will begin soon; day and time will be determined according to the needs of those who inquire. Contact Ed Emmenegger, ed@bbsacrament.org, to get started.

Parish News and Events

Saturday morning yoga classes will start again in January. More details to follow. Classes will be appropriate for both beginners and intermediate students. All adult ages welcome. Contact Jane Held if interested at 259-9317 or jaheld@sbcglobal.net.

MEAL FOR SENIORS - Our regular weekly lunches will resume on Wednesday this week. If you're a senior member of the parish (loosely defined - everyone who is personally acquainted with Medicare and Social Security), you're welcome to come for lunch on Wednesday at noon in the Parish Center. A free will offering of \$3.00 is suggested. We gather almost every week through the school year for good food and conversation. Call Ed at 238-3471, extension 119, to find out more or to let us know if you'll be joining us for the first time.



The January Collection for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be next weekend. Please mark your calendars for January 7/8. Thank you for the sacrifices you make to help feed and meet the needs of the hungry and homeless in our city.

Local News & Events

Fr. Pat to give a talk with Dr. Kloess at Queen of Peace On Tuesday night, January 10th at 7 PM, at Queen of Peace Church (on Mineral Point Rd.), Fr. Pat and Dr. Michael Kloess will offer a presentation on the medical and ethical issues associated with reproductive technologies including in vitro fertilization. Often times in medicine we fall victim to the technological imperative, if I can do something, I should do something. However, Christian though asks the question--should I do something, not can I do something. This evening is designed to help people sort out the different ethical questions associated with a host of approaches to overcoming infertility. So we hope to see many Blessed Sacrament parishioners at the talk--QP is only 5 minutes away from us!!

"Who Shall We Be? Living with Hearts of Justice" is the theme for a retreat to be held Saturday, January 21, from 8 AM-12:30 PM, at Blessed Sacrament Church. The retreat was originally scheduled for October 8, but had to be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. Beth O'Brien and Sister Maureen McDonnell, OP, of Wisdom's Well Interfaith Spirituality Center, will lead the retreat, which is sponsored by Faithful Acting for Justice and Pax Christi - Madison. Cost is \$15 per person, payable at the door. To pre-register, email dennis.collier@hotmail.com or phone 608-516-1656.

Consider the Bishop O'Connor Center for your upcoming reception, retreat or social event Planning a wedding, retreat, reunion, or other social event? Consider hosting your next event at the Bishop O'Connor Center! Features: Seating up to 380 guests, on-site catering, beautiful grounds and gardens, professional staff, and rental arrangements. Phone: 608-821-3199 Fax: 608-821-4527 Email: events@straphael.org. More information, including menu options, is available on the Bishop O'Connor Retreat and Conference Center website, at www.boccmadison.com.

High School & Collegiate Ministries

I Want to Volunteer but I Don't Know How... Looking to volunteer in or outside the parish (especially for Confirmation service hours), but do not know where to begin. No problem! Lend a helping hand by signing up for one of these unique opportunities...

Monthly Service Events

Salvation Army - Wednesday Nights, 6:30 to 8:30 PM - Games, reading, crafts with children - Sign Up at www.SignUpGenius.com/go/salvation18

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry - 1st/2nd Thursday - 4:00 to 6:30 PM - Stocking Shelves, shopping with clients (must be a junior, senior, or college teen) - Sign Up with Mary Argall (maryargall@charter.net) or Mary Murphey (mfmurphey@charter.net)

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

- Saturday, January 7 at 5:00 PM**
 Lectors Michelle Behnke & Nina Emerson
 Gifts Jay Everard **Sound Board** Kristen Semrow
 Servers Rory Tisdell & Shane Ryan
 Ems Matt Rasette, Katie Brietzman, Jean Bondoc, Cathy Kealy & Tom Sobota
- Sunday, January 8 at 7:30 AM**
 Lectors Elizabeth Reinhart & Henry Pitot
 Gifts George & Charlotte Leydon
 Servers Jack Hughes & Olivia Popovich
 Ems Cecelia Coyle, Eric Landsness, Monica Oboagwina, Barbara Cahill & Mickey Chitwood
- Sunday, January 8 at 9:00 AM**
 Lectors Sara Jimenez & Bob Shannon
 Gifts Joni Messner **Sound Board** Gabriel Bernhardt
 Servers Sean Filbrandt & 1 Needed
 Ems Sheridan Hearn, Mickey Michuda, Elaine Lindauer, Jan McNally, Keith Rabiola & Sylvia & Alan Minnaert
- Sunday, January 8 at 11:00 AM**
 Lectors Mary Ellen Rodriguez & Beth Neary
 Gifts Madeline Drew **Sound Board** Ken Emmerich
 Servers Jacob & Will Leskovar
 Ems Audrey Carr, Patricia Kokotailo, Pat Cranley, Brendan Floyd, Mary Murphey & Sarah & Jane Morgan

Parish Staff

- Fr. Patrick Norris, O.P., Pastor ext. 117
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- Ed Emmenegger, Pastoral Associate ext. 119
- Maryann Slater, School Principal ext. 115
- Kitty Maas, Director of Music and Liturgy ext. 138
- Melanie Ahern, Coordinator of Youth Formation ext. 116
- Andy Robertson, Maintenance Director ext. 145
- Mary Jo Vitale, Coordinator of Rel. Ed. Grades 1-8 ext. 118
- Mindy Wendt, Pastoral Administrative Assistant ext. 110
- Diane Jones, Bookkeeper ext. 120
- Brad Klingele, Young Adult Ministry ext. 124
- Paul Tatarsky, Computer Support

Bible Study

HIDING GOD'S WORD IN YOUR HEART AND MIND: The Catholic Topical Memory System by Rich Cleveland. Memorizing key portions of sacred Scripture is important in forming us as Catholics and in acquiring a practical understanding of the Bible. Through this program you will learn to be like Jesus who used the Word of God to combat evil and guide people into the knowledge of truth. You will acquire a basket of ready verses with which to discuss topics with friends and family or to strengthen yourself in times of trial and need. This unique program will show you how to memorize and meditate on Scripture more effectively, how to apply the verses you memorize in your life, how to review the verses so you can always recall them easily, and how to continue memorizing Scripture after you finish this course.

This eight week course will resume on Thursday evenings from 7:00 - 8:15 PM in the Parish Center beginning January 5th. Newcomers are welcome! A course fee of \$17 will cover the cost of the materials. If you already have the book, there is no fee for the course. Contact Tom Claridge at 238-3979 or tclaridge@tds.net by Sunday, Jan. 1st to register.