



# BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

**September 6, 2020**

**22nd Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

## *Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

*O Lord, we beseech Thee, unto us Thy  
servants the gift of Thy heavenly grace,  
that, as in the childbirth of the  
Blessed Virgin our salvation began,  
so from the votive solemnity of her  
nativity we may obtain an increase  
of peace. Through Our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*Amen.*

Dear members of Blessed Sacrament family, Greetings of Peace, Hope and Joy to each one of you!

On September 8, we celebrate the feast of the Nativity of our Blessed Mother. There are many Marian feast days, but the principal ones are the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God, the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple, the Annunciation, the Assumption, the Immaculate Conception and the Nativity.

The Feasts of our Lady are dear to us. Before we are born, our mothers are our entire world; they enfold, nourish, and protect us. When we are born they continue to care for us, by comforting, nursing, and teaching us as we grow. Mothers do not stop being mothers just because we are grown. Our mother will always be our mother.

So, it is with our Blessed Mother, the Virgin Mary. She will always be Jesus' Mother, and she will always be our Mother with Jesus our brother. Mary stands ready, arms open to take us in. As our Mother, she will continue to nourish, protect, comfort, and teach us as we grow. Daily prayers that greet and thank her for her love and care, and intercessory prayers that ask for her aid, ensure her place in our families, our homes, and our hearts.

Our Lady's birthday has been described as "the hope of the entire world and the dawn of salvation". In celebrating the nativity of Mary, Christians anticipate the Incarnation and the birth of her Divine Son, and give honor to the mother of Our Lord and Savior. With Mary's birth, sorrow and darkness begin to be dispersed. Each one of us has his/her own hopes and aspirations, problems, concerns and anxieties which trouble our hearts. Let us open our hearts to her so that, she as our Mother, can once again fill us with peace, hope and trust in God's providence.

God had a special plan for Mary when He brought her forth into this world. She completely cooperated with this divine plan and made of her life something truly beautiful for God. This feast reminds us that the gift of life that God has blessed us with is to be embraced and lived to the full, following the wonderful example of our Mother.

During these difficult days, may our Blessed Mother continue to protect you all from all harm – physical, moral, emotional and spiritual.

In Christ,  
Fr. Simon Manjooran

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## Mission Statement:

*Blessed Sacrament welcomes everyone to experience the gifts, joy and personal growth through Christ's teachings.  
Celebrate your life by listening, adopting and practicing Christ's message.*

### SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR OUR COLLABORATIVE

**Monday, September 7** No Mass

**Tuesday, September 8**  
Mass at St. Margaret at 9:00 a.m.

**Wednesday, September 9** (esp. for Covid vulnerable persons)  
9:00 a.m. † Don and Doris Miller Req. by family

**Thursday, September 10**  
6:00 p.m. † John Boreczky Req. by Mary Ann Boreczky

**Friday, September 11** No Mass **Office Closed**  
Mass at St. Margaret at 9:00 a.m.

**Saturday, September 12**  
4:00 p.m. † Bernice Pozezinski Req. by Dorothy Sagodic  
Mass at St. Margaret at 5:30 p.m.

**Sunday, September 13**  
8:30 a.m. Offered for Blessed Sacrament Parishioners  
Mass at St. Margaret at 10:30 a.m.

Please note that with the beginning of Religious Ed on September 20, the Sunday Mass at St. Margaret will change to 11:00 a.m.



The Sanctuary Light will be offered the week of September 6-12  
In memory of those listed in our Memorial Society

### Mass Appointments

**Saturday, September 12, Vigil Mass 4:00 p.m.**  
Readers: Anne Marie Bartz and Mary Koester

**Sunday, September 13, 8:30 a.m.**  
Readers: Chris Dulac and Pat Newbauer

**Confession Times** Saturday 3:00 p.m. Sunday 7:30 a.m.  
Wed. 8:30 a.m. Thurs. 5:30 p.m.

Confessions are taking place in the library upstairs

### Weekly Financial Reporting - August 30, 2020

#### COLLECTIONS

Budgeted Amount .....	\$4,550.00
Collection.....	\$2467.00
Capital Improvements.....	\$195.00
Votive Candles.....	0
# of envelopes.....	50

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Please also consider the convenient option of online giving.  
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Sponsor of the Week: **SANDERS ROOFING**  
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**And our homebound**

and for the special intentions in our Parish Book of Intercessions on our prayer altar.

### Volunteers please!

**1. We are in need of sacristans** to help set up for Mass, on weekends, and weekdays. Training of course will be provided and you can choose how often or little you can serve. If interested in hearing more, call Maria Vandermeer at 269-492-8036 or contact office.

#### 2. Do you love working with flowers?

We are looking for someone or a few people, willing to help with the weekly arranging of flowers for our altar. This does not include flowers for Easter and Christmas. If you'd like to hear more about it, call the office or Maria Vandermeer at 269-492-8036.

**3. We need more ushers** for the 4:00 p.m. Saturday Mass... if you can help out, please contact the office.

*We were having problems with our email.... Please ...If you are not receiving our weekly emails please contact parish office at blsacch@frontier.com to be put on the list.*

### Attention Readers!

If you are interested in a copy of the Lector's Reading workbook, for the upcoming liturgical season, please call the office. We will be placing an order soon! The cost is \$10.00



**We have something for you!**

We're excited to share that our parish has purchased a subscription to "FORMED" an online platform which pulls together the best in Catholic movies, children's programming, audio dramas and books, providing a trusted and engaging entertainment alternative in support of a Catholic lifestyle. Bible studies, sacramental prep materials, documentaries, books and audio talks from leading Catholic experts will help you grow in understanding your faith. You can have access to all this directly on your browser, mobile or connected device! Free to you!

Visit FORMED.org, and click "sign up". Select -"I belong to a parish.." Type in Blessed Sacrament, enter your email and you're in! OR search for "Formed" on your app store.

PLEASE NOTE: Although the Good Samaritans are not currently operating, the pantry is available to anyone in need during this time during the regular office hours. Also, If you are in need of financial assistance call the parish office.

**Prayer for Our Nation**

*Taken from Fr. John A. Hardon, S.J.*

Lord Jesus Christ, You told us to give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God. Enlighten the minds of our people in America. May we choose government officials according to Your Divine Will. Give our citizens the courage to choose leaders of our nation who respect the sanctity of unborn human life, the sanctity of marriage, the sanctity of marital relations, the sanctity of family and the sanctity of aging. Grant us the wisdom to give to You, what belongs to you, our God. If we do this, as a nation we are confident You will give us an abundance of Your blessings through our elected leaders. Amen.

If anyone has reason to suspect physical, sexual or emotional abuse of any person of any age, please contact Protective Services (855-444-3911) or the police, as appropriate.

Last Tuesday, September 8 was the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. To celebrate that day there was a beautiful prayer service that was offered by the Care of Creation team...the prayer as well as other resources are available at <https://seasonofcreation.org/>

**A Prayer for our Earth By Pope Francis\***

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light. We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

*\* Pope Francis published this prayer in his Laudato Si' encyclical, and is meant for sharing with all who believe in a God who is the all-powerful Creator.*

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**From the CCW Pie Ladies**

The Coronavirus has put quite an obstacle to our summer pie making! We have been putting some fruit in the freezer in hope of being able to prepare some frozen pies. The sale of pies provides vital income to the CCW in order that the good works of the CCW can continue. Our plan is that we will be able to safely gather in the fall to prepare a greatly reduced number of pies to be available for sale within the Parish. Fruit is not readily available but we hope to be able to offer rhubarb, blueberry and apple pies. We will keep you updated on our progress toward this goal. Thanks to you we have been able to have a very successful program in the past and hope to be able to offer the Parish some pies this fall. Blessings to all of you for your past support.



**Do any of these statements apply to you?**

- I have never been baptized.
- I was baptized Catholic, but have had little or no faith formation.
- I am baptized in another religion.
- I am baptized Catholic but have not received Eucharist and Confirmation.

If it is you, or someone you know, who would like to know more about the Faith, or be fully initiated into the Church, we are planning our schedule for RCIA in accord with Diocesan COVID requirements. Call the parish office for more information!

**RCIA**  
*A Journey In Faith*