Parish of the Blessed Sacrament
Baptism of the Lord
January 13, 2019

THE BAPTISM *of the Lord*

"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16bc

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Blessed Sacrament Parish welcomes new residents and visitors. It is wonderful to celebrate the Eucharist with you. If you are new to the parish, please call the office to register.

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Call the Parish Office to register

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CELEBRATING THE DAYS

Monday, January 14
Confessions before Mass
8:00AM John Rapps, Jr.
Jim & Sue Suellertrop

Tuesday, January 15
Confessions before Mass
8:20AM Jim Belz
Patricia Natterman

Wednesday, January 16
Confessions before Mass
8:00AM Carol R. Troike
Poor Souls Shrine
5:30PM **Prayer Service**

Thursday, January 17
Confessions before Mass
8:00AM Penny Daugherty
Ed Bramlet, Jr.

Friday, January 18
Confessions before Mass
8:20AM Bud Becker
Sue Senger

Saturday, January 19
Confessions before Mass
8:00AM Special Intention
3:00-4:00PM Confessions
4:30PM John & Mary Tweryon

Sunday, January 20-2nd Sunday Ordinary Time
7:00AM Anna Eleydiath
8:30AM Intentions of our Parishioners
10:30AM Ronald Walsh, Sr.

Rosary beginning at 10:05 is prayed before 10:30 AM Mass Sundays. Rosary is now being prayed for the Blessed Sacrament Prayer Line-two intentions per week! Please join us in praying for our parish family. Hope to see you there!!

Dear Parishioners,

Parish Viability. The life of a parish is often measured by statistics and facts. Blessed Sacrament Parish was established in 1924. There are 1,559 households with 4,626 people that make up the parish. Two priests and two deacons are assigned by the Bishop to care for the spiritual and temporal needs of the parish. They are assisted by a parish staff, a parish council, finance council, and various groups that carry out the work of the parish. Last year, the average attendance for weekend Masses was 1,052, representing just under 23% of the parishioners. There were 72 children baptized and 4 adults (baptized in other denominations) received into the church. There were 69 First Communions and 78 Confirmations. There were also 21 marriages and 45 funerals. Blessed Sacrament has a school serving pre-K through 8th grade. There are two sections of each class with 525 total students. An School Advisory Board meets regularly to assist in its operations. Another 56 students attend PSR classes on Wednesday evenings. The parish also has a 24 hour Adoration Chapel for people to come and pray.

Such facts and statistics try to give an overview of what one will find at Blessed Sacrament and how alive and active the parish is. However, what it won't tell you are the people who returned to the practice of the faith this past year. It won't tell you their story. It won't tell you the hardships and heartaches people have suffered and the parishioners who took it on themselves to help out. It won't tell you the people who have donated their time and talent to help with the scouts, or sing in the choir, or volunteer to pick up trash on the grounds. There are people who bring food when neighbors are laid up or give money so another child has the opportunity to attend a parochial school. There are mothers who babysit another mother's child in emergencies. In other words, these statistics won't tell you how our faith in Christ is lived each day. Yet, that is where the rubber hits the road. Can you imagine—if each parishioner in our parish did just one act of kindness each day, it would total up to be 4,626 acts every day or 32,382 every week or 1,688,490 acts of kindness every year. What an amazing statistic that would be! What an amazing effect such viability could have on our community and our world.

Fr. Jeff

OUR PARISH

Congratulations to our Recently Baptized:
Penelope Ann Graham, daughter of Louis & Jennifer Graham

Let us pray for Our Recently Departed:
Bernie Quigley
Don Christie
William "Bill" Severino
Charlotte Sweeney McKenzie
Mary Haugh

School News:
Tuesday, Jan. 15-Report Cards go out
Wednesday, Jan. 16-1:30pm Early Dismissal for Faculty Meeting
Wednesday, Jan.16-8:00pm March for Life Pilgrimage leaves BSS at 8:00pm
Sunday, Jan. 20-March for Life Pilgrimage returns to Springfield

Save The Date! Blessed Sacrament School will again host a Mardi Gras Party on Saturday, March 2 from 7:00 until 10:00. There will be live music by Black Magic Johnson, delicious Cajun food, games and door prizes. Mark your calendars for this fun event!

Rummage Sale - It's back! The parish rummage sale will be held on Saturday, June 1. Item collection will not begin until May, but keep the sale in mind as you are cleaning those basements, attics, and closets!

Are You Prepared for Super Bowl ? This is your invitation!! Come join the men of the parish on January 26 and 27 at the Villa Marie on Lake Springfield where you will see if you are prepared for the challenges of the Super Bowl of Renewal. Are you prepared for the Challenge of Living a New Life in Christ? Just go to the parish website**: www.bsps.org . Click on Faith Formation. Then click on Men's Retreat and SIGN UP.** The rewards will be great and you will still be able to attend that Super Bowl party the following Sunday (after Mass, of course). For questions call David Senger at 217-741-4759 or Deacon Tom at 217-416-9713.

Springfield Right To Life will sponsor a Signature Ad Campaign in the State Journal Register, to be published on or about January 27, 2018.We encourage you to participate and sign your name to this life affirming campaign. After all the Masses this weekend January 12 &13, you may make a $5 donation and complete the signup sheet to have your name included in the Right to Life advertisement for LIFE. Make checks payable to Springfield Right To Life

Please keep in your prayers our 8th Grade Students and their chaperones who are going on the March for Life Pilgrimage this week.

Happy New Year Please include "Scrip buying" in your New Year's Resolutions. The Scrip program allows parishioners to generate revenue for Catholic education through purchases *they would make anyway*. Groceries, clothing, toys, gifts, even gasoline can be purchased with scrip. Our parish can raise as much as $100,000 per year -- without spending an additional penny. Challenge for the week... Stop by the school office and buy enough gas cards to pay for your family's fuel needs for the upcoming week. We've got Marathon, Mobil/Exxon cards and Shell cards. These cards work just like cash and are easy to give to your teenage driver. See how easy it is to use Scrip!

Don Bosco Ben Gazzara stars in this film about St. John Bosco, a 19th century Italian priest who served the poor and started the Salesian order. His feast day is January 31st. This, and many other Movies, audio talks, books, live discussions, and videos are available at no charge to you via our parish subscription to Formed. If you aren't already signed up for your free access to Formed go to www.bsps.formed.org. If you need assistance please call Bob Vincent 523-4335.

Christ the King Winter Bible Study Please join us, as we study *Lectio: Evangelization and the Acts of the Apostles*. This is a 10 week study, authored by Dr. Mary Healy, combining Bible study with Church teaching and practical wisdom to show you how modern Catholics can effectively lead people to Jesus Christ. Meetings are on Thursday mornings from 9:15 AM to 11:00 AM in the Christ the King Parish Center, beginning on Thursday, February 7th. Childcare is available for a small donation. All are welcome! Participants will receive a workbook and have light reading with homework. The cost of the materials will be around $25. Each week we will view a 50 minute DVD lecture with discussion following. For more information or to register, contact Kristin Luker at 546-4959 orKLuker@LukerDentalCare.com.

ADORATION HOURS: **Following are the hours that are open and available for Adoration. Is it possible that you may have "One Hour to Watch with Him". We need 22 people to commit to one hour a week. Are you one of these people??**

Sunday	1am	Tuesday	3am	Friday	4am
Sunday	2am	Wednesday	3am	Friday	7am
Sunday	3am	Wednesday	10am	Friday	8am
Monday	1am	Thursday	2am	Friday	5pm
Monday	2am	Thursday	6pm	Saturday	2am
Monday	3am	Friday	1am	Saturday	1pm
Tuesday	1am	Friday	2am		
Tuesday	2am	Friday	3am		

Are you a visitor to Blessed Sacrament? If you're visiting us today we're glad you're here. If you are considering Blessed Sacrament as your new spiritual home, or if you just want to know more about us, we have a packet of information we would like you to take home with you. Just ask any usher for a visitor's packet. You don't have to give us any information about yourself. Just ask an usher. No strings attached. Thank you for visiting Blessed Sacrament.

Surviving Divorce-is a new ministry that will bring hope and healing to those who have experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage Surviving Divorce is a12 video presentation. This program is for the newly separated and divorced and those still struggling with issues many years later. This program is being held at Christ the King Parish Library beginning on Thursday, January 24th at 7pm.. Please call Christ the King's Parish Office at 546-3527 to register. For additional information please contact John Marruffo, 494-3366

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion-Memorial Medical Center is in need of Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. They are particularly in need of Eucharistic Ministers who are available any day of the week or weekends. If this opportunity interests you contact Memorial Medical Center Pastoral Care Department 217-755-3585 or email staab.nancy@mhsil.com for more information

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
WEEK OF JAN. 14-18
MONDAY-WEDNESDAY
8:00AM
William Pittman-Ethan Keller
Thursday- Friday
Timothy Nudo-Grace Klenke

Saturday, Jan. 19, 4:30PM
Lector: Sandy Etheridge
Servers: Carter Etheridge, Eamon Mahoney, Nathan Jugan
Eucharistic Ministers: Calvin Bell, Andrea Judd, Noreen Luhr, Trish Marriott, Windie McKay, Vince Toolen, Paul Wheeler

Sunday, Jan. 20, 7:00AM
Lector: Val Simhauser
Servers: Jonah Parkes
Eucharistic Ministers: James Morphew, Ann Walker, Dave Langston,Pat Sheehan, Duke Walker

Sunday, Jan. 20, 8:30 AM
Lector: Claire Manning
Servers: Maggie O'Brien, Miriam O'Brien, Ellen O'Brien
Eucharistic Ministers: Anne Capestrain, Sheri Dhabalt, Kathleen Harth, Becky Leonard, Laurie Mann, Gregg Sams, Lisa Sarnowski, Dave Sarnowski

Sunday, Jan. 20, 10:30AM
Lector: Bob Vincent
Servers: Ava DeSalle, Samuel DeSalle, William DeSalle
Eucharistic Ministers: Rose Amon, Lori Criscione, Rosemary DiNello, Cynthia Lamar, Jack Lamar, Eric Madiar, Patty Naylor, Colleen VonDeBur

Blessed Sacrament Prayer Line

Call the Parish Office 528-7521 Please pray for the intention of : Lucy Wallner, Jimmie Hill, Robert Farris, Amber, Dorothy Tracy, Vernon Spiedger, Terri Burwitz, Rita, Ron, Owen Doak, Kayte, Denise S, Christopher Morgan, Dave, Betty, Ed Pauley, Steve, Hannah Clark, Peter Schofield, Ginny Schofield, Amy Gatewood family, Monica Larch, Austin Fields, Larry Theise, Gwen Bramlet, Richard Judd, John M, Louie Rago, Gwinn, John, Claire, Mary, Ray Roland, Josette, Danielle Loftus, Kitty, Susan, Cindy, Barbara Schuh, Ruth Pohlman, Charles Klaphake, Annie, Barb, Tony, Kurt C, Eric, Lois & Jim Burton, Tom VonBerg, Donna Fitts, Ellen White, Barbara, Rose, Archer Senft, Suzie Culters, Tom J., Judy, Anna Gietl, Doug, Beth, Camden Spinner, Cindi, Andy Kates, Dave, Sandy H, Jim C., Jason Baird, Jen, Family of Gretchen Hornickle Harrison, Joyln Jensen, Jack Rhinehart, Dorothy Willenborg, Tom, Barry McCollom Tyra Redpath, Steve Kinsella, Destiny Renfro James, Clarita DeLargy, Steve, Karen, Steve, Miles Fifer, Maureen, Julie, Bill, Mary Coffey, Craig DeLargy, Brian Meredith, Destiny Jane, Katie Bronken, Cheryl, Fonda, Kristen, Tia, Jeff K., Laura M, Helen, Sue, Bob Wise, Jean Quigley, Dave, Leo, Betty, Elizabeth Handrich, Melissa, Mary Jane Harshbarger, Troy,Joan Casper, Sharon S, Laura Black James G., Anna Chougry March, Charlotte, Don Egan, Shandi Chrysler, Donald Cole ,Dave, Leo, Emily Amy, Gloria, Susan McCain, Ray Shaw, Jeanette, Kevin Henry, Gary, Laurie, Mary Alice Owens, Gary Bartels, Don John, Dale, Peggy Cadigan, Sarah & baby O'Connor, Mary, Rocky Tom Acker, Caleb Cross, Callie, Marlene Keldermans, Jeannie Marie Gorman, Dcn. Ben Hoefler, Colleen, Edna Kienzler, Denny McDaniels, Terry Jordan, Janet Ketchum, Randy Myers

STEWARDSHIP

(Time / Talent /Treasure)

In the Spirit of Giving

Parish Collection

Target Amount	**$23,500.00**
Sunday, December 30	**$26,574.00**

ACSA (Annual Catholic Services Appeal)

Our Parish Assessment	$80,136.00
Pledged to the Diocese	$51,645.00
Amount Remaining	$28,491.00

13% of our parishioners (183 families) have contributed to date

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Project Rachel can help women and men heal from the pain of abortion. For assistance call 698-4456

Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting & Investigation 321-1155