

# Parish of the Blessed Sacrament

## 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### September 29, 2019



## 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday

### IN ORDINARY TIME



"But Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets. Let them listen to them.' He said, 'Oh no, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' Then Abraham said, 'If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.'" - Lk 16:29-31

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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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**CELEBRATING THE DAYS**

**Monday, September 30**

Confessions before Mass

**8:00AM** Josephine & Salvatore Corrado  
Nina & Matteo Manzella  
Sr. Ann Smith

**Tuesday, October 1**

Confessions before Mass

**8:20AM** Marilyn Huckaby  
Mary S. Fleischli

**Wednesday, October 2**

Confessions before Mass

**8:00AM** Terry Rossi  
Decease Members of Delano,  
Foran, & Schwarm families

**5:30PM** Prayer Service

**Thursday, October 3**

Confessions before Mass

**8:00AM** Past & Present Sacristans  
Fritzie Belz

**Friday, October 4**

Confessions before Mass

**8:20AM** Terry Rossi  
John Dietrich

**Saturday, October 5**

Confessions before Mass

**8:00AM** Anna Eleydiath  
**3:00-4:00pm** Confessions  
**4:30PM** Susan Eck Morris

**Sunday, Oct. 6– 27th Sunday-Ordinary Time**

**7:00AM** Jane MacMurdo  
**8:30AM** John Dietrich  
**10:30AM** Intentions of our Parishioners

***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,**

**Attending Mass:** During the month of October, the diocese asks each parish to count the people who attend Mass. It serves a two-fold purpose. First of all, it helps us to evaluate and address the immediate needs of our diocese. Does a parish offer too many Masses? Perhaps the priest's energy could be better used where the need is greater. The second purpose is to measure trends among the Catholic population. Are more going or staying away and what are the reasons? Has the growth in one area simply offset the losses in another? This count is a valuable tool in helping to assess the challenges the Church faces today.

What I know about Blessed Sacrament is that less than 25% of our current parishioners attend Mass on the weekend. This percentage is slightly below the national average. From my observation, attendance seems to be declining although the number of registered families has increased. The average age of our parishioners is also younger than the average. Our school is the largest grade school in the diocese. Is there a correlation? What are we doing to reach out to the young, especially younger parents? Has the sexual abuse scandal hurt our parish and if so, how? What effect does the culture of today's world have and how do we draw people back? Some responses to these questions are simply gimmicks. If you involve the children more, their parents will come. Give tuition breaks to families who attend. Offer doughnuts after Mass. Cater to special groups. They may help raise attendance, but they honestly don't address the issue.

Perhaps a better way is to give people a real reason to come. Here is what I mean.

--People, and especially young families, live busy lives today. It is hard to find time for all the demands put on us. Things get cut or pushed aside without much thought.

Unfortunately, God is often one of those "things". If we don't take time for God, do we honestly think life will get better and we will find the satisfaction we are searching for? Just the opposite will happen and we will soon lose sight of what is really important. Attending Mass allows us to take some time for God. Friends become better friends as they spend more time together.

--Attending Mass offers us grace. Grace is defined as God's love and assistance. Grace is attained when we hear God's word and receive Christ's body and blood in the Eucharist.

When you are out in this cold and challenging world, isn't it nice to know that someone is on your side helping you not to compromise the persons you are called to be.

--Attending Mass shows you belong to something bigger than yourself. You are part of God's family where God is your father and Jesus is your brother. He invites you to come over every weekend just like Grandma did.

--Attending Mass allows you to witness to your faith. You may never know how many people are strengthened to live faithful lives when they see you join them at Mass. We all struggle and there is spiritual strength when someone is willing to walk with us.

You may have other reasons for going to Mass, but please don't stop coming; for God is depending on you and that in itself is reason enough.

**Fr. Jeff**



### OUR PARISH

#### **Congratulations to our Recently Baptized:**

Stella Clementine Hennessy, daughter of David & Marissa Hennessy

#### **Please pray for our Recently Departed:**

Roderick "Rick" Lang  
Clifford Lynch

**Super Food Drive Challenge** During the month of October, Blessed Sacrament School will participate in our third year of the Catholic Schools Food Drive Challenge between all the Catholic Elementary Schools in Springfield. Students and parish families may bring nonperishable food for the Holy Family Food Pantry to the school office. Thank you for your participation!

**The Confessions of St. Augustine** One of the truly classic titles in Christian literature from the man considered by many to be the greatest thinker in Christian antiquity, Confessions is a must read for all of us. This is one of many books that have been in our Little Free Library (LFL) recently. With new titles being added each week you should check in often. If you have religious books to donate to the LFL please put them in the collection box in the vestibule. Blessed Sacrament's Little Free Library is located immediately opposite the main entrance to the church, just across Laurel street between the sidewalk and the parking lot. Please contact Bob Vincent [rvincent324@yahoo.com](mailto:rvincent324@yahoo.com) or 217-523-4335 with questions about our LFL.

**Ladies of the parish,** Come join us on October 1st **6:30 pm**, school cafeteria for the Women's Club's Double Denim Party. This is a casual gathering to learn about and provide support to a local charity. Wear a pair of jeans and bring a pair to donate to The James Project. The James Project is a Christian nonprofit that helps provide necessary items and housing for foster families.

**Coffee, Donuts and Flu Shot** Come join us this Saturday and Sunday, September 28 and 29, for any one, two or all three of these. Have some coffee, donuts ( Sunday only ), friendly conversation and an opportunity to have a flu shot. A Flu Shot Clinic, sponsored by Hy-Vee's Pharmacy (get 20 cents per gallon discount on gas at Hy-Vee or Casey's gas station) will be offered to the parishioners of Blessed Sacrament. Protect yourself- get a flu shot !

**Bishop Paprocki Wants Your Feedback!** The Diocese of Springfield in Illinois will be conducting a campaign planning study throughout October and November, and Bishop Paprocki would like to hear from you. The study will gather feedback on a potential diocesan-wide capital campaign to support the education of our seminarians. A high level of participation is needed to aid the bishop in making an informed decision about whether to move forward with a campaign. The Steier Group, a Catholic development fundraising firm, has been hired to conduct the study. A final recommendation on the viability of the campaign will be made in the early December. The study will provide everyone with an opportunity to share their thoughts through a combination of personal interviews, mail/online surveys, and town halls to be held at locations throughout the diocese. There will be regular updates in our bulletin in the weeks to come with more details on how you can participate. Stay tuned!

### **SCHOOL NEWS!**

**Wednesday, Oct. 2** –4th grade trip to Lincoln sites.

**Thursday, Oct. 3**– Lifetouch school photos (non-uniform day)

**Friday, Oct. 4**– First Friday Benediction grades 2-8  
PSA Spirit Day (non uniform day)

**3:15pm**-Pet Blessing after School

**Blessing of Animals**– Fr. Jeff will bless animals after school, in the field, Friday, October 4, the Feast of St. Francis

**50th ANNUAL AUCTION** - Save the date to attend the 50th, yes 50th, edition of the Blessed Sacrament Auction on Saturday, October 19. This year's Auction, themed Five Decades of Auction Hits, will be chaired by Julia Langfelder Frevert. There will many updates in the coming weeks, but in the meantime, as we celebrate the half-century birthday of this event, we are collecting photographs and memories from past year auctions. Please share by dropping pictures or notes off at the school or the rectory office in an envelope addressed to Kim Hoffmann. The pictures will be returned to you. Please make plans to join us for this parish celebration on October 19.

### **Volunteers Make the Annual Auction AWESOME**

The 50th Annual Blessed Sacrament Auction is the biggest fundraiser of the year, and we need your help to make it AMAZING! There is no experience necessary. Earn service hours and have FUN by signing up today at <http://signup.com/go/BSSauction> or contact Megan DeFraen at (217) 971-8726.

**Please join us for a study of Scripture and Church Teaching** on a different topic each week starting Tuesday 10/1 at 6:30 PM in the rectory basement. The first topic is Who is Jesus? We'll use material from Formed, Church documents, and the Bible, to examine who exactly Jesus is. There is no charge or material fee and no reservations are necessary so just attend sessions on the topics you are most interested in, and be sure to bring your Bible. For more information contact Bob or Connie Vincent at [217-523-4335](tel:217-523-4335) or email [rvincent324@yahoo.com](mailto:rvincent324@yahoo.com).

**BSA Troop 1031** will be selling garden mums after masses October 5th & 6th. They will be available in red, white, yellow, purple and bronze. The cost is \$10.



**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 23 people to commit to one hour a week or find a friend and alternate weeks! This can make it nice when you need a sub! Are you one of these people?? For further information please email Karen Senger at [senger@bssbruins.org](mailto:senger@bssbruins.org) or [bssps.org](http://bssps.org).

Sunday 12am	Tuesday 1am	Friday 11am
Sunday 1am	Tuesday 2am	Friday 10pm
Sunday 2am	Tuesday 3am	Saturday 1am
Sunday 3am	Wednesday 4pm	Saturday 2am
Sunday 1pm	Thursday 11pm	Saturday 5am
Monday 1am	Friday 1am	Saturday 7am
Monday 2am	Friday 2am	Saturday 10am
Monday 3am	Friday 3am	Monday 1pm
Tuesday 10am		

**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.

**Annual Women's Club Advent by Candlelight** evening will be held on Sunday, December 8th. We need table decorators, bakers, greeters, and servers to make it a successful evening. Our special guest speaker is Marlene Mulford, a graduate of the Catholic Spiritual Mentorship Program. Please add December 8th to your calendar and consider volunteering. For more details, contact Sally Petrone at [217.341.9088](tel:217.341.9088).

**OCTOBER 12, 2019 - ROSARY RALLY** - The annual Prayer in the Public Square Rosary Rally will be on Saturday, October 12, 2019 from 12PM - 1PM, outside in front of the Lincoln statue at the Springfield Capitol Building on 2nd and Capitol streets (inside the Rotunda if it rains). Please contact Donna B. with any questions 217-622-8576.

**SHG Mega-Raffle Tickets on Sale Now** Tickets are now on sale for the 25th annual Mega-Raffle. SHG's Raffle will include 50 total cash prizes, including a grand prize of \$100,000 cash, a second prize of \$10,000 cash, and a third prize of \$3,000 cash. If you buy your ticket before Early Bird on Oct. 11, you will have 20 extra chances to win \$500. Only 4,200 tickets are available at \$100 each. The Final Drawing is Nov. 1. All proceeds from the Raffle benefit the school's operating budget. In addition, each of the Springfield area Catholic grade schools will receive \$1,000. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.shg.org](http://www.shg.org) or call 787-9732.

**These Shoes Are Made for Shopping** Ready for new shoes? We can special order ANY of the following shoe stores and look at how much they give back to Blessed Sacrament School: **DSW (8%), Foot Locker (8%), Shoe Carnival (5%)** and **Zappos.com (8%)**. Buy some now and save it for Christmas shopping! Email [scrip@bssbruins.com](mailto:scrip@bssbruins.com) to place a special order.

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SEPT.30 - OCT. 4

### MONDAY-WEDNESDAY

8:00am-8:20am

Eamon Mahoney-Cian Mahoney

**Thursday- Friday**

Joscelyn Voegele-Rowan Mizeur

### Saturday, Oct. 5, 4:30PM

**Lector:** Karen Vogt

**Servers:** Maxwell Stanley,  
Harrison Faulkner, Gavin  
Hayes

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Erica  
Beeman, Lisa Belz, Richard  
Campbell, Lori Criscione,  
Noreen Luhr, Trish Marriott,  
Paul Wheeler

### Sunday, Oct. 6, 7:00AM

**Lector:** Ann Walker

**Servers:** Jonah Parkes

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Kathy  
Gietl, Kathy Grubb, Michele  
Hinds-Greenwood, Michael  
O'Brien, Duke Wheeler

### Sunday, Oct. 6, 8:30 AM

**Lector:** Mary Maloney

**Servers:** Felicity Keller, Ethan  
Keller, Luke Harvey

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Janine  
Feller, Kathleen Harth, Becky  
Leonard, Michelle Lucas,  
Laurie Mann, Gregg Sams,  
Mark Ushman

### Sunday, Oct. 6, 10:30AM

**Lector:** Suzanne Baase

**Servers:** Jackson Pitz, Chloe  
Kren, Elliott Kren

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Rose  
Amon, Donald Graham,  
Patricia Graham, Patti Naylor,  
Sally Petrone, Joseph  
Stannard, Mary Tuttle

**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, Barba-  
 ra 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, Charlie Adams, Julie, Bill, Mary  
 Coffey, Craig DeLargy, Brian Meredith, Destiny Jane, Katie  
 Bronken, Cheryl, Fonda, Kristen, Tia, Jeff K., Laura M, Sue, Bob  
 Wise, 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, Andy, Donald Cole, Dave, Leo, Emily Amy, Gloria, Su-  
 san McCain, Ray Shaw, Jeanette, Kevin Henry, Gary, Laurie,  
 Mary Alice Owens, Gary Bartels, Don John, Dale, Peggy Ca-  
 digan, Sarah & Everett O'Connor, Mary, Rocky Tom Acker,  
 Caleb Cross, Callie, Marlene Keldermans, Jeannie Marie Gor-  
 man, Dcn. Ben Hoefler, Colleen, Edna Kienzler, Denny McDan-  
 iels, Terry Jordan, Janet Ketchum, Randy Myers, Michael  
 Mauch, Steve Bartels, Mary Kulavic, Bette Atteberry, William  
 Burkey, Barb Hansen, Helen Rhinehart, Edward, Diana Schu-  
 macher, Melissa Brown, Mary, Beverly Rago, Sharon O'Brien.  
 Jim & Cynthia Novello, Becky Wood, Denise Cindy Ramirez,

**STEWARDSHIP**  
*(Time / Talent /Treasure)*  
***In the Spirit of Giving***

**Parish Collection**

<b>Target Amount</b>	<b>\$23,500.00</b>
<b>Sunday, September 15</b>	<b>\$19,313.00</b>

**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