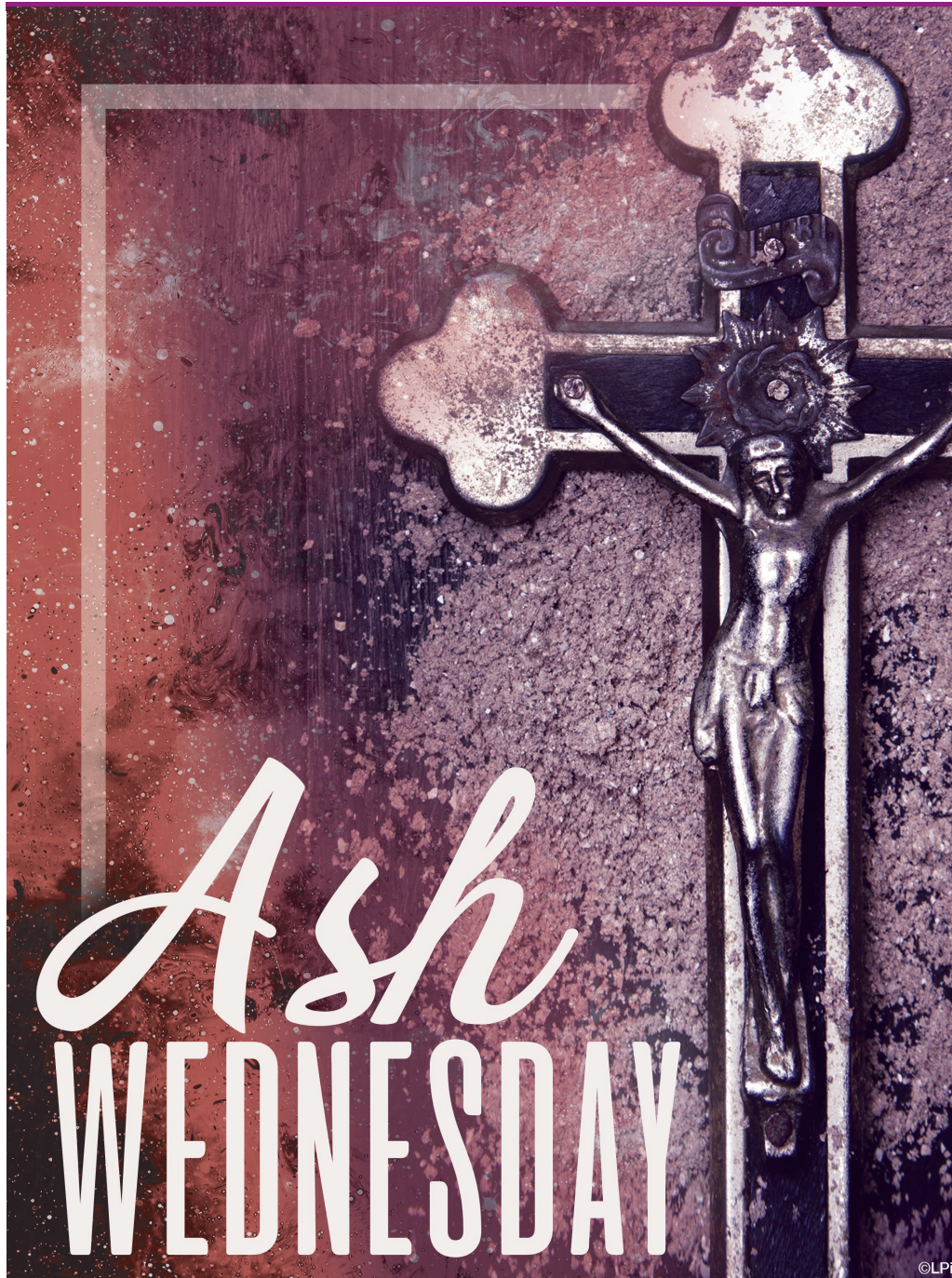


Parish of the Blessed Sacrament
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 23, 2020



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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.

CELEBRATING THE DAYS

Monday, February 24

Confessions before Mass

8:00AM David & Christine Flatt
Dean Galli

Tuesday, February 25

Confessions before Mass

8:20AM Fritzie Belz
Anna Lisa Gietl

Wednesday, February 26

Ash Wednesday

Confessions before Mass

8:20AM Mike vonBehren
Rick McRoberts
5:30PM Anna Gerri Gasaway

Thursday, February 27

Confessions before Mass

8:00AM Mary Alice Owens
James "Mac" Graham

Friday, February 28

Confessions before Mass

8:20AM Midge Langfelder
Charlie Klaphake
5:30pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 29

Confessions before Mass

8:00AM Anna Eleydiath
3:00-4:00pm Confessions
4:30PM Charlie Klaphake

Sunday, March 1-First Sunday of Lent

7:00AM Helen J. Bollitto
8:30AM Norman Mack
10:30AM Intentions of our Parishioners

Rosary beginning at 10:05am is prayed before 10:30am Mass Sundays and includes intentions from the Blessed Sacrament Prayer Line. Please join us in praying for our parish family. Hope to see you there!

Dear Parishioners,

Lent 2020. This Wednesday begins the season of Lent. It is a time set aside for the church to prepare to commemorate the death and resurrection of Jesus. Through prayer, fasting and penance, the faithful renew their faith and draw themselves closer to the Lord.

--Prayer. By prayer, we express our love for God and deepen our personal relationship with Christ. Scripture, formal prayer, meditation, Stations of the Cross, the rosary, Adoration, etc. are just some of the ways to pray. Our parish will make available **The Little Black Book** which offers a six minute reflection for each day. By taking time each day to pray we walk with Christ on his road to Calvary and prepare ourselves to remember what he endured for us that we might be saved.

--Fasting. Often when our stomachs are full (and our lives are also full) we forget to take time for God. Fasting is a way to remember how dependent we really are on God. The church requires every member between the ages of 18-60 (who are in good health) to **fast** on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. One full meatless meal is allowed and two smaller meals may be eaten to maintain strength. Only liquids may be taken between meals. All Catholics over the age of 14 are required to **abstain** from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays during Lent. In addition to the required fasting, "**rice bowls**" are available for those who cut back on what they eat during Lent. What you do not spend on food for yourself, is then placed in the bowl and donated to feed those who do not have enough food in the first place. Rice bowls are available in the vestibules of the church.

Penance. The third element of Lenten preparation is penance. It is offered in recognition of our personal sins. Although we know Jesus died for us, often we get to Holy Week unaware or indifferent to the connection of our sins and his death. Abstaining from meat on Ash Wednesday and Fridays during Lent is a common penance that all Catholics do together. Other meaningful acts of charity and denial are also encouraged.

Receiving the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** is also strongly encouraged during this time. The sacrament is offered every Saturday afternoon in the Adoration Chapel from 3 to 4 pm and every weekday morning, in the side confessional of the church, 20 minutes before Mass. A **Parish Penance Service** will be held in conjunction with St. Agnes and Christ the King Parishes on Tuesday, March 31st, 7:00 pm at Christ the King. No one event can do more to prepare for Jesus' passion, death and resurrection than owning our sins and asking God's forgiveness in the sacrament.

I encourage you to use this time of Lent wisely in order to be spiritually ready to celebrate the Easter Triduum. The time and effort you take now will deepen your faith and appreciation for what Jesus did for you and me. Please do not let this opportunity slip by.

Fr. Jeff

OUR PARISH

Congratulations to our Recently Baptized:

Evan Peter Jacobs, son of Ross & Rebecca Jacobs

Let us pray for our Recently Departed:

Joseph Henton

SCHOOL NEWS!

Monday, Feb. 24—7:30m —Pre K/Kindergarten registration begins

Tuesday, Feb. 25—Mardri Gras Carnival for students

Wednesday, Feb. 26— 8:20am Ash Wednesday—All School Mass

Friday, Feb. 28—Men's Club Fish Fry

Ash Wednesday is this Wednesday, February 26.

Masses will be at 8:20am & 5:30pm. Ashes will be distributed at both Masses. Please note the time change for the morning Mass.

Stations of the Cross: 5:30pm on Fridays of Lent

Monday Morning Group Here is an opportunity to get together with others, view a DVD on a particular topic of our Faith, and discuss it a bit. We recognize how busy we all are. We meet at 9:15 and end no later than 11:00. If one needs to leave early, fine. During Lent we will engage in a series entitled "Forgiven" from the Augustine Institute. It looks at our struggles with sin and God's help for us to come to Reconciliation with Him. There are many other topics for the group to select. Just a few are: "Why We Confess", "A Biblical Explanation of the Mass", "The Case for Jesus", "The Fourth Cup", "The Road to Emmaus", "Purgatory, and Praying for the Dead", Bishop Barron's "Pivotal Players 1 & 2", and many others. Please come and join us on any Monday morning, please call Deacon Dave Erdmann (528-7521) with any questions.

Father Michael Gaitley is coming to Blessed

Sacrament Father Michael Gaitley, MIC, is the director of evangelization for the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception and the director of formation for the Marian Missionaries of Divine Mercy. He will be speaking at Blessed Sacrament Church on **Thursday, March 19 from 7-8 pm** on the topic of "God the Father". Father Gaitley is the best-selling author of "33 Days to Morning Glory", "Consoling the Heart of Jesus", "The One Thing is Three" and creator of the All Hearts Afire parish-based programs. Father Gaitley will be speaking on his newest book "33 Days to Greater Glory: A Total Consecration to the Father through Jesus based on the Gospel of John" and will offer a book signing after the event. Please mark your calendars for this incredible opportunity our parish has been blessed with. For more information, contact Morgan Ambrose at ambrose@bssbruins.org

The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe Open the door and enter a new world! *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* is the second book in C. S. Lewis's classic fantasy series, *The Chronicles of Narnia*, which has been captivating readers of all ages with a magical land and unforgettable characters for over sixty years. Named by PBS as one of the hundred most-loved novels. This book was recently in our Little Library. Blessed Sacrament's Little 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 at 678-570-7118 or vincent324@yahoo.com with any questions about our LL.

Fish Fries: Our Fish Fries this year are from 5-7pm on the following dates: February 28, March 6, March 13, March 20, March 27. All you can eat Walleye \$8, Catfish or shrimp \$9, and pizza will be available for the kids.

Job Opening St. Agnes Parish Business

Manager St. Agnes Parish in Springfield is now accepting applications for the position of a full-time Business Manager. This highly motivated self-starter would serve as a steward of Parish finances, properties and personnel resources. Supervision would include accounts payable and receivable, payroll, posting collections, contractual services, property management and HR for both the church and school. This person would ideally be a skilled professional with at least a Business degree and five years of business and accounting experience with knowledge of Quickbooks preferred. Email resume to :Fr. Dan Bergbower: dbergbower@stagnescatholicparish.org

40 Days for Life campaign begins Feb. 26th through Apr. 4th. Several area churches have signed up to cover the hours of prayer, from 7am-7pm, for just 1 of the 40 days. Blessed Sacrament will be covering all those hours on Mar. 9th. We need a minimum of 24 people to be in front of Planned Parenthood; 2 persons for each hour. Don't be afraid to come and pray with us. We are peaceful and prayerful. No one on this mission is allowed to carry any graphic signs or to heckle anyone going in. We are there to be a conduit of God's abundant mercy. If you're interested in praying for an hour on Mar. 9th, please contact Margaret Antenan at the church office so we can keep track of the hours filled. This would be a great Lenten sacrifice to consider!

Lent. Is. Coming. Are you ready for Lent? Sign up to receive Lenten challenge texts or emails beginning Ash Wednesday. To sign up go to www.bsps.org or contact Lisa Sarnowski at lsarnowski@bsps.org for technical assistance



ADORATION HOURS: “Nowhere on earth are you more welcomed, Nowhere on earth are you more loved, than by Jesus, living and truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time that you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in heaven, and will bring about an everlasting peace on earth.” (St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta) For further information please email Karen Senger at senger@bssbruins.org.

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| Sunday 1am | Tuesday 2am | Friday 11am |
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| Sunday 1pm | Wednesday 4pm | Saturday 2am |
| Monday 1am | Friday 1am | Saturday 10am |
| Monday 2am | Friday 2am | Saturday 11am |
| Monday 3am | Friday 3am | |
| Monday 9am | Friday 4am | |
| Tuesday 1am | Friday 7am | |

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. .

Catholic Charities has two job openings at their offices here in Springfield. For more information about these positions there are job Descriptions and other information in the pamphlet rack in the vestibule.

It's Mostaccioli Dinner Time! SHG's 61st annual Mostaccioli Dinner, presented by HSHS St. John's Hospital, will be held Sunday, March 1, 2020, from 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. at SHG's West Campus. Dinner features dine in or carry out meals (\$10 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and under), \$10K Raffle, Video Gaming Trailer, 2 enormous obstacle courses, 2 magic shows, balloon animals, special guests from SHG's musical, Mary Poppins, children's games GALORE, wonderful exhibitors, wine wall, beer and bags, freshly baked pizzelles and baked goods. Are you a baker? We are always in need of donations of baked goods and pizzelles. Contact shgpizzellecookies@gmail.com to sign up to help make pizzelles or jenni-ferturley371@gmail.com for more information on providing baked goods. Contributions also welcome for the wine wall. E-mail reavy@shg.org for more information.



MINISTRY SCHEDULE FEBRUARY 24-28 MONDAY-WEDNESDAY

8:00am-8:20am

Kaden Smith-Mike Hollahan

THURSDAY-FRIDAY

Natalie Shafer-Layden Tamblin

Saturday, Feb. 29, 4:30PM

Lector: Ed Hart

Servers: Ethan Keller, Felicity Keller, Eleanor Maloy

Eucharistic Ministers: Erica Beeman, Richard Campbell, Noreen Luhr, Trish Marriott, Windie McKay, Judy Rockford

Sunday, March 1, 7:00AM

Lector: Judy Kjellander

Servers: Sophie Reimers

Eucharistic Ministers: Lori Criscion, Christy GEving, Dave Langston, Patrick Sheehan, Colleen VonDeBur

Sunday, March 1, 8:30 AM

Lector: Claire Manning

Servers: Eamon Mahoney, Cian Mahoney, Audrey Frost

Eucharistic Ministers: Anne Capestrain, Michael Delvo, Janine Feller, Bradley Frost, Laurie Mann, Sally Petrone, George Rudis

Sunday, March 1, 10:30AM

Lector: Tim Moore

Servers: Wade Naylor, Audrey Madiar, Quinn Butler

Eucharistic Ministers: Lila Dilbaitis, Andrea Judd, Jac Lamar, Michelle Lucas, Eric Madiar, Patti Naylor, Joseph Stannard

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, Annie, Barb, Tony, Kurt C, Eric, Lois & Jim Burton, Tom VonBerg, Donna Fitts, Ellen White, Barbara, Rose, Archer Senft, Suzie Culters, Tom J., Judy, 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, Dave, Leo, Betty, Elizabeth Handrich, Melissa, Mary Jane Harshbarger, Troy, Sharon S, Laura Black James G., Anna Chougry, March, Charlotte, Don Egan, Shandi Chrysler, Andy, 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 & Everett 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, Michael Mauch, Steve Bartels, Bette Atteberry, William Burkey, Barb Hansen, Helen Rhinehart, Edward, Diana Schumacher, Melissa Brown, Mary, Beverly Rago, Sharon O'Brien. Jim & Cynthia Novello, Becky Wood, Denise Cindy Ramirez, Tod Pierce, Bertha S, Daniel, Janet Nelch, Kim, Bobby, Kathy, Jim Moore and his fellow soldiers, Janet Keating, Nicky, Nick, Ben & Monique Gaston, M. Blazis

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

Parish Collection

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| Target Amount | \$23,500.00 |
| Sunday, February 9 | \$18,761.25 |

ACSA (Annual Catholic Services Appeal)

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| Our Parish Assessment | \$99,544.00 |
| Pledged to the Diocese | \$53,820.00 |
| Amount Remaining | \$45,724.00 |

12% of our parishioners (169 families) have contributed to date

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