Parish of the Blessed Sacrament
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 16, 2020

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, August 17
Confessions before Mass
8:00am Mass: Russell Schmitz
Mary Martin

Tuesday, August 18
Confessions before Mass
8:00am Mass: Norman Soler

Wednesday, August 19
Confessions before Mass
8:00am Mass: Midge Langfelder
5:30pm: Prayer Service

Thursday, August 20
Confessions before Mass
8:00am Mass: Fritzie Belz
Anna Lisa Gietl

Friday, August 21
Confessions before Mass
8:00am Mass: Alma M. Hiltebrand
Joseph Link'

Saturday, August 22
8:00am Mass: Anna Eleydiath
3:00-4:00PM Confession
4:30pm Mass: 50th Wedding Anniversy
Curt & Pat Clarida

Sunday, Augus23 21st Sunday Ordinary Time
7:00am Mass; Intentions of our Parishioners
8:30an Mass: Shrake Family
10:30am Mass: Jay Wavering

Confessions are heard before the weekday Masses and on Saturday from 3-4pm.

Confessional in the Adoration Chapel

Dear Parishioners,

A New School Year. This Monday, Blessed Sacrament School will open its doors to start our 95th school year. Over the years, we have faced many challenges. A few years after the school opened, the great depression hit. It was followed by World War II. In the 1960's, Vatican II reformed the church's approach to ministering to its people. Then in 1978, the first non-Italian in 455 years was elected pope, and things just continued to change. Many things have brought challenge and uncertainty to our parish and our school, but through it all, faith has kept us going. As we begin this year, there are new challenges. How do we best educate our children during this pandemic? Is it possible to keep students and staff safe if we hold classes in our building? Do virtual classes offer a quality alternative? How can you provide social interaction and teach cooperation in a time when social distancing is needed for public safety? These are the questions and the challenges our school, students, parents, and staff face this school year.

One thing I know is that we cannot operate as usual—as if there is no problem. It is not realistic or responsible. The pandemic is for real. Yet, that does not mean we cannot provide quality education in a safe environment. Our administration and staff think we can. Here are a few of the changes that will take place this year:

--When each student is dropped off at the beginning of the day, parents must wait until the child has had his/her temperature checked and are screened. Only then will they be allowed to enter.
--Desks in the classrooms will be distanced further apart and both students and staff will be required to wear masks.
--Teachers, not students, will switch classes in the upper grades to avoid crowded hallways during breaks.
--Each student must have their own water bottle, rather than drinking directly from the font.
--The library will not be open for browsing. The librarians will bring books or materials to the classrooms instead.
--Class Masses (and other activities) will be closed to the public. Students will still attend Mass with their class once a week.
--Outside areas (including a tent) will be set up to provide alternative spaces for student classes, allowing for more room to spread out.
--Classrooms will be sanitized every day before class and during recess.

Will all of this work? I hope and pray it will. I strongly believe in Catholic education that emphasizes values along with knowledge. Values help us live with other people in an orderly and just society. They teach us firsthand how to interact with one another. Balancing quality education with public safety is a challenge—perhaps the greatest one we have faced yet. I pray we have the right formula to do so this year. I ask your cooperation and support as we begin the school year. Above all, I ask your prayers. For 95 years the Lord has guided us in our efforts to share the faith with a new generation. Pray it will continue for years to come.

Fr. Jeff

OUR PARISH

Congratulations to our Newly Wed:
Taylor Conklin & Katie Kwedar

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School News: Please welcome back our students as they begin the 2020-2021 School Year, Monday, August 17th. Keep them in your prayers

The parish is not closed - questions can be directed to the parish office at 217-528-7521. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 AM to 4 PM.

Adoration Chapel will remain open and you are encouraged to come and pray. The public hours will remain 5 AM to 10 PM. Please remember that the Chapel is for private prayer. We ask that you not pray out loud or in a way that distracts another person trying to pray privately.

Holy water is available in the dispenser in the chapel. Please bring your own container to take it home. If you are taking large amounts, please see one of the priests to have them bless your water.

A donation to H.O.P.E. (Helping Our People in Emergencies), formerly known as St. Vincent de Paul, will let our parish reach out to our many parishioners who are also suffering financially from this crisis
Keep in touch with Blessed Sacrament via email and text! During these days of "virtual" church, it's more important than ever to stay in the loop with our texts and e-newsletter. Sign up on our website www.bsps.org and scroll down to "Receive electronic messages" on the right side of the page or send an email to Lsarnowski@bsps.org with your cell number and email address and we'll sign you up.
Visit the parish website at www.bsps.org. This is the best way to know what is going on in the parish.

All are welcome to participate in our virtual Mass Visit our website at www.bsps.org and click on "Watch Mass" to go directly to the Blessed Sacrament video link. Please join us...

The parish depends on your stewardship and generosity in order to bring sacraments and spiritual services to you. With everything severely curtailed, our finances have suffered. Please remember to mail in your contribution or donate on line, This will help us meet our obligations. Call the parish office to sign up for ACH (automatic contributions).

School Advisory Board-There are two openings on the School Advisory Board, one for a school parent (with child(ren) attending Blessed Sacrament and one for a Non Parent. These are 3 year terms. If you are interested please call the Parish Office (528-7521) and leave your name

Sign Up. Those who do come to Mass will need to sign up. The easiest way to do so will be to go to the parish website at www.bsps.org , scroll down until you see the box that says "sign up for weekend Masses" and follow instructions. If you are uncomfortable or unable to do that, you may call the parish office on Mon-Fri from 8am to 4pm and someone will be available to sign you up. You will only be able to sign up for the upcoming weekend. If it is full, you will be given priority for the following weekend. I realize this is not ideal at all, but being human, I have limited energy and resources, and thus, it is the best we can do.

RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION
(for those not attending Mass)
WILL TAKE PLACE OUTSIDE OF MASS THIS SUNDAY, August 16

Hours for the Reception of Communion are:

SUNDAY
9:45-10:15am (after 8:30 Mass)
11:45am-12:15pm (please be here by Noon)

Please enter the north end of the parking lot on Walnut Street and exit the South end on Walnut

Please wear a mask.

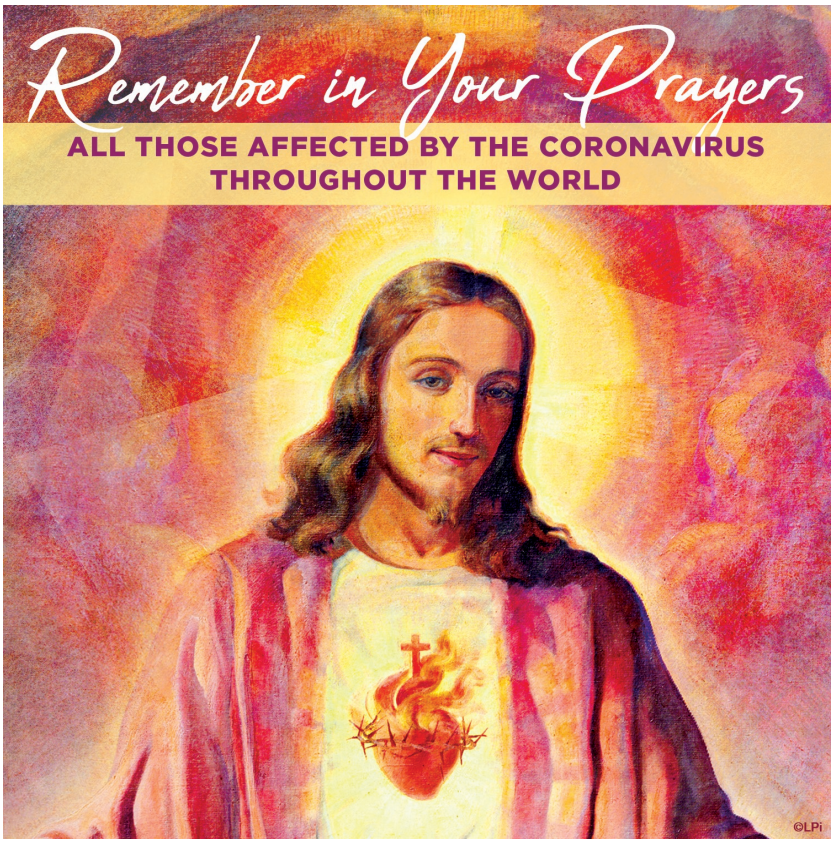
Daily Mass –Monday—Saturday at 8am has resumed. Please maintain social distance procedures.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS needed! We are seeking candidates to join our substitute teacher list for the coming school year. A bachelor's degree is required for teacher substitutes and a high school diploma is required for aide substitutes. Email Nancy at evans@bssbruins.org for more information.

Back to Scrip Start a new school year resolution to buy more scrip (or start buying scrip for the first time)! Scrip gift cards work just like any gift card but Blessed Sacrament School earns money with every card purchased. We keep track of your purchases and each year we either reduce your B.S.S. tuition or offer you a rebate toward purchasing MORE gift cards. Give it a try! Gift cards are available to purchase in the school office during regular school hours.

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.

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



MINISTRY SCHEDULE
AUGUST 17-21
MONDAY-FRIDAY
8:00am
No Servers

Saturday, August 22, 4:30PM

Lector: Pat Dietrich
Servers: Andrew Reimers
Eucharistic Ministers: no one at this time

Sunday, August 23, 7:00AM
Lector: Michael O'Brien
Servers:
Eucharistic Ministers: no one at this time

Sunday, August 23, 8:30 AM
Lector: Sandy Etheridge
Servers: Carter Etheridge
Eucharistic Ministers: no one at this time

Sunday, August 23, 10:30AM
Lector: Tim Moore
Servers: John & Mathew Christie
Eucharistic Ministers: no one at this time

Blessed Sacrament Prayer Line

Call the Parish Office 528-7521 Please pray for the intention of :
Lucy Wallner, Jimmie Hill, Robert Farris, Amber, 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 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, 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, 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, Janet Keating, Nicky, Nick, Ben & Monique Gaston, M. Blazis, John P. Steil. Sarah Bice, Bob Jill Burwitz, Mary Staudt, Rich Brown, Pat H

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

Parish Collection

Target Amount	**$23,500.00**
Sunday, August 2	**$24,607.35**

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