

Parish of the Blessed Sacrament

Feast of the Holy Family

December 27, 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.

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CELEBRATING THE DAYS

Monday, December 28

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Brian Joseph & Rachel Madonia
Joe & Betty McCue

Tuesday, December 29

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Terry Rossi
Carolyn Daniels

Wednesday, December 30

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Midge Langfelder
5:30pm: Prayer Service

Thursday, December 31

8:00am Mass: Special Intention
5:30pm Mass: Edna Kienzler

Friday, January 1-Mary the Mother of God

9:00am Mass: Anna Lisa Gietl

Saturday, January 2

8:00am Mass: Mary Rita Dineen
3:00-4:00PM Confession
4:30pm Mass: Mike vonBehren

Sunday, January 3 Feast of the Epiphany

7:00am Mass: Intentions of our Parishioners
8:30am Mass: Anna Marie Gregory
10:30am Mass: Philip D. McFadden

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

Confessional in the Adoration Chapel

Dear Parishioners,

Christmas Appreciation. I want to take the time to thank everyone who helped make Christmas a beautiful and prayerful celebration. This year presented many special challenges and took more creativity and energy to make it happen.

--There were those who decorated and set up the church. This year they couldn't all come in at once and so they organized smaller teams that came in shifts to set up the flowers, trees, etc.

--There were those who cleaned and made sure the church was sanitized before each Mass. They set up chairs to provide for social distancing and prepared the cafeteria for overflow. They made sure everything in the church sparkled.

--There were ushers—extra ushers—to help with seating, social distancing, hospitality and other tasks.

--There were musicians, cantors, our music director, who all had to figure out a way to rehearse and provide the music for our worship.

--There were those who live-streamed the Masses so people who could not physically be there could still enjoy Christmas with Blessed Sacrament.

--There were lectors, Eucharistic ministers, servers, and deacons who helped during the Masses.

--There were those behind the scenes who coordinated the sign up and ticket distribution, and communicated information to the parish.

--There was also the congregation who gathered to worship and pray. Their patience, understanding and cooperation were invaluable.

I am sure I missed someone, but I hope you get the picture. Christmas celebration at Blessed Sacrament is a parish event. Thanks to all who made it possible.

My gratitude also goes out to all who put an ornament on the trees in front of the church. It sent a beautiful and much needed message that we are here together to pray and worship, to accompany and serve each other. Even with all the things we could or could not do, we will always celebrate the birthday of Jesus. He was born in this world bringing hope to all. With all of us working together, he can be born in our hearts. During this difficult year, we have all learned much. Hopefully, we have learned how to better love and serve one another.

I also want to thank everyone who sent me cards or gifts for Christmas. Your kindness is greatly appreciated. Please know you are in my prayers. Fr. Jeff Grant

New Year Holy Day. As we prepare to celebrate the New Year this week, the church continues to rejoice in the Lord's birth. We will celebrate the Feast of Mary, the Mother of God, on New Year's Day. Mass will be Thursday evening at 5:30 pm and Friday morning at 9:00 am. May God's blessing be on all as we begin the year.

Fr. Jeff

OUR PARISH FAMILY**Please Pray for Our Recently Departed:**

Jack Gillen
Lois Burton
Kathy Vehovic

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).

Friday, January 1 is the Feast of Mary, the Mother of God. Masses here at Blessed Sacrament are:

**Thursday, December 31,
5:30pm**

**Friday, January 1
9:00am**

Due to Covid 19 there is not an obligation to attend Mass on New Year's Day.

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. It is important for planning that we know who is going to attend Mass. So please sign up.

**RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION
(for those not attending Mass)**

**WILL TAKE PLACE OUTSIDE OF MASS THIS
SUNDAY, December 27**

**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**

Year-End Giving—We are so grateful for the generosity of our parishioners throughout the entire year. During December, many people review their giving and determine that a year end charitable gift will benefit their tax status for the calendar year. If you wish to make a donation to Blessed Sacrament by making a general parish contribution to the church, or a gift to the School's Annual Fund, you may drop it into the collection basket during Mass or mail it to the school or parish office. All charitable contributions must be postmarked and/or received by December 31, 2020 to be included in the year-end statement for tax year 2020.

The End is Coming! Parishioners can choose to receive their end-of-the-year contribution tax statement via email. Please go to our parish website and complete the simple form at www.bsps.org/parish-giving and you'll receive your statement in mid-January 2021. This process saves time and money for the parish and if you misplace your statement, you can simply reprint it from your email. Please contact Lisa Sarnowski at Lsarnowski@bsps.org if you have any questions.



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		

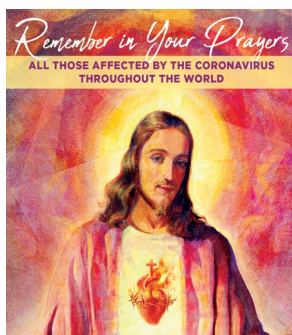
Come, Lord Jesus- Meditations on the art of Waiting This audio book from Mother Mary Francis Meditates on passages from Scripture about the coming of the Messiah into the world and our hearts, Mother challenges us to persevere in overcoming our faults and keeping our eyes on the Lord who has called us to himself--for it is he, through the gifts of his grace, who will complete in us the work of sanctification that he has begun. This, and many other audio book, live discussions, videos, e-books, and audio talks 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 at 217-523-4335.

Father Jeff's 2021 Prayer Calendar There is still time to sign up—

Sign up to pray for our pastor one or two days in 2021. There is an online calendar on the parish website at <https://www.bsps.org/father-jeffs-prayer-calendar> for you sign up to pray for our priest in the coming year. This is Blessed Sacrament's Christmas gift to Father Jeff. If you prefer, call Kathy Harth at 899-0438 or the parish office at 528-7521 to choose a date.

OWN YOUR OWN STATUE

Timothy P. Schmalz created 10" miniature desktop versions of our Saint Teresa of Calcutta statue. We are selling these beautiful replicas for \$75. Please contact the parish office at 528-7521 or simply stop by during office hours - Monday through Friday 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM.



MINISTRY SCHEDULE

DEC. 26– JAN 1

MONDAY-FRIDAY

8:00am

No Servers

Saturday, Jan. 2, 4:30PM

Lector:

Servers: Andrew Hofner, Kaeden Smith

Eucharistic Ministers: no one at this time

Sunday, Jan. 3, 7:00AM

Lector:

Servers: Andrew Reimers

Eucharistic Ministers: no one at this time

Sunday, Jan. 3, 8:30 AM

Lector:

Servers: Jude O'Brien, Miriam O'Brien

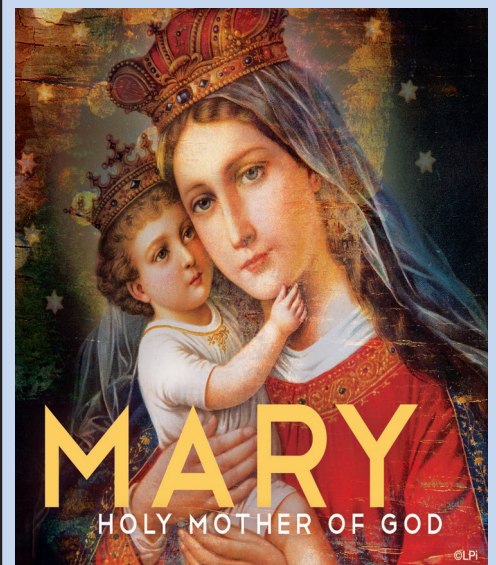
Eucharistic Ministers: no one at this time

Sunday, Jan. 3, 10:30AM

Lector:

Servers: Will De Salle, Sam Desalle

Eucharistic Ministers: no one at this time



Blessed Sacrament Prayer Line

Call the Parish Office 528-7521 Please pray for the intention of :
 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, 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, Charlene Dolan, Jack & Millie Gillen, Nancy Jensen, Bertha Saiz, Jane Cloyd, Kate Rossi, Emily Monaghan, Mary Theresa Drake, Kathy, Kim, Matt, Gabriele, Spencer, Kathy Pingsterhaus, Judy, Robert D. Fields, Rose Morrison, Barb McDermott, Kelly W. Miguelismo & Celia

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

Parish Collection

Target Amount	\$23,500.00
Sunday, December 13	\$20,034.57

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

