Parish of the Blessed Sacrament
Fifth Sunday of Lent
April 3, 2022

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Then Jesus straightened up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She replied, "No one, sir." Then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more."
- Jn 8:10-11

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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, April 4
Confessions before Mass
8:00am Mass: Deceased Member of Marilyn Long Family

Tuesday, April 5
Confessions before Mass
8:00am Mass: Don Egan

Wednesday, April 6
Confessions before Mass
8:00am Mass: Thomas L. "Mick" O'Connor
Heather Gonet
5:30pm Prayer Service

Thursday, April 7
Confessions before Mass
8:00am Mass: :John & Jean VonBehren

Friday, April 8
Confessions before Mass
8:00am Mass: Ernest R. Hiltebrand, Jr.
5:30pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Saturday, April 9
Confessions before Mass
8:00am Mass Pat Doyle
3:00-4:00pm: Confessions
4:30pm Mass: John Riedell

Sunday, April 10– Palm Sunday
7:00am Mass: Intentions of our Parishioners
8:30am Mass: Ernest R. Hildebrand, Jr.
10:30am Mass: James M. Belz

Confessional in the Adoration Chapel

Rosary beginning at 10:05am is prayed before the 10:30am Sunday Mass

Dear Friends,

Turning Our Hearts Toward God. Do you know what is missing most in our world today? I say it is forgiveness. Society is focused more on blame than healing. We would rather silence the opposition than forgive them. This blame, however, will not heal our world. It cannot restore or rebuild the wounds caused by sin. The true medicine is forgiveness; both the forgiveness God bestows on us and the forgiveness we bestow on one another. This is the balm that will set our hearts right.
The powerful sacrament of reconciliation uses the medicine of forgiveness to restore our relationship with God and with one another. Sometimes people will question why they need this sacrament. "I can go directly to God when I sin and God will forgive me." Where it is true that God is the source of all forgiveness; my sins damage more than my relationship with God. Sin also damages my relationships with others, be it in my family, my community, or my church. Healing comes when this forgiveness is applied to the relationships that are damaged or hurt by sin. When we confess our sins, we acknowledge the hurt that is there.
Lent is a time for healing hearts. We not only turn to God asking for forgiveness, but we also turn to others to use forgiveness to bind the wounds our sins have caused. This Tuesday evening, April 5th, our parish, in conjunction with St. Agnes and Christ the King, will hold a Lenten Penance Service to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance for all who want. Several priests will be available for confessions. You are invited and encouraged to join us. The service begins at 7 pm and you are free to leave after your confession. Always remember… Jesus died for us that we might be healed. As we prepare ourselves to celebrate His passion, death, and resurrection at the Easter Triduum, may we be ready not only to receive this forgiveness, but to use it to heal the pain in our lives. Forgiveness and not blame is the true medicine for making our world a better place for all to live. It is the only way to heal sin.

Fr. Jeff

Parish Penance Service—Tuesday, April 5th at 7 pm—Blessed Sacrament Church.

OUR PARISH FAMILY

Congratulations to our Newly Baptized:
Andrew Joseph Farrell, son of Matthew & Molly Farrell
Evelyn Rose and Morgan Ellis Goff, daughter and son of Michael & Brianna Goff

Let us pray for our Recently Departed:
Mary Ann Wombwell

RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION (for those excused from Mass) WILL TAKE PLACE SUNDAY OUTSIDE OF MASS FROM 9:45-10:00AM

Mass will continue to be live-streamed and can be found by going to the parish website at **www.bsps.org** And click on WATCH MASS HERE.

Confessions are heard Monday-Saturday mornings from 7:30-7:45am and on Saturday afternoon 3-4pm.

Fish Fries: Please join us at the BSS cafeteria this Friday April 8, for the BSS Men's Club Fish Fry from 5pm-7pm. This is the last Fish Fry this year. We will be serving fried walleye, fried catfish, blackened catfish, fried shrimp and cheese pizza. Sides include french fries or baked potato and coleslaw. Adult dinners $10 and children dinners $5.

Invest in Kids Scholarships – An Opportunity to Provide Funding for B.SS. Scholarships and Receive a 75% Illinois Tax Credit - Donating to the Invest in Kids scholarship program will benefit families right here at Blessed Sacrament and earn the donor a 75% Illinois income tax credit. And again in 2022, Blessed Sacrament will receive up to $10,000 in private matching funds for donations made between now and April 15. The tax credit for a donation made during the matching period applies to the 2022 tax year. Go to empowerillinois.org for more information and step-by-step instructions to becoming a donor or contact Kim Hoffmann in the Development Office (hoffmann@bssbruins.org). Last year, the program provided scholarships for twenty-eight B.S.S. students!

Stations of the Cross will be held on the Fridays of Lent at 5:30pm

HELP! The Boy Scouts are in need of a place to store their Trailers when not in use. If anyone has some space that they would let the Boy Scouts use, please contact Bob Scott at bscott1103@yahoo.com

40 Days For Life: Prayer Partners are being invited to provide a daily prayerful presence in front of Planned Parenthood during the Lenten Season. **Blessed Sacrament's day is April 5th. Please help us out by volunteering for an hour on this day,** Recommended shifts are 1 hour. Parking and Life Signs are available at Springfield Right To Life, 519 N. Bruns Lane, Springfield, IL – just south of Planned Parenthood. If there are questions please call Springfield Right to Life (217-523-2700) or Dave Klestinski (217-741-8230). 40 DAYS FOR LIFE: **ON-LINE SIGN-UP has been added.** To sign up on-line for vigil hours please use one of the links below. You will need to open an account with 40 Days to sign up. https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/vigil-hours-signup.aspx?l_id=101 or https://40daysforlife.com/en/springfieldil

BSS Coaching Opening The Blessed Sacrament Athletic Department is looking for coaches for the 2022 - 2023 School Year. All coaches must complete the *Protecting God's Children Seminar* (online), complete a diocisan background check, and diocisan fingerprinting. IESA Coaches will also be required to complete the *IESA Essential Coaching Certification Program* (online), and the *IESA Concussion Certification* (online every 2 years). Anyone interested should complete the online coaching application that can be found on the Athletic Department Webpage and contact Athletic Director, Jeff Kreiling, at kreilingathletics@bssbruins.org for more information. Current openings include; *Junior High Cheerleading (Head and Assistant Coach), Junior High Co-Ed Cross Country (Head Coach), 7th Grade IESA Girls Basketball (Head and Assistant Coach), 8th Grade IESA Girls Basketball (Head and Assistant Coach), 5th Grade SCAA Girls Basketball (Head and Assistant Coach), 6th Grade SCAA Girls Basketball (Head Coach), 5th Grade SCAA Boys Basketball (Head and Assistant Coach)*

Men's Club Fish Fry
April 8 - 5-7pm.
Walleye, Catfish , Shrimp, Cheese Pizza, French Fries.
Adults $10 - Children $5.

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me." Revelations 3:20.

We have all heard the saying by Alexander Graham Bell, "When one door closes, another door opens!" Will you open the door of your heart to Christ? He's knocking! It's never too late to connect or reconnect with God. This beautiful season gives us time to grow closer to God by living differently. One way for us to do this is to add more prayer into our life. On January 5, 1997, we opened the doors to our Perpetual Adoration Chapel and since have seen many wonderful blessings. This is OUR chapel and we need YOU! The more prayer warriors we can get, the stronger our parish will be! Get your hour today! Find a friend and take turns! Sign up to be a sub for those who are unable to make their hour that week. The possibilities are endless! God is knocking at your door to spend more time with Him. How will you respond? To sign up email us today bspeucharisticadorers@gmail.com or www.bsps.org or call one of our committee members:
David & Karen Senger 525-6052 Donna Berte-622-8576
Eric & Susan Portz-718-4030

St. Aloysius Boy Scout Troop 53-ANNUAL PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST– Sunday, April 10th-Knights of Columbus North, 2801 West Street. Serving from 7:30am-11:0opm. Tickets are $7 Adults, $5 Children. Dine in or carry out. CASH ONLY PLEASE.

Spring Has Sprung! Use our scrip gift cards for this season of renewal.. Refresh your decor with **HomeGoods** or **Bed Bath and Beyond**. Refresh your backyard with **Menards, Lowe's** or **Target**. Refresh your look with **Old Navy** or **T.J. Maxx** and refresh your skin with **Bath & Body Works** or **Ulta**. All purchases refresh the Blessed Sacrament School fundraising effort!

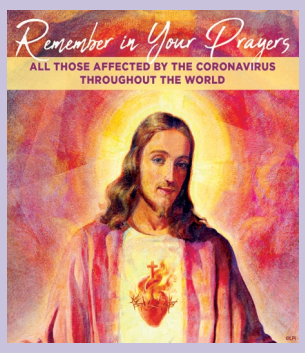
MINISTRY SCHEDULE
APRIL 4-8
MONDAY-FRIDAY
8:00am
No Servers

Saturday, April 9, 4:30PM
Lector: Jim McDermott
Servers: Carter Etheridge, Felicity Keller, Charlie Pittman, William Pittman
Eucharistic Ministers: Noreen Luhr, Vince Toolen

Sunday, April 10, 7:00AM
Lector: Ann Walker
Servers: Max Portz
Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Tuttle, Ann Walker

Sunday, April 10, 8:30 AM
Lector: George Rudis
Servers: Joseph Bertaina, Samantha Cathers, Audrey Frost, Aayla Horton
Eucharistic Minister: George Rudis, Michael Delvo, Andrea Judd

Sunday, April 10, 10:30AM
Lector: Bob Vincent
Servers: Samantha Bakamba, John, Matthew, Thomas Christie, Claire Klinner, Audrey Madiar
Eucharistic Minister: Lynn Frasco, Trish Marriott



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, 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, 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, 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, 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, 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, Helen Rhinehart, Edward, Diana Schumacher, Melissa Brown, Mary, Beverly Rago, Jim & Cynthia Novello, Becky Wood, Denise Cindy Ramirez, Tod Pierce, Daniel, Janet Nelch, Kim, Bobby, Kathy, Janet Keating, Nicky, Nick, M. Blazis, John P. Steil. Sarah Bice, Bob, Jill Burwitz, Rich Brown, Pat H, Charlene Dolan, Millie Gillen, Nancy Jensen,, Jane Cloyd, Kate Rossi, Emily Monaghan, Kathy, Kim, Matt, Gabriele, Spencer, Kathy Pingsterhaus, Judy, Robert D. Fields, Rose Morrison, Barb McDermott, Kelly W. Miguelismo & Celia, Joe, Ed VDB, Lorie Allen, Jeanne McCarthy, Sharon Elliott, Dale Elder, John McCarthy, Jr., Becky, Mary Garvert, Mitch, Noah, Jeff Stauffer, Patty Redpath, Diane Canavan, Carol Jirousek, Jill Willenborg, Cathy Napier

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

Parish Collection

Target Amount	**$23,500.00**
Sunday, March 20	**$27,110.38**

Project Rachel can help women and men heal from the pain of abortion. For assistance call 217-698-4456

Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting & Investigation 217-321-1155

Blessed Sacrament Prayer Line (cont)
Ursuline Sisters of New Orleans, Eloise Havey, Sam Atherton, Dodie Stannard, James Reynolds, Myla Jane Meisner, Joan Putrich, Walter Howe, Margaret Jordan, Pete Wayne, Jim Kane