

Parish of the Blessed Sacrament

The Nativity of the Lord

December 25, 2022



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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Deacon Tom Burns

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Michele Hinds-Greenwood

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Jane Hartman Irwin

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Call the Parish Office to register

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Nativity of the Lord

CELEBRATING THE DAYS

Monday, December 26

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Bill & Barb Lehman
Joseph Muller & Allen Milner

Tuesday, December 27

Confessions before Mass

8:20am Mass: John Dietrich

Wednesday, December 28

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Patricia Tadlock
Nancy Hendricks

Thursday, December 29

Confessions before Mass

8:20am Mass: Therese Rechner

Friday, December 30

Confessions before Mass

8:20am Mass: Betty King

Saturday, December 31

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Kris G. Schafer

3:00pm—4:00pm Confessions

4:30pm Mass: Mary Staudt

Sunday, January 1-New Year's Day

7:00am Mass: Angela Saal

8:30am Mass: Alberta Kirchgessner

10:30am Mass: Intentions of our Parishioners

Confessional in the Adoration Chapel

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

Dear Parishioners,

12 Days of Christmas. From 1558 until 1829, Catholics in England were not allowed to practice their faith openly. It was during this time that the "Twelve Days of Christmas" was written. It was originally a kind of secret catechism that could be sung publicly without the risk of being persecuted.

There were two interpretations: the surface meaning and a hidden meaning known only to those instructed in the faith. Each item in the song was a code word for a religious teaching:

The partridge in a pear tree is Jesus Christ.

The two turtle doves are the New and the Old Testament.

Three French hens are faith, hope, and charity.

The four calling birds are the four Gospels.

Five golden rings represent the Torah or the first five books of the Old Testament.

The six geese a-laying stand for the six days of creation.

Seven swans a-swimming represent the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit.

The eight maids a-milking are the eight beatitudes.

The nine ladies dancing are the nine fruits of the Spirit from Galatians: 5.

The ten lords a-leaping are the Ten Commandments.

Eleven pipers piping represent the eleven faithful disciples.

Twelve drummers drumming symbolize the 12 beliefs of our faith listed in the Apostle's Creed.

The twelve days of Christmas run from December 25th until January 6th, the traditional day of Epiphany. Epiphany recalls the story of the wisemen who traveled to pay homage to the Christ child. Scripture does not say there were three wisemen. It mentions three gifts. In some Eastern traditions there are as many as ten. When the wisemen found the child, Jesus was then revealed to the world as the promised messiah, the Son of God, the newborn king of the Jews. The word epiphany means to be revealed or shown; the gift of gold (a gift fit for a king) proclaimed Jesus a king. The gift of frankincense (used to honor God) honored him as the Son of God; and the gift of myrrh (used in the burial of the dead) foretold his death for our redemption. To reflect on these gifts and what they represent is to ponder the importance of Christmas. In our secular world, Christmas marks an event of history and therefore ends when the day comes to an end. Yet, for those who understand the gift, Christmas goes on; not just for twelve days but for every day. **MERRY CHRISTMAS Fr. Jeff**

OUR PARISH FAMILY



Christmas Festivities at B.S.S. - As we prepare to celebrate our final Christmas programs and classroom parties at school, we want to thank the many parishioners who support our school with donations and gifts of prayer. We appreciate you and we could not do it without you! Blessings to you all!

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.

Beautiful Church The holidays are upon us and when your company joins us for Mass, you may hear, "This is a beautiful church!" Wouldn't it be great to know the answers when they ask about the altar, paintings and stained glass windows? The Blessed Sacrament tour brochure can help! Pick up a copy in the vestibule today. You're gonna love it!

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 late January 2022. 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.

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, 2022 to be included in the year-end statement for tax year 2022

Special Music on Christmas Eve

4:30PM Mass:



Blessed Sacrament Youth Choir,
Kaitlyn Sobieski, Soprano
Matthew Christie, Trumpet
(Prelude 30 Minutes before Mass)

8:00PM Mass:

Abby Buoy, Soprano
Strings
(Prelude 30 Minutes before Mass)

11:00PM Mass:

Full Choir
Strings, Percussion
Prelude at 10:30pm



Special Music on Christmas Day

8:30am & 10:30am Masses:

Ava Giacomini
Organ/Brass Consort
(Prelude begins 20 minutes before Mass)





Tr. Jeff & Staff
Wish
All a
Merry Christmas



Merry Christmas one and all! "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son!" John 3:16 He loves you! If you would like to sign up for a weekly hour in our Adoration chapel to spend an hour in the presence of Christ, email us today at bspeucharisticadorers@gmail.com or www.bsps.org or call one of our committee members: David & Karen Senger 525-6052--Eric & Susan Portz 718-4030



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MINISTRY SCHEDULE

DEC. 19-23

MONDAY-FRIDAY

8:00am & 8:20am

Saturday, Dec. 31, 4:30PM

Lector: McKinzie Oshesky

Servers: Charlotte Stewart,
Felicity Keller, Grant Keller

Eucharistic Ministers: Trish
Marriott, Vince Toolen

Sunday, Jan. 1, 7:00AM

Lector:

Servers: Joseph Bonansinga

Eucharistic Ministers:

Sunday, Jan. 1, 8:30 AM

Lector:

Servers: Natalie Jacobs, Lucy
Wallner, Raven Huff

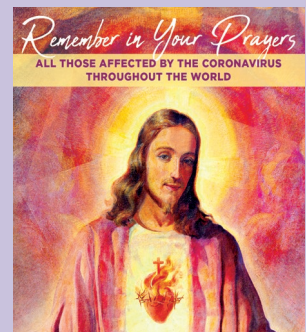
Eucharistic Ministers:

Sunday, Jan. 1, 10:30AM

Lector:

Servers: Shea Stone, Deon
Wilkes, Devontae Wilkes

Eucharistic Ministers:



Blessed Sacrament Prayer Line

Call the Parish Office 528-7521 Please pray for the intention of :
 Jimmie Hill, Robert Farris, Amber, Vernon Spiedger, 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, John M, Louie Rago, Gwinn, John, Claire, Mary, Ray
 Roland, Josette, Danielle Loftus, Kitty, Susan, Cindy, Barbara
 Schuh,, 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
 Hornickel Harrison, Joyln Jensen, Jack Rhinehart, Dorothy Wil-
 lenborg, Tom, Barry McCollom Tyra Redpath, Steve Kinsella,
 Destiny Renfro James, Clarita DeLargy, Steve, Karen, Steve,
 Maureen, Charlie Adams, Julie, Bill, Mary Coffey, Craig DeLar-
 gy, 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, Su-
 san 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 Kelder-
 mans, Jeannie Marie, Gorman, Dcn. Ben Hoefler, Colleen, Den-
 ny 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, Emily Monaghan, Kathy, Kim, Matt,
 Gabriele, Spencer, Kathy Pingsterhaus, Judy, Robert D. Fields,
 Barb McDermott, Kelly W. Miguelismo & Celia, Joe, Ed VDB, Lorie
 Allen, Jeanne McCarthy, Sharon Elliott, Becky, Mary Garvert,
 Mitch, Noah, Jeff Stauffer, Patty Redpath, Diane Canavan, Carol
 Jirousek, Cathy Napier, Chuck DeMoisse, Mark Schmidt

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

Parish Collection

Target Amount	\$23,500.00
Sunday, Dec. 11	\$29,812.38

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,
 Lori Lawless, Sue Furman, Rev. George Bernard, Mary K.,
 Michael Bresnan, John & Donna Maloney, Pat Maloney, Bill Reed,
 Marissa, Charles E., Kevin Geist, Marian Jenkins, Gregg L, Ron
 Walsh, Greg Benanti, Alexander Howe, Beverly Stinde, London
 Estelle, Chris Brown, Char Dolan, Michael, Richard Elvarado,
 David Willer, Cynthia Plouche, Sharon Jeffers, Jennie Chambers

