

Parish of the Blessed Sacrament

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 12, 2023



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"Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors,
Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all
that you vow." - Mt 5:33

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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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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

CELEBRATING THE DAYS

Monday, February 13

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Jane & Jerry MacMurdo

Tuesday, February 14

Confessions before Mass

8:20am Mass: Sharon Madonia

Wednesday, February 15

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Joe Reichle
Barbara Curry

Thursday, February 16

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Nancy Hendricks

Friday, February 17

Confessions before Mass

8:20am Mass: Lalone Family
Robert Bignami

Saturday, February 18

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Patricia M. Martin

3:00pm—4:00pm Confessions

4:30pm Mass: Don Walker

Sunday, February 19-7th Sun. Ordinary Time

7:00am Mass: Intentions of our Parishioners

8:30am Mass: Joseph & Mary Haugh

10:30am Mass: Baase Family

Confessional in the Adoration Chapel

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

Dear Parishioners

Building Peace in Our World. In 1956, Sudan was granted independence after being controlled by Anglo-Egyptian rule. After much violence and civil war, South Sudan was established in 2011. Yet, the violence has not stopped. Many attempts have been made to bring peace to the region. The latest was in 2020. So why would Pope Francis, the leader of the Anglican Church, and the Church in Scotland, travel to such a dangerous region where so many attempts to build peace have failed?

Demographically, South Sudan is one of the youngest nations in the world with over half the population under the age of 18. Over 60% of the population is Christian, another 32% practice native religions, and 6% are Muslim. In other words, the values professed by the majority of the people are Christian and to witness and teach these values is certainly the role of a pope or Christian leader. But perhaps there is more to their trip. The visit draws attention to human rights violations. Pope Francis, who met with these national leaders back in 2019 at the Vatican, reminded them of promises they made and told them they hadn't delivered on their promises. There is, of course, no way the pope can enforce their promises, but there is moral pressure. Failure to work for the values we profess is to betray the Lord. There must be a connection between our spiritual and moral values. If our faith teaches peace, justice, and reconciliation, then then our moral choices must do the same. Violence begets violence and those who unleash violence on others are not living a Christian moral life. Another reason for the visit is that it brings hope. It says the people are not forgotten. I recall the refugee camps in neighboring Kenya where I volunteered. Many of the people from South Sudan, felt as if their lives were on hold. What were they waiting for? The pope's presence was a sign of hope.

During the time I was there, Bishop Paride Taban had a community in South Sudan called Holy Trinity village. Anyone was welcome to live there regardless of their nationality, tribe, or religion. Yet, to live in the village, they must memorize and commit themselves to living by eight phrases:

I love you; I miss you; I thank you; I forgive you; I am wrong; I am sorry; I forget; and Together. These are the values Jesus taught and the values that Pope Francis and his companions brought with them to Africa. Building peace in South Sudan, or our own nation, community, parish, or home, will not happen unless we live by these values. Only then will peace come to our world and to our hearts.

Fr. Jeff

OUR PARISH FAMI

Congratulations to our Newly Wed:

Shay Reid & Kyle Sitko

Congratulations to our Recently Baptized:

Joseph Robert Johnson, son of Ross & Julianne Johnson

Let us pray for our Recently Departed:

Mark Beagles
Jane Jackman



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.

Plan ahead for the long holiday weekend Catching up on movies before the Academy awards? Stop in the school office this week and buy movie theater Scrip - we've got \$25 AMC cards. You can use them in conjunction with your Stubs card and can even use them to pay for your popcorn! See how easy it is to use Scrip

Are you looking for something different to do during Lent? St. Frances Cabrini Parish will present season 1 of the series, "The Chosen" on Sundays at 2pm from February 19th to April 2nd in the parish hall. "The Chosen" is a critically acclaimed drama of the life of Christ. It is a unique production that explores the humanity of Jesus and the relationships between him and the apostles. Come and see the story portrayed in a new light. For more information, call or text Anne Powers at 217-381-3847.

Volunteers Needed for Sacraments – The Diocese of Springfield in Illinois is looking for volunteers to assist with the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Over 1,200 third graders come to the Cathedral each year from throughout the diocese to receive these holy Sacraments. Please pray about joining the Curia staff in helping to make these events run smoothly. All volunteers need to have Safe Environment on file with their parish. Contact Sister M. Clementia, FSGM for more information (or 217-321-1130), access the sign-up at <https://ome>.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Do you have an interest in sharing the Holy Eucharist with hospitalized Roman Catholics and their loved ones? Opportunities are available at Springfield Memorial Hospital. The number of our Catholic patients continues to rise, so we would like to grow our Ministry Team to meet this larger need. Our particular needs include Eucharistic Ministers who are available any day of the week or weekends. If this opportunity interests you and you would like further information regarding this ministry, contact Fr. Teddy Adukus (217)788-3588-email audukusthaddeus@mhsil.com



Happy Valentines Day!!



2022 is over and a new year has begun! We all make promises to ourselves to begin new habits to better ourselves. Why not start from the inside and open your heart to what God has waiting for 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

You are invited to a historical diocesan-wide celebration at the BOS Center in Springfield – To celebrate the Year of the Eucharist going on in our diocese right now and the 100th anniversary of the transfer of the See city of our diocese from Alton to Springfield, a Eucharistic Congress is taking place Saturday, October 28 at the BOS Center in Springfield. This major event will include talks from nationally recognized Catholic speakers, adoration, confession, and Mass where the arena will be packed with thousands of Catholics from across the diocese. You are invited! Doors open at 10:30 a.m. with the first speaker starting at 1 p.m., and Mass begins at 4 p.m. Stay tuned for how to get free tickets and mark your calendar! There will be no Masses at parishes on Saturday, Oct. 28. We want you in Springfield

Encounter the Women of the Bible. Young adult women are welcome to join Cor Unum for an exciting opportunity to encounter the women of the Old and New Testaments with scripture scholar and Springfield Dominican Sister Mila Díaz Solano. The five-session course begins at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday March 1, and will run for five sessions, on the first Wednesday of each month, at Cor Unum House, 925 N. Fifth Street. To register for the course call or text Sister Beth Murphy, OP at 312-780-9553.

Men's Evening of Recollection A Men's Evening of Recollection will be held Thursday, February 23rd at St John's Hospital Chapel (800 E. Carpenter St., Springfield), from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The recollection will include a meditation given by a priest, time for silent prayer and reflection, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. All men throughout the diocese are invited to attend. The spiritual guidance at the Recollection is entrusted to a priest of the Prelature of *Opus Dei*. Check out: www.opusdei.org

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

FEB. 13-17

MONDAY-FRIDAY

8:00am & 8:20am

Saturday, February 18, 4:30PM

Lector: Paul Wheeler

Servers: Alex Pittman, William Pittman, Sergiuz Cabal

Eucharistic Ministers: Richard Campbell, Noreen Luhr, Joseph Stannard

Sunday, February 19, 7:00AM

Lector: Carolyn Graham

Servers: Tess O'Brien, Jude O'Brien

Eucharistic Ministers: Rae Marie Davlin, Ann Walker

Sunday, February 19, 8:30 AM

Lector: Laurie Mann

Servers: Samantha Cathers, Sydney Cathers, J.P. Leonard

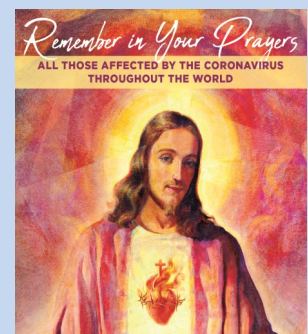
Eucharistic Ministers: Sheri Dhabalt, Becky Leonard, Mary Maloney

Sunday, February 19, 10:30AM

Lector: Patti Naylor

Servers: John Christie, Matthew Christie, Thomas Christie

Eucharistic Ministers: Lori Criscione, Mary Tuttle



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 DeMoissey, Mark Schmidt

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

Parish Collection

Target Amount	\$23,500.00
January 29, 2023	\$17,692.50

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
 Donna Fleischli, Joe