

Parish of the Blessed Sacrament
Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 26, 2023



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LENT



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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, March 27

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Patricia Louise Bernhardt
Dr. Wallace Strow

Tuesday, March 28

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Nancy Barber
Linda Mizeur

Wednesday, March 29

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Betty King
Dean Galli

Thursday, March 30

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Jasper Madonia
Ann E. Welch

Friday, March 31

Confessions before Mass

8:20am Mass: Mary Martin
Sue Senger

5:30pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 1

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Rose Morrison
Jack Gillen

3:00pm—4:00pm Confessions

4:30pm Mass: Nancy Hendricks

Sunday, April 2 Palm Sunday

7:00am Mass: Intentions of our Parishioners

8:30am Mass: Linda Mizeur

10:30am Mass: Cleore & Eleanor Markwell

Confessional in the Adoration Chapel

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

Dear Parishioners,

What does it mean to be a Christian in times of war? This is the question being asked by many of the faithful in Ukraine, as they struggle with the devastation of an invasion by Russia that has now entered a second year. Archbishop Sviatoslav Shevchuk, the head of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Kyiv, says that the church is unable to answer that question because modern warfare is worse and much more destructive than the conflicts around which the Church has built its social teachings on warfare. Archbishop Shevchuk is no lightweight when it comes to the Church's teaching. For many years he taught social and moral theology in Catholic seminaries and universities.

[The Catholic Church also has a long history in the Ukraine. Christianity first took hold in the country when in 989 Vladimir, Prince of Kyiv, embraced the faith and was baptized. When the churches of Rome and Constantinople split in the 11th century, Ukraine gradually followed the way of the Eastern church. Then, in 1595, the Ukrainian bishops met in a council at Brest-Litovsk. Seven bishops decided to re-establish communion with Rome. They were guaranteed that the Byzantine tradition and Liturgy would be respected. Today, the Ukrainian Catholic Church has about five million members. Shevchuk was appointed archbishop of Kyiv in 2011 by Pope Benedict XVI.] Well aware of the development of theology on war and peace, Shevchuk argues we cannot find answers that can be exact guides under these new circumstances. "It is a war that is not only fought with conventional weapons, but even the economy becomes a weapon; the same grain that Ukraine tries to export to the world becomes a weapon." There is a need for further study of these issues so that the magisterium of the Church can give adequate answers. Daily, Shevchuk puts out a short video message. He encourages the people and addresses even such tricky questions as forgiving the enemy and reconciliation. Following a year of war, he says he feels deeply torn. On one hand there is a feeling of joy and gratitude because we were able to survive and serve the people. There is an immense universal solidarity. Yet, there is also a feeling of helplessness for not being able to prevent this war. The archbishop supports the principle he calls proportionate defense. Ukraine's ability to defend itself must be proportionate to Russia's ability to attack. However, the present role of the church is focused on treating wounds. "We have all been wounded." He says. Restoring peace is not a question of territories. Such talk he says causes him to shiver with pain. For him (and many others) it is a question of people, not land. Many people have come back since the attack on Kyiv. At the beginning of the war, Kyiv was about 4 million people. When attacked, the city dropped to about 800,000. It has now returned to about 1.5 million. People return for economic reasons and for psychological reasons. They worry something will happen to their home. The church tries to help those who are there. The archbishop talked about a kindergarten recently opened for 120 children in a parish not far from Kyiv. Rebuilding lives damaged by war is a slow process. It is done one step at a time, one day at a time.

What does it mean to be a Christian in times of war? If we look carefully, I am sure we can find examples of many who are striving to do so...as best they can.

Fr. Jeff

OUR PARISH FAMILY



Annie Jr. - Tickets are now on sale for the Blessed Sacrament Junior High Musical, Annie Jr. Performance dates are Friday, March 31 and Saturday, April 1 at 7:00, and on Sunday, April 2 at 2:00. The show features the talents of our 6th, 7th and 8th graders singing, dancing and acting, as well as providing set design and creation, assisting as stagehands, and providing technical support with lighting and sound. It's sure to be another amazing show!

Congratulations to our 7th Grade Volleyball Team! The girls are the Class 2A State Champions with an undefeated record of 30-0! Team members include: Hannah Barcik, Kylie Petropoulos, Kaitlyn Sobieski, Mary Kate Ozyurt, Lucia Thompson, Carys Caton, Addison Nikson, Lucy Ambrose, Grace Decatoire, Samaria Bakamba, Natalie Jacobs, Addi Maddox, and Lexi Kotner. The girls were coached by Jessica Barcik, Heather Sobieski, and Patty Nikson. We are proud of their first place finish and of their exemplary display of teamwork and sportsmanship!

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.

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

Lenten Rice Bowls are available in the vestibule. Please take one home and return it on Easter Sunday

Lenten Service Project All are welcome to contribute to our Lenten Service Project. Blessed Sacrament is collecting new items for foster children and teens: pajamas (sizes 6-12), flannel pajama pants, hooded sweatshirts, jeans, cozy socks and t-shirts. There are collection boxes in the vestibule for these new items. In addition, we are adopting two rooms in a home for foster families. We are accepting donations to assist with painting, cleaning, furnishing and decorating these adopted rooms. You may donate via check made out to Blessed Sacrament (indicate Lenten Service Project in the memo) or online at www.bsps.org via Paypal. Choose "Lenten Service Project". You may also sign up to help on the parish website or call the parish office at 528-7521.

A group of volunteers are making PBJ sandwiches once a week to help feed the homeless and others in need in Springfield. We are looking for your help with donations of supplies to help alleviate the cost. Perhaps this could be your act of charity during this Lenten season. If you can help, please place any of the items below in the bin located in the back of the church. Items needed are: Smooth peanut butter, Jelly or Jam, Loaves of bread, Sandwich size Ziplock baggies Thank you very much for your generosity.

Spring Has Sprung! Use our scrip gift cards for this season of renewal.. Refresh your decor with **HomeGoods** or **Pier One**. 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!

The Year of the Eucharist-To celebrate the "Year of the Eucharist" we will have **BENEDICTION** today Sunday, March 26th, at 4pm. Please take time from your busy schedule to honor Our Lord.

NO FISH FRY MARCH 31st due to School Play.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

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Holy Thursday
7:00PM

Good Friday
3PM Living Stations (7th Grade)
(All are invited to attend)

5:30PM Good Friday Services

Easter Vigil
8:00PM

Easter Sunday Masses
7:00-8:30-10:30

Don't miss a moment of Holy Week. Altered schedules are a small price to pay for finding the Path of Life and gaining the strength to walk it.



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

Lenten Prayer for Life Blessed Sacrament's day of prayer during 40 Days for Life is scheduled for March 28 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Please contact Tim Moore (217.416.0937) or Terry Tuttle (217.622.1436) to schedule an hour. Ideally, you and a friend will take one hour on the sidewalk between Spfld Right to Life and Planned Parenthood. Pray to end abortion. More info at Springfieldrtl.org or 217.523.2700.

Fearless and Free – Experiencing Healing and Wholeness in Christ This six-week women's Bible study provides a firm foundation to stand on no matter what life throws our way. Based on the book of Ephesians, this study ideal for women who long for wholeness of heart and are in need of freedom from past wounds. Call 217/522-3342 or email vcomp-ton@cathedral.dio.org to order a book and reserve your spot. **Thursday evenings, March 30-May 11 (no meeting on Holy Thursday) @ 6:00pm, Cathedral School Library, \$20 for the book,**



**Please welcome new parishioners
to Blessed Sacrament**

Kyle & Megan Boggs Family Patrick & Ashley Farrow Family
Mandy & Kelly Kovski Family Martin & Whitney Perry Family
Ben & Nathalie Rejowski Family Jeron & Susan Schultz

MINISTRY SCHEDULE MARCH 27-31 MONDAY-FRIDAY 8:00am & 8:20am

Saturday, April 1, 4:30PM

Lector: TBA

Servers: TBA

Eucharistic Ministers: TBA

Sunday, April 2, 7:00AM

Lector: TBA

Servers: TBA

Eucharistic Ministers: TBA

Sunday, April 2, 8:30AM

Lector: TBA

Servers: TBA

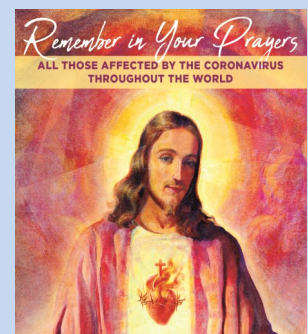
Eucharistic Ministers: TBA

Sunday, April 2, 10:30AM

Lector: TBA

Servers: TBA

Eucharistic Ministers: TBA



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
March 12, 2023	\$21,684.38

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
 Donna Fleischli, Joe, Ken Reid