

# Parish of the Blessed Sacrament

## Easter Sunday

### April 9, 2023



**“DO NOT  
ABANDON  
YOURSELVES  
TO DESPAIR.  
WE ARE THE  
EASTER PEOPLE  
AND HALLELUJAH  
IS OUR SONG.”**

**- POPE SAINT JOHN PAUL II**

**HALLELUJAH**

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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.

## Easter Sunday

### CELEBRATING THE DAYS

**Monday, April 10**

**Confessions before Mass**

**8:00am** Harry Buck III

**Tuesday, April 11**

**Confessions before Mass**

**8:20am Mass:** Olive Eck

**Wednesday, April 12**

**Confessions before Mass**

**8:00am Mass:** Betty King  
Pat Kienzler

**Thursday, April 13**

**Confessions before Mass**

**8:00am Mass:** Nancy Hendricks  
Jim Belz

**Friday, April 14**

**Confessions before Mass**

**8:20am Mass:** Dr. John L Hennessy

**Saturday, April 15**

**Confessions before Mass**

**8:00am Mass:** Patricia M Martin

**3pm - 4pm Confessions**

**4:30pm Mass:** Joe & Betty McCue  
John & Jean VonBehren

**Sunday, April 16- Divine Mercy Sunday**

**7:00am Mass:** Intentions of our Parishioners

**8:30am Mass:** Zoe Bartolo

**10:30am Mass:** Linda Mizeur

### Confessional in the Adoration Chapel

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

Dear Parishioners,

**Surprise!** My nephew loved his jack-in-the-box. As a toddler, he would crank the box as it played a song; and then pop! Out jumped Jack. He would laugh and wave his arms in joy. Then someone would put Jack back in the box and he would do it all over again. My nephew always liked surprises. Easter is one of those surprises. Jesus was put in the tomb. It seems there were people who did not like what he was saying and doing. His priorities were different from the religious leaders of the day. He ate with sinners; he healed on the Sabbath; he even forgave people their sins. The authorities were puzzled and appalled by this. It was more than a challenge to their authority. It was a challenge to God. Something had to be done. And so, they put him to death. But, surprise! Jesus jumped out of the tomb. And those who liked surprises laughed and waved their arms in joy.

Easter proclaims that God is a living God and is still alive and well today. When all seems lost, look for him and he will surprise you. Yet, there are many people today who continue to put Jesus in a box. It is not just the atheists or skeptics who doubt the existence of God, but it is often religious people who think they know how and when God will act. Perhaps they forget that God is a living and does not have to act the way we expect. Easter reminds us that God is full of surprises; and some are yet to come. We must leave our minds and hearts open to the miracles only a living God can bring. Life comes from life. That is what the disciples learned as they came to understand Jesus' resurrection. That is what we must still learn. When things are difficult and all seems lost; look for Easter to roll around again. Pop! Jesus comes out of the tomb. Do you like surprises?

**Divine Mercy Sunday.** This week we celebrate the octave of Easter. Everyday is about the resurrection of Jesus. Next Sunday we close the octave with the Feast of Divine Mercy. During the week, a novena prayer will be offered each day before Mass.

Fr Jeff



## OUR PARISH FAMILY

### Blessed Sacrament School

**Happy Easter!** On this most holy of weekends, the students and staff of Blessed Sacrament School wish all of our parishioners a joyful Easter. Thanks to everyone for their support and prayers for our school.

**Job Openings at B.S.S.** - The school is currently seeking three teachers for the 2023-2024 school year, Pre-K, Kindergarten and Jr. High. We are also in need of a preschool aide. More information and application procedures can be found at: [www.bssbruins.org](http://www.bssbruins.org).

**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](http://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.

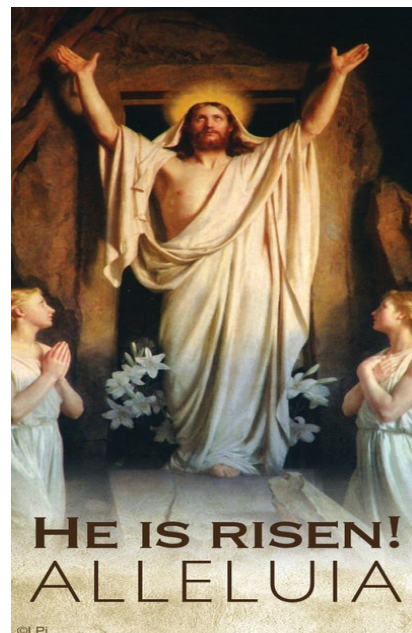
**A group of volunteers** are making PBJ sandwiches once a week to help feed the homeless and others in need in Springfield. We are looking for your help with donations of supplies to help alleviate the cost. Perhaps this could be your act of charity during this Lenten season. If you can help, please 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.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY PRAYER SERVICE** The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception will host a Divine Mercy Prayer Service on Sunday April 16<sup>th</sup> from 2:00pm to 3:00pm. This prayer service will include exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Scriptural readings and devotional prayers, Veneration and Image of Divine Mercy, the Recitation of the Chaplet and Benediction, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. All are welcome.

**Bereavement Ministry** Cathedral parish will be hosting Grief Share, a weekly, faith-based, grief support group. If you, or someone you know, would like help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend, please join us beginning Tuesday, May 23, 1:00-2:30pm in the Cathedral School Library. (Enter through the atrium doors off 5<sup>th</sup> street parking lot) Grief Share runs for 13 weeks, but guests may join the series at any point and can pick up content they missed during the next cycle. For more information go to <https://www.griefshare.org/> or contact Berni Ely @ 899-6637 or [jackandberni96@yahoo.com](mailto:jackandberni96@yahoo.com) To register call 217/522-3342 or email Vicki at [vcompton@cathedral.dio.org](mailto:vcompton@cathedral.dio.org) All adults, of any or no faith background, are welcome.

**St. Joseph the Worker young people** in grades 7-12 are having fundraisers for their upcoming Mission Trip. They are raffling a homemade quilt. This quilt is a very popular Star Wars Theme. Tickets can be purchased by stopping by the church on Saturdays, 4-6pm or Sunday, 7-9:15am or 10-12noon from April 22<sup>nd</sup> – May 7<sup>th</sup>. In addition they will be having a Drive Through Chicken Dinner, catered by Nelson's on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> from 4-7pm.

**St. Louise de Marillac** is a group of Catholic women who meet once a month on the third Monday at Christ the King Parish Center starting in March. Our dues are \$15 a year and our dinners are \$15 each month. All monies raised go to Catholic Charities for their Holy Family Food Pantry and Crisis Advocacy Center. We welcome all Catholic women to come to one of our dinners to see what we're about. We have a different speaker or entertainer at each dinner It's a nice time to gather together. We not meet in January, February or July. If interested, please contact Linda Patterson at 217-971-1642 for more information.



**HE IS RISEN!  
ALLELUIA**

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**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](mailto:bspeucharisticadorers@gmail.com) or [www.bsps.org](http://www.bsps.org) or call one of our committee members: David & Karen Senger-525-6052--Eric & Susan Portz-718-4030



**Christ is Risen**

**Alleluia!**

Fr Jeff, Deacon Dave, Deacon Tom  
and  
the Staff of Blessed Sacrament  
Wish our Parishioners  
A Blessed Easter

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**APRIL 10-14**

**MONDAY-FRIDAY**

**8:00am & 8:20am**

### Saturday, April 15, 4:30PM

**Lector:** Melaney Arnold

**Servers:** Sophia Wygant, Hank Davis, Mackenzie Mitchell

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Richard Campbell, Joe Stannard, Vince Toolen

### Sunday, April 16, 7:00AM

**Lector:** George Rudis

**Servers:** Orliath Mahoney

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Mark Ushaman, Colleen VonDeBur

### Sunday, April 16, 8:30AM

**Lector:** Mary Maloney

**Servers:** Lucy Wallner, Ryan Barnard, Lillian Boorde

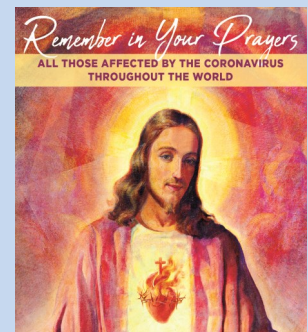
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Brad Foster, Becky Leonard, Dave & Lisa Sarnowski

### Sunday, April 16, 10:30AM

**Lector:** Tim Moore

**Servers:** Damien Njeuha Njapa, Max Portz, Jackson Pitz

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Rose Amon, Lynn Frasco, Andrea Judd, 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, Elizabe-  
 thandrich, 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**

<b>Target Amount</b>	<b>\$23,500.00</b>
<b>March 26, 2023</b>	<b>\$21,605.38</b>

**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