

Parish of the Blessed Sacrament

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 30, 2023



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



"Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out." - Jn 10:2-3

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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,

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CELEBRATING THE DAYS

Monday, May 1

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Dan Weinhoef
Todd Peters Family

Tuesday, May 2

Confessions before Mass

8:20am Mass: Shirley Lanphier
Linda Mizeur

Wednesday, May 3

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Marcel & Ann Pacatte
Bill & Barb Lehman

Thursday, May 4

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Betty King
Nancy Hendricks

Friday, May 5

Confessions before Mass

8:20am Mass: Alma M. Hildebrand
Jim Davidson

Saturday, May 6

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Jack Gillen
3pm - 4pm Confessions
4:30pm Mass: vonBehren Family

Sunday, May 7 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

7:00am Mass: Jim Meredith
8:30am Mass: Intentions of our Parishioners
10:30am Mass: Paul Killion

Confessional in the Adoration Chapel

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

Dear Parishioners,

COVID is still around. I always look forward to the week after Easter. After all the beautiful ceremonies that go with Holy Week, Easter is a time to get caught up on one's rest and even the work that I had been putting off. My hope was even to work in the garden. I did have a couple of funerals and a wedding scheduled, but there would still be time for plenty of rest. Then came Friday. I had a morning funeral, an afternoon funeral, and an evening wedding rehearsal. My voice was starting to disappear and my energy was running out. By Sunday, I had no voice and no energy. I called the doctor wondering if I needed to see him before a Wednesday appointment I already had scheduled. I assumed I was dealing with allergies or sinus problems. The doctor sent me for a strep test and a COVID test. The strep came back negative. The COVID came back positive. **How could this be?** For three years I had dodged the bullet. During that time, I had been looking out, not only for my own health, but also for those I was in charge of; that is the school and parishioners who came to Mass. I read a lot of information and asked a lot of questions of people in the medical field. I was cautious because I didn't want to make a bad decision that could have serious consequences for others. It was a stressful time and there was a lot of anger and mean remarks made. Yet, there was also a great deal of appreciation from those who had family members at risk. What I learned in those three years was that I didn't want to go through that ever again. But now, when I thought it was over, I got the call. There was no way to know how many people I had been in contact with. What should I do?

The nurse told me to wear the mask for five days from when I first showed symptoms and then for another five days, and oh, take the medicine. I could do that. I felt bad enough that I hadn't suspected COVID and had not done more to protect others already. Soon, feeling bad was overtaken by feeling wiped out. The medicine made food taste terrible. The things I had hoped to catch up on, would have to wait. I could sleep 12 hours a day and still be tired. Yet, people were asking how I was doing and said they were praying for me. No one knows just how good that makes you feel. It is a grace sent from God. The medicine is finished. My food tastes good again and I am starting to get enough energy to think of all that work setting on my desk. There is another funeral waiting. I hope people pray for them and their families the way they prayed for me. I'm convinced it is what got me through last week. And by the way, don't forget, COVID is still around. Don't think you can dodge the bullet forever. After all, we are mortal and susceptible to all things human. That is the reason we need others to pray for us and ask about us. It is grace from God. It is medicine for the soul.

Fr. Jeff

OUR PARISH FAMILY**Let us pray for our Recently Baptized:**

Ellis Taylor Gregoire, daughter of
Nathaniel & Jacqueline Gregoire

Congratulations to our Newly Wed:

Christopher Callahan & Lexi Kremer

Let us pray for our Recently Departed:

Donna Fleischli

BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL**Retirements!**

Kim Hoffmann, our Development Director, will be retiring later this summer. Mrs. Hoffmann has been the Development Director for 18 years. She and her husband have been parishioners since 1985 and their three children are all B.S.S. alumni. She has led important capital campaign projects for our parish and school as well as being instrumental in securing grant funds, overseeing the annual auction, organizing the annual fund, and many other things. Kim will be staying on through the summer to work on the upcoming Roof Replacement/Window Restoration Capital Campaign for the church. **Debbie Adams** has announced her retirement at the end of this school year. Mrs. Adams has been in Catholic education for 43 years! Mrs. Adams began her career at St. Cabrini School where she taught kindergarten and first grade for 9 years. She then came to B.S.S., where she taught kindergarten for 29 years before teaching pre-k for the past five years. Many students have been blessed to have Mrs. Adams as one of their first teachers, and have very fond memories of their wonderful experiences. Mrs. Adams looks forward to spending time with her family and friends, especially her two young grandsons. We are so grateful for her dedication and service to Catholic education and wish her much happiness in her retirement! **There will be a reception following the 4:30 Mass on Saturday, May 27, in honor of both Kim and Debbie.**

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

Mother's Day is May 14! Looking for gift ideas? The glamorous Mom would love **Ulta** scrip. Buy **Barnes & Noble** or **Amazon** scrip for Mom's next Book Club purchase. **Bath & Body Works** cards are great for the Mom who needs pampering. ANY of our restaurant cards would be great for a dinner out! Planning ahead? Special order **Williams Sonoma** cards for the gourmet Mom or **1-800-Flowers** cards to surprise an out-of-town Mom. Contact scrip bssbruins.org to special order scrip cards and contribute to Catholic education while making Mom happy.

Ladies of the parish are invited to Wine & Charcuterie Night in the school courtyard on Tuesday, May 9th starting at 6:30 pm. This evening will be sponsored by the Women's Club. No fee or reservation is required. We hope you will come to reconnect and socialize with friends, old and new

Kids Good Grief Camp If you are a parent or guardian of a child who has experienced the death of a loved one, consider Kids Good Grief Camp. This annual camp helps young people in our community cope, understand, and handle their grief. Register at StaabFuneralHomes.com. Sunday, May 7, 12:30-4:30 Erin's Pavilion at Southwind Park



**Please welcome new parishioners
to Blessed Sacrament**

**Courtney Avery Family -Cynthia Baklanov
Owen & Heather Brown Family
Ryan & Megan Crissey Family
Dan & Rebecca Deweese Family
James & Nikki Froehner Family
Joseph & Tara Moore Family
Paula Sponsler**

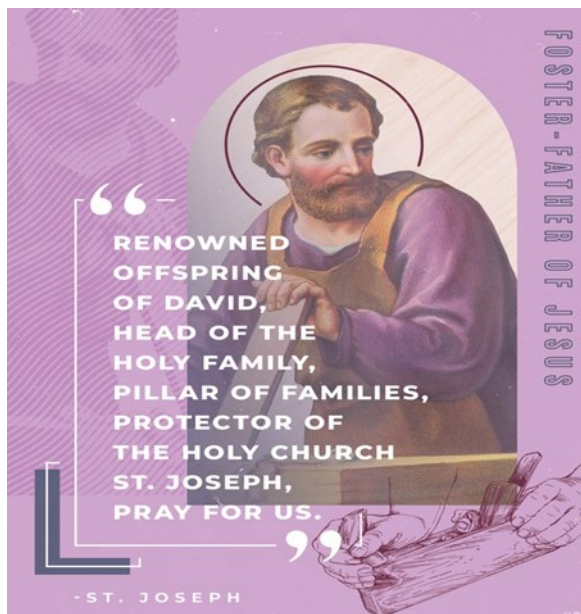
Save the Date! Help us honor our retirees Debbie Adams and Kim Hoffmann at an open house on Saturday, May 27th after the 4:30 mass in the school cafeteria.



Looking for something more meaningful in your life? Something we can all do is add more prayer into our life to grow closer to our Father. 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 Eric & Susan Portz 718-4030

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 5th 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 To register call 217/522-3342 or email Vicki at 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 22nd – May 7th. In addition they will be having a Drive Through Chicken Dinner, catered by Nelson's on Saturday, May 6th from 4-7pm.



MINISTRY SCHEDULE

APRIL 24-28

MONDAY-FRIDAY

8:00am & 8:20am

Saturday, May 6, 4:30pm

Lector: Steven Scheufele

Servers: Charlotte Stewart, Isaac Storey, Lucia Thompson

Eucharistic Ministers:

Kenzie Dowding, Kathy Harth, Joe Stannard, Colleen VonDe Bur

Sunday, May 7:00AM

Lector: George Rudis

Servers: Teddy Mizeur

Eucharistic Ministers: Kathy Gietl, William Pittman, Mark Ushman, Ann Walker

Sunday, April 30, 8:30AM

Lector: Kevin Lust

Servers: J. P. Leonard, Ryan Bernard, Joseph Bertaina

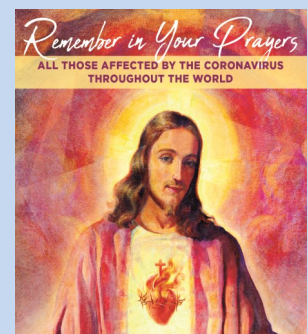
Eucharistic Ministers: Anne Capestrain, Michael Delvo, Sally Petrone, Molly Smith

Sunday, April 30, 10:30AM

Lector: Matt Bensko

Servers: Katie Bensko, Peyton Naylor, Wade Naylor

Eucharistic Ministers: Lynn Frasco, Patricia Graham, Donald Graham, 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

Target Amount	\$23,500.00
April 16 2023	\$15,950.50

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., Gregg L, Ron Walsh, Greg Benanti, Alexan-
 der Howe, Beverly Stinde, London Estelle, Chris Brown, Char Do-
 lan, Michael, Richard Elvarado, David Willer, Cynthia Plouche,
 Sharon Jeffers, Jennie Chambers, Joe, Ken Reid