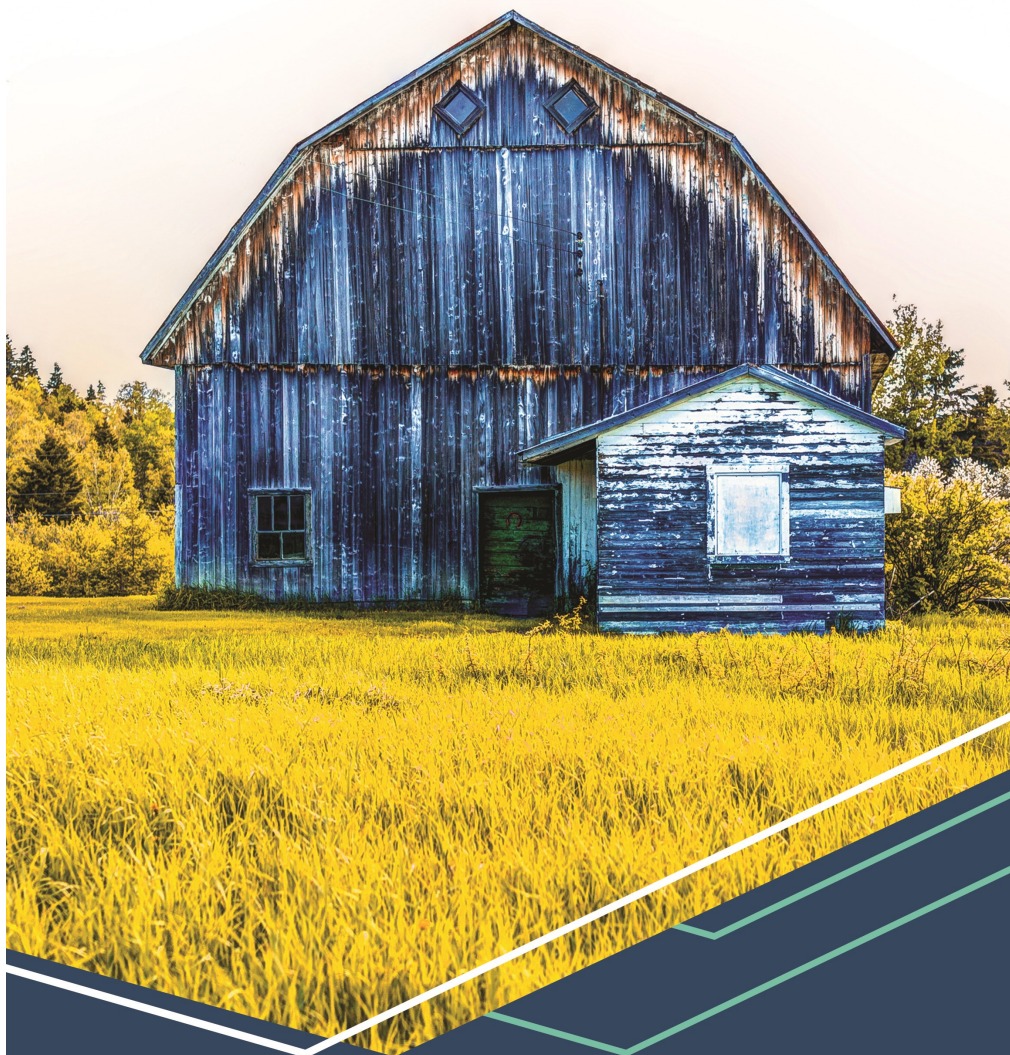


Parish of the Blessed Sacrament

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 30, 2023



17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." - Mt 13:44

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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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Call the Parish Office to register

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CELEBRATING THE DAYS

Monday, July 31

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mary Staudt

Don Weinhoeft

Tuesday, August 1

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Joe & Betty McCue

John & Jean Von Behren

Wednesday, August 2

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Jim Miller

Ozzie Langfelder

Thursday, August 3

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Sallie Graham

Friday, August 4

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Todd Peters Family

Saturday, August 5

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Dr. Wallace Strow

3pm - 4pm Confessions

4:30pm Mass: Diane Galli

Sunday, August 6 –18th Sunday-Ordinary Time

7:00am Mass: Intentions of our Parishioners

8:30am Mass: Linda Mizeur

10:30am Mass: Paul Killion

Confessional in the Adoration Chapel

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

Dear Parishioners,

Living by God's Law. The law of Moses, in the Old Testament, is summed up in the 10 commandments. However, eight of the ten actually tell us what the law isn't rather than what it is. Thou shall not have other gods; thou shall not kill; thou shall not steal; etc. Sometimes the best way to describe something is to tell us what it is not. Yet, the problem with this approach is to assume that as long as I have avoided all the "nots", I am keeping the law. This is the problem of the pharisees. Faithfulness to God is mostly about avoiding what is prohibited.

In the New Testament, Jesus proposes a new way of looking at the law. When asked about the greatest commandment, Jesus quotes two. First, one must love God with all their heart and mind and strength; and secondly, one must love their neighbor as oneself. Rather than avoiding dangers, Jesus' law was to take risks. Rather than thou shall not steal, he says thou shall give; rather than thou shall not lie; thou should speak with kindness and mercy. Jesus' emphasis is not on what one should not do, but rather what they should. In other words, love is not the objective or product of the law; it is the law.

In the scriptures, Jesus is often confronted by those who insist on putting the law (that is the letter of the law) first. Even today, many religious people cling to the letter of the law. The focus of their actions and prayers is to avoid sin. If I don't lie, or cheat, or steal; if I don't curse, or lose my temper; then I must be fulfilling God's law. Yet, avoiding these things does not equate to loving God and does not equate to loving thy neighbor. It is about oneself. Love leads us to justice, mercy, and true discipleship. One cannot take it out of the equation or eliminate love for God or love for neighbor. Striving to love God more fully means loving one's neighbor more fully and vice versa. That is what Jesus taught. As we strive to live by God's law, we must be careful not to simply reduce it to a list of things to avoid. Love is, first of all, what we put first and Jesus says that must be God and our neighbor. Serve God and serve one's neighbor. Then you will live by God's law.

Fr Jeff

OUR PARISH FAMILY

Please pray for our Recently Departed:

John "Pat" Kelly

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

Summertime Scrip Scrip is available in the Parish Office every week day from 8:00 AM until 2:00 PM or online at www.shopwithscrip.com. Choose from ANY scrip cards available including our special order items and pick up your order at the Parish Office. **Time to start thinking about those summer reading lists! We've got Barnes & Noble \$5, \$10 and \$25 cards. If you've got college students, we can special order \$100 Barnes & Noble cards. For hard-to-find books, we've got Amazon \$10 and \$25 cards but can special order them in MUCH larger denominations.**

Eucharistic Congress On Saturday, October 28th, our diocese will host a Eucharistic Congress at the BOS Center in Springfield. Among the guest speakers will be Dr. Scott Hahn, a well know Catholic writer and speaker. Mass will also be celebrated that evening at the BOS Center. Each parish is allotted a certain number of tickets. Blessed Sacrament has been given 123. A sign-up sheet is on our website for any **parishioner** who would like to attend the Mass. It will be on a first come/first serve basis. The bishop has asked that all other Saturday evening Masses in our parishes be cancelled that evening so that the priests may also attend.



Save the date! Our Summer Social will take place on **Saturday, August 11** following the 4:30 PM Mass. School packets will be available for pick up at this time.

B.S.S. Staff Openings Blessed Sacrament School is in need of a full time primary classroom aide. Send resume and completed staff application (available at www.bssbruins.org) to: Nicole Kuhlman, Blessed Sacrament School, 748 W. Laurel, Springfield, IL 62704 or via email to kuhlman@bssbruins.org. Join our team and help us continue to ensure that our students are "Learning to Make a Difference".

The Blessed Sacrament School Advisory Board is looking for two non-parent volunteers to serve on the board this fall. If interested, please contact the Parish Office at 217-528-7521

The Turning Point Women's Bible Study

The Turning Point is a nine-session Bible study experience that's perfect for people who want to get to know Jesus in the Scriptures but don't know where to start. This study will introduce you to people and stories in the Gospel of John that you won't find anywhere else in the Bible: the woman at the well; a man named Nicodemus; the woman caught in adultery; and Lazarus, the friend Jesus raised from the dead. You'll read stories about Jesus turning water into wine at the wedding in Cana, Jesus washing the feet of his disciples, and Peter's marvelous redemption after he denies Jesus three times. The people in these stories were transformed by their encounters with Jesus. By entering into their miraculous stories, you will encounter Jesus in a personal way and develop a deeper relationship with him that will transform your everyday life. Register by email vcompton@cathedral.dio.org or phone 217/522-3342. Order your packet for \$15.95 <https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/turning-point-participant-program-pack/TPNT-008-PP-ENG.html> Thursday evenings , 6:00-7:15 starting August 24, in the Cathedral School Library.

Welcome Back to the Parish School of Religion!

Blessed Sacrament Parish is dedicated to our church members and the sharing of our faith. This year we will continue to have our **PSR** classes offered on Sunday mornings between the 8:30 and 10:30 Masses in the school. Classes will begin August 20th so that we can be sure our students are ready for their sacraments. The First Communion/Confirmation for 3rd grade is scheduled for Tuesday, October 17th at the Cathedral. It is of utmost importance that the students participating in those sacraments attend classes so that they are prepared. Please sign your child up today to be sure we have them registered! You may register them by going to our website at www.bsps.org, and filling out the online form or by printing off the form and turning it into the parish office. We look forward to another wonderful faith filled year for both our students and our parents!

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose." **Romans 8:28** The Bible. God's Word. Every Sunday we hear bits of the Bible and if we are able, we hear more when we can go to daily Mass. I have done Bible studies over the years, and I am always hearing or learning something new that God wants to tell me today. Over a year ago I found "The Bible in a Year" with Fr. Mike Schmitz. What a great find it is! You can find this podcast in many places. (I happen to listen to it on the Catholic App called Hallow.) Get to know God and His plan for you. Spend more time with Him in our chapel. Pray. 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

St. Louise is having a bunco game on 8/20/23 at Christ the King hall from 2-4pm. The cost is \$10 and snacks, desserts and drinks will be served. We will also have a 50/50 and raffle basket tickets available for purchase. All proceeds goes to Catholic Charities. Please call me, Linda Patterson, at 217-971-1642 for a reservation or e-mail me at threeinone62@comcast.net All e-mail requests will receive a reply back. It is limited to the first 100 ladies. So please come and have a good time and help out Catholic Charities.

St. Patrick Catholic School is seeking part time teachers for choir, art and P.E.. For more information, please contact Michael Carlson at mcarlson@st-patrick.org or call 309-259-9931

Celebrate with the Dominican Sisters The Springfield Dominican Sisters are pleased to welcome you to Sacred Heart Convent for a celebratory Mass in honor of the 150th anniversary of the founding of their community. Please join them at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, August 19, 2023, at the [Sacred Heart Convent Chapel, 1237 W. Monroe Street, Springfield, IL, 62704](http://www.sacredheartconvent.org). RSVP by August 1 is appreciated. This may be made either with a phone call to 217-787-0481 or at springfieldop.org/150years/. With plenty of off-street parking and building accessible to everyone, you will be warmly and gratefully welcomed.



Roof & Window Capital Campaign Progress

Total Project Cost: \$2,040,925
 Donations to Date: \$1,743,666
 Total Goal Remaining: \$297,259

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

JULY 24-30

MONDAY-FRIDAY

8:00am

Saturday, August 5, 4:30pm

Lector: Sandy Etheridge

Servers: Sophia Wygant,
Sergiaz Cabal, Joseph Bertaina

Eucharistic Ministers: Vince Toolen, Kathleen Harth, Rae Marie Davlin, Colleen VondeBur

Sunday, August 6, 7:00AM

Lector: Jim McDermott

Servers: Tess and Jude O'Brien

Eucharistic Ministers: Kathy Gietl, Carrie O'Brien, Michael O'Brien, Mark Ushman

Sunday, July 30, 8:30AM

Lector: Mary Maloney

Servers: Ryan Barnard, Lucy Wallner

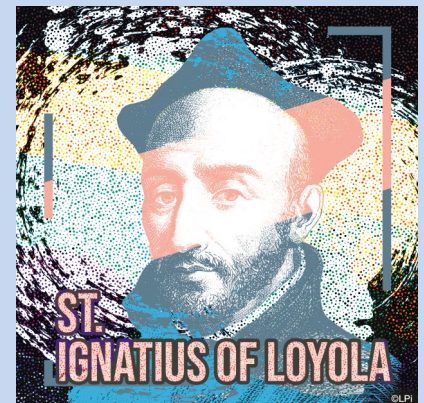
Eucharistic Ministers: Anne Capestrain, Michael Delvo, Sally Petrone, Bradley Frost

Sunday, July 30, 10:30AM

Lector: Suzanne Baase

Servers: Tom and Matthew Christie, Samaria Bacamba

Eucharistic Ministers: Jackson Pitz, Mary Tuttle, William Pittman, Rose Amon, Clara Ushman



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, Steve Kinsella, Destiny Renfro
 James, Clarita DeLargy, Steve, Karen, Steve, Maureen, Charlie
 Adams, Julie, Bill, Mary Coffey, Craig DeLargy, 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, Susan McCain, Ray Shaw,
 Jeanette, Kevin Henry, Gary, Laurie, Gary Bartels, Don John,
 Dale, Peggy Cadigan, Sarah & Everett O'Connor, Mary, Rocky,
 Caleb Cross, Callie, Jeannie Marie, Gorman, Dcn. Ben Hoefler,
 Colleen, Denny McDaniels, Terry Jordan, Janet Ketchum, Mi-
 chael Mauch, Steve Bartels, Bette Atteberry, William Burkey,
 Helen Rhinehart, Edward, Diana Schumacher, Melissa Brown,
 Mary, Beverly Rago, Jim & Cynthia Novello, Becky Wood, Den-
 ise 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, July 16, 2023	\$17,711.50

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
 Dolan, Michael, David Willer, Cynthia Plouche, Sharon Jeffers,
 Jennie Chambers, Joe, Ken Reid, Baby Hope, Srah, John M,
 Kooper, Mindy Davidson, Nancy Hahn