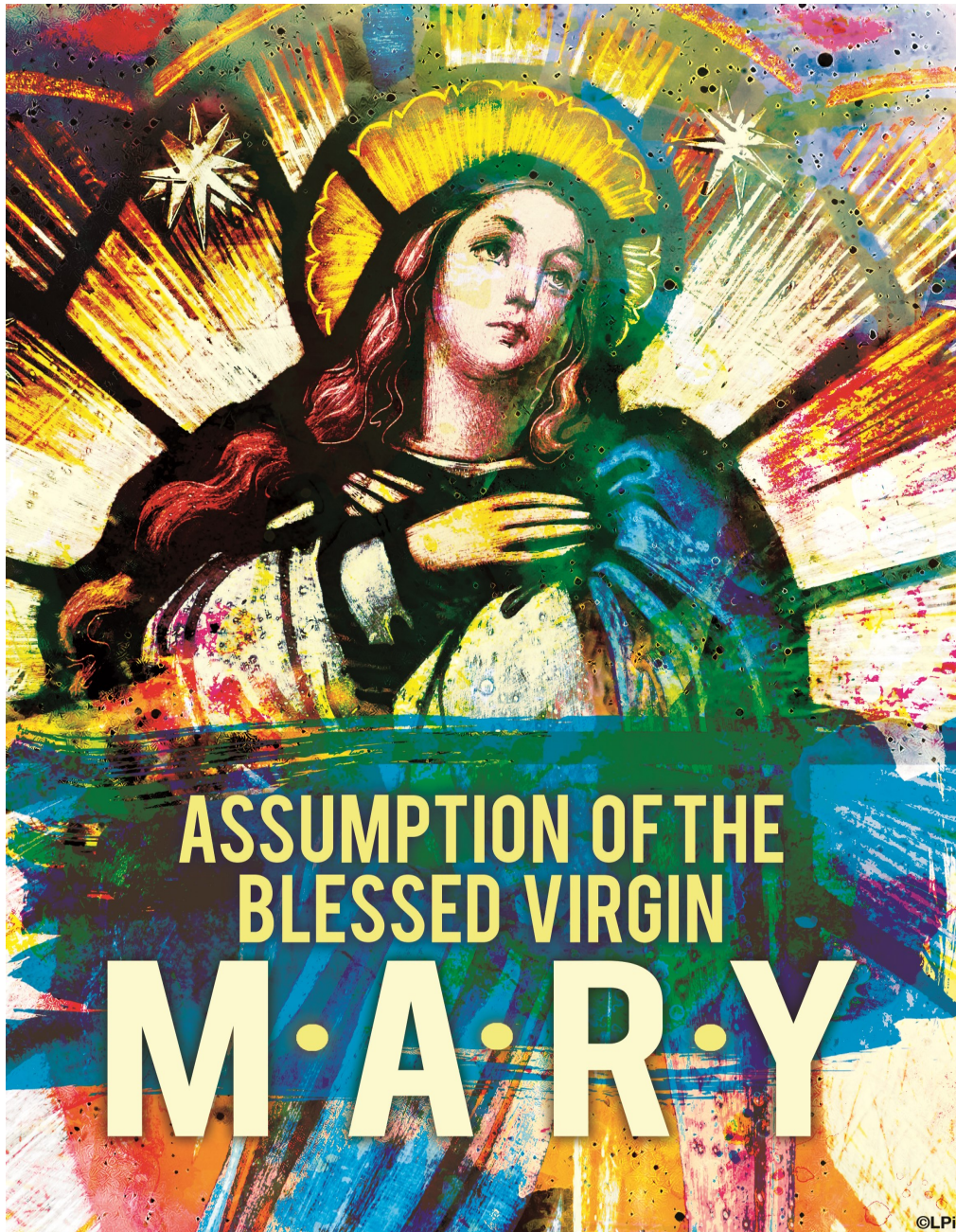


**Parish of the Blessed Sacrament
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 13, 2023**



**ASSUMPTION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN**

M·A·R·Y

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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Deacon Tom Burns

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Call the Parish Office to register

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CELEBRATING THE DAYS

Monday, August 14

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Patrick Echlepp

5:30pm Mass: Intentions of M&K

Tuesday, August 15

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Henry Malkus

Lloyd Mosely

5:30pm Mass: Don Weinhoeft

Wednesday, August 16

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Louise Ann Henderson

Thursday, August 17

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Pat Kienzler

Friday, August 18

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Norman Soler

Saturday, August 19

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Joe & Betty McCue

Intentions of John & Jean VonBehren

3pm - 4pm Confessions

4:30pm Mass: Jack Berry

Sunday, August 20 – 20th Sunday-Ordinary Time

7:00am Mass: Fritzie Belz

8:30am Mass: Intentions of our Parishioners

10:30am Mass: Sharon Madonia

Confessional in the Adoration Chapel

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

Dear Parishioners,

Stewardship. A steward is one assigned to look after someone else's property. There are several stories in the Gospel about good stewards and not-so-good stewards. They were hired to care for and invest their master's wealth. When we talk about church support, we likewise use the word stewardship, because we are the ones entrusted with our master's wealth. Everything we have belongs to God. How we use these gifts determine whether we are good and faithful stewards. Every Christian has a responsibility of caring for the needs of the church (*church, meaning the people of God, especially the poor and the needy*). To ignore this duty is to be less than faithful. Yet the question is often what or how much should I give. Here are a few guidelines to follow:

Remember you are not giving to God from what is yours. Instead you are taking for yourself what God has given you to oversee. Do we take 90% and leave God 10% or do you take all but a little pocket-change for ourselves? Is my gift truly an expression of my generosity? Where no one has the right to tell us what we must leave for God, one must be honest in what they offer. That is the first requirement of a good steward.

One must plan for what they set aside. The traditional tithe in scripture is 10%. In order to do that, one must make a budget and set the money aside. Here is how it works. For every \$1,000 dollars you make, \$100 is left for God's work.

If your annual income is \$100,000, then your weekly amount is roughly \$200 for God.

\$90,000, then your weekly amount is \$180 for God.

\$80,000, then your weekly amount is \$160 for God.

\$70,000, then your weekly amount is \$140 for God.

(This is a 10% tithe based on 50 donations per year. It gives you two weeks off for good behavior. 5% would be half this amount or \$1 per week for every \$1000 of income.)

A tithe is a planned amount one leaves for God, so that God's work may be done.

One must also do what they can to make sure this tithe is used wisely. Where do the funds go and what percentage is overhead? Doing God's work is to see that the hungry are fed, the homeless are sheltered, the sick and imprisoned are properly cared for. Is my support being used to do so? In short, stewardship is not about a set percentage or amount. Our task is to see that our support is being used wisely and as God intended.

All of us are entrusted with some of God's wealth. Prayerfully consider your gift to the church and to charities that help the poor and needy. Are you using God's gifts wisely?

Father Jeff

OUR PARISH FAMILY

Congratulations to our Recently Baptized:

Baylor Daugherty, son of Timothy and Amanda Daugherty

Please pray for our Recently Departed:

Doug Kurz
Jim Romer

Bible Study on the Eucharist starts Sept 13th

This year has been proclaimed the year of the Eucharist in our diocese. Father Jeff and Blessed Sacrament Parish invites you to participate in a ten week Bible Study on the Eucharist. Our meetings will consist of watching a DVD lecture by Dr. Brant Pitre, followed by a small group discussion, with a study guide. We will meet in the rectory basement from 9 AM to 10:30 AM on Wednesdays, September 13th through November 15th. Refreshments will be provided. We extended the registration deadline to August 21st in order to purchase a study guide for a group discount of \$10 each. There will be an increased cost for individual purchases after that deadline.

For questions and to register, please call or text:

Sally Petrone 217-341-9088

Mary Ann Burns 217-638-3307

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



This Tuesday is the **Feast of Mary's Assumption into Heaven**. Masses are on Monday at 5:30 pm and on Tuesday at 8:00 am and 5:30 pm. Make plans to attend.

Summertime Scrip Scrip is available in the Parish Office every week day from 8:00 AM until 2:00. **Too hot to cook? We've added two NEW vendors to our fast food inventory - McDonalds \$10 cards and Jimmy John's \$25 cards. We've got them in stock in the parish office along with Arby's, Burger King, Chipotle, Dairy Queen, Sonic, Steak & Shake, Subway and Wendy's.**

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.

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, November 28th 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!

Flu shot Clinic

The flu season is upon us! Statistics show that the flu will cause up to 52,000 deaths in the U.S. this year. To help prevent this statistic from coming true we are having a flu shot clinic, sponsored by Hy-Vee's Pharmacy, in the school cafeteria on **Saturday September 9**, after the 4:30 Mass and on **Sunday September 10**, after all Masses until 12:00PM. This year's flu shot offers protection against both the seasonal; flu and H1N1 (swine flu). **The shot is recommended for anyone at least 6 months old and especially for the elderly and those with medical conditions.** There are no reservations necessary. The shot is free for those with Medicare or Medicaid. If you have private insurance Hy-Vee will bill your insurance for you. **Refuse to catch the flu, take control and get your flu shot!**

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.

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://SacredHeartConventChapel.com). 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. For those unable to be present a livestream is offered at springfieldop.org/livestream/.



Roof & Window Capital Campaign Progress

Total Project Cost: \$2,040,925
 Donations to Date: \$1,911,506
 Total Goal Remaining: \$129,419

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

AUGUST 14—18

MONDAY-FRIDAY

8:00am

Saturday, August 19, 4:30pm

Lector: Ed Hart

Servers: Lexi Kotner, Alex Pittman

Eucharistic Ministers: Noreen Luhr, Kathleen Harth, Vince Toolen, Colleen Vondebur

Sunday, August 20, 7:00AM

Lector: Jim McDermott

Servers: Orlaith Mahoney

Eucharistic Ministers: Ann Walker, Sally Petrone, Michael & Carrie O'Brien

Sunday, August 20, 8:30AM

Lector: Clara Ushman

Servers: Annaliese & Andrew Hofner, Liam Bryant

Eucharistic Ministers: Bradley Frost, Michael Delvo, Laurie Mann, Molly Smith

Sunday, August 20, 10:30AM

Lector: Tim Moore

Servers: Deon & DaVantae Wilks, Katie Bensko

Eucharistic Ministers: Patricia & Donald Graham, Rose Amon, Mary Tuttle, Lori Criscione



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 31, 2023	\$17,402.50

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