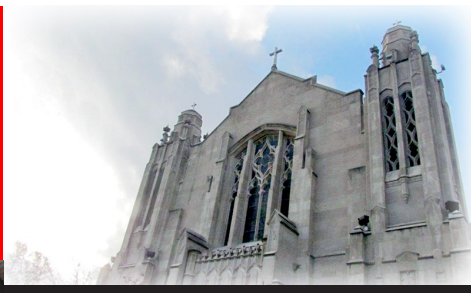


**Parish of the Blessed Sacrament
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 3, 2023**



**HAPPY
LABOR
DAY!**

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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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, September 4

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Ruth Pohlman
Bill and Barb Lehman

Tuesday, September 5

Confessions before Mass

8:20am Mass: Paul Schafer

Wednesday, September 6

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Linda DaSalle
J.R. Weakly

Thursday, September 7

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Jim Blez
Eric Donaldson

Friday, September 8

Confessions before Mass

8:20am Mass: Ruth Pohlman
Norman Reiser

Saturday, September 9

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Eric Donaldson
3pm - 4pm Confessions
4:30pm Mass: Ernest Hiltebrand, Sr.

Sunday, September 10

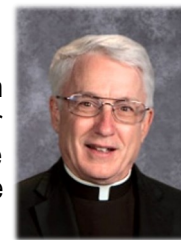
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00am Mass: Intentions of our Parishioners
8:30am Mass: Norman Reiser
10:30am Mass: Dr. Wallace Strow

Confessional in the Adoration Chapel

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

A LETTER FROM FATHER JEFF



Fr. Jeff Grant

Labor Day. "There are no unemployed people in the Kingdom of God. Everyone is called to do their part; and there will be a reward from divine justice and not from human justice; **luckily.**" (Pope Francis, 24 September 2017)

The above quote is a reflection on a Gospel parable in which a landowner hires laborers to work in his vineyard. He hires them in the early morning, mid-morning, noon, mid-afternoon, and near quitting time. All are paid the same, that is, the usual daily wage. Some grumbled because they felt they were entitled to more since they worked longer. Yet, no one was denied a fair or just wage. The owner was generous and gave the later workers enough to feed themselves and their families. In other words, he gave them a living wage and he gave them dignity. I wonder if work today could do the same? Catholic teaching, in order to form a just economy, teaches certain principles that must be considered in forming good economic policy:

- The economy exists for the person, not the person for the economy.
- All economic life should be shaped by moral principles. Economic choices and institutions must be judged by how they protect or undermine the life and dignity of the human person, support the family and serve the common good.
- A fundamental moral measure of an economy is how the poor and vulnerable are faring.
- All people have a right to life and to secure the basic necessities of life (e.g. food, clothing, shelter, education, health care, safe environment, economic security.)
- All people have the right to economic initiative, to productive work, to just wages and benefits, to decent working conditions as well as to organize and join unions or other associations.
- All people, to the extent they are able, have a corresponding duty to work, a responsibility to provide for the needs of their families, and an obligation to contribute to the broader society.
- In economic life, free markets have both clear advantages and limits; government has essential responsibilities and limitation; voluntary groups have irreplaceable roles, but cannot substitute for the proper working of the market and the just policies of the state.
- Society has a moral obligation, including governmental action where necessary, to assure opportunity, meet basic human needs, and pursue justice in economic life.
- Workers, owners, managers, stockholders, and consumers are moral agents in economic life. By our choices, initiative, creativity, and investment, we enhance or diminish economic opportunity, community life, and social justice.
- The global economy has moral dimensions and human consequences. Decisions on investment, trade, aid, and development should protect human life and promote human rights, especially for those most in need wherever they might live on this globe.

In light of these principles, I wonder, what can be done to make our economy more in line with the Gospel?

Fr. Jeff Grant

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

Labor Day Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 4 in observance of Labor Day.

Mass Schedule Change:

Beginning Tuesday, August 22 the daily Mass on Tuesdays and Fridays begins at 8:20am.



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.

Coffee, Donuts, and Flu Shot

Come join us on Saturday and Sunday September 9 and 10, for any one, two or all three of these. Have some coffee, donuts (Sunday only), friendly conversation and an opportunity to have a flu shot. The clinic is sponsored by Hy-Vee's Pharmacy (get 20 cents per gallon discount on gas at Hy-Vee or Casey's gas station for each individual receiving an injection) will be offered to the parishioners of Blessed Sacrament, Hi-Dose available for those 65 or over, after all Masses, on Saturday, September 9, and Sunday, September 10. - protect yourself and your family- get a flu shot.

Joyful Reminder - If you are filled with love for the Lord and want to praise Him in song, join us! Choir rehearsals begin on Wednesday, Sept. 6 at 5:30 PM in the choir room. Also, did you know that choir singing at Mass counts as "service hours"? Call Jane at 217-503-8821 for more information.



Back to Scrip

Do you have regular prescriptions each month? We carry CVS and Walgreens cards in \$25 and \$100 denominations. These cards earn 5-6% for Catholic education. Our school families use these profits to reduce tuition and remaining funds benefit school fundraising.

99th Anniversary of Blessed Sacrament Parish:

September 14 marks the 99th anniversary of the founding of our parish back in 1924! We are so excited with our Capital Campaign progress and look forward to having a beautifully restored church in time for our Centennial Celebration! Thank you to all of our donors! Pledge cards are available in the back of church and in the parish and school office if you had not yet had an opportunity to participate in this important effort.

Looking for an Angel 114 days until Christmas! We are looking for a volunteer to help with our Angel Tree set up. Please contact the parish office if you've got Christmas spirit.

Share the Word will begin again on September 10th during 10:30 Mass. The Ministry is for children in grades 1 – 4 and is an opportunity for them to learn about the Gospel at their level. Volunteers are needed, please contact the parish office or volunteer at bsps.org/share-the-word.

Perpetual Adoration

If you would like to sign up for a weekly hour in our Adoration chapel email us today at bspeucharisticadorers@gmail.com or www.bsps.org or call one of our committee members: David & Karen Senger 525-6052 and Eric & Susan Portz 718-4030.



Jeffrey and Heather Beyers and Family
Oscar and Jennifer Kovalski and Family
Brian and Laurie Fitzgerald
James and Rhea Milburn
Emily Monaghan and Family
Chris and Carolyn Oldenburg and Family
Alexandra Puccetti and Family
Patrick and Sarah Regan
Brian and Christina Rottman and Family

OCIA (Formerly RCIA) Are you interested in becoming Catholic? If you've ever considered becoming Catholic please plan to attend an information session at 7 PM on Thursday September 7 in the rectory basement. No reservations are necessary but if you have questions please contact Courtney Adams at courtneyadams@gmail.com or call the parish office at 217-528-7521.

Capital Campaign Reaches Goal! Did You Make A Pledge? Thanks to the generosity of almost 300 donors, the *Campaign for the Next 100 Years* has exceeded its goal of \$2,040,925 by \$2,689. Added to the \$1.2 million from parish savings approved by the Finance Council, we now have pledges to fund the total project cost (\$3,240,925) for the roof replacement and stained glass restoration. At this point, we are optimistic we will be able to raise the additional \$150,000 necessary to power wash the church! We will be recognizing our donors by name in the September 24th parish bulletin. **If you wish to remain anonymous**, please contact Kim Hoffmann at hoffmann@bssbruins.org or by calling the parish office.

Calling all Extraordinary People! PSR for Extraordinary People will begin the 2022-2023 academic season on Wednesday, September 6, 2023. The first week will be a "Welcome" picnic starting at 6pm. Regular classes run from 6:30-7:30pm every Wednesday evening during the academic year. Class is held at Blessed Sacrament School. Our class is designed to meet the needs of developmentally disabled youth & adults who want to grown in their Catholic faith and share fellowship with other like-minded people. Please call Jane Mosey-Nicoletta (217-971-4179) or Blessed Sacrament Parish (217-528-7521) for details and opening picnic information.

National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children will take place on Saturday, September 9 from 10-11am. This inter-faith memorial service will start at the Right to Life building at 519 N. Bruns Lane and will proceed to the front of Planned Parenthood. This event is being cosponsored nationally by the Pro-Life Action League, Priest for Life and Citizens for a Pro-Life Society and is being hosted locally by Springfield Right to Life.

Christ the King Fall Bible Study

Please join us, as we study *Mary: The Bible and the Mother of God*. This is an 8 week study, authored by Dr. Brant Pitre. We will explore what Scripture, the life of Christ, and the early Church Fathers reveal about Mary. Meetings are on Thursday mornings from 9:15 AM to 11:00 AM in the Christ the King Parish Center, beginning on **Thursday, September 28th**. Childcare is available for a small donation. All are welcome! Participants will receive a workbook and have light reading with homework. The cost of the materials will be \$15. Each week we will view a 30 minute DVD lecture with discussion following. For more information or to register, contact Kristin Luker at 217-546-4959 or KLuker@LukerDentalCare.com.

St. Cabrini Fall Festival will take place on **September 10, 2023** from 10:30 AM until 5:00 PM. There will be bingo, kids' games, a health fair, art projects, the Roadside Diner food truck and live music. All are welcome at 1020 N. Milton Ave.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 4 - 8

MONDAY - FRIDAY

8:00am

Saturday, September 9, 4:30pm

Lector: Steven Scheufele

Servers: Lexi Kotner, Lucia Thompson, Andrew Gerding

Eucharistic Ministers: Richard Campbell, Kathleen Harth, Colleen Vondebur, Noreen Luhr

Sunday, September 10, 7:00AM

Lector: Ann Walker

Servers: Joseph Bonansinga

Eucharistic Ministers: Carrie and Michael O'Brien, Sally Petrone, Mark Ushman

Sunday, September 10, 8:30AM

Lector: Laurie Mann

Servers: Samantha and Sydney Cathers

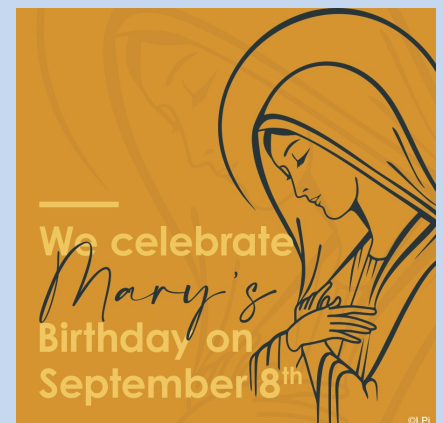
Eucharistic Ministers: Sheri Dhabalt, Cathy Scott, Anne Capestrain, Molly Smith

Sunday, September 10, 10:30AM

Lector: Patti Naylor

Servers: Jack Majcina, Wade and Peyton Naylor

Eucharistic Ministers: Rose Amon, Patricia and Donald Graham, Mary Tuttle, Cynthia Lamar



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 Culter, Tom J., Judy, Doug, Beth, Camden Spinner, Cindi, Andy Kates, Dave, Sandy H, Jim C., Jason Baird, Jen, Family of Gretchen Hornickle Harrison, Joyln Jensen, Jack Rhinehart, Dorothy Wilenborg, 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, 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, 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,

Weekly Parish Finance Report August 19 to August 25		
	AMOUNT RECEIVED	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS
Loose Collections	\$1,150.00	
Envelope Collections	\$12,108.00	218
Online Giving Collections	\$6,512.63	125
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	\$19,770.63	343
Target Amount	\$23,500.00	

Blessed Sacrament Prayer Line (cont)

Mitch, Noah, Jeff Stauffer, Patty Redpath, Diane Canavan, Carol Jirousek, Cathy Napier, Chuck DeMoisse, Mark Schmidt 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, Alexander 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, Greg Gilbert

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