

**Parish of the Blessed Sacrament
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 8, 2023**



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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
or register online at
www.bsps.org/parishioner-census

Sacramental Information

Baptisms: The next class is
Wednesday, October 18 at
6pm. Please call the office to
register.

Weddings: Contact the parish
at least six months in advance.

Sacrament of the Sick: please
call the parish office anytime.

Funerals: Contact the
parish office

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, October 9

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Jim and Pat Bernhardt
Helen O'Connor

Tuesday, October 10

Confessions before Mass

8:20am Mass: Bill and Barb Lehman
Charles Welch

Wednesday, October 11

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Richard Judd
Thomas R. Cooney

Thursday, October 12

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Betty King
Thomas Hughes

Friday, October 13

Confessions before Mass

8:20am Mass: John and Jean Von Behren

Saturday, October 14

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Mark Beagles
3pm - 4pm Confessions
4:30pm Mass: Vincent Perrero
Carolyn Fisherkeller

Sunday, October 15

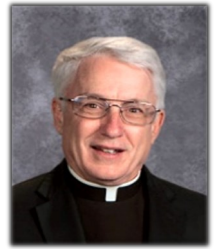
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7:00am Mass: Intentions of our Parishioners
8:30am Mass: Mary Agnes Albers
10:30am Mass: Intentions of M and K

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

Praying the Rosary. Last spring at the end of a general audience, Pope Francis noted three aspects of the Rosary that should encourage us to pray it regularly.

- First, he said that the Rosary is a **"compendium of the entire history of our salvation."** For centuries, the Christian faith has been spread to many lands by praying the Rosary, a completely biblical prayer. One must remember that until recent centuries books and the ability to read was not available to the large majority of peoples. The Rosary became a primary way to teach the essence of our Christian faith. It was the way that many missionaries evangelized others.
- Secondly, the Holy Rosary is **"a powerful weapon against evil."** Many saints, including modern saints such as Padre Pio and John Bosco, talked about the strength of this prayer.
- Finally, the pope said it is **"an effective means of obtaining peace in our hearts."**

Perhaps of all the various devotions promoted by the church, praying the Rosary is the most popular and universal. It was only in the 15th century that Pope Sixtus IV officially approved the Rosary. In the 13th century there is mention of a recitation of prayers and psalms that eventually developed into a series of 150 Hail Mary's. By the 15th century, the Dominican order had transformed it into a meditation on the life of Christ. In 1571, Pius V (a Dominican) established a feast entitled "Our Lady of the Rosary" and structured the Rosary around 15 mysteries of 10 Hail Mary's each. It virtually remained unchanged until 2002 when St. John Paul II introduced five new mysteries called the luminous mysteries. Nearly every pope from the time of Pius V has encouraged praying the Rosary. Pope Leo XIII asked that it be prayed against the evils of the Industrial Revolution, which he noted was deepening an imbalance between the social classes. A few years later (1937), Pius XI asked that it be prayed that the Nazis and Stalinists be led to penance. St. John XXIII prayed the Rosary for new born children and encouraged others to do the same. St. John Paul II asked that it be recited for "the critical issues facing families diminished by the forces of disintegration. Our current pope, Francis, has asked it be prayed to unite us as a spiritual family and that we might overcome this time of trial.

October is the month dedicated to the Rosary. I encourage you to pray it so that our present generation may know our faith, resist evil, and restore peace to our world and our hearts.

Don't forget. This coming weekend we will hold the annual Blessed Sacrament Auction for the benefit of our school. This is a primary fundraiser to help hold down the cost of tuition. Your support, both financially and spiritually is appreciated.

Fr. Jeff Grant



Please pray for our Recently Departed
Delores Dempsey

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

Parish Office will be closed on Monday, October 9 in observance of Columbus Day.

Women's Club Fall Activities

The Women's Club has planned a couple of activities for the ladies in the parish. The first is an evening of fall painting fun. The Painted Tin Bin will provide everything you need to paint a new door hanger to display this fall. This will take place on Tuesday, October 24th at 6:30 pm at the school. Reservations and payment must be completed online by midnight on Sunday, October 15th—register via the parish website or Flocknote. If you are unable register online, please contact Sharon Schraeder at 217-971-6467 and she will make the reservation for you.

October 7 and 8

Fr. Richard Chiola will be with us for Masses next Saturday and Sunday, October 7 and 8. He recently published a book, *Science and Christ: A Dialogue*, which shows how the traditional teachings about Jesus Christ relate to the Big Bang, the evolution of humans, environmental concerns and the future of the universe. He will be autographing his book after Mass and will have copies for sale. The book price is \$16. You can read more about the book at scienceandchrist.org.

Buying Scrip Isn't Scary

... but Halloween is! Time to think about Halloween costumes - we've got **Amazon**, **Target** and **Walmart** gift cards. Get Halloween/Fall decorations at **Bed, Bath & Beyond** or **Michael's**. Stop by the school office and shop in person during school hours.

School Auction is Saturday, October 14! Enjoy food, drinks, auctions and raffle drawings!



B.S.S. Staff Opening Blessed Sacrament School is in need of a full time PreK teacher. 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".

Blessed Sacrament School admits students of any race, color, sex or national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate based on race, color, sex, or national and ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarships and loan programs, and athletic and school administered programs. Our schools do reserve all their rights as religious entities in accord with the teachings of the Catholic Church, the protections of the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, and the Illinois Religious Freedom Restoration Act 775 ILCS 35/."



Volunteer at the Annual Auction

Volunteering at the 54th Annual Blessed Sacrament Auction is a great way to enjoy fellowship and fun! Whether you're a Blessed Sacrament veteran or new to the parish/school, you can help with anything listed, no experience required. School parents earn service hours for their time. Ticket purchases are encouraged and appreciated for all those planning to volunteer on the night of the Auction. Go to <https://signup.com/go/ouYpjp> to sign up, and contact Megan DeFrain with questions at (217) 971-8726.

Join the Blessed Sacrament Choir! It's great fun and we need you! Wednesdays at 5:30 - Call Jane for more information 217-503-8821

Get your free tickets now for historic Eucharistic Congress Oct. 28 in Springfield – To celebrate the Diocesan Year of the Eucharist and the 100th anniversary of the transfer of the See city from Alton to Springfield, the Eucharistic Congress is taking place Saturday, October 28 at the BOS Center in Springfield. This dynamic and once in a lifetime experience will include nationally recognized Catholic speakers, a Catholic Marketplace, motivating videos, never before seen photos, adoration of our Lord, Confession, and a historic Mass. The arena will be packed with thousands of Catholics from across the diocese. To attend, go to dio.org for free tickets and more information.

The PBJ volunteers continue to make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches each week to help feed the homeless in Springfield. With your help from previous donations we were able to make over 6,000 sandwiches! The sandwiches are distributed to four different organizations in the city. We are currently in need of more supplies and if you would like to help, please leave your donations in the bins in the back of the church. Thank you so much for your support! Items needed are: smooth peanut butter, jelly or jam, sandwich size Ziploc baggies, and loaves of bread.

The SHG annual Mega Raffle is here!

Over \$140,000 awarded in cash prizes! Purchase your ticket(s) at shg.org or by calling 217/787-9732. THANK YOU for your support!

Nativity Festival

St. Cabrini Church at 1020 N. Milton Ave. in Springfield will be hosting a Nativity Festival this year. Display your nativity set... tell your story... begin a tradition! Please call 217-522-8555 to register. All are welcome!



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

Rosary Rally

Christ the King will hold a rosary rally on October 14 at 1:00 PM at their church. Join them in praying the rosary.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 9—13

MONDAY - FRIDAY

8:00am and 8:20am

Saturday, October 14, 4:30pm

Lector: Mary Beth Maloney

Servers: Hank Davis, Sergiuz Cabel, Andrew Gerding

Eucharistic Ministers: Abigale Kane, Vince Toolen, McKinzie Oshesky, Rae Marie Davlin

Sunday, October 15, 7:00AM

Lector: Carolyn Graham

Servers: Joseph Bonansinga

Eucharistic Ministers: Ann Walker, Kathy Gietl, George Rudis, Christy Geving

Sunday, October 15, 8:30AM

Lector: Clara Ushman

Servers: Damien Njeuha-Njapa, Natalie Jacobs

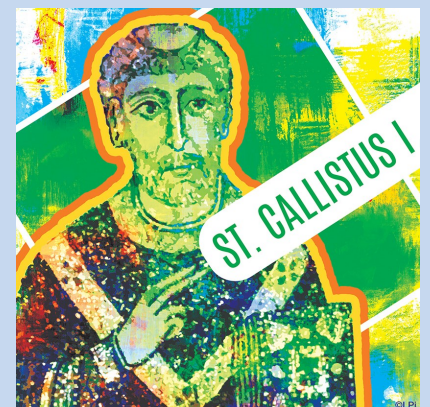
Eucharistic Ministers: Mark Ushman, Michael Delvo, Don Scott, Sheri Dhabalt

Sunday, October 15, 10:30AM

Lector: Tim Moore

Servers: Peyton and Wade Naylor, Jack Majcina

Eucharistic Ministers: Andrea Judd, Lori Criscione, Suzanne Baase, William Pittman, Patti Naylor



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, 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 Culders, 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 Willenborg, 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, 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, Car-

Weekly Parish Finance Report September 23 to September 29		
	AMOUNT RECEIVED	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS
Loose Collections	\$1,170.00	
Envelope Collections	\$12,231.00	193
Online Giving Collections	\$6,781.38	126
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	\$20,182.38	319
Target Amount	\$23,500.00	

ol Jirousek, Cathy Napier, Chuck DeMoissey, Mark Schmidt Ursuline Sisters of New Orleans, Eloise Havey, Sam Atherton, 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

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