

# Parish of the Blessed Sacrament

## 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### October 22, 2023



Attend the historic  
**Eucharistic  
Congress on  
Saturday,  
October 28th**

**BOS Center  
Springfield**

**For details, speaker bios, and schedule - visit [dio.org/revival-bos](http://dio.org/revival-bos)**

Keynote  
Dr. Scott Hahn



Fr. Chase Hilginbrinck  
Diocese of Peoria, IL



Sr. M. Karolyn Nunes, FSGM  
Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George



Fr. Denis Robinson, OSB  
Order of Saint Benedict

1725 S. Walnut St.  
Springfield, IL 62704  
217/528-7521

Office hours: 8:00am to 4:00pm

[www.bsps.org](http://www.bsps.org)

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-1](http://www.bsps.org/parishioner-census-1)

### Sacramental Information

Baptisms: The next class is  
**Wednesday, November 15 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

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Father Jeffery Grant

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Deacon David Erdmann

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**Parish School of Religion:**  
Call the Parish Office to  
register

**Development Director:**  
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Email: [bulletins@bsps.org](mailto:bulletins@bsps.org)  
Deadline: Monday at noon

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### Monday, October 23

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Carolyn Fisherkeller

### Tuesday, October 24

Confessions before Mass

8:20am Mass: Norman Reiser

Thomas and Margie O'Connor

### Wednesday, October 25

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Pat Kienzler

Judy Flynn

### Thursday, October 26

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Larry and Mary K. Evans

### Friday, October 27

Confessions before Mass

8:20am Mass: Mary and Bob Headley

Thomas "Mick" and Helen O'Connor

### Saturday, October 28

EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS ALL DAY

### Sunday, October 29

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00am Mass: Intentions of our Parishioners

8:30am Mass: Pat Kienzler

10:30am Mass: Don Weinhoeft

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

### Teamwork makes the dream work

An individual person can only achieve so much. A team of persons working together can achieve much greater things. Working together allows many people to contribute varied gifts. St. Paul told the Corinthians that we are many parts but all part of one body.

The eye and the foot are both important in the fact that they serve the body. Yet to argue about which is the most important is really pointless. St. Paul used this analogy when he talked about the church. Priests who ignore the laity will have less success when compared with those who involve them. Vice versa, a member of the laity who has no use for the clergy misses out on a great blessing. Working together is the only way the church will succeed in bringing Christ to others.

Many seem to miss that in the world we live today. They would prefer to destroy their enemies rather than to engage them in working together. We see this on national and international level, the local level and even on the family level. Such an approach weakens the group and keeps any real accomplishments from happening. You can be a dreamer and have tremendous ideas; yet, if you are unwilling to work with others and for the team, those dreams will go nowhere. The book of Genesis puts it this way: "It is not good for the man to be alone." **Together** is the step we must be willing to take and the goal we must work for whether we are striving to build peace in the world or peace in our homes. May we pray that we learn to respect and to cherish each other; so that our work will produce good fruit.

**Thank you** A special thanks to all who helped with the auction this past weekend. Preliminary figures show that we raised about \$120,000 for the school. This indeed goes a long way in our mission to provide quality Catholic education for our students. It takes many people who donate their time and energy as well as items and ads to make this event successful. It is another example of what can be done when we work together as a team.

**Don't forget!** There will be no Mass or confessions next Saturday evening (October 28) at Blessed Sacrament. The bishop invites you to the BOS Convention Center for a special diocesan Mass celebrating our Eucharistic Congress. It will begin at 4 pm. Tickets are required for this event. Call the diocese at 217-698-8500. Masses will be at the regular times next Sunday.

**Fr. Jeff Grant**

### Our Parish Family

#### Congratulations to our Newly Wed

Sarah Coe and Nicholas Policicchio

#### Congratulations to our Recently Baptized

Eloise Mae DeGroot, daughter of Aaron and Avery DeGroot

#### Please pray for our Recently Departed

John W. McCarthy, Jr.

**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](http://www.bsps.org) And click on WATCH MASS HERE.

**Confessions** will be heard this week Monday-Friday mornings from 7:30-7:45am

**Get your free tickets now for historic Eucharistic Congress Oct. 28 in Springfield** – To celebrate the Diocesan Year of the Eucharist and the 100<sup>th</sup> 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](http://dio.org) for free tickets and more information.

**Registered for the Eucharistic Congress but don't have your ticket?** All attendees who registered through Blessed Sacrament should have already received a ticket via their email or text message. If you have not received your ticket, please first check your spam folder. Then contact your local parish or email Erin Danaher at [edanaher@dio.org](mailto:edanaher@dio.org).

#### Plan ahead for Holiday Crafts

Purchase \$25 Michaels gift cards or special order \$25 Oriental Trading Co. gift cards to make a craft and make memories with your kids or grandkids. Buy gift cards at the school office during school hours or email [scrip@bssbruins.org](mailto:scrip@bssbruins.org) for special orders.

**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.

**A Men's Evening of Recollection** will be held Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at St John's Hospital Chapel (800 E. Carpenter St., Springfield), from 5pm to 6:30pm. The recollection will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, a meditation given by a priest, time for silent prayer and reflection, an opportunity for confession, a doctrinal talk and Benediction. All men throughout the diocese are invited to attend. The spiritual guidance at the Recollection is entrusted to a priest of the Prelature of *Opus Dei*. Check out: [www.opusdei.org](http://www.opusdei.org)

#### St. John's Breadline Souper Friday Fall 2023 Fundraiser

The Souper Friday fundraiser benefiting Catholic Charities St. John's Breadline will be serving up fresh soups to go. These made-from-scratch soups will be available on Friday, November 3 at the Catholic Pastoral Center circle driveway, 1615 W. Washington Street in Springfield from 4 to 6 p.m. or until sold out. Chicken noodle soup, steak & vegetable, and chili will be offered. The suggested donation is \$5 for 32 oz. of soup. All proceeds will benefit the St. John's Breadline.

## FINANCE COUNCIL

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Members of the Finance Council are appointed by the Pastor from the parish community and meet regularly to provide guidance to the Pastor in the financial management of the parish. The Finance Council oversees the fiscal responsibilities of the parish and advises the Pastor in financial matters. They assist the Pastor and parish administration in preparing annual budgets and financial statements, reviewing monthly income and expenditures, overseeing capital expenses, suggesting cost control programs, establishing long-term financial plans, and other financial matters.

Members are: Mike O'Brien, Tim Healy, Scot Jacobs, Jim McDermott, Marci Petropoulos, Sharon Schraeder and John Staudt.



The Pregnancy Care of Springfield, Inc. is holding its **19<sup>th</sup> Annual Comedy in the City Dinner** on Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Prairie View Reception Center in Chatham. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. for the cash bar and silent auction. A buffet dinner will be served from 6:00pm – 7:00pm followed by entertainment from Guys in Ties Improv. There will also be a restaurant gift card raffle with the winner receiving \$500 worth of gift cards (need not be present to win). Tickets to the event are \$50 per person. Reservations are required for this event by October 24<sup>th</sup> and can be made by calling (217) 525-5630 or through the website at [www.springfieldpregnancycare.org](http://www.springfieldpregnancycare.org). Come help us celebrate 45 years of serving pregnant women in our community at this fun event!

**A Women's Day of Recollection** will be held this coming Thursday, October 26 from 12:45pm to 2:45pm at **St. Patrick's Church** (1720 S Grand Ave E, Springfield 62703). There will be a meditation given by a priest and time for silent Adoration. The ladies may take advantage of the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and spiritual direction during this time, as well as following the Recollection. All women throughout the diocese are invited to attend. The spiritual guidance at the Recollection is entrusted to a priest of the Prelature *Opus Dei*. For more information, call 626-864-6052.

What a BLESSED week it has been!

Both B.S.S. XC teams went to State last weekend and captured THREE MEDALS in the TOP 25! Paityn B. placed 2nd, Phoebe D. placed 6th and Alex P. placed 23rd. We are so proud of both teams and their hard work this season! The Girls' Team placed 9th overall and the Boys' Team, overall! Go Bruins!

We had a successful 54th Annual Auction last weekend, thanks to all the support from our school families, parish families and our community! We are so grateful for all of our support! Special appreciation to our Development Director, **Jenna Davlin** and Auction Co-Chairs, **Brittney Dhabalt** and **Kristen Sowinski**.

**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](http://www.bssbruins.org)) to: Nicole Kuhlman, Blessed Sacrament School, 748 W. Laurel, Springfield, IL 62704 or via email to [kuhlman@bssbruins.org](mailto:kuhlman@bssbruins.org). Join our team and help us continue to ensure that our students are "Learning to Make a Difference".



## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**OCTOBER 23 —27**

**MONDAY - FRIDAY**

**8:00am and 8:20am**

**Saturday, October 28**

**NO MASS—Eucharistic Congress**

**Sunday, October 29, 7:00AM**

**Lector:** Carolyn Graham

**Servers:** Teddy Mizeur

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Mary Beth Roland, Kathy Gietl, Ann Walker,  
**VOLUNTEER WANTED**

**Sunday, October 29, 8:30AM**

**Lector:** Mary Maloney

**Servers:** Raven Huff, Alex Pittman,  
Max Portz

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Becky Leonard, Cathy Scott, Anne Capestrain, William Pittman

**Sunday, October 29, 10:30AM**

**Lector:** Sandy Etheridge

**Servers:** John, Matthew and Thomas Christie

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Lori Criscione, Rose Amon, Patricia and Donald Graham, Andrea Judd

**Please volunteer on the Ministry Scheduler Pro app**



## Blessing of Missionaries

So often we think of missionaries as those people from Protestant churches that go to other countries to spread the good news. However, do you realize that the United States is actually considered a “mission country” because we need more priests and sisters in the United States than we produce? Yes, we are now a mission country.



Let us ask God's blessing on those men and women from other countries who are in our midst as priests, brothers, and sisters. And when we pray, let us also ask God to change our hearts so that we will again produce a society that brings forth more vocations.

Let us pray...

God of every nation,  
you commissioned us at Pentecost  
to go and make disciples of all nations.  
When we take up your commission,  
we become missionaries of your Gospel.  
Bless all missionaries in our communities  
with your love that surpasses all understanding.  
Change our hearts so that we become  
the missionaries you expect us to be.  
We ask this through Jesus,  
the first missionary of your Gospel.  
Amen.

### Weekly Parish Finance Report October 7 to October 13

	AMOUNT RECEIVED	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS
Loose Collections	\$1,037.00	
Envelope Collections	\$12,187.00	188
Online Giving Collections	\$5561.50	126
<b>TOTAL COLLECTIONS</b>	<b>\$18,785.50</b>	<b>314</b>
Target Amount	\$23,500.00	

**Call the Parish Office 528-7521** [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

### World Mission Sunday

This weekend, please support the Society for the Propagation of the Faith with prayers and generosity. Envelopes were included in your packet and extra envelopes are located in the back of church this weekend. **Thank you for being a beacon of Christ's love!**