

Parish of the Blessed Sacrament

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 29, 2023



**All you
holy men and women
pray for us.**



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

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

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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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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, October 30

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Dr. John L. Hennessy
Betty Laurenzana

Tuesday, October 31

Confessions before Mass

8:20am Mass: Thomas "Mick" O'Connor
5:30pm Mass: Mary K and Larry Evans

Wednesday, November 1

Confessions before Mass

8:20am Mass: John and Betty Laurenzana
5:30pm Mass: J.R. Weakly

Thursday, November 2

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Richard Newell
7:00pm Mass: Deceased of our Parish

Friday, November 3

Confessions before Mass

8:20am Mass: Ken Sommers Family

Saturday, November 4

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Carolyn Fisherkeller
3pm - 4pm Confessions
4:30pm Mass: Albert O. Eck, Jr.
Vince Toolen

Sunday, November 5

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7:00am Mass: Allen Milner
8:30am Mass: Jolene, Betsy and Helen
10:30am Mass: Intentions of our Parishioners

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

All Saints Day. How many saints are there? Perhaps you have wondered or even asked the question. In the Catholic Church, there are thousands of men and women we honor because they led holy lives or died for their faith. The latter we refer to as martyrs. As to the actual number of saints, no one knows. Even if we were to count only the holy men and women the church officially recognizes, it is still nearly impossible to say. The reason is because the process of naming saints has changed down through the ages. In the early church the veneration of men and women as saints was by popular demand. It was not until the late 10th century that a pope formally canonized a saint. The first to do so was Pope John XV who in 993 declared Ulrich of Augsburg a saint. In 1243, Pope Gregory IX asserted that **only** a pope had the authority to declare someone a saint; and, in 1585, Pope Sixtus V established the Congregation of Causes of Saints. This established a uniform procedure for the process of naming a saint. Over the next 400 years only 285 people were canonized. However, in 1983, St. John Paul II revised this long-standing process. In fact, Pope John Paul II canonized 480 new saints before his death in 2005. Since his time, the naming of new saints has become more common. On May 12, 2013, 803 saints were named on one day. To be fair, it should be noted that 800 of them were from the town of Otranto in southern Italy. They were all killed in the year 1480 when the Ottoman Turks overran the town and put to death anyone who would not convert to Islam.

Sometimes the cult of certain saints has been suppressed. This is usually due to the lack of historical evidence of the miracles attributed to them or, in some cases, to whether they existed at all. Eighty popes have been canonized. Fifty two of the first 55 are recognized as saints. However, in the last 1,000 years only seven have been canonized and three of those (Popes Pius X, John XXIII, and John Paul II) lived in the 20th century. The Oxford Dictionary lists 1,700 names of saints and Butler's Lives of the Saints lists over 1,500; but there are somewhere between ten and twenty thousand who may actually hold the title and millions more who are anonymous among the citizens of heaven. It is all of these we honor. By their lives and generous response to Christ, they show us how to live by faith in the Gospel. They inspire us and intercede for us. May we be mindful of their stories and may our faith be deepened as we reflect on their trust in God. Please mark your calendar and join us this Wednesday as we celebrate the **Feast of All Saints**.

Fr. Jeff Grant



Please pray for our Recently Departed
Dominic "Dom" Joseph Greco

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

Wednesday, November 1, is All Saints Day. It is a holy day of obligation. You have the same obligation to attend Mass as on Sunday. Masses are: Tuesday at 5:30pm and Wednesday at 8:20am and 5:30pm.



Thursday, November 2 is All Souls Day. There will be a special Mass at 7pm for all those from the Parish who have died this past year. All are invited to attend this Mass.

Christmas Greetings!

It's not too soon to order your Christmas cards. Blessed Sacrament School sells \$25 Shutterfly gift cards—just type in the code on the card when you check out at the Shutterfly website. To order, send an email to scrip@bssbruins.org

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.

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St. John's Breadline Souper
Friday 3rd at Catholic Pastoral Center

Comedy in the City Dinner
Friday 3rd at Prairie View Reception Center

Afternoon with the Arts
Sunday 12th at Blessed Sacrament School

Baptismal Preparation Class
Wednesday 15th 6:00 PM in Rectory Basement

Youth Mass at Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 18th at 4:30 PM

Pastor's Appreciation Party
Sunday 19th 5:30 PM at Blessed Sacrament School

First Communion and Confirmation
Tuesday 28th 7:00 PM at the Cathedral

Angel Tree after all Masses in Church Vestibule
25th and 26th

Women's Club Gingerbread House Workshop
Thursday 30th at 6:30 PM Blessed Sacrament School

Women's Club

Ladies of the parish are invited to a gingerbread house workshop hosted by the parish Women's Club. Build and decorate an edible house that you can take home for your Christmas decor. This workshop will take place on Thursday, November 30th at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Reservations and payment of \$10 must be made in advance in the school or parish office. Space is limited to 50 participants.

St. Joseph the Worker—Mostaccioli & Sausage Dinner

All are welcome on Sunday, November 5 from 11:30am to 5pm. Adults are \$8 and Children are \$4; carry out orders and a bake sale will be available.



Catherine Adam-Albarracin
Joe and Courtney Best and Family
Michael and Shauna Kalaskie
Mikaela Kalaskie
John and Erin McDermott and Family
Marissa Tate and Jacob Poorman

The Pregnancy Care of Springfield, Inc. is holding its **19th Annual Comedy in the City Dinner** on Friday, November 3rd 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 24th and can be made by calling (217) 525-5630 or through the website at www.springfieldpregnancycare.org. Come help us celebrate 45 years of serving pregnant women in our community at this fun event!

Little Flower Craft Bazaar

Little Flower Holiday Craft Bazaar on Saturday November 11 (9am—4 pm) and Sunday, November 12 (10am—2pm). Over 40 vendors will be showcasing handmade crafts and concessions. Please bring a canned good in lieu of entry fee.

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.

School News

Our new playground is almost complete and our little ones are excited to try it out! The playground is the fruition of last year's Auction Fund-a-Project and we are so grateful to our donors.

All of our Bruins participated in **Red Ribbon Week** and learned to "Peace out to drugs and bullying." This is the nation's largest and longest-running drug-use prevention campaign. Activities included a leadership assembly and different themes for each day.

Girls Fifth and Sixth grade basketball season has just begun.



MINISTRY SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 30 — NOVEMBER 3

MONDAY - FRIDAY

8:00am and 8:20am

Saturday, November 4

Lector: Edward Hart

Servers: Andrew Gerding, Audrey and Greta Madiar

Eucharistic Ministers: Abigale Kane, Richard Campbell, Colleen VonDeBur, Mary Tuttle

Sunday, November 5, 7:00AM

Lector: Michael O'Brien

Servers: Tess O'Brien

Eucharistic Ministers: Carrie O'Brien, Kathy Gietl, Ann Walker, George Rudis

Sunday, November 5, 8:30AM

Lector: Mary Maloney

Servers: Ryan Barnard, Natalie Jacobs, Jane Lambert

Eucharistic Ministers: Laurie Mann, Becky Leonard, Bradley Frost, Sheri Dhabalt

Sunday, November 5, 10:30AM

Lector: Patti Naylor

Servers: Beatrice Hunt, Peyton and Wade Naylor

Eucharistic Ministers: Courtney Bensko, Suzanne Baase, Rose Amon, Andrea Judd, Rodney Naylor





Faithful Departed

Question:

How can we pray for the dead throughout the year?

Answer:

We commemorate the faithful departed on November 2nd each year. However, we can and should continue to pray for the dead. Our growth in Christian perfection takes a long time. At the time of our death, many of us might not be saints yet. But God, in His mercy, allows for those who love Him to experience purification after death. Our word for that state is Purgatory. It's the antechamber of heaven, so to speak. We know we're getting in the house, but we're not quite ready to go all the way in. There's rain to shake off our coats and dirt that's clogging our shoes.

Weekly Parish Finance Report October 14 to October 20

	AMOUNT RECEIVED	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS
Loose Collections	\$817.00	
Envelope Collections	\$15,855.00	191
Online Giving Collections	\$4,756.50	126
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	\$21,428.50	317
Target Amount	\$23,500.00	

Here on earth, we can pray for the souls in Purgatory. One way is to request that your parish offer a Mass for the intention of a specific loved one. We can also remember the departed in our daily prayers. Just as we have special intentions for family and friends here on earth, we can pray for those who have died. It's also a good act of Christian charity to pray for the forgotten, those who have no one else to pray for them. God knows who they are!
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IF YOU ONLY READ THREE THINGS THIS WEEK:

- Wednesday, November 1 is a Holy Day of Obligation
- Pastor's Appreciation Party is Sunday, November 19
- All are welcome at our annual All Soul's Mass on Thursday, November 2