

**Parish of the Blessed Sacrament
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 5, 2023**



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**THANK YOU
VETERANS!**

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

Sign up for e-newsletters: text
BLESSED1725 to 84576

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, November 6

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Mary and Joseph Haugh
John Dietrich

Tuesday, November 7

Confessions before Mass

8:20am Mass: Rita Bernet
Poor Souls Shrine

Wednesday, November 8

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Bob Evans
Mary Forsyth

Thursday, November 9

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Mary and Bob Headley
Poor Souls Shrine

Friday, November 10

Confessions before Mass

8:20am Mass: Sue Senger
Poor Souls Shrine

Saturday, November 11

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Mary Kay and Larry Evans
3pm - 4pm Confessions
4:30pm Mass: Charles J. Welch

Sunday, November 12

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00am Mass: Carolyn Fisherkeller
8:30am Mass: Emily Maloney
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

Humility The pharisees and scribes were knowledgeable and skilled when it came to matters of religion and faith. They were people who had studied and practiced the faith in a way that was pleasing to God...or so they thought. Unlike the “tax collectors and prostitutes” who listened to Jesus, the pharisees and scribes were convinced that they were on the right path to God. It angered them when Jesus criticized them. Who was he? Where did he study? It was this smug attitude that exposed them as hypocrites. Despite their knowledge and skill, they lacked the humility to confess their sins. They could neither admit their sins to God or to themselves. Instead, they looked down on others as something less than true children of Israel. These prostitutes and tax collectors are the ones who cause the problems and deserve the wrath of God; and because of this attitude, the scribes and pharisees could not listen with honesty to Jesus, the Son of God. It was this hypocrisy that closed their eyes and hearts to God.

This same hypocrisy lives in our world today. The troubles in our world are never caused by us, they are caused by “those other people.” We are not to blame. Superiority comes with an attitude. It causes one to think they know what God wants, yet prevents them from listening to His voice. The solution to this sin is humility.

Unless you are a sinner and admit your sins, Christ cannot enter your heart and heal it. Unless you see yourself among the “tax collectors and prostitutes”, you may know the cross, but you will never truly feel its saving power. The greatest threat to our faith is not the enemy out there. It is the hypocrisy that keeps us from uniting ourselves with “the others.” Christ died for all of us. The question is are we humble enough to see we are as much in need of His healing as the “big” sinners. Can we open our eyes and hearts to this love?

Don't forget...The Pastor's Appreciation Party is coming up on **November 19th from 5:30 to 8:00 pm.** This annual event is for all adult parishioners to come and visit and enjoy each other's company prior to the holidays. I consider it a blessing that God has given our parish so many gifts and so many parishioners that strive to hear and practice the faith. Come celebrate with us these wonderful gifts.

Fr. Jeff Grant



OUR PARISH FAMILY

Congratulations to our Recently Baptized:

Harrison Anthony Selvaggio, son of Stephen and Rachel Selvaggio

Please pray for our Recently Departed

Paula Hunn Phipps Denny
Mary Eleanor Maloy
Bruce Simon

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

Christmas Greetings from Scrip!

Planning to send Christmas cards? Order them now and take advantage of early-bird sales. We've got CVS (6%), Sam's Club (2.5%) and Walgreens (5%). You can order Shutterfly (9%) online and it arrives immediately after you've paid - no waiting! For help ordering online, contact 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.

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. Registration forms are available at bsps.org/womens-ministry

Mark Your Calendars!

Mark your calendars for the Pastor's Party! Sunday, November 19 at 5:30 pm at Blessed Sacrament School. Delicious appetizers, drinks and desserts as we get ready for the Advent season. Live Christmas music! Adults only.

St. Joseph the Worker—Mostaccioli & Sausage Dinner

All are welcome TODAY 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.

Employment Opportunity at SHG! We are looking to hire motivated/hardworking people to join our cafeteria team! This is a fast paced, busy and FUN job where your day will go by quickly! All SHG applicants receive a tuition discount, plus other perks! If interested, please contact Shawna Naudain, Cafeteria Manager, at naudain@shg.org. Serious inquiries only, please.



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.

New Catholic Times website Your local Catholic source for news, inspiration, and learning about the faith just got better. Check out the new *Catholic Times* website for the latest news, videos, podcasts, interviews, Bishop Paprocki's column, and more! dio.org/catholictimes

Landscape Alliance

Members of the Landscape Alliance are volunteers from the parish who assist in maintaining the parish grounds. Duties entail pruning, trimming, weeding, watering, sweeping, mulching and planting around the church, school and parking areas. Members attend Group Work events as well as engage in individual efforts as their weekly personal time allows. Our season starts in early March and runs through November.

Members are: Jeff Boyer, Megan Brown, Steve Dahlcamp, Shirley and Phil Eck, Mike Healey, Alex Jacob, Larry Kienzler, Beth Lashbrook, Marilyn Long, Pat Metz, Cathy Scott, Ann Walker, Brenda Wilfong, Denise Workman and Bob Denta (Chair)

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Sangamon County Winter Clothing Drive Donations of winter coats, hats, gloves, and mittens for those in need. Drop-off at St. Patrick's School (1800 S. Grand Ave. E.) in Springfield from 9am—Noon on Saturday, Nov. 18.



St. Maurice Catholic Church in Morrisonville, IL will hold a Baked Turkey Dinner Drive TONIGHT (November 5) at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Morrisonville, IL. Serving will be from 2:00—4:00pm. The meal is \$18 and includes turkey, dressing, potatoes, gravy, green beans, cranberry salad and coleslaw.

School News

Girls' basketball is having a good season and boy's basketball starts this weekend. Good luck, Bruins!



The students learned a lot during Red Ribbon Week which featured guest speakers in our community.

A little rain didn't scare our Halloween Trunk-or-Treat away! Families set up their "trunks" inside the school, and turned the event into a "treat" walk. The event was a huge success and highly attended by all of our Bruins.



MINISTRY SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER 6 — NOVEMBER 10

MONDAY - FRIDAY

8:00am and 8:20am

Saturday, November 11

Lector: Pat Dietrich

Servers: Kaden Smith, Isaac Storey, Lucia Thompson

Eucharistic Ministers: McKinzie Oshesky, Joseph Stannard, Noreen Luhr, Kathleen Harth

Sunday, November 12, 7:00AM

Lector: Jim McDermott

Servers: Orlaith Mahoney

Eucharistic Ministers: Kathy Gietl, Mary Beth Roland, Colleen Vondebur, Carrie O'Brien

Sunday, November 12, 8:30AM

Lector: Kevin Lust

Servers: Lillian Boorde, Samantha and Sydney Cathers

Eucharistic Ministers: Michael Delvo, Molly Smith, Sally Petrone, Cathy Scott

Sunday, November 12, 10:30AM

Lector: Donna Moore

Servers: Samaria Bakamba, Jasna and Samuel Hallam

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Tuttle, Donald and Patricia Graham, Lori Criscione, William Pittman



Call the parish office at 217-528-7521 to be included on **OR removed** from the prayer line:

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 Culters, 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, Carol Jirousek, Cathy Napier,

Weekly Parish Finance Report
October 21 to October 27

	AMOUNT RECEIVED	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS
Loose Collections	\$1,196.00	
Envelope Collections	\$9,201.00	189
Online Giving Collections	\$6,351.50	126
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	\$16,748.50	315
Target Amount	\$23,500.00	

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 Mathis, David Bartels

IF YOU ONLY READ THREE THINGS THIS WEEK:

- Pastor's Appreciation Party is Sunday, November 19
- Sign ups are being accepted for the Women's Club Gingerbread House Workshop
- Check out the fun at last weekend's Trunk or Treat