

# Parish of the Blessed Sacrament

## 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

### November 12, 2023

## Pastor's Annual Party

FR. JEFF GRANT INVITES YOU TO KICK OFF THE  
HOLIDAY SEASON WHILE CELEBRATING  
ANOTHER WONDERFUL YEAR AT BLESSED  
SACRAMENT PARISH.

*Sunday, November Nineteenth*

5:30-8:00PM IN THE SCHOOL CAFETERIA  
FOOD AND DRINK PROVIDED  
LIVE CHRISTMAS MUSIC ON THE PIANO AT 7:00PM.

(THIS IS AN ADULTS ONLY EVENT)

*We hope to see you there!*



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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 13

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Patricia Klockenkemper

### Tuesday, November 14

Confessions before Mass

8:20am Mass: Pat Kienzler  
Judy Flynn

### Wednesday, November 15

Confessions before Mass

8:20am Mass: Don Egan  
Larry and Mary Kay Evans

### Thursday, November 16

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Thomas P. O'Connor

### Friday, November 17

Confessions before Mass

8:20am Mass: Heather Gonet  
Ruth Pohlman

### Saturday, November 18

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Patricia Bernhardt  
3pm - 4pm Confessions  
4:30pm Mass: Emily Electa-Maslowski

### Sunday, November 19

#### 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00am Mass: Rita and Richard Bernet  
8:30am Mass: Intentions of our Parishioners  
10:30am Mass: Barbara Killion

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

**Peace in a troubled world.** "Men must not be content simply to support the efforts of others in the work for peace; they must also scrutinize their own attitudes. Statesmen, responsible as they are for the common good of their own nation and at the same time for the well-being of the whole world, are very much dependent on the opinions and convictions of the general public. Their efforts to secure peace are of no avail as long as men are divided or set against each other by feelings of hostility, contempt and distrust, by racial hatred or by inflexible ideologies...We must all undergo a change of heart. We must look out together to promote the well-being of the family of man. We must not be misled by a false sense of hope. Unless antagonism and hatred are abandoned, unless binding and honest agreements are concluded, safeguarding universal peace in the future, mankind, already in grave peril, may well face in spite of its marvelous advance in knowledge that day of disaster when it knows no other peace than the awful peace of death."

"To build peace, the causes of human discord which feeds the fires of war must first be eliminated, and among these especially the violations of justice. Many of these causes are due to gross economic inequality and delay in providing necessary remedies. Others arise from a spirit of domination and from a contempt for others, and, among more fundamental causes, from human envy, distrust, pride and other forms of selfishness. Since man cannot bear so many violations of due order, the result is that even where war does not rage, the world is constantly plagued by human conflict and acts of violence. The same evils are also found in relations between nations. It is therefore absolutely necessary that international institutions should cooperate more effectively, more resolutely and with greater coordination of effort, in order to overcome or prevent these evils, and to check unbridled acts of violence. There must also be constant encouragement for the creation of organizations designed to promote peace."

It has been nearly 60 years since the pastoral constitution on the Church in the modern world was promulgated and published. Much has changed from those days of the Second Vatican Council; yet much remains the same. In a world filled with violence and war, these writings still remain valid. Pope Paul VI, went on to comment, "peace is not merely the absence of war, nor can it be reduced solely to the maintenance of a balance of power between enemies, nor is it brought about by dictatorship. Instead it is called an enterprise of justice. Peace results from that order structured into human society by its divine founder, and actualized by men as they thirst after ever greater justice." Pray for peace. Work for justice.

**Fr. Jeff Grant**



# Baptism

## Congratulations to our Recently baptized

Lennon Lee Dhabalt, daughter of Trey and Lexi Dhabalt

**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** are heard Monday-Saturday mornings from 7:30-7:45am and on Saturday afternoon 3-4pm

## 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.



The **Teacher Salary Support Fund** is specially designated to offset our teachers' salaries by giving them a well-deserved bonus at Christmas each year. The monies donated through the green parish envelopes throughout the year are combined with donations from school families, the PSA and the Men's Club. All donations are allocated to the teachers and staff once a year - at Christmas! Please consider a donation during this school year by submitting the Parish Teacher Salary Support Fund envelope or an envelope on which you designate "Teacher Christmas Bonus Fund" by **Friday, December 15**. Thank you in advance for your support of our hard-working teachers and staff.

## Thankful for Scrip

Do you have company coming for Thanksgiving? Need to freshen up the look of your Thanksgiving

table? We've got **HomeGoods** gift cards. We can also special order **Crate and Barrel** or **Pottery Barn** - it's your chance to impress the in-laws. Email [scrip@bssbruins.org](mailto:scrip@bssbruins.org) to special order.

**BREADLESS SUNDAY** to support St. John's Breadline. To offset the loss of this fundraiser you may put an envelope in the collection marked St John's Breadline and we will see to it that the Breadline gets your donation. The Breadline continues to serve hundreds of hungry men, women and children everyday. Please consider a donation to the Breadline to able them to continue serving these meals

## Deepen Your Faith

Each Tuesday, beginning November 21, the Blessed Sacrament Study/Prayer Group will meet from 9—11 am in the Rectory basement meeting room (just follow the signs). We view presentations from excellent teacher to learn more and the many and varied aspects of our rich faith. There will be an opportunity to discuss with the group—all voluntary, no requirements. As Advent is approaching, we will begin with Dr. Pitre's video on "Advent". You are welcome to come (bring a friend) and see if this will enhance your spiritual life—at no cost! For further information, call Deacon Dave or Barbara Erdmann at 217-522-4683... or just come on down and give it a try.



Blessed Sacrament's H.O.P.E. program (Helping Our People in Emergencies) uses donations to help parishioners and other needy people in our communities who are in extreme dire circumstances. All loose change in the weekly collection baskets are given to the H.O.P.E. program. Please help support our parish's work for the most vulnerable in our community by sharing your loose change each week or by making special donation to the H.O.P.E. program. Thank you!

**Our annual Diocesan Collection for Justice and Hope (DCJH) will be taken the weekend of November 18-19, 2023.** This collection gives Catholics an opportunity to reach out in solidarity to those who suffer and lack basic human necessities. All funds donated during the DCJH collection are granted to organizations that give realistic hope to the poor to break out of the cycle of poverty. There is an envelope in your packet for this collection.

**The PBJ volunteers** continue to make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches each week to help feed the homeless in Springfield. 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.

**Day of Healing** All are welcome at a Day of Healing at St. Agnes on Sunday, November 19 from 3-5pm. Worship, reflection and prayer. Email questions to [Ctrummer@dio.org](mailto:Ctrummer@dio.org).

**Father Yunker Lithuanian Student Assistance Fund** – Applications are now being solicited for college scholarship grants under the Father Yunker Lithuanian Student Assistance Fund. **Qualifications:** Applicants must have Lithuanian ancestry and must be a practicing member of the Roman Catholic Church. Complete application must be received by the close of business on Thursday, Nov. 30, 2023. Details and application can be downloaded from [foundationforthepeople.org](http://foundationforthepeople.org) or [dio.org/schools](http://dio.org/schools).

### Advent Busy Person's Retreat @ St. Agnes

Organized by the Springfield Dominican Sisters. December 1-4 on your own time with individual Spiritual Directors. A Busy Person's Retreat is a way to take some intentional time with God even during our regular, busy days. This is how it works:

We all gather on Friday, December 1 @ 6pm for a meal, to pray and begin our time. You will meet your spiritual companion for the week. Then, on Saturday through Monday, you spend some extra time in prayer, spiritual reading, etc. Just 30 minutes and also MEET WITH YOUR SPIRITUAL COMPANION for at least 30 minutes.

The conversation with your companion can be in person, at St. Agnes, via Zoom or even phone if needed. You and your companion will make your own schedule. There is a guide for the retreat time but companion and retreatants can go in any direction they wish! Sign up via QR code.



### MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**NOVEMBER 13 — NOVEMBER 17**

**MONDAY - FRIDAY**

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

**Saturday, November 18, 4:30 PM**

**Lector:** Vince Toolen

**Servers:** Hank Davis, Patrick Harvey, Sophie Wygant

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Abigale Kane, Richard Campbell, Clara Ushman, Noreen Luhr

**Sunday, November 19, 7:00AM**

**Lector:** George Rudis

**Servers:** Teddy Mizeur

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Ann Walker, Mary Beth Roland, Sally Petrone, Colleen VondeBur

**Sunday, November 19, 8:30AM**

**Lector:** Janet Vespa

**Servers:** Annaliese and Andrew Hofner, Damien Njeuha-Njapa

**Eucharistic Ministers:** David and Lisa Sarnowski, Bradley Frost, Mark Ushman

**Sunday, November 19, 10:30AM**

**Lector:** Matt Bensko

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

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Courtney Bensko, Lynn Frasco, Lauren Coombe, Jack and Cynthia Lamar

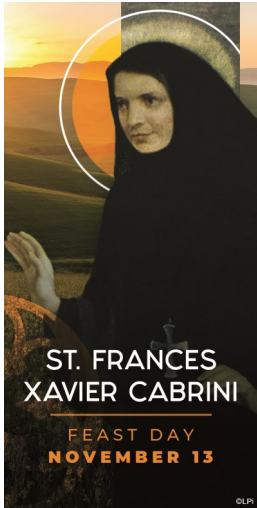


**St. Frances Xavier Cabrini | Feast Day November 13**

You may recognize the name St. Frances Xavier Cabrini (1850 – 1917) as the first United States citizen to become a saint. Known for her deep trust in God, she was a courageous woman doing the work of Christ. Her life of service began when she was first refused admission to the religious order which had educated her to be a teacher. Not one to take things face value, she instead focused her charitable work at the House of Providence Orphanage in Cadogno, Italy, and in 1877, professed vows there and took the religious habit.

When the bishop closed the orphanage in 1880, he named St. Frances Xavier Cabrini prioress of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart. However, she had a dream she was determined to fulfill. Since her early childhood, she had dreamed of being a missionary in China. Pope Leo XIII, however, urged her to see the need in the west. She traveled with six of her fellow religious sisters to New York City, where they worked with the thousands of Italian immigrants residing there.

Although she experienced many disappointments during this time, she persevered. When she ar-


**Weekly Parish Finance Report**  
 October 28 to November 3

	AMOUNT RECEIVED	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS
Loose Collections	\$955.00	
Envelope Collections	\$10,119.00	170
Online Giving Collections	\$4,811.50	127
<b>TOTAL COLLECTIONS</b>	<b>\$15,885.50</b>	<b>297</b>
Target Amount	\$23,500.00	

rived in New York, the house intended to be her first orphanage in the United States was not available. Rather than come back to Italy and the order she oversaw, she instead found a way to establish that orphanage elsewhere — plus a few more. Throughout her life, she is known for founding 67 institutions dedicated to caring for the poor, the abandoned, the uneducated, and the sick. She died of malaria in her own Columbus Hospital in Chicago in 1917.

**IF YOU ONLY READ THREE THINGS THIS WEEK:**

- Afternoon with the Arts THIS Sunday in the school
- Pastor's Appreciation Party is Sunday, November 19
- Learn about our H.O.P.E. organization