

Parish of the Blessed Sacrament

Feast of Christ the King

November 26, 2023



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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

Sign up for e-newsletters: text
BLESSED1725 to 84576

Sacramental Information

Baptisms: The next class is
Wednesday, January 10 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 27

Confessions before Mass

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

Tuesday, November 28

Confessions before Mass

8:20am Mass: Gwen Bramlet
Mary Forsyth

Wednesday, November 29

Confessions before Mass

8:20am Mass: John Robert
Bernie Coady

Thursday, November 30

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: John Robert Hennessy
Carolyn Daniels

Friday, December 1

Confessions before Mass

8:20am Mass: Pat Kienzler
Eileen Dennison

Saturday, December 2

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: James Belz
3pm - 4pm Confessions
4:30pm Mass: Philip Graham, Jr.

Sunday, December 3

First Sunday of Advent

7:00am Mass: Jim Maher
8:30am Mass: David O'Brien
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

Who do you love?



Fr. Jeff Grant

My first assignment after ordination was as an assistant pastor at St. Paul's in Highland, IL. My pastor was a priest by the name of Fr. Martin (Mitz) Mangan. Even back then he was legendary. Fr. Mangan taught me a great deal about how to treat people. I remember he told me to keep in mind that every person who came to the door was Jesus and to treat them as you would Him. One day the secretary came to get me. There was a man at the door who needed help. "He's a little strange," she told me. "Be careful." As I invited him in, it was clear to me that he was about three sheets to the wind. I asked him what I could do for him and he told me he needed \$10. I'm sorry, I said. We do not give out money. What is it that you need? By now he was angry. I need \$10, he said and if I didn't give it to him, he would punch my lights out (or something to that effect). That evening, I told Fr. Mangan that Jesus came to the door today...and he offered to punch my lights out. Fr. Mangan just laughed and said I probably deserved it.

In the Gospel we hear this weekend, Jesus reminds his disciples that everything we do for the least of these, we do for Him. Every time I read this Gospel, I think of Fr. Mangan. He believed that the person who came to the door was Jesus and the way you treated them would determine whether or not you would enter the kingdom. In all the Gospels, this is the only passage where Jesus talks about that last day and what are the requirements for entering the kingdom. The basis of judgement is not the virtue of faith; but rather, the virtue of love. The basis of judgement is not whether you call out Lord, Lord or make a profession of faith. It is whether you live it. It is what you do for the poor, or the hungry, or the sick, or the needy. Did you treat them with compassion? Did you treat them with dignity? True faith in Jesus cannot be separated from love—love for God, and love for our neighbor. Fr. Mangan never stopped loving God's people. I hope I can do the same...even the ones who threatened to punch my lights out.

(Fr. Mangan grew up in Blessed Sacrament Parish and attended Blessed Sacrament School. He died in 2001)

Fr. Jeff Grant



Please pray for our Recently Departed

Stella Davidson

Pat Maloney

Congratulations to our Recently Baptized

Finley Catherine Ronan Kitts, daughter of Joshua and Chelsey Kitts

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

If you or a family member would like our priests to know that you have been admitted to St. John's or Memorial Hospital please call the Parish Office (217-528-7521) and let us know.

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 Monday, December 18th. Thank you in advance for your support of our hard-working teachers and staff.

Angel Tree

Advent is approaching and Blessed Sacrament will again provide Angel Trees, sponsored by Catholic Charities, starting this weekend, November 25 and 26. Please take a tag off the tree and purchase a gift(s) for a child or two children listed on the tag. Then bring the unwrapped gifts back to the church or church office (8am-1pm) by December 6th. Donations of wrapping paper will be appreciated. Thank you for your acts of love and caring.

It's time for our
ANGEL TREE!



Interested in learning more about **Advent**? Sign up to receive our Advent emails! You'll receive four emails throughout the Advent season with facts about Advent, how to celebrate well, ideas for new traditions to practice with your family and the history of Advent. Sign up at bsps.flocknote.com/advent or email Lsarnowski@bsps.org to be included.

Everyone is welcome at the **St. Cabrini Nativity Festival 2023** on December 2 and 3. Over 125 Nativity sets displayed in the Parish Hall at 1020 N. Milton Ave in Springfield from 11am—5pm. Admission is free.



Christmas MARKET

2ND DEC 2023 | **FREE ADMISSION**
1PM-7PM

PERFECT CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR YOUR FAMILY!

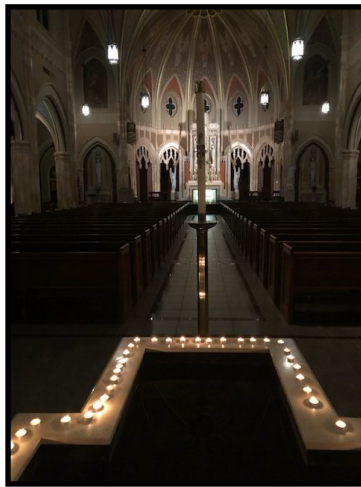
FREE KIDS CRAFTS & HOT CHOCOLATE
AND VISIT WITH SANTA AFTER 4:30 MASS!

BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL CAFETERIA

Planning a Christmas Party? Consider using Scrip gift cards to purchase food! We sell gift cards to County Market and Meijer. Having food delivered? We've got Chipotle, Panera, Papa John's, Pizza Hut and Subway. If you're throwing a party AT a restaurant, we've got **Bella Milano**, **Darcy's Pint** and **Engrained Brewery**. Contact scrip@bssbruins.org to place an order via email.

Springfield Right to Life's "LIFE" calendars are HERE! These unique calendars feature beautiful art work from 8th grade students who embarked on a pro-life art project translating their thoughts into visual art using various media. It is a testament to the beauty of youth advocating for the sanctity of life in their own unique way. This beautiful calendar can be yours with a **\$20** donation to SRTL. Call, email or stop by SRTL for your copy today...or contact SRTL to help get one delivered to you! You are making a difference in the lives of many children. God Bless you! Springfield Right to Life/519 North Brunson Lane/Springfield, IL 62702 - 217-523-2700 / springfieldrtl.org

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.



First Reconciliation

School News

We had a wonderful "Afternoon with the Arts!" Thank you to all of the families and parishioners who came to support our students. We have so much talent within B.S.S.!

Our Spring Musical has been announced for this coming April. Beauty and the Beast, Jr. will be showing on April 19, 20 and 21, 2024. Save the date!

Boys basketball is off to a good start this season, while girls volleyball will be starting up soon.

We hope you had a blessed holiday, THANK YOU for all you do for our school!

Kindergarten
Artwork

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER 27 — DECEMBER 1

MONDAY - FRIDAY

8:00am and 8:20am

Saturday, December 2, 4:30PM

Lector: Sandy Etheridge

Servers: Hank Davis, Andrew Gerding, Lexi Kotner

Eucharistic Ministers: Vince Toolen, Edward Schofield, Abigale Kane, Richard Campbell

Sunday, December 3, 7:00AM

Lector: Carolyn Graham

Servers: Joseph Bonansinga

Eucharistic Ministers: Kathy Gietl, Sally Petrone, Mary Beth Roland, Ann Walker

Sunday, December 3, 8:30AM

Lector: Joseph Stannard

Servers: Ryan Barnard, Lillian Boorde, Liam Bryant

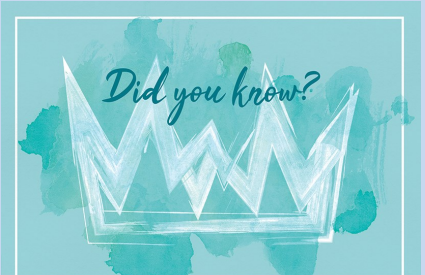
Eucharistic Ministers: William Pittman, Anne Capestrain, Molly Smith, Mark Ushman

Sunday, December 3, 10:30AM

Lector: Edward Hart

Servers: Samaria Bakamba, Katie Bensko, Jansa Hallam

Eucharistic Ministers: Patti and Rodney Naylor, Mary Tuttle, Lynn Frasco, Suzanne Baase



The Feast of Christ the King was instituted in 1925 to address growing attitudes of secularism and atheism and to proclaim Christ's kingship forever. The day also marks the final Sunday on the Church's Liturgical Calendar.

Dec2023

Advent Busy Person's Retreat
Friday 1st at St. Agnes

Christmas Market
Saturday 2nd 1 PM—7 PM in School Cafeteria

Youth Mass at Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 2nd at 4:30 PM

St. Cabrini Nativity Festival
Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd at St. Cabrini Parish Hall

Advent Begins
Sunday 3rd

Simbang Gabi Novena Begins and goes for nine days
Saturday 9th at St. Joseph's

Angel Tree Gifts Due
Monday 11th in Parish Office

Scrip Order Forms Due!
Monday 18th in the Parish Office

Christmas Masses
24th 4:30, 8:00 and 11:00 PM and 25th 8:30 and 10:30 AM

IF YOU ONLY READ THREE THINGS THIS WEEK:

- Advent begins next weekend, December 2 and 3
- Shop at the Christmas Market on Saturday, December 2
- Interested in advertising in our bulletin? **Contact Jeremiah Braggs at 360/564-8788 or jbraggs@4lpi.com**

Weekly Parish Finance Report November 11 to November 17

	AMOUNT RECEIVED	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS
Loose Collections	\$1,200.00	
Envelope Collections	\$16,577.00	225
Online Giving Collections	\$5,456.38	126
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	\$23,233.38	351
Target Amount	\$23,500.00	

#iGIVECATHOLIC Giving Tuesday



Starting Nov. 13



SCAN ME

Support the Missions

Donations can also be sent to the Office for the Missions,
1615 W. Washington St, Springfield IL 62702