

Parish of the Blessed Sacrament

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 14, 2024



BEHOLD, THE LAMB OF GOD.

— JOHN 1:36 —



SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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, March 6 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, January 15

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Jim Belz
John and Jean VonBehren

Tuesday, January 16

Confessions before Mass

8:20am Mass: Erma Bartoletti
Norma Bartoletti

Wednesday, January 17

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Pat Kienzler
Richard Schafer

Thursday, January 18

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Judy Flynn
George Hashman

Friday, January 19

Confessions before Mass

8:20am Mass: Midge Langfelder
Mary Kay and Larry Evans

Saturday, January 20

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Eileen Dennison
3pm - 4pm Confessions
4:30pm Mass: Hugh J. Graham, III

Sunday, January 21

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00am Mass: Intentions of our Parishioners
8:30am Mass: Joe and Betty McCue
10:30am Mass: Norene Davlin

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

Each year brings new changes to our lives. 2024 is no exception to the rule. Perhaps one of the big changes you will notice in the parish is the retirement of **Margaret Antenan** as our office manager. For the past 18 years, Margaret has overseen the calendar, scheduling events such as weddings and baptisms. She has kept track of the Mass intentions and has made sure I was not late for an appointment. She has recorded all the sacramental information, overseen the contact information on more than 1,600 families, and ordered hosts, candles, wine, and palms, etc. She has taken messages, given out keys, and made sure they came back. She has typed letters and kept track of the postage due. Margaret was a public notary. She interviewed couples preparing for marriage and helped the couples meet the requirements needed before the wedding. Yet, it wasn't just all the things that Margaret did; it was the way she did them. Having lived in Springfield all her life and having worked in parishes for over 50 years, she knew a lot of people. She would go the extra mile to help people out. She was helpful, kind, and courteous. No, she wasn't a scout, but she would help our parish troops as needed. She was dependable, reliable, and responsible. She left big shoes to fill.

We now have a new office manager. Her name is **McKinzie Oshesky**. She, too, has lived in Springfield her entire life. She graduated from Blessed Sacrament School and Ursuline Academy. For several years she was part of the Young Adult Ministry (YAM) and has also volunteered in the parish. Most recently, she had been working as an aide at Blessed Sacrament School.

A new year has begun and there are changes here at Blessed Sacrament. However, the warm greeting and the generous, helpful service will continue to be extended to all who come to our parish office. The secret to a well-run office is a staff dedicated to serving God, the parish, and the parishioners. The office manager helps to make sure we all work together. Besides myself, Fr. Callistus, Deacon Dave and Deacon Tom, our parish staff consists of Janet Vespa, finance manager; Lisa Samowski, director of communications, and Jane Hartman-Irwin, director of music. We welcome McKinzie as she joins our staff in her new role.

Father Jeff





OUR PARISH FAMILY

Please pray for our Recently Departed

William Dalsin
Frank Kabbes
Gary Dean Rogers, III

Congratulations to our Recently Baptized

Bianca Rose Bellini, daughter of Philip "Nick" and Shannon Bellini

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.

ACH Changes

During the month of January, ACH weekly and monthly donors to Blessed Sacrament Parish should be aware that Blessed Sacrament will be converting to Heartland Bank's ACH platform from the pre-merger Town and Country Bank's ProfitStars platform. If any parishioner experiences issues or disruptions with electronic giving, please contact Janet Vespa, Finance Manager, at the parish office via phone at 217-528-7521 or by email at jvespa@bsps.org. Thank you.

Catholic Times

Please donate to support Catholic Times – Catholic Times has always been a key communication tool for our diocese. Whether it is important announcements, teaching the faith, or inspirational stories, the magazine provides tremendous value to readers. The magazine's commitment to local coverage means when each edition is opened, readers will see stories that are important to their lives and read stories written by people and priests they know. Please support Catholic Times so the magazine can continue serving Catholics in our diocese. There is an envelope in your packet for Catholic Times.

Happy New Year! 2024 will be filled with joy and sorrow, achievements and failures. No matter what we are going through in our lives, I can guarantee that we want God at our side. Maybe, this year, you have made the resolution to spend more time with Him by reading the Bible (the Hallow Ap has The Bible in a Year with Fr. Mike Schmitz) or going to Mass more often, or spending time with Him in Adoration, or just talking to Him more often. The more we know Him and recognize His voice, the more we will see Him in our joy and our sorrow and in our achievements and our failures. The more we will see Him in our lives. Come in and spend some time with God in our Adoration chapel and consider signing up for a regular hour. Email us at bspeucharisticadorers@gmail.com or www.bsps.org or call one of our committee members: David & Karen Senger 525-6052 and Eric & Susan Portz 718-4030

The End is Coming! Parishioners can choose to receive their end-of-the-year contribution tax statement via email. Please go to our parish website and complete the simple form at www.bsps.org/parish-giving and you'll receive your statement in late January 2024. This process saves time and money for the parish and if you misplace your statement, you can simply reprint it from your email. Please contact Lisa Sarnowski at lsarnowski@bsps.org if you have any questions.

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

A Prayer for a Just Society

*Heavenly Father, You create every human person
in Your image and likeness.*

*You call us together in one human family,
united in dignity, value, and love.*

Give us the strength and wisdom

To protect this dignity and life at all stages.

Jesus our Savior,

you proclaim the blessedness

of those who work for peace

and who hunger and thirst for righteousness.

Forgive us for the times

we have not responded

to the call of Your Beatitudes.

Holy Spirit, the Advocate,

empower us to stand in defense

of the poor and vulnerable.

Good and Gracious God,

make our hearts to love like Yours.

Amen.

School News

Over Christmas break, we started an exciting project in our school! We received the Susan Cook House Grant, which allowed us to renovate Phase 1 of the Art Room. We would like to thank everyone that was apart of making this project a success. Paige Henderson Designs came up with plans that will make our Art Room an amazing, efficient and colorful place to learn. Our contractor, Mike Coates, from Coates Customs Homes, did the project in a short time frame. We appreciate all of the help and hard work our Maintenance Staff and Art teachers provided. Kim Staff, from Staff Carpet, donated a brand new floor to go along with our project. Dan Deweese, a BSS Alum & parent, from Dan Deweese Painting and Wood Finishing, helped us out with a fresh coat of paint. They even painted around all of our bricks from Art Club over the years! Thanks to everyone for all of your hard work, we really appreciate it! We can't wait to share pictures!



IF YOU ONLY READ THREE THINGS THIS WEEK:

- Huge thanks to our Art Room vendors and benefactors!
- Parish Staff changes in 2024
- Thanks to our Parish Council for their extra efforts on behalf of the parish

Scrip New Year's Resolution #2

Have you noticed that a clean house can instantly put you in a good mood? It gives you a sense of accomplishment and makes you feel in control. Once your house is de-cluttered, you'll want to keep it that way! Shop Amazon, Lowes and Target for storage containers, hangers, shelves, shoe racks—anything you need to help your home stay clutter-free. Scrip gift cards are available at the school office during regular school hours or email scrip@bssbruins.org.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

JANUARY 15 — JANUARY 19

MONDAY - FRIDAY

8:00am and 8:20am

Saturday, January 20, 4:30PM

Lector: Paul Wheeler

Servers: Alex Pittman, Kaden Smith, Chanti Bekoin

Eucharistic Ministers: McKinzie Oshesky, Colleen VonDeBur, Edward Schofield, Vince Toolen

Sunday, January 21, 7:00AM

Lector: Carolyn Graham

Servers: Orlaith Mahoney

Eucharistic Ministers: Kathy Gietl, Mary Tuttle, Trish Marriott, Ann Walker

Sunday, January 21, 8:30AM

Lector: George Rudis

Servers: Lillian Boorde, Aayla Horton, Josetta Kren

Eucharistic Ministers: Clara Ushman, Anne Capestrain, Lisa and Dave Sarnowski

Sunday, January 21, 10:30AM

Lector: Donald Graham

Servers: James and Samuel Hallam, Cecilia Beyer

Eucharistic Ministers: Suzanne Baase, Patricia Graham, Rodney Naylor, Courtney Bensko, Rosalie Lowery

Your
Parish Council



Your Parish Council Members

Mary Ann Burns
Julie Dailey
Megan DeFrain
Brad Frost
Julie Ketchum
Sally Petrone
Gregg Sams
Tina Saunderson
Ann Walker

MEN'S BASKETBALL NIGHT

WHEN
Thursday's

Where
BSS Gym

TIME
9pm

JOIN OTHER MEN OF THE SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY TO
PLAY BASKETBALL ONE NIGHT A WEEK



OUR LIVES
BEGIN TO
END THE DAY
WE BECOME
SILENT ABOUT
THINGS THAT
MATTER

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.





Changes to the Mass

Question:
Why do we make changes in the Mass? Some seem so small and unimportant. Are they really necessary?

Answer:
The celebration of the Eucharist is at the heart of our identity as Catholics. Our purpose as a Church community revolves around the Eucharist. Everything we are and everything we do is measured not only by how well we celebrate, but also by how well we live the sacrament. If that is so, then we as a community will always strive to celebrate the Mass as best we can. The reasons for some changes might seem more obvious than others, but there is a reason behind each one.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal is the

Weekly Parish Finance Report December 30 to January 5		
	AMOUNT RECEIVED	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS
Loose Collections	\$1,372.00	
Envelope Collections	\$31,027.00	151
Online Giving Collections	\$7,311.50	127
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	\$39,710.50	278
Target Amount	\$23,500.00	

introduction to the Missal that contains all the prayers for the celebration of the Mass. The Order of Mass we use now was issued in 1975 and, as often happens over the course of years, some questions have come up about the proper way of doing some things and whether or not other practices are acceptable. These changes clarify some things and make the celebration of the Mass more meaningful for everyone.

The opportunity is presented to us to better learn and understand each part of the Mass, which in turn should help us deepen our appreciation for its beauty and meaning. We will be a better Church if we have a clearer understanding and knowledge of Who and what we celebrate.
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