

Parish of the Blessed Sacrament
First Sunday of Lent
February 18, 2024



1ST SUNDAY
of
LENT

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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

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, February 19

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Norma Bartoletti
Sophie Bartoletti

Tuesday, February 20

Confessions before Mass

8:20am Mass: Brad and Jeanne Lyman

Wednesday, February 21

Confessions before Mass

8:20am Mass: Douglas Kurz
John Patrick Kelly

Thursday, February 22

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Bob Evans

Friday, February 23

Confessions before Mass

8:20am Mass: James Schuh

Saturday, February 24

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Lila Martin

3pm - 4pm Confessions

4:30pm Mass: Norene Davlin

Sunday, February 25

Second Sunday of Lent

7:00am Mass: Intentions of our Parishioners

8:30am Mass: Capt. Michael Maloney

10:30am Mass: Norman Mack

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

The Little Black Book has been a popular Lenten devotion here at Blessed Sacrament. It offers people an excuse to take a short break each day during Lent for prayer. As I was reviewing the current booklet, a reflection on the "homeless Jesus" caught my eye. This sculpture was the work of the acclaimed artist, Timothy Schmalz. The original homeless Jesus was commissioned for a church in Davidson, North Carolina, where it was quickly noticed. In fact, shortly after it was installed, someone called the police thinking a homeless man was sleeping on a bench outside the church. In the ten years following, copies of this sculpture have been made for places all over the world including Detroit, Chicago, New York, Washington DC, Dublin, London, and Rome. It is definitely a social statement. When the dignity of a person is ignored or denied, so is the dignity of Christ.

Timothy Schmalz has a special connection to Blessed Sacrament Parish. In 2018, parishioner Vicki Schmidt, who headed the Co-workers of Mother Teresa in the United States, had the vision of a statue that would honor the saint, Mother Teresa. She asked if the parish would be willing to provide a site for the statue. The funds would all be privately raised. She approached Schmalz and asked if he would cast a bronze statue of Mother Teresa embracing children. The artist liked the idea and soon presented sketches of the sculpture. However, it was delayed due to another project. Schmalz had been commissioned to create, a work entitled *Angels among Us*. This sculpture was to call to mind the plight of refugees. It was to be placed in the Vatican for six months and then moved to a permanent location at the U.N. headquarters in New York. However, this work was so well received that he was requested to make a duplicate for the U.N. This project bumped ours; delaying it for over a year. Finally, *Mother Teresa with Children*, was dedicated in September 2020. Like many of Schmalz's works, it too makes a social statement. Every human life is valuable. As Christ upheld our dignity, we, in turn, must do the same for others, especially those most vulnerable. This sculpture stands in a prayer garden adjacent to the church. It is there to remind, witness, and challenge us to respond charitably to the gift God has given us. Whether it is the hungry Jesus, the homeless Jesus, the child, Jesus, the forgotten Jesus, the suffering Jesus, each disciple must find a way to respond to Christ's call. Lent gives us time to reflect on our charity to others. What are we doing to make that happen?

Father Jeff



Please Pray for our Recently Departed

Mary Ann Laub
James Rechner

Congratulations to our Recently Baptized

Magnolia Jean Hupp, daughter of Jonathan and Alexandrai Hupp

Received into the Church through Confirmation and Eucharist

Donald and Vickie Henley and daughter Sara Henley

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

AT BLESSED SACRAMENT

Please join us all Fridays in Lent | 5:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY 16 | FEBRUARY 23
MARCH 1 | MARCH 8
MARCH 15 | MARCH 22

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In a world where you can be anything,
Be Kind. Give Hope.



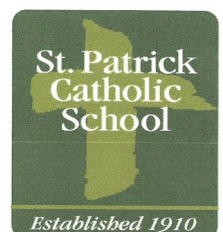
And don't forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased." Hebrews 13:16

Blessed Sacrament's H.O.P.E. program 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. Thanks so much to Mrs. Ficke and the BSS Art Students for the beautiful posters in the vestibule for our parish's H.O.P.E. program

Get Your Lenten Scrip! You can't go to the Men's Club Fish Fry EVERY week during Lent. We've got Domino's, Papa John's, Papa Murphy's and Pizza Hut gift cards for cheese pizza and Arby's, Burger King, McDonald's (NEW!) and Wendy's cards for a quick fish sandwich Noodles & Co serves macaroni and cheese and we've got those cards too.

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.

Let's paint the town **green!!!** St. Patrick Catholic School is hosting the Blarney Bash party and live auction on Friday, March 15, 2024. The "best pre-party for St. Patrick's Day in town" will be held at the LRS Hangar at Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport from 5:30-8:00. Tickets are \$40/person, \$60/couple and \$400 for a reserved table of 8. Reservations can be made online at www.st-patrick.org or by calling (217) 523-7670.



Mark your calendars! Springfield Right to Life and Two Hearts-Springfield is planning its Spring Fundraiser Brunch for **March 16th, 2024** and we would love to have you attend! You can be a **Table Host** and form a group of 8 people at your own table... or join a table with a host. Please call the SRTL office at 217-523-2700 to get more details or check out our website at springfieldrtl.org. **Jesse & Monique Sullivan** will be the keynote speakers and you won't want to miss it!

Perpetual Adoration The Eucharist is the "source and the summit of the Christian life," and the Mass is the most visible sign of what it means to be Catholic. We find the Eucharist in Sacred Scripture as we journey from Genesis to Revelation. That means going through the Old and the New Testament. As always, the invitation is open for you to pray in the Adoration chapel. If you are interested in signing up for an hour, contact us at bspeucharisticadorers@gmail.com or www.bsps.org. You may also call one of our committee members: David and Karen Senger @ 217-525-5052 or Eric and Susan Portz @ 217-718-4030. God Bless!

ACH Changes During the month of February, 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.

PB&J Volunteers A group of volunteers are making PBJ sandwiches once a week to help feed the homeless and others in need in Springfield. We are looking for your help with donations of supplies to help alleviate the cost. Perhaps this could be your act of charity during this Lenten season. Please place any of the items below in the bins located in the back of the church. Items needed are: Smooth peanut butter, Jelly or Jam, sandwich size Ziplock baggies. Thank you for generous support!

Fish Fries Please join us at the BSS cafeteria all Fridays during Lent for the BSS Men's Club Fish Fry from 5pm-7pm. We will be serving fried walleye, fried catfish, blackened catfish, fried shrimp and cheese pizza. Sides include french fries or baked potato and coleslaw. Adult dinners are \$10 and children dinners are \$5.

Stations of the Cross will be held on the Fridays of Lent at 5:30 pm.

Little Black Books with Lenten meditations are available in the vestibule. Please take one home with you.

Rice Bowls are available in the vestibule. Please take one home and return it on Palm Sunday

Pick Up Your Cross is ongoing throughout Lent. Pick up a cross in the vestibule and complete the task on the cross. Go to www.bsps.org/mission-partnership for more information.



MINISTRY SCHEDULE FEBRUARY 19 — FEBRUARY 23 MONDAY - FRIDAY 8:00am and 8:20am

Saturday, February 24, 4:30PM

Lector: Joseph Stannard

Servers: Charlotte Stewart, Sophia Wygant, Eden Furkin

Eucharistic Ministers: Richard Campbell, Abigale Kane, Kathleen Harth, Noreen Luhr

Sunday, February 25, 7:00AM

Lector: Jim McDermott

Servers: Orlaith Mahoney

Eucharistic Ministers: Kathy Gietl, Ann Walker, Carolyn Graham, HELP NEEDED

Sunday, February 25, 8:30AM

Lector: Kevin Lust

Servers: Max Portz, Nicholas Frevert, Josetta Kren

Eucharistic Ministers: Molly Smith, Michael Delvo, Becky Leonard, Mark Ushman

Sunday, February 25, 10:30AM

Lector: Donna Moore

Servers: Davontae and Deon Wilks, Shea Stone

Eucharistic Ministers: Lauren Coombe, Patricia and Donald Graham, Rosalie Lowery, HELP WANTED





Vestment Colors

Question:

What do the colors of the priest's and deacon's vestments mean?

Answer:

In the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church, the colors of the vestments evolved over the course of several centuries and there was wide variation both in the colors used, and in the feasts and seasons associated with particular colors. It was Pope Innocent III (d. 1216) who gave us the basic outline that was later prescribed by Pope Saint Pius V in 1570. The various colors remind us of the dominant themes of a particular season or celebration.

White: Used for the seasons of Christmas and Easter and in celebrations of the Lord, of Mary, the angels, and saints who were not martyrs. This color is also used in Masses for the dead, at baptisms, weddings and other festive celebrations.

Weekly Parish Finance Report February 3 to February 9		
	AMOUNT RECEIVED	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS
Loose Collections	\$1106.00	
Envelope Collections	\$14,511.00	252
Online Giving Collections	\$4,947.63	126
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	\$20,564.63	378
Target Amount	\$23,500.00	

Red: As the color of both blood and fire, red is used on Palm Sunday and Good Friday, as well as Pentecost and special celebrations of the Holy Spirit. Moreover, red is used on the feasts and memorials of the Apostles and those saints who died as martyrs.

Violet: The color for Advent and Lent. Violet may also be used in Masses for the dead and on All Souls Day (November 2).

Green: A color of life and hope, green is used throughout Ordinary Time.

Other colors: **Rose** may be used on the Third Sunday of Advent and the Fourth Sunday of Lent, **black** may be used in Masses of the dead and on All Souls Day, **gold** or **silver** may be used on solemn occasions in place of **white, red, or green**.