

Parish of the Blessed Sacrament

First Sunday in Lent

March 9, 2025



THE SEASON 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

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Sign up for e-newsletters: text
BLESSED1725 to 84576

SACRAMENTS

Baptisms: The next class is on
Wednesday, March 12 at 6pm.
Please call the office to register.

Weddings: Contact the parish nine
to twelve months in advance.

Sacrament of the Sick: please
call the parish office anytime.

Funerals: Contact the
parish office

Parish School of Religion: call
the Parish Office to register.

Blessed Sacrament Centennial



**Celebrating
100 Years
1924-2024**

MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THE WEEK

Monday, March 10

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Joe Fitzgerald

Tuesday, March 11

Confessions before Mass

8:20am Mass: Vincent Johnson

Wednesday, March 12

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Bill & Barb Lehman

Thursday, March 13

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Poor Souls Shrine
Viola Kabbes

Friday, March 14

Confessions before Mass

8:20am Mass: Josefa Otero

Saturday, March 15

8:00am Mass: Father James O'Shea
Debbie Miller

3pm - 4pm Confessions

4:30pm Mass: Anna Mae Pike

Sunday, March 16

2nd Sunday of Lent

7:00am Mass: For Our Parishioners

8:30am Mass: Catholic War Veterans

10:30am Mass: Stannard & Lyons Families

Confessions in the Adoration
Chapel on Saturdays

Morning Confession in
Confessionals

Rosary beginning at 10:05am is
prayed before the 10:30am Sunday
Mass



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Stations of the Cross

There are so many Catholic practices that we do throughout the Church year that just sort of exist in the Catholic ethos; if you're like me (at least before I entered seminary), I never stopped twice to think about why we do them or where they came from. Perhaps for you, Stations of the Cross is one of those things.

I can remember praying the Stations of the Cross during Lent during my grade school days—but to be honest, if I didn't go to a Catholic grade school and seminary, I *still* don't know if I'd know what they are or how to pray them!

Simply put, the Stations of the Cross (also known as the *Via Crucis* or "Way of the Cross") are a devotion meant to help us pray through the Passion and Death of Jesus. It consists of 14 "stations," or small meditations on different moments of the Passion—from His condemnation to death to His burial in Joseph of Arimathea's tomb. You've probably noticed in just about every Catholic church that the "Stations" are often located along the side walls of the church.

Traditionally, when the stations are prayed (often during Lent or on the Fridays of the Church year, as Friday is the day that commemorates the Lord's death on the cross), the priest or leader walks from station to station, sometimes accompanied by a cross-bearer and/or candles, representing the journey of walking with Jesus as He endures His final Passion. Between stations, it has also become traditional to sing a stanza of the 13th-century hymn "Stabat Mater," which sings of Mary's sufferings as Jesus endures His crucifixion. (Interestingly enough, the "Stabat Mater" used to be a sequence sung before the Gospel on the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows, but it has since been suppressed as a sequence.)

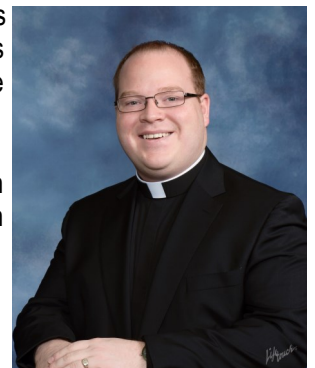
The Stations of the Cross as a devotion can be traced back to the days of the Emperor Constantine and began in the Holy Land itself. There, it became traditional over the years for the many pilgrims to the holy sites to walk the very path that Jesus strode on His way to Calvary, now known as the *Via Dolorosa* (or Sorrowful Way). As they would walk the "way of the cross," they would stop at various points to commemorate an aspect of Christ's Passion, thus developing a very early version of our current devotion. The current number and form of the devotion was standardized much more recently, probably in the 15th and 16th centuries.

The Stations of the Cross is a beautiful devotion, but one that I think needs a bit of practice in order to become "comfortable" with. It can be a little overwhelming the first time, what with all the standing and genuflecting and singing and movement. But do yourself a favor and stop in once or twice on it—once it becomes a little less foreign to us, it's a **beautiful** way to enter into the journey that is our Lent: the journey of walking with Christ to the Cross as He endures His passion, but always with the hope that at Easter, His glory will dawn anew.

In our parish, the Stations of the Cross are offered on the Fridays of Lent at 5:30 pm. Please feel free to join us and visit our fish fry afterwards!

Keep spreading joy!

Fr. Friedel





Let Us Pray for Our Recently Departed

Kathleen Davlin
Lawrence "Larry" Senger

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 in the confessionals and on Saturday afternoon 3-4pm in the Adoration Chapel.



Stations of the Cross: 5:30pm on Fridays of Lent in the church.

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.

Men's Club Fish Fries begin **Friday March 7th from 5:00 to 7:00pm** in the Blessed Sacrament School cafeteria. Dinners are \$12 for adults and \$5 for children. Includes all you can eat walleye only. Walleye, fried and blackened catfish, shrimp, cheese pizza, mac and cheese. Sides of coleslaw, French fries, or baked potato.



IF YOU ONLY READ THREE THINGS THIS WEEK:

- Looking for Lenten devotions—check out our page at www.bsps.org/all-things-lent
- Mark your calendar for our Outreach Fair on March 14 and 16.
- Please pray for our OCIA participants! Pictures and bios in the bulletin and in the vestibule.

Lenten Book Study – Saints and Social Justice

Are you looking for a way to deepen your faith this Lent while meeting new people and building community within the parish? Join Blessed Sacrament's Lenten book study! This group will meet every Sunday during Lent from 4-5 pm to discuss the *Saints and Social Justice – A Guide to Changing the World* by Brandon Vogt. This book provides short, easy to read biographies of 14 saints whose lives and faith provide guidance and encouragement for us today. The first book study will be **March 9 at 4 pm** in the rectory basement. All are welcome! Please contact Carolyn Oldenburg for more information: 217.473.5088. Sign up at www.bsps.org/all-things-lent!

It's Lent and the Friday night options are limited! Of course your **FIRST** choice is the B.S.S. Fish Fry, but where do you go on the non-Fish Fry nights? How about fish sandwiches at **Arby's, Burger King, or Wendy's** or a tuna sub at **Subway**? You could choose the Fettuccini Alfredo at **Bella Milano, Noodles & Co** or **Olive Garden**? Leave the kids at home dining on cheese pizza from **Domino's, Papa John's** or **Pizza Hut** while you enjoy Lobster Fest at **Red Lobster**. The Scrip committee has all of these Lent-friendly choices on hand and **EVERY** one of them raises funds for Blessed Sacrament School!

you're invited!

St. Patrick Catholic School

BLARNEY BASH

2025

Friday, March 14th
5:30-8:00

LRS Hangar at the Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport

\$40.00 per person or \$400.00 for a reserved table of 8
Tickets may be purchased at www.st-patrick.org or by calling 217-523-7670.

Hors d'oeuvres & Libations a'plenty, live auction, live music by Dave Littrell and Micah Walk!

Green attire encouraged!



Come join the SHG Music Department in the Merry Old Land of Oz! Featuring the talent of SHG students (as well as some local grade school talent rounding out our cast of munchkins!) in revisiting this timeless classic. Join Dorothy on her journey over the rainbow, where she will meet all of your favorites...Glinda the Good, the Scarecrow, Tin Man, Lion, and everyone's favorite villain...The Wicked Witch of the West! Featuring all of the nostalgia of the 1939 MGM film and some fun updates for the stage, we can't wait for you to join us for this magical production.

Show Dates and Times

Friday, March 21 @ 7:30pm
Saturday, March 22 @ 7:30pm
Sunday, March 23 @ 2pm

Friday, March 29 @ 7:30pm
Saturday, March 29 @ 7:30pm
Sunday, March 30 @ 2pm

Tickets are on sale now. Get them at weareshg.org/WizardofOzTickets or scan the QR code. →



Our **Lenten Service Project** will be a family participation event in conjunction with Midwest Mission. All are invited to join us on **Saturday, April 12** in the school cafeteria as we prepare "blessing bags" with rice, soy, and vitamins to be sent to a third world country. So far, we have raised enough funds to feed 1,700 people. Our next step is to find volunteers to fill the bags! This is an easy job that can accommodate all ages. Please prayerfully consider joining us on April 12—shifts will be available from 9 AM to 2 PM. Questions? Contact Lsarnowski@bsps.org.

MEET THE OCIA CANDIDATES & CATECHUMENS



Heather Brown

I'm Heather, and so excited to join the parish! My two boys, who are in 3rd grade and Kindergarten, love going to school here at BSS, as did my husband Owen Brown growing up!



Brook Croke

Hi, I'm Brook! My husband Ryan and I have four children (Ollie 1, Annie 6, Henry 8, and Jonas 10). The older three attend BSS. I work as a genetic counselor for a teleneurology clinic and enjoy cooking, reading, and spending time with friends and family.



Kyle Hansleman

Hi, I'm Kyle, and I'm so thrilled to be joining my amazing wife and our three wonderful children in the Catholic faith. OCIA has been a great journey and I'm excited to continue to deepen my understanding and faith in God.



Arlene Dodd-Lane

My name is Arlene, and at 70, I'm here to pick up all the pieces of Christ's love that I've yearned for since childhood. He's always had my back, but I want to know and feel him from all sides. Blessed Sacrament, thank you for welcoming me with His arms!



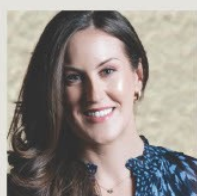
Kim Lane

Hi, I'm Kim! I've worked in healthcare for the last 12 years, and have felt a calling to faith for a long time. I am honored to experience baptism and confirmation with my husband and mother-in-law.



Layke Lane

Hi, I'm Layke! I'm a (very blessed) husband, and a union plumber. I was raised Lutheran, and after some life altering experiences last year, preceded by a few years of personal research into ancient Christianity, I am very excited to enter the Church that Christ founded with my wife.



Audrey Walling

I'm Audrey, an attorney and Mom of a Blessed Sacrament 3rd grader, Declan. I am excited and proud to be part of Blessed Sacrament and Catholic family!



Megan Wilson

Hi, I'm Megan! I've owned a licensed in-home daycare for the last four years. I've been going to mass at Blessed Sacrament for almost a year now and have loved it. The OCIA program has really brought me closer to God and I'm looking forward to joining the parish.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

MARCH 10 — 17

MONDAY - FRIDAY

8:00 AND 8:20 am

George Boesdorfer and Sydney Cathers

Saturday, March 15, 4:30PM

Lector: Sandy Etheridge

Servers: Grant Keller, Sergiuz Cabal, Charlotte Stewart

Eucharistic Ministers: Jill Loveall, Kathleen Harth, Abigale Kane, Noreen Luhr

Sunday, March 16, 7:00AM

Lector: Michael O'Brien

Servers: Sam Hughes

Eucharistic Ministers: Christy Geving, Ann Walker, Kathy Gietl, Carrie O'Brien, Rae Marie Davlin

Sunday, March 16, 8:30AM

Lector: Kevin Lust

Servers: Dominik Geist-Stainfield, Damien Njeuha-Njapa, Greta Madiar

Eucharistic Ministers: Becky Leonard, Bradley Frost, Cathy and Don Scott

Sunday, March 16, 10:30AM

Lector: Chris Oldenburg

Servers: Davontae Wilks, George Boesdorfer, Max Portz

Eucharistic Ministers: Jack and Cynthia Lamar, Mary Tuttle, Lynn Frasco, Suzanne Baase

To obtain a full schedule for ALL Mass volunteers or to **VOLUNTEER FOR AN EMPTY SLOT**, go to www.rotundasoftware.com/ministry/blessedsacrament_spi



Blessed Sacrament Outreach Fair

Learn about our Outreach Opportunities

Midwest Mission: Get involved in our Lenten Service food packaging event taking place on Saturday, April 12. Volunteers of all ages are needed.

Breadline: helpers are needed to prep food at home or serve food at St. John's Breadline. Also looking for clean up help. Volunteer once a year or more often as you desire.

Homebound Ministry: Join a team of volunteers bringing the Eucharist to those who can't come to church.

Mission Partnership: Learn about our past projects and how you can continue to be involved!

HSMS Mission Outreach, The James Project, St. Martin des Porres and MORE!

FRI 3/14 @ FISH FRY and SUN 3/16 AFTER 8:30/10:30

Looking to make your Lent more meaningful? Get involved in serving our community with your fellow parishioners.

For more information, please visit our parish website at: www.bsps.org/ministry-fair

Blessed Sacrament School Cafeteria
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SLP

Weekly Parish Finance Report February 22 to February 28

	AMOUNT RECEIVED	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS
Loose Collections	\$1,191.00	
Envelope Collections	\$18,424.00	194
Online Giving Collections	\$2,764.50	101
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	\$22,379.50	295
Target Amount	\$25,000.00	

HEAVENLY FATHER, WE PRAY FOR...

Doris Drago
Ed Schofield

Judy Shea
George Curry

Sharon Troy
Michaela Hermes

Please call the Parish Office to submit a name to the prayer list. Names will automatically be removed after six weeks unless notified.

Project Rachel can help women and men heal from the pain of abortion. For assistance call 217-698-4456

Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting and Investigation at