

# Parish of the Blessed Sacrament

## Fifth Sunday of Lent

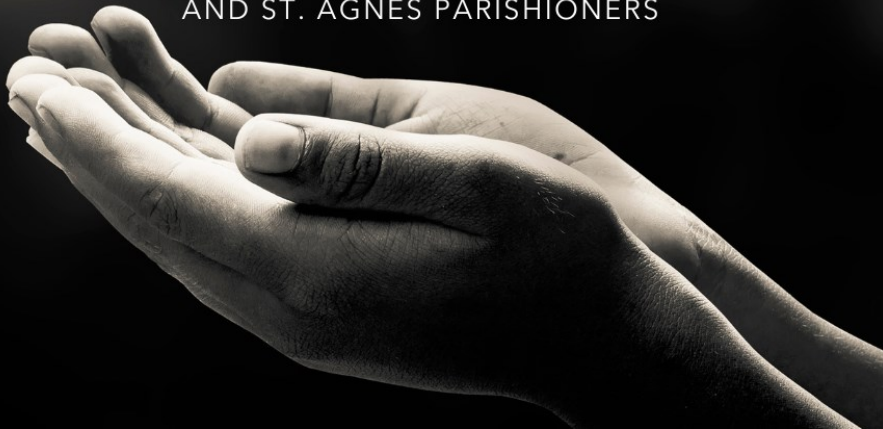
### April 6, 2025

## Lenten Penance Service

SUNDAY, APRIL 6

2:00 PM AT ST. AGNES

FOR BLESSED SACRAMENT, CHRIST THE KING,  
AND ST. AGNES PARISHIONERS



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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](http://www.bsps.org)

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#### SACRAMENTS

Baptisms: The next class is on  
**Wednesday, April 9** 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, April 7

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Joe Fitzgerald

Tuesday, April 8

Confessions before Mass

8:20am Mass: Julietta Lenore Salvo

Wednesday, April 9

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Stannard/Lyons Families

Thursday, April 10

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Sue Senger

Kathleen Davlin

Friday, April 11

Confessions before Mass

All School Mass

8:20am Mass: Olive Eck

Saturday, April 12

8:00am Mass: Joe & Betty McCue

3pm - 4pm Confessions

4:30pm Mass: Thomas L. "Mick"

O'Connor

Sunday, April 13

Palm Sunday

7:00am Mass: Jim Belz

8:30am Mass: For Our Parishioners

10:30am Mass: Patrick Frasco

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

**Praying with the Beautiful Liturgies of Holy Week**

Next week, we begin the holiest week of the Church's entire year, what we affectionately call "Holy Week" (it's not a super creative name, granted...but it gets the point across). I would like to *sincerely*, whole-heartedly, EMPHATICALLY invite you to participate in these liturgies. They are some of the most beautiful and moving liturgies that we have in the Church, and I can remember from a young age my parish priest inviting us as children to come and experience them for ourselves. I did, and my love for them has only grown over the years I've experienced them. Please come! And bring your children. There are so many beautiful lessons that these liturgies teach us through their symbolic actions.

I find that these liturgies are immensely more attractive if we make the symbolism a little more explicit—so at the risk of sounding obvious, here's what the Church celebrates this coming week:

**Palm Sunday**—so named because we receive those ever-familiar palm branches—marks the beginning of Holy Week. It's the celebration of the Lord's entry into Jerusalem, so you'll notice that we hear that Gospel proclaimed *at the beginning* of the Mass, before the priest enters the Church. In that Gospel, we hear how the crowds joyously heralded Jesus' coming into the Holy City, waving palm branches and crying out "Hosanna to the Son of David!" After the palm branches are blessed (and the same "Hosanna to the Son of David" is chanted), the priest (dressed in red to call to mind Christ's passion, which is beginning) then enters the Church as the people hold the palm branches, representing Christ as He journeys into His city. At the proper time for the Gospel, we then proclaim aloud the entirety of the Passion from one of the Gospels (this year, it's from Luke, since we're in Year C of the Lectionary cycle). This is the way we begin our reliving of the holy events of Christ's passion in Holy Week.

There is a special Mass that takes place during Holy Week, called the **Chrism Mass**. This Mass is special because it is a diocesan Mass, and at it, two significant things happen: all of the priests of the Diocese renew their priestly promises and the holy oils are blessed/consecrated by the Bishop (these are the oils that are used in every parish throughout the Diocese to baptize, confirm, and give anointing of the sick throughout the next year). If you haven't ever come to a Chrism Mass, all the faithful are welcome and encouraged to attend. It's a very moving day for us as priests. Our celebration takes place on Tuesday (April 15) at the Cathedral at 6:30 pm. [Traditionally, the Chrism Mass would take place on Holy Thursday, the day that the Priesthood was instituted, but many dioceses transfer it to a more convenient day to ensure the participation of their priests.]

Then comes the **Paschal Triduum**, made up of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday—the three most sacred days of the Church year. Really, these are *one* liturgy which takes place over three days. We start with the Sign of the Cross on Holy Thursday, and end with the final blessing of the Easter Vigil.

On **Holy Thursday**, we commemorate the Institution of the Priesthood and the Eucharist, and so the Church remembers and relives the events that occurred the night before Jesus' arrest and Passion ensue: the Last Supper and Agony in the Garden. Mass is largely familiar, but there are two things of note that occur during the liturgy: the washing of the feet and the procession of the Eucharist. The washing of the feet, which took place in the upper room on the night of the Last Supper (cf. Jn 13), is recalled by inviting a number of the faithful (usually 12, symbolically representing the 12 Apostles) forward before the Liturgy of the Eucharist in order to recall the moment Christ commissions them for service—the moment traditionally seen as the institution of the priesthood. We then celebrate the Eucharist together, obviously symbolic of the Last Supper. Finally, the liturgy ends with a procession of the Eucharist (all of which is removed from the tabernacle) *around the Church*, as the faithful are invited to follow, singing Eucharistic hymns. This procession recalls the moments in which Jesus, with his band of disciples, crosses the Kidron Valley to the Garden of Gethsemane. The procession arrives at the "altar of repose," which is traditionally decorated like a garden. There, the faithful are invited to "keep watch and pray," as the disciples did while Jesus underwent His agony. After a time of adoration (we usually leave the Church unlocked until about 11 pm), the Church is locked and the Eucharist is no longer accessible for public veneration until Easter—representing the time when Jesus is arrested and removed from our midst as He endured His trials and Passion. Whether the people stay in adoration or leave, they do so in complete silence, in veneration of Christ's impending suffering and death.

In next week's column, I'll share more about Good Friday and the Easter Vigil!

Keep spreading joy!

Fr. Friedel





## OUR PARISH FAMILY

### Congratulations to Our Newly Baptized

Logan Grant Brown, son of Jared and Rachel Brown

### Received into the Church

Alexandra Wallace

**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 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.

Are you a visitor to Blessed Sacrament? If you're visiting us today we're glad you're here. If you are considering Blessed Sacrament as your new spiritual home, or if you just want to know more about us, we have a website page dedicated to you at [www.bsps.org/welcome](http://www.bsps.org/welcome). You don't have to give us any information about yourself. Learn about our various ministries and opportunities to get involved. Sign up to receive electronic newsletters without actually taking the "plunge"! Thank you for visiting Blessed Sacrament.

If you'd like to register as a parishioner, there's an online form on the same website page. Or you can download a paper form or stop by the parish office and register in person. We can't wait to meet



# Welcome

Our **Lenten Service Project** will be a family participation event in conjunction with Midwest Mission. We have raised enough funds to prepare "blessing bags" with rice, soy, and vitamins to be sent to 16,800 people in a third world country. **Thank you**

**to all of the wonderful volunteers that have signed up!** You will

receive a reminder email with information the week of April 7th. Questions? Contact

[Lsarnowski@bsps.org](mailto:Lsarnowski@bsps.org).



Collection on **Holy Thursday** will be for St. Martin De Porres Center. Please be generous during this Lenten Season.



Blessed Sacrament Music Director Jane Hartman Irwin will be singing at the Sacred Heart Tenebrae Service on April 16. What a great way to prepare your heart for the Triduum.

## STABAT MATER

**Friday, April 11 | 7:00 p.m.**  
*Stabat Mater by G.B. Pergolesi.*  
 Soprano, alto, string orchestra and organ.



## TENEBRAE SERVICE

**Wednesday, April 16 | 7:00 p.m.**  
*Miserere by G. Allegri.*  
 Polyphonic composition divided into two choirs alternating with Gregorian Chant.

The LAST Men's Club Fish Fry of 2025 will take place this Friday, April 11 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.



Our 8th grade students recently went on a field trip, which provided a unique experience combining faith, advocacy, and history. The March for Life Rally was a peaceful demonstration held right here in Springfield, in front of the capitol. Before the rally, students attended a special Life Mass, a meaningful service and celebration for the sanctity of life. Students also ate lunch and toured Lincoln's home. We would like to thank all of the people who were involved to make this day possible.



*Blessed Sacrament School*  
Learning to Make a Difference

## March for Life—Tuesday, March 25, 2025

Photos by Matthew Christie



### MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**APRIL 7 — 11**

**MONDAY - FRIDAY**

**8:00 AND 8:20 am**

Ethan and Isaac Storey

**Saturday, April 12, 4:30PM**

**Lector:** Steven Scheufele

**Servers:** Josetta Kren, Charlotte Stewart, Jude Hartwick

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Jill Loveall, Kathleen Harth, Abigale Kane, Vince Toolen

**Sunday, April 13, 7:00AM**

**Lector:** Ann Walker

**Servers:** Teddy Mizeur

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Kathy Gietl, George Rudis, Rae Marie Davlin, Carrie O'Brien

**Sunday, April 13, 8:30AM**

**Lector:** Kevin MacDonald

**Servers:** Colin MacDonald, Sammy and Liam Bryant

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Cathy and Don Scott, Becky Leonard, Molly Smith

**Sunday, April 13, 10:30AM**

**Lector:** Matt Bensko

**Servers:** Beatrice Hunt, Katie Bensko, Joseph Bertaina

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Courtney Bensko, Rosalie Lowery, Patti and Rodney Naylor, Lori Criscione

To obtain a full schedule for ALL Mass volunteers or to **VOLUNTEER FOR AN EMPTY SLOT**, go to

[www.rotundasoftware.com/ministry/blessedsacrament\\_spi](http://www.rotundasoftware.com/ministry/blessedsacrament_spi)



## HEAVENLY FATHER, WE PRAY FOR...

Alex Jordan	Judy Shea	Pope Francis
Doris Drago	George Curry	Michaela Hermes
Ed Schofield	Cynthia Plouche'	

*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 217-321-1155



Holy Thursday 7 PM

Good Friday 3 PM

Easter Vigil 8:15 PM

Easter Sunday 7, 8:30 and 10:30 AM



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

- Start planning NOW to fully participate in our Holy Week liturgies—read Father's article for "motivation"
- LAST Fish Fry this Friday, April 11.
- Mark your calendar for the Penance Service on Sunday, April 6 at 2 PM at St. Agnes