

# Parish of the Blessed Sacrament

## Divine Mercy Sunday

### April 27, 2025



#### Prayer of Divine Mercy

*O Blood and Water that redeems and saves, have mercy on us!*  
*O Blood and Water that heals and restores, have mercy on us!*  
*O Blood and Water that strengthens and renews, have mercy on us!*  
*Amen.*

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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, May 7** 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 28

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: John & Jean VonBehren

Tuesday, April 29

Confessions before Mass

8:20am Mass Poor Souls Shrine

Wednesday, April 30

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Sharon Madonia

Thursday, May 1

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Viola Kabbes

Friday, May 2

Confessions before Mass

8:20am Mass: Michael Yuskanich

Saturday, May 3

8:00am Mass: Father James O'Shea

3pm - 4pm Confessions

4:30pm Mass: Johnson/Molloy families

Sunday, May 4

3rd Sunday of Easter

7:00am Mass: For Our Parishioners

8:30am Mass: Eleyidath Family

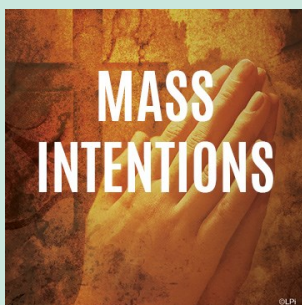
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10:30am Mass: Pipkin Family

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

**Rest in Peace, Pope Francis!**

Happy Easter! As we're still in the Octave, we still treat today as another "Easter Sunday." And as important as fasting was during the 40 days of Lent, it's important also to keep the *feasting* tradition of the Church throughout the season of Easter (which is 50 days, up until Pentecost). No need to go overboard, of course—but it is the Resurrection after all, so it bears celebrating!

One thing that will no doubt bring a temporary pause to our celebrations is the sad news of this past Monday that our Holy Father Pope Francis has died of a stroke and subsequent heart failure at the age of 88. It was certainly not news I was expecting to wake up to on Easter Monday, and yet I can't help but find it fitting on some level: that while we as a Church are so intentional these days about praying with the reality of the Resurrection, His Holiness has "returned to the house of the Father," to borrow a phrase from Kevin Cardinal Ferrell's announcement of the Pope's death. How beautiful that his last public appearance was to address the crowds gathered for the annual Easter Urbi et Orbi blessing in St. Peter's Square! How appropriate that his last public words (granted, they were read aloud on his behalf) were so focused on the reality of the resurrection, while he managed a simple but profound: "Brothers and sisters, happy Easter." Having spent some days in the square listening to him address the crowds, I can almost hear him speak the words with his characteristic almost-slurred Argentine Italian. As we celebrate this Sunday the Feast of Divine Mercy, let's continue to commend our Holy Father's soul to God the Father, that for his great service to the Church, Francis would be looked upon with an equal mercy. And please, pray for the College of Cardinals as they discern the next Vicar of Christ!

I'll leave you with a few excerpts from Pope Francis's last Urbi et Orbi address:

*Christ is risen, alleluia!*

*Dear brothers and sisters, Happy Easter! ...*

*Love has triumphed over hatred, light over darkness and truth over falsehood. Forgiveness has triumphed over revenge. Evil has not disappeared from history; it will remain until the end, but it no longer has the upper hand; it no longer has power over those who accept the grace of this day.*

*Sisters and brothers, especially those of you experiencing pain and sorrow, your silent cry has been heard and your tears have been counted; not one of them has been lost! In the passion and death of Jesus, God has taken upon himself all the evil in this world and in his infinite mercy has defeated it. He has uprooted the diabolical pride that poisons the human heart and wreaks violence and corruption on every side. The Lamb of God is victorious! That is why, today, we can joyfully cry out: "Christ, my hope, has risen!" (Easter Sequence).*

*The resurrection of Jesus is indeed the basis of our hope. For in the light of this event, hope is no longer an illusion. Thanks to Christ — crucified and risen from the dead — hope does not disappoint! Spes non confundit! (cf. Rom 5:5). That hope is not an evasion, but a challenge; it does not delude, but empowers us....*

*Christ is risen! These words capture the whole meaning of our existence, for we were not made for death but for life. Easter is the celebration of life! God created us for life and wants the human family to rise again! In his eyes, every life is precious! The life of a child in the mother's womb, as well as the lives of the elderly and the sick, who in more and more countries are looked upon as people to be discarded....*

*Dear brothers and sisters, In the Lord's Paschal Mystery, death and life contended in a stupendous struggle, but the Lord now lives forever (cf. Easter Sequence). He fills us with the certainty that we too are called to share in the life that knows no end, when the clash of arms and the rumble of death will be heard no more. Let us entrust ourselves to him, for he alone can make all things new (cf. Rev. 21:5)!*

Happy Easter to everyone!!

Keep spreading joy!

Fr. Friedel





### Congratulations to Our Recently Baptized

Amelia Rose Swartz, Helen Marie Swartz and Theodore Richard Swartz, children of Adam and Virginia Swartz

Lily Mae Moore, daughter of Joseph and Haylee Moore

### Please Pray for Our Recently Departed

Norma Kelly

**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.



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.

### Show Your Teacher Some Love!

Teacher Appreciation Day is May 6, 2025. Pick up some gift priced Scrip cards we've got Amazon (\$10), Barnes & Noble (\$5 or \$10), Panera (\$5 or \$10), Starbucks (\$5 or \$10), Target (\$10) and Walmart (\$10). Scrip gift cards are available over-the-counter at the school office.



We are in the process of switching to a different envelope company. Your May envelopes will utilize the name format that was on your previous envelopes. The June envelopes will possibly have a different name format. This is a great opportunity to change the name on your envelopes AND personalize your individual envelope and parish giving process.

Please go to [bsps.org/envelopes](http://bsps.org/envelopes) and choose the envelope option that works best for you and your choice for name formatting. On the same webpage, check out our new online payment system. There is a link on the page to get started donating to any and all funds with your debit card, credit card or through an ACH transaction.

**TIME Talent TREASURE**

Interested in being a greeter at Mass? We are looking for families or individuals who will greet visitors and parishioners as they arrive at church, answer questions and bring up the gifts at Mass.

Please complete the survey/sign up form at [www.bsps.org/greeters](http://www.bsps.org/greeters) to become part of this ministry.

Stop by our Liturgy Ministry Fair after all weekend

Masses on May 3 and 4 to learn more about ALL the liturgical ministries—ushers, lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Share the Word, as well as greeters/gift bearers! The Men's Club pancake breakfast will follow the 10:30 AM Youth Mass.

**Attention: All Men of the Parish** Do you feel like just another guy in a pew? You're not alone. The Diocesan Office of Marriage and Family Life is excited to host a Men's Leadership Summit in October to bring men together to support one another, be inspired by their faith, gain or enhance leadership skills and discuss best practices for men's ministry. Want to learn more? **John Edwards** from **Just a Guy in the Pew** ([justaguyinthepew](http://justaguyinthepew)) will be hosting an informational **Zoom call on Monday, May 5th from 8-9 pm** about this upcoming Men's Leadership Summit and will be available to answer questions. John is a dynamic, inspirational spiritual leader who has a powerful witness story. Contact **Gracie Ortiz** from the Diocese at [gortiz@dio.org](mailto:gortiz@dio.org) for login information.



## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

APRIL 28 — MAY 2

MONDAY - FRIDAY

8:00 AND 8:20 am

Grant Keller and Kaitlynn Leonard

### Saturday, May 3, 4:30PM

**Lector:** Pat Dietrich

**Servers:** Lucia Thompson, Kaden Smith, Owen Gerding

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Paul Wheeler, Trish Marriott, Abigale Kane, Kathleen Harth

### Sunday, May 4, 7:00AM

**Lector:** P.J. Oubre

**Servers:** Gracie Books

**Eucharistic Ministers** Mary Beth Roland, Jill Loveall, Sally Petrone, Carolyn Graham, Rae Marie Davlin

### Sunday, May 4, 8:30AM

**Lector:** Mary Maloney

**Servers:** Liam and Sammy Bryant, Nicholas Frevert

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Cathy and Don Scott, Michael Delvo, Anne Capestrain

### Sunday, May 4, 10:30AM

**Lector:** Matt Bensko

**Servers:** Katie Bensko, Lili Wallman, Jayden Day

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Rosalie Lowery, Courtney Bensko, Cynthia Lamar, Lauren Coombe, Richard Campbell

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)

## CATHOLIC GRADE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Applications are being accepted for the position of Principal for Blessed Sacrament School in Springfield, Illinois. We are seeking a practicing Roman Catholic to promote Catholic identity, with proven school administrative skills and experience in managing a staff. Candidates must possess a Master's degree in administration and Illinois certification. Scan the QR code below for a full job description and application. Blessed Sacrament School has a salary range of \$70,000 to \$90,000 per year for the Principal position. Benefits for this position can be found at [bssbruins.org/employment-opportunities](http://bssbruins.org/employment-opportunities).

Send resume and application to  
Father Michael  
Friedel at  
[mfriedel@dio.org](mailto:mfriedel@dio.org)



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Learning to Make a Difference



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

- Please consider becoming a greeter and gift bearer at our Masses.
- Please go to our website and select the envelope option that best fits your giving style! [www.bsps.org/envelopes](http://www.bsps.org/envelopes)
- Don't miss the pancake breakfast and Ministry Fair next week!



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*Now Enrolling!*  
FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR

**2025-2026  
GRADES PS-8TH**

Forms can be found on our website

[WWW.BSSBRUINS.ORG](http://WWW.BSSBRUINS.ORG)

217-522-7534



**Weekly Parish Finance Report  
April 12 to April 18**

	AMOUNT RECEIVED	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS
Loose Collections	\$1,315.00	
Envelope Collections	\$14,116.00	213
Online Giving Collections	\$4,680.68	112
<b>TOTAL COLLECTIONS</b>	<b>\$20,111.68</b>	<b>325</b>
Target Amount	\$25,000.00	

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

**HEAVENLY FATHER, WE PRAY FOR...**

Lee Rinderer      Judy Shea      Family of Elijah  
Alex Jordan      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.*