

# Parish of the Blessed Sacrament

## 4th Sunday of Easter

### May 11, 2025

# GOOD SHEPHERD



#### OUR CLERGY

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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, June 11** 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, May 12**

Confessions before Mass  
8:00am Mass: Sue Senger

**Tuesday, May 13**

Confessions before Mass  
8:20am Mass Poor Souls Shrine

**Wednesday, May 14**

Confessions before Mass  
8:00am Mass: Cleta Judd

**Thursday, May 15**

Confessions before Mass  
8:00am Mass: Rita Muller

**Friday, May 16**

Confessions before Mass  
8:20am Mass: Sharon Bartolo-Dutz

**Saturday, May 17**

8:00am Mass: Fr. James O'Shea  
3pm - 4pm Confessions  
4:30pm Mass: Johnson & Molloy families

**Sunday, May 18**

**5th Sunday of Easter**

7:00am Mass: For Our Parishioners  
8:30am Mass: Sal Madonia  
10:30am Mass: Larry & Marilyn Thread

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

**A Time of Change**

For those who didn't get the chance to hear the pulpit announcement last weekend, effective July 1, we'll be seeing some different priestly faces here at Blessed Sacrament. I'm staying on as pastor (sorry if I got your hopes up), but Fr. Tomy will soon be sharing his joy and talents at another parish in our Diocese—actually, two parishes!

As of July 1, Bishop Paprocki has appointed Fr. Tomy the Parochial Administrator of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Newton and St. Mary of the Assumption Parish in Sainte Marie, IL. This is a rather quick transition, given that Fr. Tomy only arrived here in November, but I think Bishop has recognized Fr. Tomy's many years of experience in seminary formation and parish work within his religious order, in his home country of India as well as in Rome—so it seems only natural that his leadership skills would be employed at the service of the Church by entrusting him with a little more pastoral responsibility. He'll make a great pastor!

It's never without sadness that we say goodbye to someone who has brought us a little closer to God and minister to us as part of our Blessed Sacrament family, but we send him on to serve the Lord's will with many prayers and much gratitude for the months he has served us so faithfully. Please, in the coming weeks, assure Fr. Tomy of your prayers, maybe share with him a story of how he's made a mark on your spiritual life, and offer your gratitude for sharing the Gospel with us here! You have until the end of June to soak in a little of his joy!

On July 1, then, our new parochial vicar will be Fr. Ryan Kehoe—currently *Deacon* Ryan Kehoe—who is actively finishing up his seminary studies at Kenrick Seminary in St. Louis. Deacon Kehoe is originally from the Springfield area, growing up in Athens and attending St. Aloysius Parish on the north side. Deacon Kehoe will be ordained to the priesthood alongside Deacon Charlie Delano (a Blessed Sacrament alum!) on May 24 at the Cathedral. Feel free to attend their ordination—it's a wonderful thing to take part in a priestly ordination if you never have, and I'm sure both of our ordinands would love the show of support from the place they have called/will call home!

For those who are wondering, Deacon Kehoe spent part of his Christmas and Easter break here with us at Blessed Sacrament. (He didn't know at the time that this was going to be his pastoral assignment.) I got to know Deacon Kehoe pretty well from our time overlapping at my previous parish, and I look very forward now to ministering together as brother priests! I'm confident that you'll find him to be a young and joyful priest who is eager to serve—and just as a reminder, we'll be forming his first impression of the priesthood, so remember to be patient with him when he arrives!

Additionally, from July 1, Blessed Sacrament rectory will be gaining a priest in residence, Fr. Zach Samples, whose assignment will be to function as a Promotor of Vocations for our Diocese. Fr. Samples' ministry will mostly take him outside of our parish to various parts of the Diocese. So while he's not *technically* assigned here in any capacity, it's very likely that you'll see him around the parish from time to time, so please welcome him as well when you see him.

Please keep in your prayers Fr. Tomy and Fr. Samples and all the priests and parishes who are making transitions during this time, as well as the future-Fathers Kehoe and Delano who are approaching their ordination day!

Keep spreading joy!

Fr. Friedel







## OUR PARISH FAMILY

### Congratulations to Our Recently Baptized

Hugh Michael Fendrich, son of Andrew and Emily Fendrich

### Please Pray for Our Recently Departed

James Albers  
Judy Shea

**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.

**Congratulation to our 8th Grade Graduates!!!** Wednesday, May 14, our 8th grade students graduate. Please keep these young men and women in your prayers.



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.



**WORLD DAY OF  
PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

HAPPY  
*Mother's*  
DAY

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

Did the new envelopes make you question your entire contribution giving pattern? Blessed Sacrament has added a new (and MUCH easier) site for parish giving. Online giving allows you to make a donation whenever and wherever with the simple click of a button from your computer or smart device. You can donate to any account or special collection. Go to [www.bsps.org](http://www.bsps.org) and click on the online giving photo. Questions? Contact [Lsarnowski@bsps.org](mailto:Lsarnowski@bsps.org).



**Pushpay**

We are still looking for volunteers to take permanent spots in our Perpetual Adoration Chapel—particularly in the middle of the night. Are you a night owl? Or do you wake up super early? Struggle with insomnia? Work the night shift? Why not spend some time with Jesus. The quiet of the night allows for deep reflection and a more personal connection with God, free from the distractions of daily life. Go to [bsps.org/perpetual-adoration](http://bsps.org/perpetual-adoration) to view open time slots.

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.

**Let Scrip Entertain You** – Scrip cards work JUST LIKE CASH and are convenient for your personal use and as a gift. But whether you use it for your family or give it away, each purchase earns money for Catholic education and Blessed Sacrament School. Seeing a blockbuster? **AMC theater \$25 cards** (also good for concessions) Rather read a book? **Barnes & Noble \$10 cards** or **Amazon \$25 or \$100**. Listening to a podcast? **iTunes \$15 cards** Hooked on video games? **GameStop \$25 cards**.

Thanks to everyone who attended last weekend's Ministry Fair! If you weren't able to attend but are interested in learning about our various liturgical ministries, please go to [www.bsps.org/ministry-fair](http://www.bsps.org/ministry-fair) and complete the survey form. The best way to get more OUT of Mass, is to put more IN to Mass!



## Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

**The Curia is Hiring!!** The Diocese of Springfield in Illinois Curia is hiring 4 full-time positions. They are a Maintenance and Groundskeeper, Database and Parish Service Administrator, Diocesan Liaison and Advocate, and Executive Secretary. If you or anyone you know is interested, view these jobs at [dio.org/careers](http://dio.org/careers) to learn more and to see how to apply.

### BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL JOB LISTINGS

Applications are being accepted for various positions at Blessed Sacrament School in Springfield, Illinois. We are seeking a kindergarten teacher for the 2025-2026 school year as well as an Administrative Assistant. Blessed Sacrament School was established in 1925 and is celebrating a century of excellence in Catholic education.

The Kindergarten position has a salary range from \$33,500 to \$82,700 depending on education and experience.

The position of Administrative Assistant at Blessed Sacrament Catholic School has a range of \$20-\$23 per hour.

To apply or view job descriptions and benefits go to [bssbruins.org/employment-opportunities](http://bssbruins.org/employment-opportunities).



### MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**MAY 12 — MAY 16**

**MONDAY - FRIDAY**

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

Jayden Day and Nicholas Frevert

#### Saturday, May 17, 4:30PM

**Lector:** Sandy Etheridge

**Servers:** Dominik Geist-Stainfield, Charlotte Stewart, Sergiuz Cabal

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Abigale Kane, Kathleen Harth, Joseph Stannard, Jill Loveall

**Gift Bearer:** HELP WANTED

#### Sunday, May 18, 7:00AM

**Lector:** Carolyn Graham

**Servers:** Teddy Mizeur

**Eucharistic Ministers** Michael and Carrie O'Brien, Mary Beth Roland, Ann Walker, Rae Marie Davlin

**Gift Bearer:** HELP WANTED

#### Sunday, May 18, 8:30AM

**Lector:** Mary Maloney

**Servers:** Damien Njeuha-Njapa, Samantha and Sydney Cathers

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Lisa and Dave Sarnowski, Bradley Frost, Sheri Dhabalt

**Gift Bearer:** HELP WANTED

#### Sunday, May 18, 10:30AM

**Lector:** Donna Moore

**Servers:** George Boesdorfer, Joseph Bertaina, HELP WANTED

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Rosalie Lowery, Mary Tuttle, Suzanne Baase, Andrea Judd, Lori Criscione

**Gift Bearer:** HELP WANTED

To obtain a full schedule for ALL Mass volunteers or to VOLUNTEER FOR AN EMPTY SLOT, go to [www.rotundasoftware.com/ministry/blessed sacrament\\_spi](http://www.rotundasoftware.com/ministry/blessed sacrament_spi)

**BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL**



**100 YEARS**

*Learning to Make a Difference*  
1925-2025

**Blessed Sacrament School**  
**100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**  
**August 31st 2025**  
**After 10:30am Mass**

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

Lee Rinderer      Cynthia Plouche'      Family of Elijah  
Alex Jordan                                      Susan Gallagher

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

Weekly Parish Finance Report April 26 to May 2		
	AMOUNT RECEIVED	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS
Loose Collections	\$1,077.00	
Envelope Collections	\$14,010.00	198
Online Giving Collections	\$4,931.45	110
<b>TOTAL COLLECTIONS</b>	<b>\$20,018.45</b>	308
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

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

- Mark your calendars for the School Centennial on August 31!
- 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)
- Consider a "night owl" adoration slot!