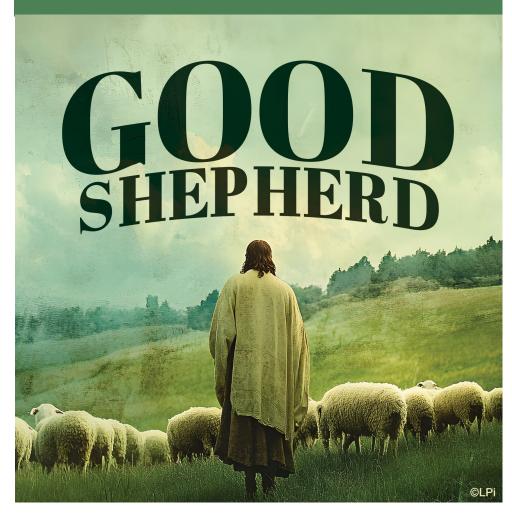
Parish of the Blessed Sacrament 4th Sunday of Easter May 11, 2025



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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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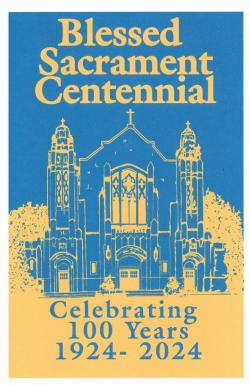
Baptisms: The next class is on Wednesday, June 11 at 6pm. Please call the office to register.

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.



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





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

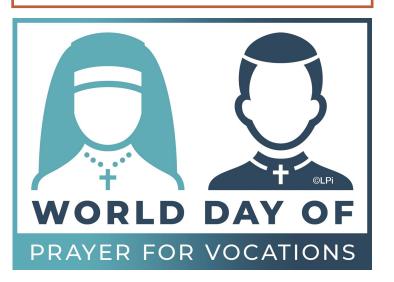
Mass will continue to be live-streamed and can be found by going to the parish website at www.bsps.org and click on WATCH MASS HERE.

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!!! Please graduate. keep these young men and women in your prayers.

Wednesday, May 14, our 8th grade students

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.





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 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.



Did the new envelopes make you question your entire contribution giving pattern? Blessed Sacrament has added a new (and MUCH easier) site for parish Pushpay. 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 and click on the online giving photo. Questions? Contact Lsarnowski@bsps.org.

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 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 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 podcase? 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 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 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 <u>bssbruins.org/employment-opportunities</u>.



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

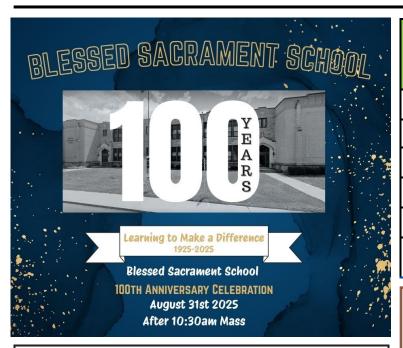
Lector: Mary Maloney Servers: Damien Njeuha-Njapa, Samantha and Sydney Cathers Eucharistic Ministers: Lisa and Dave Sarnowski, Bradley Frost, Sheri Dhabalt

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/blessedsacrament spi



HEAVENLY FATHER, WE PRAY FOR...

Lee Rinderer Alex Jordan

Cynthia Plouche'

Family of Elijah 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
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	\$20,018.45	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
- Consider a "night owl" adoration slot!