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5th Sunday of Easter

May 18, 2025



HABEMUS PAPAM

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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.

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MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THE WEEK

Monday, May 19

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: John & Nora Gurnik

Tuesday, May 20

All School Mass

Confessions before Mass

8:20am Mass: Julietta Lenore Salvo

Wednesday, May 21

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Sal Madonia

Thursday, May 22

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: John & Jean VonBehren

Friday, May 23

Confessions before Mass

8:20am Mass: Sharon Madonia

Saturday, May 24

8:00am Mass: Herman Bodewes

3pm - 4pm Confessions

4:30pm Mass: Ryan McShane

Sunday, May 25

6th Sunday of Easter

7:00am Mass: Bill Dalsin

8:30am Mass: Tom Schmidt

Patricia Kenny

10:30am Mass: For Our Parishioners

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

Habemus Papam!

For the record, I know this article is a little behind the news cycle—but the way our bulletin deadlines occur, this is the first issue wherein we can celebrate our new Pope Leo XIV! So for what it's worth, here are some thoughts on the conclave/election of the first American pope.

I don't know about you, but I have found in my limited experience that there's something extremely moving about watching a conclave occur. Just think about how many people stopped what they were doing on an otherwise random weekday and had their eyes glued to a *smokestack* (and then subsequently a balcony on the front of St. Peter's) half the world away...it boggles the mind. It seems as though the whole world—Catholic and not—stops and stands at attention to see who might be elected the next leader of the universal Church. People in every distant corner of the earth are abuzz as the intriguing process begins to unfold, potential candidates are discussed, and speculations are made about what qualities the Church might expect to see in its next pope.

It's fascinating to me how enamored by the conclave and a new pope the world becomes, especially given the (sometimes) general disinterest with which some people treat the Church and Church-related things. If I had to guess why, I think it's because there's something intriguing to people about the mystery involved. The process is so ancient and has undeniably a touch of the "foreign" (in the sense of outside our experience) to it, like when England receives a new monarch.

But I suspect that there's more to it than that. I think there's a captivation with this whole papal process because, ultimately, there's something transcendent about it, supernatural, touching on the Holy Spirit. And try as we might to naturalize so many things in our world, there's irrefutably something otherworldly going on here. Even in the midst of the politicking and speculating and posturing that leads up to the "*Extra omnes!*", there's a will that is not just our own (or the cardinals' own) at play. And that most certainly commands our attention.

I, for one, am incredibly excited to see what Pope Leo XIV brings to the Church. Without a doubt, the Holy Spirit has called him to lead the Church at this particular juncture for a reason. Will he be perfect at that job? Certainly not. (And none of his predecessors were, even the saintly ones!) But with his cooperation and our prayers, our new Holy Father will be exactly what the Church needs him to be: the *vox Christi*, the successor to the Apostle St. Peter, and the one entrusted with the high call of proposing the Gospel of Jesus Christ as the solution to every problem of our world and times.

There's an almost irresistible desire on the part of the media and the world at large to start scrutinizing every decision Pope Leo XIV makes to see "what kind of pope" he's going to be. Might I suggest this instead as more properly the posture of faith: let the man reign and see what gifts the Holy Spirit brings forth in his ministry. I once complained as a seminarian about how hard preaching was, and the priest reminded me rather poignantly: "Yeah, it's going to be hard, because you haven't yet received the grace to preach! That comes with ordination!"

As tempting as it may be to look to Cardinal Prevost's past to indicate what might come in his years as Supreme Pontiff or to look at his every move now to predict what may come, let's spend our energies instead praying for the man and his Office. May the graces that the Holy Spirit pours out upon Pope Leo XIV for this Petrine service be received with an open heart and mind, and may they be used for the edification of the Church and the propagation of the faith throughout the world!

Keep spreading joy!

Fr. Friedel



Congratulations to Our Recently Baptized

Hayden Thomas White, son of Joseph and Brittany White

Axel Kyle Kurtz, son of Sebastian and Serena Kurtz

Please Pray for Our Recently Departed

Nancy Hahn

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.

PLEASE NOTE: Beginning **Monday, May 26** all Daily Masses – Monday thru Saturday– will begin at 8am until Blessed Sacrament School resumes in August.

Share the Word will conclude this **Sunday, May 18** Classes will resume in September. Thanks to our Share the Word volunteers! Interested in helping with Share the Word next year? Email Lisa Sarnowski at lsarnowski@bsps.org.

Blessed Sacrament thanks everyone who currently gives electronically. Each month our parish receives a steady and predictable stream of income from parishioners who have made the commitment to give to God first by having a designated contribution automatically transferred to our parish through our online giving program. This saves the parish staff time and resources by making your donation online. It is easy to set up a one-time donation OR set up a monthly automatic donation at www.bsps.org/parish-giving.

If you prefer to use envelopes, please go to bsps.org/envelopes and choose the envelope option that works best for you and your choice for name formatting. your individual envelope and parish giving process.



Gifts for Grads Stop at the parish office to pick up gift cards for your spring graduates. For the dorm room: HomeGoods or Target. For studying: iTunes or Barnes & Noble. Midnight snacks: Arby's, Burger King, Chipotle, McDonalds, Papa John's, Subway, or Wendy's. And just for fun: Amazon, Game Stop, Starbucks or gas cards!

PBJ Volunteers are in need of grape or strawberry jelly or jam to make pb&j sandwiches for the homeless. Any donations can be left in the gray bins in the back of church. Thank you for your continued support!

Perpetual Adoration



Blessed Sacrament has offered perpetual adoration since January 1997. In the summer, many of our regular scheduled adorers are on vacation. If you are interested in covering a shift at your convenience, become a substitute adorer! Sign up at www.bsps.org/perpetual-adoration.

Deacon Charlie Delano, graduate of Blessed Sacrament School and a former parishioner will be ordained this month. His first Mass will be celebrated at St. Katharine Drexel on **Sunday, May 25** at 3pm. All are welcome.



First Step Baby Bottles

Please take a baby bottle or envelope from First Step Women's Center home with you! Please fill the bottle or envelope with currency or checks and return it any time before Father's Day. You can put envelopes in the collection basket and return bottles to the parish office or the bassinet in the main vestibule.

The Baby Bottle Campaign funds the life-saving work that First Step Women's Center offers to the mothers making unplanned pregnancy decisions.

MEMORIAL DAY FIELD MASS 2025 Please join us at Calvary Cemetery of Springfield on **Memorial Day, May 26** at 9:00 am for the traditional Field Mass offered at Father Howard Altar. The Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki will be the principal celebrant. Accompanying Bishop Paprocki in procession will be local priests and members of the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus. Limited seating will be available, and guests are encouraged to bring lawn chairs. In lieu of golf cart transportation this year, guests needing special assistance can be dropped off closer to the Father Howard Altar. Call the Calvary Cemetery office at 523-3726 Monday- Friday 8am-4pm with any questions.

We couldn't be prouder of our Science Fair students who went to STATE! Last weekend, 8 seventh graders and 2 eighth graders attended the IJAS (Illinois Junior Academy of Science) Science Fair at the University of Illinois in Champaign. The students presented their boards and lab reports three times over two days. All ten students received GOLD awards at state! In addition, Thomas Christie received the EPA Award, Cecilia Beyer received the award for the top junior high project in health science. Will M., Jersee J., Hannigan C., Liam B., Jane L., Kaitlynn L., Thomas C., Julia J., Cecilia B., and Teddy M., all received the Thermo Fisher Award for having projects in the top ten percent out of the 938 projects at state! Thank you to both Mrs. Christie and Mrs. Reiser for all your hard work in preparing these students.



May Crowning—May 1, 2025

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

MAY 19 — MAY 23

MONDAY - FRIDAY

8:00 AND 8:20 am

Jane Lambert and Caroline Schempp

Saturday, May 24, 4:30PM

Lector: Ian Grosskopf

Servers: Ethan and Isaac Storey, Ryan Barnard

Eucharistic Ministers: Noreen Luhr, McKinzie Oshesky, Rae Marie Davlin, Paul Wheeler

Gift Bearer: Blandford Family

Sunday, May 25, 7:00AM

Lector: Jim McDermott

Servers: Sam Hughes

Eucharistic Ministers: George Rudis, Carolyn Graham, Christy Geving, Sally Petrone, Jill Loveall

Gift Bearer: Giacomini Family

Sunday, May 25, 8:30AM

Lector: Mary Maloney

Servers: Liam and Sammy Bryant, Lillian Boorde

Eucharistic Ministers: Sheri Dhabalt, Don and Cathy Scott, Janet Vespa

Gift Bearer: Howard Family

Sunday, May 25, 10:30AM

Lector: Chris Oldenburg

Servers: Wade Naylor, Layla Nicolas, Samaria Bakamba

Eucharistic Ministers: Rosalie Lowery, Lauren Coombe, Rodney and Patti Naylor, Lori Criscione

Gift Bearer: Mahoney Family

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

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- Administrative Assistant
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Weekly Parish Finance Report May 3 to May 9

	AMOUNT RECEIVED	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS
Loose Collections	\$1,046.00	
Envelope Collections	\$17,652.00	221
Online Giving Collections	\$3,428.41	65
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	\$22,126.41	286
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:

- Please consider bringing up the gifts at Mass! Sign up at www.bsps.org/greeters. Get more out of Mass by putting more in to Mass
- Please go to our website and select the envelope option that best fits your giving style! www.bsps.org/envelopes
- Daily Mass times change the week of May 26, 2025. All daily Masses will be held at 8:00am until school resumes in August.

HEAVENLY FATHER, WE PRAY FOR...

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

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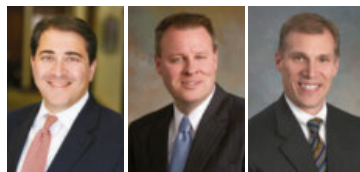


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