

Parish of the Blessed Sacrament

6th Sunday of Easter

May 25, 2025

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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.

OUR CLERGY

Father Michael Friedel, Pastor

mfriedel@dio.org

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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

Blessed Sacrament Centennial



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**MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THE WEEK**

Monday, May 26

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Fr. James O'Shea

Tuesday, May 27

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Poor Souls Shrine

Wednesday, May 28

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Thomas Londrigan

Thursday, May 29

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Sal Madonia

Friday, May 30

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: James Rechner

Saturday, May 31

8:00am Mass: Sal Madonia

3pm - 4pm Confessions

4:30pm Mass: Scott Wike

Sunday, June 1

Ascension of the Lord

7:00am Mass: For Our Parishioners

8:30am Mass: Eleyidath Family

10:30am Mass: Ernest R. Hildebrand, Jr.

**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 Good Time to be Grateful

I have to admit that, as a young priest and still a relatively new pastor (yes, I'm still using that excuse!), I'm still getting used to a lot of things. One of those things is how quickly the "big" events come and go. Especially with Easter so late this year, it seems like the end of this school year just snuck up on me. Maybe it's a sign of my advancing age that time just feels like it's going by so quickly—I can remember hearing my grandma say that all the time as I was growing up!

May holds a lot within its 31 days: from final field trips and end-of-school festivities, high school and grade school graduations, a day [or more!] rejoicing in the gift of our mothers, and electing a new pope...now we've just this past Tuesday sent all of our kids home for the summer, we'll be ordaining two new priests this weekend (including a son of our parish, Deacon Charlie Delano, and our soon-to-be parochial vicar, Deacon Ryan Kehoe), and soon after that I'll be off to join a pilgrimage to Portugal, Spain, and France.

And in this brief moment of reflection, I'm moved with gratitude for all we've gotten to celebrate together.

I owe a lot of people thanks right now. We've got such a wonderful team of people in our parish who have made this first year as a pastor a lot easier than it could have been. From our parish musicians, our sacristan team, our landscaping group, our pastoral council, finance council, and building and grounds committee, all of our maintenance staff and parish staff and our amazing PSR and PSRX folks—we're incredibly blessed here at Blessed Sacrament!

I'm also grateful for all of our teachers and school administrators, whether you teach at Blessed Sacrament School or elsewhere, and all of our healthcare professionals and emergency responders. The many sacrifices which I see on a daily basis are true signs of Christ's presence in the world through the hands and feet of His servants. It's humbling to see the selflessness which I've seen especially in our teachers and staff [parish and school]—it makes a pastor's heart proud!

I'm grateful to Fr. Tomy for his joyful and positive demeanor. And I'm excited to welcome some new faces to the Blessed Sacrament family. (I'm not sure when he'll be arriving yet, but we're also welcoming a seminarian for the summer!)

There's one last, very special thanks that I'd like to give, and that's to Mrs. Kuhlman, the principal of Blessed Sacrament. Mrs. Kuhlman announced a few months ago that this will be her last year at the helm of BSS, and we're grateful for her many years of leadership in that role! Many of us probably don't realize how hard she works on a daily basis to keep our school afloat...let's just say her contributions to our school and parish have been an IMMENSE blessing to us. We also thank Mrs. Horton, Mrs. Sundquist, and Mrs. Senger who are leaving their positions at the school. We hope they will remain close to our Blessed Sacrament community!

As many of you have seen posted, we are in the process of accepting applications and interviewing candidates for the principal position as well as a few teaching positions in our school. Please pray for that process—that the Holy Spirit sends who we need to be able to accomplish our mission of building disciples for our Lord!

Life passes quickly, so there's really no moment like the present to stop and say a word of gratitude to the people who mean something to you. Thanks to all of you who make our parish a true dwelling of our loving and merciful God!

Keep spreading joy!

Fr. Friedel





Congratulations to Our Recently Baptized

Kennedy Rose Koishor, daughter of Brandon and Mary Koishor

Callahan Maclain Luckey, son of James and Georgia Luckey

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 concluded on **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.



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PB&J 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!

All are welcome to the opening day of Springfield Lucky Horseshoes for **a special appearance/performance by the B.S.S. students**. Opening Day is May 27th. Tickets may be purchased on the Springfield Lucky Horseshoes website or at Robin Roberts Stadium. Contact davis@bssbruins.org, if you have any questions.



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.

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Thane Woods

Patricia Kienzler Scholarship

Jack Majcina

Monsignor Tarrent Scholarships

Annaliese Oldenburg

William Manfredo

Father Chester Scholarship

Sophie Watson

Jack & Peg Coleman Memorial Scholarship

Graciella Books

Don & Claire Forsyth Scholarships

Henley Brown

Matthew Vespa

Lloyd Mosley Server Recognition Scholarship

Damien Njapa

Martha Mosley Citizenship Award

Jacob Brown

Reid Family Wellness Scholarship

Charlie Graham

Hugh P. Cassidy Memorial Scholarship

Grant Keller

Scholarship Honoring Ursuline Sisters

Orlaith Mahoney

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.

Summer Camp Enrollment for 2025

We welcome children going into Preschool through children entering 5th grade. We have a limited number of spaces, and enrollment will be on a first-come, first-served basis. We are currently only accepting students registered for next school year.

Enrollment Fee of \$100 for one student or
\$200 per family

Cost: \$225 per week
+ \$175 per sibling per week



We continue to aspire to our goal of **PERPETUAL** adoration but definitely need help during the overnight shifts. So let's set a goal to achieve 100% PERPETUAL adoration on the first Friday of the month. These are the current openings on Friday, **June 6**: Midnight, 1am, 2am, 4am, 6am, 9am, 11am, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm, 10pm and 11pm. If you are interested in one of these shifts on Friday, June 6 please contact Lisa Samowski at Lsamowski@bsps.org.



MINISTRY SCHEDULE

MAY 26 — MAY 30

MONDAY - FRIDAY

8:00 AND 8:20 am

Jonas Croke and Josetta Kren

Saturday, May 31, 4:30PM

Lector: Melaney Arnold

Servers: Sergiuz Cabal, Marin Oldenburg, HELP WANTED

Eucharistic Ministers: Vince Toolen, Joseph Stannard, Jill Loveall, Richard Campbell

Gift Bearer: Litus Family

Sunday, June 1, 7:00AM

Lector: P.J. Oubre

Servers: Orlaith Mahoney

Eucharistic Ministers: Christy Geving, Kathy Gietl, Mary Beth Roland, Carrie and Mike O'Brien

Sunday, June 1, 8:30AM

Lector: Kevin Lust

Servers: Colin MacDonald, Annaliese and Andrew Hofner

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Maloney, Sally Petrone, William Pittman, HELP WANTED

Gift Bearer: Howard Family

Sunday, May 25, 10:30AM

Lector: Tim Moore

Servers: Matthew and Thomas Christie, Jayden Day

Eucharistic Ministers: Andrea Judd, Lori Criscione, Lynn Frasco, Mary Tuttle, Rosalie Lowery

Gift Bearer: Jacobs Family

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

BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL IS HIRING

Applications are currently being accepted for the following positions:

- Principal
- Administrative Assistant
- Kindergarten Teacher
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- Junior High Teacher

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Weekly Parish Finance Report May 10 to May 16

	AMOUNT RECEIVED	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS
Loose Collections	\$1,456.00	
Envelope Collections	\$17,797.00	201
Online Giving Collections	\$3,246.65	120
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	\$22,499.65	321
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:

- Congratulations to our Blessed Sacrament School Scholarship Winners!
- Daily Mass times change THIS WEEK. All daily Masses will be held at 8:00am until school resumes in August.
- Please consider an adoration shift on First Friday—June 6th. Email Lsamowski@bsps.org to sign up for an open slot. Fill First Friday!

HEAVENLY FATHER, WE PRAY FOR...

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