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Trinity Sunday

June 15, 2025

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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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Weddings: Contact the parish nine
to twelve months in advance.

Sacrament of the Sick: please
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Funerals: Contact the
parish office

Parish School of Religion: call
the Parish Office to register.

Blessed Sacrament Centennial



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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, June 16

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Sr. Michael Marie Burns
John L. Hennessy, MD

Tuesday, June 17

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Philip L. Graham, Jr.

Wednesday, June 18

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: James Rechner
Marion C. Lindsey

Thursday, June 19

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Anna Lisa Gietl

Friday, June 20

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Sharon Madonia

Saturday, June 21

8:00am Mass: Sal Madonia

3pm - 4pm Confessions

4:30pm Mass: Lyle Lenkart

Sunday, June 22

Most Holy Body and Blood

7:00am Mass: Bill Dalsin

8:30am Mass: For Our Parishioners

10:30am Mass: Thomas Londrigan

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

Our Parish's Solemnity

This coming Sunday, we celebrate the Solemnity of *Corpus Christi*, also known as the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ—traditionally celebrated in the Church on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday, but moved in most dioceses of the United States to the following Sunday. This solemnity was first proposed by St. Thomas Aquinas (c. 1260) in order to emphasize the joy of the Eucharist being the true Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus. In fact, St. Thomas wrote most of the prayers for the Mass himself, as well as some hymns associated with the Eucharistic devotion (like the hymns we sing at the beginning and end of Eucharistic exposition).

While this solemnity is an important one for the whole Church, it's perhaps *especially* important to us here at Blessed Sacrament, as it's our namesake feast as well. Few people acknowledge it or celebrate it these days, but a parish's patronal feast day is meant to be celebrated for that parish as a solemnity. So, for example, the Feast of St. Agnes (January 21)—while it is everywhere in the Church celebrated as a memorial of that saint—for the *Parish of St. Agnes*, it's a solemnity, and so for the individuals of that parish, it is recommended by the Church that it be celebrated as a day of great joy! In our case, our patronal feast is already a solemnity for the wider Church as well—the Solemnity of *Corpus Christi*—but it doesn't mean it shouldn't go without our local celebration and festivity!

So what do we do to celebrate our parish (especially in this centennial year of our parish's existence)? Well, one of the important ways we commemorate this feast is by holding our annual *Corpus Christi* procession. Perhaps you've taken part in it in the past or perhaps you have not—but after the 10:30 Mass, we as a parish gather to process the Eucharist around our block. And maybe that doesn't seem like that big of a deal, but that action is an important one, and I would argue one that our world desperately needs. Especially as a parish dedicated to the Blessed Sacrament and one that promotes devotion to that Sacrament through Perpetual Adoration—what we do by processing the Eucharist around our neighborhood is **claim our streets, our homes, our city, and our families for Jesus Christ**. We publicly profess our faith in the Presence of Jesus in this most hallowed Sacrament and we hold Him up to the world as the solution to the longings of every human heart. Where the Presence of God resides, evil has no place—and so our procession through the streets may seem inconsequential to some, but for those who believe, its importance is not lost.

In a world that is quickly jettisoning ritual (i.e. symbolic) action for more a more pragmatic functionalism, I would argue that this is the exact kind of thing that our world needs. It's what makes Catholicism markedly different, these very tangible demonstrations of our faith. It reminds us that our call isn't just to privately adhere to the faith we have received, but to take it to the streets: to proclaim to the world that Jesus Christ is Lord and that He is HERE.

So whether you've been part of our procession for years or whether you've never done something like this before, come on out!! Let's celebrate our Parish of the Blessed Sacrament by showing the world the One in whom we place all our hope.

Afterwards, we plan on celebrating Fr. Tomy and his time with us here at Blessed Sacrament by sending him off to his new assignment with some refreshments and fellowship. Don't forget to join us for that as well!

Keep spreading joy!

Fr. Friedel



Congratulations to Our Recently Baptized
Esme Constance Vilatte, Dominic and JunFen Vilatte

Please Pray for Our Recently Departed
Mary L. Mack
Arthur Roesch
Darl Young

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.

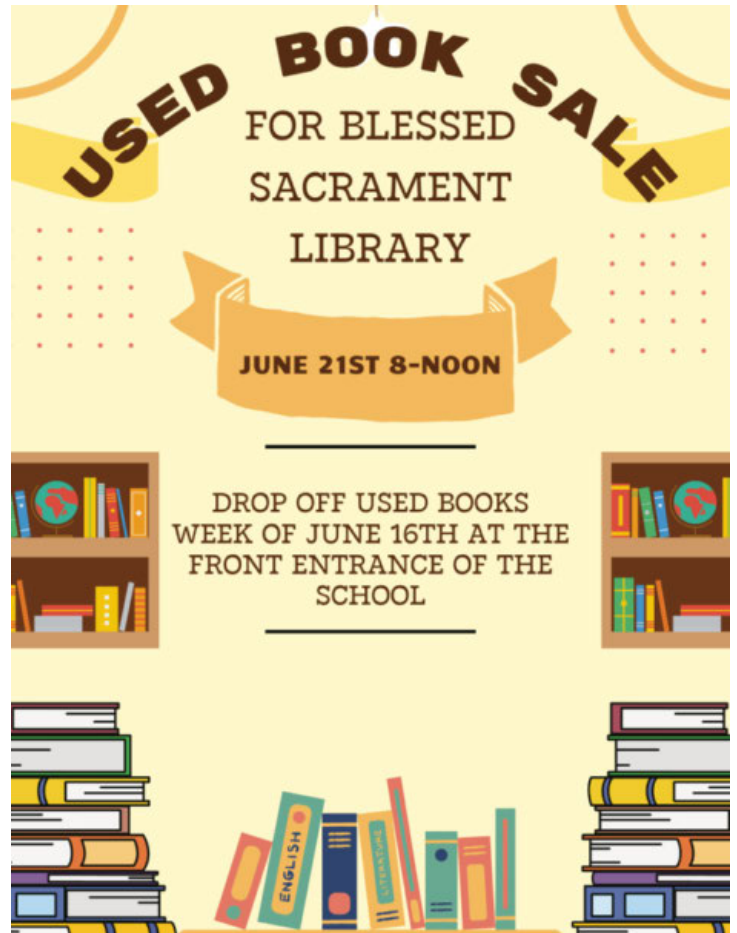


Are you unable to attend Mass at the moment, and would you like to receive communion at home? We have a new ministry of Eucharistic Ministers who will bring the Eucharist to our homebound parishioners. Please contact the Parish Office at 217-528-7521 if you are unable to attend Mass.



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.

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Can you help? We are in need of men, high school and older to be canopy-bearers for our Corpus Christi procession on **Sunday, June 22**, after the 10:30am Mass. Please call the Parish Office 217-528-7521 if you can help.



Meet Our Summer Seminarian—Devin Flach

I was born and raised outside of Montrose, Illinois, where my parents still live. I am the youngest of three boys, and my two older brothers are both married and live around the area where I grew up. My parents raised my brothers and I in the Catholic faith and, looking back, I am so thankful for the way they made Mass a priority for our family as I was growing up. Dieterich was the town where I spent my kindergarten through high school years, of which there are many delightful memories. After high school, I attended Lake Land college and transferred to Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, where I received my bachelor's degree in crop, soil, and environmental management. The Lord made His love known to me in a particular way while I was in college, and this was mainly through His Passion and death for me amidst my own sinfulness. Experiencing His love in this profound way is what led me more deeply into the inexhaustible riches of our Catholic faith, to see such beauty in our faith and to seek it out all the more, and it was this experience of His love that was the origin of the simple desire to follow His voice, wherever it was to lead me. From there, an openness and desire for the priesthood and spiritual fatherhood arose that was not present before, so I decided to end a relationship with a young woman I was with for the sake of pursuing seminary, which was on my mind more and more. Now, I am heading into my third year of seminary, and there has simply been a deepening joy and freedom as I have continued in seminary, so I will continue to follow where He seems to be leading. Thank you for having me and I look forward to getting to know you!



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!

Gift Bearers If you are interested in getting more involved at Mass, consider bringing up the gifts. It's an easy way to be a part of the liturgy. Sign up at www.bsps.org/gifts and let us know which Mass you prefer.

It's been a great couple of weeks at BSS Summer Camp! Students are actively engaging in a variety of fun and enriching activities, including sports, arts & crafts, science experiments, and team-building games. The camp is designed to promote creativity and lifelong learning in a vibrant and supportive environment. We would like to thank our Men's Club for sponsoring the Foam and Flight Party. What a fun day!



IF YOU ONLY READ THREE THINGS THIS WEEK:

- Vacation Bible School is back! Students preschool through 5th grade are invited to attend **June 23-27** here at Blessed Sacrament School
- Mark your calendars for our Parish Feast Day and Eucharistic Procession AND Good-bye to Father Tomy Philip on **Sunday, June 22** following the 10:30 AM Mass.
- Get to know Devin Flach—the seminarian who is with us for the summer!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

JUNE 16 — JUNE 20

MONDAY - FRIDAY

8:00 am

Owen Gerding and Teddy Mizeur

Saturday, June 21, 4:30PM

Lector: Vince Toolen

Servers: Josetta Kren, Jude Hartwick, Charlotte Stewart

Eucharistic Ministers: McKinzie Oshesky, Richard Campbell, Kathleen Harth, Norren Luhr

Gift Bearer: Snyder Family

Sunday, June 22, 7:00AM

Lector: Michael O'Brien

Servers: Davontae Wilks

Eucharistic Ministers Carrie O'Brien, Sally Petrone, Kathy Gietl, Jill Loveall

Sunday, June 22, 8:30AM

Lector: Janet Vespa

Servers: Nicholas Frevert, Samantha and Sydney Cathers

Eucharistic Ministers: Clara Ushman, Sheri Dhabalt, Don and Cathy Scott

Gift Bearer: HELP WANTED

Sunday, June 22, 10:30AM

Lector: Patti Naylor

Servers: Peyton and Wade Naylor, Layla Nicolas

Eucharistic Ministers: Rodney Naylor, Rosalie Lowery, Chris Oldenburg, Suzanne Baase, William Pittman

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/blessedssacrament_spi



Join us on Sunday, June 22 for the annual Blessed Sacrament Eucharistic Procession

Immediately following the 10:30am Mass

We will start at the Blessed Sacrament Church doors.

The procession will take place around the neighborhood and then finish at Blessed Sacrament. At 12:30pm we have a celebration and good-bye reception for Father Tomy Philip in the Blessed Sacrament School cafeteria. ALL are welcome!

Celebrate our parish feast day AND Father Tomy!

This is a fun, family friendly tradition. Don't forget to wear your walking shoes and appropriate clothing for the weather.

No need to RSVP - you may attend either or both events!

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	AMOUNT RECEIVED	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS
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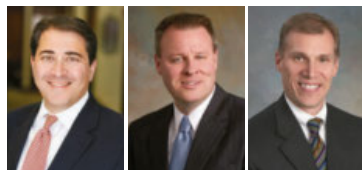


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