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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 13, 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, August 13 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, July 14

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Poor Souls Shrine

Tuesday, July 15

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Sal Madonia

Wednesday, July 16

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Jane & Jerry MacMurdo

Thursday, July 17

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Sal Madonia

Friday, July 18

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Sharon Madonia

Saturday, July 19

8:00am Mass: Father James O'Shea

3pm - 4pm Confessions

4:30pm Mass: Anna Lisa Gietl
Molly Sullivan

Sunday, July 20

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00am Mass: For Our Parishioners

8:30am Mass: Kevin Noonan

10:30am Mass: James Flatley

Confessions in the Adoration
Chapel on SaturdaysMorning Confession in
ConfessionalsRosary beginning at 10:05am is
prayed before the 10:30am Sunday
Mass

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The Quiet Prayers of the Mass

Have you ever wondered what's going through the priest's mind as he's processing over to the ambo to proclaim the Gospel? Or what he's thinking of as he's purifying the vessels after Communion? Well—over the next couple of weeks, I want to share with you some of the lesser-known prayers of the Mass: the prayers that are prayed *sotto voce* (i.e. quietly—at least by most priests) by the priest and/or deacon as certain liturgical actions are being performed. It wasn't really until I was well into my seminary formation that I realized these prayers existed!

Before the reforms of Vatican II, many of the prayers of Mass were offered *sotto voce*, including most of the Eucharistic Prayer. This was done, at least in part, to create reverent silence at the highest moment of the Mass. The priest would pray quietly *on behalf of the people* to God the Father, offering the one, unbloody sacrifice of Christ. Some of you also probably remember the priest facing the altar (with "his back to the people"); although theologically there are many reasons for this, one of them is because of precisely this notion—that the priest was offering sacrifice *on behalf of the people*, and thus all (priest and people alike) faced the same direction. Interestingly, the rubrics of the Mass are *still* written in such a way as to imply that the priest and people are facing the same direction during the Eucharistic Prayer, but that's a story for another day...

Of course, with Vatican II's emphasis on active participation in the Mass (which has at times been misunderstood to mean only more and more individuals taking part in the Mass through liturgical ministries, as opposed to everyone actively engaging in the one offering of the Mass...but again, I digress!), the Eucharistic Prayer came to be offered aloud, so that everyone might listen attentively and pray along with the priest. The liturgical documents of the Council never explicitly spoke of this change from the Eucharistic Prayer being offered *sotto voce*, as the idea was always that the people were praying along, even if all were silent. But it has nevertheless become our practice in the Church to pray the Eucharistic Prayer, and indeed *most* of the prayers of the Mass, out loud—except for a few. So what are these "silent prayers" of the Mass?

The first "silent" prayer of the Mass is offered just before the Gospel. If you have attended a Mass with a deacon, you have perhaps heard the small dialogue between the deacon and the priest: the deacon says, "Your blessing, Father," followed in a *low voice* by the priest "May the Lord be in your heart and on your lips, that you may proclaim His gospel worthily and well, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." If, however, a deacon is not present, then the priest himself bows before the altar and prays quietly, "Cleanse my heart and my lips, almighty God, that I may worthily proclaim your holy Gospel."

These prayers give evidence to the fact that we as a Church have great reverence for the Gospel, as It contains in a privileged way the very Word of God. No one, not even the ordained clergy, must take for granted the importance of what is contained in these Holy Gospels; thus we pray in a special way to be cleansed in order to speak this Word "worthily and well."

After the Gospel as well, as the priest or deacon reverences the Gospel with a kiss (a further sign of our reverence for the Gospel), another prayer is offered *sotto voce*: "Through the words of the Gospel, may our sins be wiped away." This prayer is offered on behalf of the people who have just shared the Gospel. As we have just heard the life-giving words of Jesus' life proclaimed among us, the believing community, we pray that the Good News of Christ's Paschal Mystery (His Life, Passion, Death, and Resurrection) would be our salvation from sin and all that would keep us from everlasting life with our God.

Stay tuned for more!

Keep spreading joy!

Fr. Friedel



Congratulations to Our Recently Baptized
Isla James Hamilton, son of Sofia and Riley Hamilton

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.

IF YOU ONLY READ THREE THINGS THIS WEEK:

- All Class Reunion time! Tickets are available now—scan the QR code in the Save the Date ad
- Interested in becoming Catholic? Informational session beginning on July 31.
- Get to know Mrs. Shade—our new Blessed Sacrament School principal!! Welcome!

Summertime Scrip Scrip is available in the Parish Office every week day from 8:00am until 4:00pm. You can also shop online at www.raiseright.com. Choose from ANY scrip cards available including our special order items and pick up your order at the Parish Office. **Need uniforms for your Blessed Sacrament student? The Luers 20% off sale is July 14—July 31—stop and pick up \$20 Luers gift certificates before you shop and earn \$\$ off your '26/'27 tuition.**

Mass Attendance Family School Agreement

To qualify for the Blessed Sacrament active parishioner rate, your family must attend Mass at Blessed Sacrament for 51% of the weeks. Attendance is tracked for the calendar year, so your attendance in 2025 determines the tuition rate for the '26/'27 school year. Each family is asked to submit an attendance card at each Saturday evening. Sunday or Holy Day of Obligation Mass that you attend at Blessed Sacrament. The slip is to be given to the Priest after Mass by one of the children. Please write the name(s) of the parent with whom the child is attending Mass. There are extra slips in the back of church.



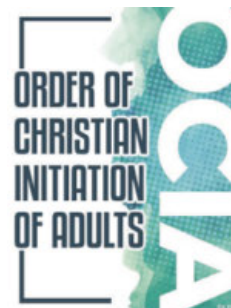
Thinking About Becoming a Catholic?

The Blessed Sacrament Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA, formerly RCIA) will begin its next Inquiry sessions on Thursday, July 31 at 7:00 pm.

The sessions are held in the Rectory basement on Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:30pm, beginning July 31 through October 2. There is no obligation to continue after the Inquiry sessions, but for those who wish to take the next step, we will continue the Catechumenate period with in-depth sessions about the Catholic Faith that lead to full communion with the Catholic Church at Easter. This process is designed to accompany individuals on their spiritual journey, offering a structured path that includes study, prayer, and reflection.

These sessions are open to anyone curious about Catholicism, whether you are completely new to the faith or have had some prior experience with its teachings.

More information may be found on the Church website at bsps.org/becoming-catholic, or by emailing Rosalie Lowery at rlowery@comcast.net or calling the Church office at 217-528-7521. The Rectory is located at 1725 S. Walnut Street. Refreshments are provided.



The Blessed Sacrament School Advisory Board is looking for parent and non-parent volunteers to serve on the board this fall. If interested, please contact the Parish Office at 217-528-7521. We appreciate your support and consideration.



B.S.S. Staff Openings - Blessed Sacrament School is seeking a **part time classroom aide** beginning August 2025. The classroom aide will assist one of our teachers in a PreK classroom. Wages for a classroom aide are \$15.60/hour. Send resume and completed staff application (available at www.bssbruins.org) to: Mrs. Beth Shade, 748 W. Laurel, Springfield, IL 62704 or via email to shade@bssbruins.org. Join our team and help us continue to ensure that our students are "Learning to Make a Difference!"

Sacred Heart Chapel Tour scheduled in August Enjoy an intimate look at the Dominican Sisters' magnificent mid-century modern chapel. Join us for the next Sacred Heart Convent Chapel tour from 1:30 to 3pm **Sunday, Aug. 17**. Free admission but we do ask that people register for the event. Register at: <https://springfieldop.org/event/tour-sacred-heart-convent-chapel/>

2 HEARTS PRC will be hosting a Pro-Life Bridges event at the West Lakeshore Drive overpass in Springfield on **Sunday, July 26, 2025** from 9:30 AM—11:30 AM. Please join us as we share the Pro-Life message with hundreds of motorists. Call 217-523-2700 for additional information.



Getting to Know Mrs. Shade

Hello, Blessed Sacrament Family! My name is Beth Shade and I feel very blessed to be the new principal of Blessed Sacrament School! I grew up in Quincy, Illinois, and am a product of the Catholic school system there. I was Baptized and received the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion at St. Francis. I received the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Dominic's. I graduated 8th grade from St. Dominic's School, high school from Quincy Notre Dame, and college from Quincy College (now Quincy University). After many nudges from the Holy Spirit, I enrolled at SIUE last fall. I will graduate this December with a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership. Before accepting the position of principal at Blessed Sacrament, I taught for 31 years, with the past 22 years being spent at Our Savior School in Jacksonville. My husband, Jeff, and I will celebrate our 20th anniversary on August 5. We live in Jacksonville and are parishioners at Our Savior, which is also where we were married. We are a blended family with four adult children: Mitch, Emily (husband Ethan), Evan, and Nathan (wife Rebecca). We have two two-year old grandsons, Tate and Ezra. While not twins, they are birthday buddies as they were both born on the same day at the same hospital. We will welcome our third grandson at the end of August. I look forward to working with the school and parish families to continue the strong tradition of excellence in Catholic education that has been established here at Blessed Sacrament.



MINISTRY SCHEDULE

JULY 14 — JULY 18

MONDAY - FRIDAY

8:00 am

Sergiu Cabal and Caroline Schempp

Saturday, July 19, 4:30PM

Lector: Vince Toolen

Servers: Dominik Geist-Stainfield, Owen Gerding, Greta Blandford

Eucharistic Ministers: McKinzie Oshesky, Noreen Luhr, Jill Loveall, HELP WANTED

Sunday, July 20, 7:00AM

Lector: P.J. Oubre

Servers: Gracie Books

Eucharistic Ministers Sally Petrone, Ann Walker, Mary Beth Roland, Rae Marie Davlin, Kathy Gietl, HELP WANTED

Sunday, July 20, 8:30AM

Lector: George Rudis

Servers: Annaliese and Andrew Hofner, Jane Lambert

Eucharistic Ministers: Bradley Frost, Becky Leonard, Clara Ushman, Michael Delvo, HELP WANTED

Sunday, July 20, 10:30AM

Lector: Donna Moore

Servers: Wade and Peyton Naylor, Davontae Wilks

Eucharistic Ministers: Patti and Rodney Naylor, Mary Tuttle, Rosalie Lowery, Chris Oldenburg, HELP WANTED

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Weekly Parish Finance Report June 28 to July 4

	AMOUNT RECEIVED	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS
Loose Collections	\$1,211.00	
Envelope Collections	\$9,438.00	172
Online Giving Collections	\$5,226.33	124
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	\$16,453.16	296
Target Amount	\$25,000.00	

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All are welcome to attend a class on the Trinity offered by seminarian Devin Flach. Classes are held on **Tuesdays from 7:00—8:15 pm** in the Rectory basement. No need to sign up but please bring a Bible as there is time for reflection during class.



HEAVENLY FATHER, WE PRAY FOR...

Trudy Hanson Mary Walter Howe

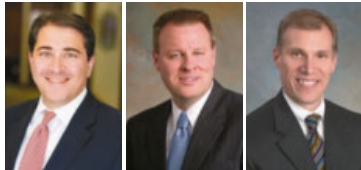
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