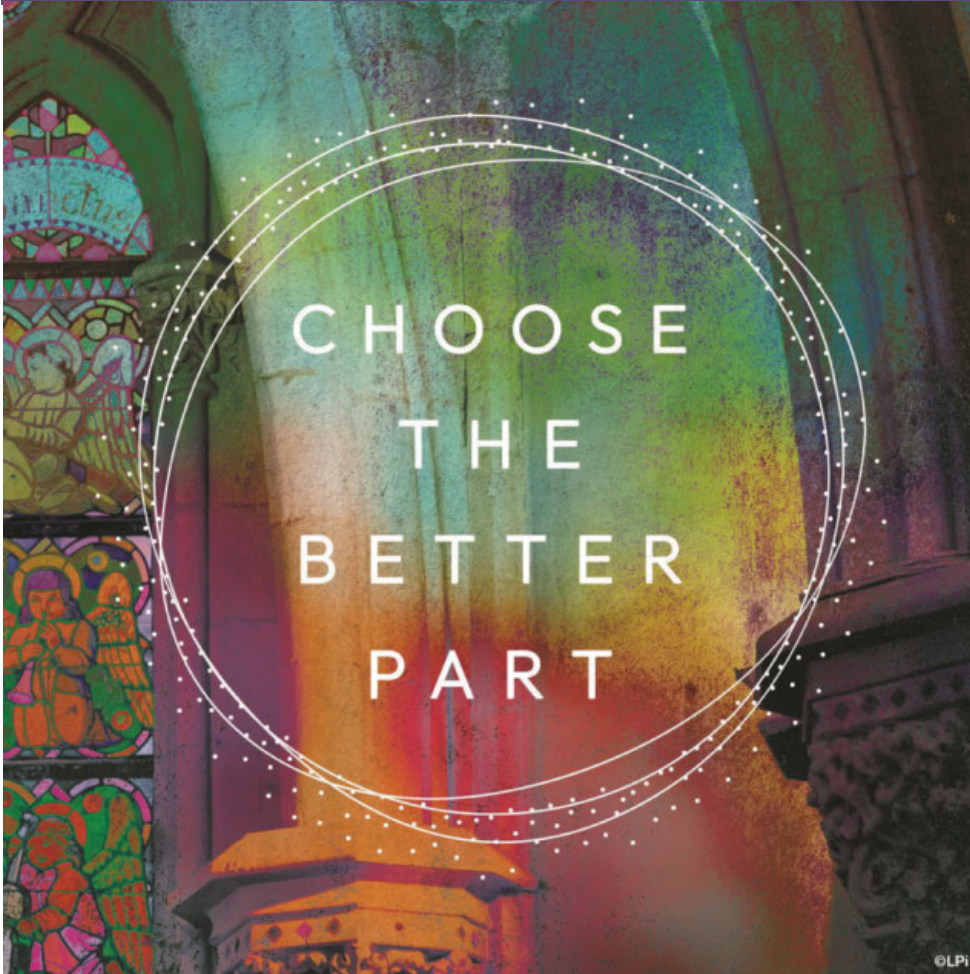


# Parish of the Blessed Sacrament

## 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### July 20, 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](http://www.bsps.org)

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Baptisms: The next class is on  
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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.

## Blessed Sacrament Centennial



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## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### Monday, July 21

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Thomas Londrigan

### Tuesday, July 22

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Joyce Costanza

### Wednesday, July 23

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: James Flatley

### Thursday, July 24

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Sal Madonia

### Friday, July 25

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Herman Bodewes

### Saturday, July 26

8:00am Mass: Bill & Barb Lehman

3pm - 4pm Confessions

4:30pm Mass: Abby Jennings

### Sunday, July 27

#### 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00am Mass: For Our Parishioners

8:30am Mass: Herman Bodewes

10:30am Mass: Patricia Tadlock

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

### The Quiet Prayers of the Mass (Continued!)

This week, we'll pick up where we left off, starting with the silent prayers of the Mass that are offered at the time of the Preparation of the Gifts. The Preparation of the Gifts, or the "Offertory" as it is sometimes called, is a significant part of the Mass. It often gets overlooked as a sort of in-between time of the Liturgy, but in reality, it is the time when the people are (physically and spiritually) meant to be offering their gifts, prayers, and supplications to the Lord, metaphorically placing their needs and treasures on the altar of the Lord.

During that time, the priest or deacon begins preparing the altar. The first prayers that the priest prays are sometimes called the "Berakah" prayers, from the Hebrew word for "blessing." These prayers can be offered silently or aloud and are meant to offer praise to God (literally, "blessing" God, which is an action unique to the Judeo-Christian mindset) for the gifts which will become the Body and Blood of Christ, as well as asking God to sanctify the offerings we present.

*"Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,  
for through your goodness we have received  
the bread we offer you:  
fruit of the earth and work of human hands,  
it will become for us the bread of life."*

*"Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,  
for through your goodness we have received  
the wine we offer you:  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands,  
it will become our spiritual drink."*

If the Berakah prayers are spoken aloud (as they often are at daily Mass when there is no music to cover the ritual action), the people respond, "Blessed be God forever."

Between the "berakah" prayers, as the priest prepares the chalice to be offered, a small amount of water is poured into the wine while the following prayer is prayed:

*"By the mystery of this water and wine  
may we come to share in the divinity of Christ  
who humbled himself to share in our humanity."*

The wine mixed with water symbolizes not only the water and blood which flowed from Christ's side, but also the two natures of Christ: human and divine. When the priest mixes the two substances, just as Christ was wholly human and wholly divine, we pray that we as His Church might be made like Him in His divinity, even as He made Himself like us in our humanity.

More next week!

Keep spreading joy!

Fr. Friedel







**Congratulations to Our Recently Wed**  
Emily Eades and Derek Lamble

**Congratulations to Our Recently Baptized**  
Lucille Marie Soper, daughter of Damon and Christina Soper

**Mass will continue to be live-streamed** and can be found by going to the parish website at [www.bsps.org](http://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.

**RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION (for those excused from Mass) WILL TAKE PLACE THROUGH JULY 27 AND WILL BE DISCONTINUED.** You are welcome to return to Mass in person. If you wish to receive Communion at home, please contact the Parish Office at 217-528-7521.



Mark your calendars: Wednesday evening, **August 13** is Fee Night at Blessed Sacrament School.

### 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.



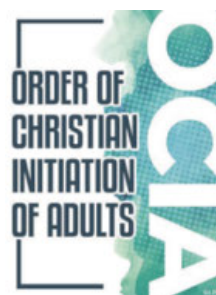
Can you help? The Blessed Sacrament School Before and After School Care program is in need of new games/puzzles, etc. Go to [www.bssbruins.org/base](http://www.bssbruins.org/base) to access their wish list and take advantage of great summer sales at the same time.

### Thinking About Becoming a Catholic?

The Blessed Sacrament Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA, formerly RCIA) will begin its next Inquiry sessions in the Rectory basement on Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:30pm, beginning July 31 through October 2.

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](http://bsps.org/becoming-catholic), or by emailing Rosalie Lowery at [rlowery@comcast.net](mailto:rlowery@comcast.net) or calling the Church office at 217-528-7521. The Rectory is located at 1725 S. Walnut Street. Refreshments are provided.



Greetings! My name is Fr. Zach Samples. I am the new "In Residence" Priest at Blessed Sacrament. You may ask what that means. A few months ago, Bishop Paprocki asked me to work full-time in the Office for Vocations. Primarily, I will be accompanying young men who are discerning a call to serve Jesus Christ and His Church as a Catholic Priest. This will include quite a bit of travel, some administrative tasks, and supporting several ministries and vocation promotion efforts across the Diocese.

Since I am "In Residence" here, I will not have any standing responsibilities. That said, I will likely celebrate Masses from time to time, attend parish events, and pop in the school every now and then. Even though I have no direct parish responsibilities, I am still a "Parish Priest," so I hope to be a part of the wonderful parish life that exists here.

I grew up in Mt. Zion. My father, David, is a health care administrator. My mother, Lori, was a teacher at Our Lady of Lourdes in Decatur for over thirty years. She passed away in a car accident almost six years ago. We miss her every day. I have one sister, Meghan, a nurse, who is married to her husband, Tyler, and they have a toddler, Emma. After high school, I attended Eastern Illinois University for undergrad and graduate school. It was at Eastern that I began to fall in love with Jesus Christ and His Church and started to actively discern a call to Priesthood. After grad school, I attended Saint Meinrad Seminary & School of Theology in St. Meinrad, IN. I was ordained in 2022, spent my first two years in Quincy, spent a year at St. Agnes, and am now working in Vocations. I look forward to getting to know as many of you as possible. God bless you!



Pax,

Fr. Zach

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**All are welcome** to attend a class on the Trinity offered by seminarian Devin Flach. The last class will be this **Tuesday from 7:00—8:15 pm** in the Rectory basement. It's fine to come to just one or a few! No need to sign up but please bring a Bible as there is time for reflection during class.

Thanks to everyone who donated to First Step Women's Center through our **Mother's Day/Father's Day Baby Bottle Campaign**. Your generous donations resulted in **\$733.99**—these donations are used to help women in crisis.

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.



#### IF YOU ONLY READ THREE THINGS THIS WEEK:

- Get to know our pastor in residence—Fr. Zachary Samples
- Interested in becoming Catholic? Informational meeting on July 31.
- Buy tickets for the All School Centennial Reunion! Sponsorships available also.

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**JULY 21 — JULY 25**

**MONDAY - FRIDAY**

**8:00 am**

Josetta Kren and Marin Oldenburg

### Saturday, July 26, 4:30PM

**Lector:** Paul Wheeler

**Servers:** Max Portz, Jack Bishop,  
**HELP WANTED**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Abigale Kane, Kathleen Harth, Rae Marie Davlin, Norren Luhr

### Sunday, July 27, 7:00AM

**Lector:** Jim McDermott

**Servers:** Orlaith Mahoney

**Eucharistic Ministers** Carrie and Michael O'Brien, Christy Geving, Kathy Gietl, Mary Beth Roland

### Sunday, July 27, 8:30AM

**Lector:** Janet Vespa

**Servers:** Damien Njeuha-Njapa,  
**HELP WANTED**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** William Pittman, Sheri Dhabalt, Laurie Mann, George Rudis

### Sunday, July 27, 10:30AM

**Lector:** Matt Bensko

**Servers:** Lili Wallman, Jayden Day, Katie Bensko

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Andrea Judd, Courtney Bensko, Lori Criscione, Lynn Frasco, Lauren Coombe

To obtain a full schedule for ALL Mass volunteers or to **VOLUNTEER FOR AN EMPTY SLOT**, go to [www.rotundasoftware.com/ministry/blessedssacrament\\_spi](http://www.rotundasoftware.com/ministry/blessedssacrament_spi)



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	AMOUNT RECEIVED	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS
Loose Collections	\$938.00	
Envelope Collections	\$41,539.00	168
Online Giving Collections	\$4,914.03	121
<b>TOTAL COLLECTIONS</b>	<b>\$47,664.03</b>	289
Target Amount	\$25,000.00	

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