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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 27, 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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SACRAMENTS

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.

Blessed Sacrament Centennial



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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, July 28

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Joseph Muller

Tuesday, July 29

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Poor Souls Shrine

Wednesday, July 30

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Pat Kienzler

Thursday, July 31

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: James Rechner

Friday, August 1

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Father James O'Shea

Saturday, August 2

8:00am Mass: Ossie Langfelder

3pm - 4pm Confessions

4:30pm Mass: Sal Madonia

Sunday, August 3

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00am Mass: For Our Parishioners

8:30am Mass: Sallie Graham

10:30am Mass: Eleyidath Family

**Confessions in the Adoration
Chapel on Saturdays**

**Morning Confession in
Confessionals**

Rosary is prayed before the 10:30am Sunday Mass beginning at 10:05am. All are welcome! This week's rosary intention is the Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The Quiet Prayers of the Mass (Continued!)

After the gifts are offered, the priest bows profoundly and speaks the following prayer quietly (even if the "berakah" prayers are spoken aloud):

*"With humble spirit and contrite heart
may we be accepted by you, O Lord,
and may our sacrifice in your sight this day
be pleasing to you, Lord God."*

Notice that the priest uses "we" in this prayer. The priest is always praying not just for himself but on behalf of (for and with) the people. The petition in this prayer is that we, not just the priest but the entire community of believers along with our offerings, would be accepted by God, and that all that we have done and are about to do in sacrifice—the sacrifice of the Mass along with the daily sacrifices that we offer during the "offertory"—would please God and benefit us for salvation.

Then, following the incensation of the gifts, altar, and cross (if incense is used), the priest washes his hands and prays the following prayer *sotto voce*:

*"Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin."*

The washing of the hands and prayer asking to be cleansed from sin reminds us of Baptism, where the waters of life cleanse the soul from the stain of original sin. It also recalls the many ritual purifications of the Old Law, now replaced by the one purification of Baptism. These words remind the priest of the purity of life to which he is called, but also asks pardon for any wrongdoing incurred, so as to make him a holy vessel capable of offering this sublime and most holy sacrifice of the Mass.

After the preparation of the altar, the Eucharistic Prayer is prayed, followed by the Communion Rite, which begins with the recitation of the "Our Father." After the exchange of the sign of peace, as the "Lamb of God" is being sung, the priest breaks the consecrated Host and places a small piece in the chalice, saying quietly:

*"May this mingling of the Body and Blood
of our Lord Jesus Christ
bring eternal life to us who receive it."*

As the sacred species have been consecrated at this point in Mass, the "bread" and "wine" are now the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. Placing a small piece of the consecrated host into the Precious Blood brings the Flesh and Blood of Christ together and reminds the faithful of the unity of Christ's Body and Blood in the work of salvation—that it was indeed through the sacrifice of Jesus' living and glorious Body and Blood that we were saved. It's that very sacrifice that we as Catholics re-present to the Father (N.B.: NOT "represent," as if it weren't real, but literally *re-present*, making present again the *one* sacrifice offered by Christ at Calvary) in offering the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. The priest, in this commingling, prays that that sacrifice would bring to each of us the gift of eternal life.

Our last couple of "quiet" prayers will come next week!

Keep spreading joy!

Fr. Friedel

Baptism

Congratulations to Our Recently Baptized

Raniqah Sri Magdalene Silva, daughter of Josie Portz and Dihan Silva

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.

RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION (for those excused from Mass) WILL TAKE PLACE TODAY 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.

BLESSED SACRAMENT PRESENTS

SUMMER SOCIAL

AUGUST 9TH, 2025

Please join us after 4:30 p.m. mass
Event 5:30-7:30 p.m.

- Games
- Face Painting
- Men's Club Cookout
- Snow Cones

Packet Pickup & info for all students

REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

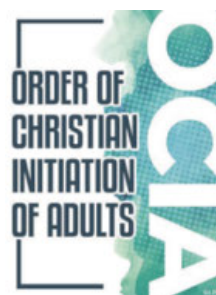
Parish School of Religion will begin registration on **September 2, 2025**. The program is designed for families of children attending public schools.

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, 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.



To the wonderful community of Blessed Sacrament Parish,

On behalf of the Pallottine Fathers in East Africa, and indeed, all those whose lives will be touched by your generosity, thank you. Your warm welcome and incredible support during our Mission Appeal truly warmed my heart.

Your faith and compassion, so beautifully demonstrated through your donation, will directly help us continue our vital work in East Africa – bringing therapy to disabled kids, education, healthcare, and the light of Christ to communities in need. You have truly been Good Samaritans, and we are profoundly grateful.

May God bless you abundantly for your kindness and generosity.

Thank you once again, Fr Stephen Mutie SAC.

Blessed Sacrament raised more than \$7,000 for the Pallottine Fathers' mission in Africa. Donations can still be sent to the parish office marked "Mission Co-op" or choose Missionary Co-op Appeal from the dropdown menu at pushpay.com/g/bspsspringfield.



Summertime Scrip Done with Summer Reading? Do your kids still need to complete their required reading lists? We've got Barnes and Noble cards in \$10 or \$25 denominations. For hard to find books, we've got \$25 Amazon certificates. Stop and shop in the Parish Office during regular office hours.

Can you help? The Blessed Sacrament School Before and After School Care program is in need of new games and puzzles, etc. Go to www.bssbruins.org/base to access their wish list or scan the QR code on the right and take advantage of great summer sales at the same time.



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 **full 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. Benefits can be found at www.bssbruins.org/employment-opportunities. Send resume and completed staff application (available at www.bssbruins.org) to: Beth Shade, 748 W. Laurel, Springfield, IL 62704 or via email to shade@dio.org. Join our team and help us continue to ensure that our students are "Learning to Make a Difference!"



MINISTRY SCHEDULE

JULY 28 — AUGUST 1

MONDAY - FRIDAY

8:00 am

Kaitlynn Leonard and HELP WANTED

Saturday, August 2, 4:30PM

Lector: Melaney Arnold

Servers: Sergiuz Cabal, Jude Hartwick, Lucia Thompson

Eucharistic Ministers: Paul Wheeler, Richard Campbell, Noreen Luhr, HELP WANTED

Sunday, August 3, 7:00AM

Lector: Matt Carroll

Servers: Dominik Geist-Stainfield

Eucharistic Ministers: Sally Petrone, Ann Walker, Mary Beth Roland, Jill Loveall, Kathy Gietl

Sunday, August 3, 8:30AM

Lector: Mary Maloney

Servers: Samantha and Sydney Cathers, Natalie Jacobs

Eucharistic Ministers: Clara Ushman, Laurie Mann, Becky Leonard, Bradley Frost

Sunday, August 3, 10:30AM

Lector: Kevin MacDonald

Servers: Matthew and Thomas Christie, Jayden Day

Eucharistic Ministers: Donald Graham, Mary Tuttle, Lauren Coombe, Rosalie Lowery, HELP WANTED

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 Centennial Celebration

Adults are welcome to join us Saturday, August 30 as we celebrate 100 years of Blessed Sacrament School! Enjoy tours of the school, visit with past teachers, enjoy appetizers, drinks and entertainment from Downstate. Purchase tickets via the QR code!

On Sunday, August 31 families are invited to join us for a Men's Club breakfast after all Masses. We hope to see all past Bruins for this once in a century celebration!



Weekly Parish Finance Report July 12 to July 18

| | AMOUNT RECEIVED | TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS |
|---------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Loose Collections | \$938.00 | |
| Envelope Collections | \$18,056.00 | 193 |
| Online Giving Collections | \$5,220.82 | 117 |
| TOTAL COLLECTIONS | \$24,214.82 | 310 |
| Target Amount | \$25,000.00 | |

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Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting and Investigation at 217-321-1155

IF YOU ONLY READ THREE THINGS THIS WEEK:

- A thank you from Father Stephen Mutie for your generous donations.
- Interested in becoming Catholic? Informational meeting on July 31.
- Buy tickets for the All School Centennial Reunion!

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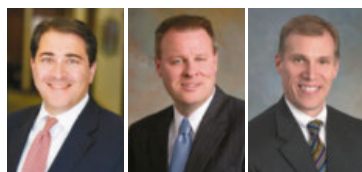


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