

Parish of the Blessed Sacrament 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time August 31, 2025

BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL



Blessed Sacrament School Centennial Reunion

**All School Adults Only Party—Appetizers and Band
Saturday, August 30 following the 4:30 PM Mass**

**Men's Club Breakfast and Open House — All Are Invited
Sunday, August 31 following All Masses**

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SACRAMENTS

Baptisms: The next class is on
Wednesday, September 17 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

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Email: bulletins@bsps.org
Due Monday by noon

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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, September 1

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Michael Yuskanich

Tuesday, September 2

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: J.R. Weakly

Wednesday, September 3

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Bill & Barb Lehman

Thursday, September 4

Confessions before Mass

8:15am Mass: Father James O'Shea
Ann Pohlman

Friday, September 5

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Joe & Betty McCue

Saturday, September 6

8:00am Mass: Sue Senger

3pm - 4pm Confessions

4:30pm Mass: Linda DeSalle

Sunday, September 7

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00am Mass: James L. Belz

8:30am Mass: Eleyidath Family

10:05am Rosary: Blessed Sacrament
Scout Pack 31

10:30am Mass: For Our Parishioners

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!



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

St. Augustine, Pray for Us!

This past Thursday (August 27) was the feast day of St. Augustine, an early bishop of the Church and, to this day, one of its greatest theologians. Augustine was born in the mid-300s in northern Africa to his saintly mother Monica, but squandered most of his early life to more worldly pursuits. Even as he was beginning to accept the faith, Augustine struggled to give the whole of his life to the Lord. But through the prayers of his mother, intellectual conversion, and the grace of God, Augustine eventually cast himself on the mercy of God and received baptism in the Catholic Church. Only a short time later, Augustine was made a priest and eventually a bishop.

St. Augustine's story is a good one for our times, especially as we struggle these days to overcome the allurements of this world. Every year on his feast day as I read the excerpt from his spiritual autobiography *The Confessions* in the Office of Readings, I'm moved by St. Augustine's description of how God reached him amidst his spiritual blindness. Here it is below—I hope it helps your own prayer and reflection on the goodness of God!

Urged to reflect upon myself, I entered under your guidance into the inmost depth of my soul. I was able to do so because you were my helper. On entering into myself I saw, as it were with the eye of the soul, what was beyond the eye of the soul, beyond my spirit: your immutable light. It was not the ordinary light perceptible to all flesh, nor was it merely something of greater magnitude but still essentially akin, shining more clearly and diffusing itself everywhere by its intensity. No it was something entirely distinct, something altogether different from all these things: and it did not rest above my mind as oil on the surface of water, nor was it above me as Heaven is above the Earth. This light was above me because it has made me; I was below it because I was created by it. He who has come to know the truth knows this light.

O Eternal truth, true love and beloved eternity. You are my God. To you do I sigh day and night. When I first came to know you, you drew me to yourself so that I might see that there were things for me to see, but that I myself was not yet ready to see them. Meanwhile you overcame the weakness of my vision, sending forth most strongly the beams of your light, and I trembled at once with love and dread. I learned that I was in a region unlike yours and far distant from you, and I thought I heard your voice from on high: "I am the food of grown men; grow then, and you will feed on me. Nor will you change me into yourself like bodily food, but you will be changed into me."

I sought a way to gain the strength which I needed to enjoy you. But I did not find it until I embraced the mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who is above all, God blessed for ever. He was calling me and saying: I am the way of truth, I am the life. He was offering the food which I lacked the strength to take, the food he had mingled with our flesh. For the Word became flesh, that your wisdom, by which you created all things, might provide milk for us children. Late have I loved you, O Beauty ever ancient, ever new, late have I loved you! You were within me, but I was outside, and it was there that I searched for you. In my unloveliness I plunged into the lovely things which you created. You were with me, but I was not with you. Created things kept me from you; yet if they had not been in you they would not have been at all. You called, you shouted, and you broke through my deafness. You flashed, you shone, and you dispelled my blindness. You breathed your fragrance on me; I drew in breath and now I pant for you. I have tasted you, now I hunger and thirst for more. You touched me, and I burned for your peace.

Keep spreading joy!

Fr. Friedel



Welcome to Our Recently Baptized

Lillian Emilia Rejowski, daughter of Nathalie and Ben Rejowski

Please Pray for Our Recently Departed

Patricia Fults

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.

MASS TIME CHANGE: Daily Mass on Thursdays will begin at 8:15 am (NOT 8:20 am).



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Thank you to everyone who donated to our Before and After School Enrichment (B.A.S.E.) program! We were able to purchase all of the art supplies from our wishlist. The kids (and helpers) are very appreciative.



REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Parish School of Religion will begin on **September 9, 2025**. The program is designed for families of children attending public schools. The PSR calendar and online registration is available at www.bsps.org/psr. Sacraments take place in October and November of this year.

Share the Word

begins **September 7** and is for children in grades 1-4 attending Mass at Blessed Sacrament, regardless of where they attend grade school. Children help with the first two readings and the responsorial psalm and the teacher reads the



Gospel to them. They also say the Apostles Creed and share the intentions for the prayer of the faithful.. We can always use more volunteers. This is a rewarding way to become more involved in the parish and earn service hours. Contact the Parish Office (217-528-7521) or John Katalinich 217-836-2767 or email john.katalinich@lrs.com

Save the Date! Our Annual Flu Shot Clinic (for anyone ages 3 and over) will take place after all Weekend Masses on **September 20 and 21**. The Clinic is sponsored by Hy-Vee Pharmacy. The Sunday Flu Shot Clinics will include free coffee and donuts for all (with or without a flu shot)! Come join us and reduce your risk of getting the flu.

Christ the King Fall Bible Study

Please join us, as we study Luke: The Story of Salvation Fulfilled. This is an 8-week study produced by the Ascension Press in which we will explore the life and teachings of Jesus Christ as told by St. Luke the Evangelist. Meetings are on Thursday mornings from 9:15 AM to 11:00 AM in the Christ the King Parish Center, beginning on **Thursday, September 11**. Childcare is available for a small donation. All are welcome! This is a perfect place to begin if you are new to Bible Study. Participants will receive a workbook and have light reading with homework. The cost of the materials will be \$30. Each week we will view a 30 minute DVD lecture with discussion following. For more information or to register, contact Kristin Luker at 217-341-8753 or KLuker@LukerDentalCare.com.

The KC Council #364 will be holding its annual Oktoberfest **Saturday Sept 6** from 12:00 until 9:00 on the KC grounds, 2200 Meadowbrook Rd. It will feature German music, food, beer and including activities for the kids as well. Admission is \$5.00, Kids under 12 free. For more information, please contact Dave Groesch at 691-1506 or e-mail dmgroesch@att.net.



Experience the Men's Leadership Summit in Edwardsville

Join men from across the diocese on **Saturday, October 18** at St. Boniface Church in Edwardsville (110 N Buchanan St) for a Men's Leadership Summit featuring John Edwards, host of Just a Guy in the Pew. The purpose of this summit is to bring **single and married men** together to support one another, get inspired by their faith, gain or enhance leadership skills, and discuss best practices in men's ministry. John is a dynamic, inspirational speaker and spiritual leader. His background and down-to-earth, practical approach appeals to sons, fathers, brothers, and friends who are Just a guy in the pew and to those interested in men's ministry. Visit the [Men's Leadership Summit event page](#) to watch the John's powerful story and to register. Cost is \$30 which includes materials and a catered lunch. Questions? Contact Gracie at (217) 321-1124, or email gortiz@dio.org.

National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children will take place on **Saturday, September 13** from 10—11 am. This inter-faith memorial service will start at the Two Hearts PRC building at 519 N. Bruns Lane and will then proceed on to the public sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood just to the north. This event is co-sponsored nationally by the Pro-Life Action League, Priests for Life and Citizens for a Pro-Life Society.

St. Cabrini's Fall Festival is **Sunday, September 7** from 11am to 4pm. There will be music, children's games, health fair, country store, food, drinks, and more. Raffle tickets are available at the Fall Festival and admission is free!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 1 — 5

MONDAY - FRIDAY

8:00 am

Josetta Kren and Caroline Schempp

Saturday, September 6, 4:30PM

Lector: Ian Grosskopf

Servers: Sergiuz Cabal, Sophia Wygant, Kaitlynn Leonard

Eucharistic Ministers: McKinzie Oshesky, Megan DeFrain, Joseph Stannard, Jill Loveall

Sunday, September 7 7:00AM

Lector: P.J. Oubre

Servers: Joseph Bonansinga

Eucharistic Ministers: Christy Geving, George Rudis, Rae Marie Davlin, Carolyn Graham, Mary Beth Roland

Sunday, September 7, 8:30AM

Lector: Kristen Faucon

Servers: Nicholas Frevert, Liam and Sammy Bryant

Eucharistic Ministers: Don and Cathy Scott, Clara Ushman, Janet Vespa

Sunday, September 7, 10:30AM

Lector: Cynthia Lamar

Servers: Davontae Wilks, Lili Wallman, Peyton Naylor

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Tuttle, Patti and Rodney Naylor, Courtney Bensko, Rosalie Lowery

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



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September 20 and 21

Our "Mini" Ministry Fairs continue...

Learn about helping behinds the scenes with altar supplies, providing dinner for the priests, singing in the choir, greeting visitors, and decorating the church for the holidays.

Blessed Sacrament Parish | 1725 S. Walnut St. | Springfield IL
www.bsps.org/ministry-fair

Weekly Parish Finance Report August 16 to August 22

	AMOUNT RECEIVED	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS
Loose Collections	\$1,483.00	
Envelope Collections	\$12,324.00	176
Online Giving Collections	\$4,845.18	114
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	\$18,652.18	290
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:

- Daily Mass times have changed—Mass on Thursdays will be at 8:15AM
- Get your flu shots HERE! September 20 and 21
- Think about helping at the parish—lots of opportunities

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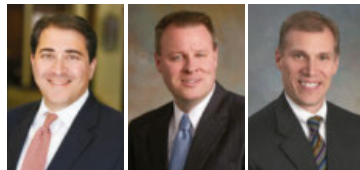


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