

October
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LIFE**

SACRAMENTS

Baptisms: The next class is on **Wednesday, October 15** 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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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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, October 6

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Sue Senger

Tuesday, October 7

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Robert DeSalle
J.R. Weakly

Wednesday, October 8

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Father James O'Shea

Thursday, October 9

Confessions before Mass

Rosary at 7:45am

8:15am Mass: Helen O'Connor

Friday, October 10

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: James Rechner
Ann E. & Charles J. Welch

Saturday, October 11

8:00am Mass: John & Jean VonBehren

3pm - 4pm Confessions

4:30pm Mass: Richard Judd
Darrel E. Balmer

Sunday, October 12

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00am Mass: For Our Parishioners

8:30am Mass: Thomas Londrigan

10:05am Rosary: Blessed Sacrament
Women's Club

10:30am Mass: Thomas Hughes

Confessions in the Adoration
Chapel on Saturdays

Morning Confession in
Confessionals

Rosary is prayed before the
10:30am Sunday Mass beginning at
10:05am AND after regular
weekday Masses at 8:00am.

All are welcome!

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Respect Life Month

As perhaps you know, the Catholic Church in the United States celebrates *Respect Life Month* in October, and in fact this Sunday—the first Sunday in October—is designated as *Respect Life Sunday*. As such, our prayer this month is especially focused on praying for a culture that respects life in all its forms, from conception to natural death. To quote the statement from the USCCB for this year's *Respect Life Month*, "the daily headlines remind us of how desperately our world is thirsting for the hope that only God can provide. Every day we witness the overwhelming disregard for human life: through rising rates of abortion and assisted suicide; the killing of innocent school children, even at prayer; the mistreatment of our immigrant sisters and brothers as they endure an environment of aggression; and political and ideological violence inflicted against unsuspecting victims. These attacks threaten life precisely when it is most vulnerable and in need of protection."

No doubt, our culture needs some transformation (call it "conversion") around the big issues of protecting and respecting human life. Let's commit or recommit ourselves to being agents of prayer, healing, and hope in the midst of an ailing culture, so marred by violence and undue aggression, and stand for a true culture of life.

I ran across the following reflection some years ago in a book called *The Reed of God*, written by a British Catholic author by the name of Caryl Houselander. It's a powerful testimony of how Jesus desires to be with us, even in the less glorious parts of our human plight:

"It must have been a season of joy, and she [Mary] must have longed for his birth, but at the same time she knew that every step she took, took her little son nearer to the grave.

Each work of her hands prepared His hands a little more for the nails; each breath that she drew counted one more to His last.

In giving life to Him she was giving Him death.

All other children born must inevitably die; death belongs to fallen nature; mother's gift to the child is life.

But Christ is life; death did not belong to Him.

In fact, unless Mary would give Him death, He could not die.

Unless she would give Him the capacity for suffering, He could not suffer.

He could only feel cold and hunger and thirst if she gave Him her vulnerability to cold and hunger and thirst.

He could not know the indifference of friends or treachery or the bitterness of being betrayed unless she gave Him a human mind and a human heart.

That is what it meant to Mary to give human nature to God.

He was vulnerable; He asked for her body to be wounded.

He was joy itself; He asked her to give Him tears.

He was God; He asked her to make Him man.

He asked for hands and feet to be nailed.

He asked for flesh to be scourged.

He asked for blood to be shed.

He asked for a heart to be broken.

The stable at Bethlehem was the first Calvary.

The wooden manger was the first Cross.

The swaddling bands were the first burial bands.

The Passion had begun.

Christ was man."

Keep spreading joy!

Fr. Friedel



OUR PARISH FAMILY

Congratulations to Our Recently Baptized

Brayden Lee Robinson, son of Kelsey and Andrew Robinson

Reese Louise Wood, daughter of Molly and Michael Wood

Congratulations to Our Newly Wed

Rachael Foster and Michael White

Please Pray for Our Recently Departed

Dr. Elizabeth "Beth" Strow

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.

WIN \$100,000 with the SHG MEGA RAFFLE!

Tickets are on sale NOW! Purchase your ticket(s) at SHG.org. Thank you in advance for your support of SHG!



Help our friend George! Due to some health issues, George Curry has been living with family in Loami. They have active teens who are not driving yet. This has made it hard for him to get to weekly/daily Mass and PSR-X (Wednesday evenings during the school year). It would be great to line up some rides for George so that he can continue participating with his beloved community. Please contact Jane at 217-971-4179 if you would like to volunteer to help and set up a ride schedule for George. Thank you!



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PBJ SUPPLIES NEEDED PBJ volunteers are in need of supplies to help continue to feed the homeless community. Supplies needed are: Smooth peanut butter, jelly & sandwich ziploc baggies. Any items you can provide are greatly appreciated. Thank you so much for your generosity!

Next weekend, **October 11 and 12**, we will have a special second collection to provide humanitarian relief and pastoral support for our affected brothers and sisters in Gaza and surrounding areas in the Middle East. Donated funds will go to the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) which providing emergency humanitarian relief. Please indicate Gaza on the memo line of your check or choose CNEWA-Gaza when making an online donation. The QR code will take you directly to our online giving site.



Monday Morning Study Group meets weekly at 9:00am in the Rectory Basement. All are welcome! Drop by and see if it's for you!



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Life Chain Sunday will occur on **October 5** from **2:00pm to 3:30pm**.

This nationwide event will take place at multiple sites throughout Springfield including 519 N. Bruns Lane at the Right to Life office. Pro-life prayer warriors will gather in quiet prayer as a public witness to the sanctity of all human life from conception to natural death. For more information, call 217-523-2700.



Pilgrimage 2026

Join Fr. Friedel and Fr. Chris House on a pilgrimage to Germany, Austria, and Switzerland to tour the sacred treasures of the Alps! Some of our destinations include Munich, Ettal Monastery, Oberammergau, Innsbruck, Vaduz, the Abbey of St. Gallen, Lucerne, Lake Constance, and Bern. Our twelve-day pilgrimage will leave July 6 and return on July 17. For cost, a detailed itinerary of the trip, and to sign up, please visit <https://holylantoursllc.com/tour/779>. Space is limited, so sign up now to guarantee your spot with us.



To celebrate **Priesthood Sunday**, the school went all out! The students created cards for the priests, presented them with gift cards to their favorite places, along with the treats they love the most and fall mums. We appreciate everything they do for our school. Thank you!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 6 — 10

MONDAY - FRIDAY

8:00 am

Sergiu Cabal and Dominik Geist-Stainfield

Saturday, October 11, 4:30PM

Lector: McKinzie Oshesky

Servers: Jude Hartwick, Kaitlynn Leonard, Jack Shafer

Eucharistic Ministers: Joseph Stannard, Jill Loveall, Noreen Luhr, Abigale Kane

Sunday, October 12, 7:00AM

Lector: Ann Walker

Servers: Gracie Books

Eucharistic Ministers Michael and Carrie Obrien, Mary Beth Roland, Kathy Gietl, Rae Marie Davlin

Sunday, October 12, 8:30AM

Lector: Sandy Etheridge

Servers: Natalie Jacobs, Jane Lambert, Lillian Boorde

Eucharistic Ministers: Sheri Dhabalt, George Rudis, Sally Petrone, Mary Maloney

Sunday, October 12, 10:30AM

Lector: Rosalie Lowery

Servers: Joseph Bertaina, Layla Nicolas, Ethan Storey

Eucharistic Ministers: Chris Oldenburg, Lynn Frasco, Patricia and Don Graham, Cynthia Lamar

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

OCTOBER EVENTS

Knights of Columbus/PSRx Tootsie Roll Drive
October 4 and 5 After ALL Weekend Masses

Grandparents Day at Blessed Sacrament School
Friday, October 10

Second Collection for Gaza
October 11 and 12 at ALL Weekend Masses

Box of Joy Begins
October 18 and 19 after ALL Weekend Masses

First Communion/Confirmation
Tuesday, October 21 at 7:00 PM

First Solemn Communion
Sunday, October 26 at 1:00 PM

Trunk or Treat—Blessed Sacrament School Parking Lot
Sunday, October 26 at 4:30 PM to 5:30 PM

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

Weekly Parish Finance Report September 20 to September 26

	AMOUNT RECEIVED	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS
Loose Collections	\$1,500.00	
Envelope Collections	\$19,061.00	185
Online Giving Collections	\$8,307.72	123
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	\$28,868.72	308
Target Amount	\$25,000.00	

HEAVENLY FATHER, WE PRAY FOR...

Cheryl Rennecker

Please call the Parish Office to submit a name to the prayer list. Names will automatically be removed after six weeks unless notified.

IF YOU ONLY READ THREE THINGS THIS WEEK:

- Check out all the October events! Plan accordingly...
- Pilgrimage opportunity with Father Friedel in July 2026
- There will be a second collection for Gaza next weekend.

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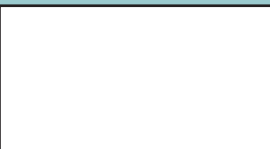
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