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SACRAMENTS

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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.

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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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MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THE WEEK

Monday, October 20

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Louis & Angela Gietl

Tuesday, October 21

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Charles J. Welch

Wednesday, October 22

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Pat Kienzler

Thursday, October 23

Confessions before Mass

Rosary at 7:45am

8:15am Mass: Mary Eleanor Maloy

Friday, October 24

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Thomas P. & Margie O'Connor

Saturday, October 25

8:00am Mass: Thomas Londrigan

3pm - 4pm Confessions

4:30pm Mass: Mary Elizabeth Staudt

Sunday, October 25

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00am Mass: For Our Parishioners

8:30am Mass: Eric Thiffault

10:05am Rosary: All Our Newlyweds

10:30am Mass: Rosemary Shaughnessy

Robert & Catherine Eck

Confessions in the Adoration
Chapel on SaturdaysMorning 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

World Mission Sunday

This Sunday, the Church celebrates "World Mission Sunday" as a way to unite Catholics around the world in support of the missionary work of the Church. Established by Pope Pius XI in 1926 and celebrated every year on the second-to-last Sunday of October, it is a reminder of the call that each of us has to participate in the missionary work of the Church, whether that be by direct preaching of the Gospel in the world, by the witness of our lives in living the spiritual and corporal works of mercy, or by our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

The Second Vatican Council, in the Decree on the Mission Activity of the Church entitled *Ad Gentes*, proclaimed that the Church is "missionary by her very nature." Furthermore, it stressed that the missionary work that lies at the heart of the Church is entrusted to *every baptized individual*, not just to the clergy or consecrated religious or some otherwise specialized group of individuals. In fact, this was one of the great emphases of the Second Vatican Council: to insist that the "call" of the Church and the "work" of the Church belonged to *all the faithful*, just as the path to holiness was open to all. In fact, the Second Vatican Council was emphatic that it is **primarily the role of the laity** to engage and transform the temporal sphere by engaging with the world and bringing the Gospel to the social, cultural, political, and economic realms. So in short: it's by the way that every lay person lives and proclaims the Gospel in their everyday lives, families, and workplaces that the Christian message is allowed to spread through the world.

So World Mission Sunday is not just a celebration of all that is happening "out there," as if the mission territories are the only places where the Church is called to spread the Gospel. It is a call to each of us to *ensure that we are doing our part from right where we are*. And yes, in a special way, we are called to support the work of the Church by our prayer and generosity as she spreads the Gospel in other parts of the world where Christ is not known; but that "mission territory" might not be nearly as far away as we think it is.

The money collected especially for World Mission Sunday (i.e. donated online or placed in the envelope with that designation) goes to support the work of the Pontifical Mission Societies, ultimately helping to build churches and schools, educate seminarians and catechists, and provide healthcare and pastoral care in the 1,124 mission territories overseen by the Holy See. (Fun fact: Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen used to be the National Director of the Society of the Propagation of the Faith—basically the head of the Pontifical Mission Society in the US—and often said that the Church in the United States would never have grown so quickly without the support of this collection: between 1822 and 1908, American dioceses received the equivalent of \$250 million to build parishes, schools, and seminaries!) Nowadays, the money collected on this day from every parish, in every diocese, in every country around the world is the only annual global collection to support this work.

So consider today your contribution, not just financial, but also by your prayer and by your witness: how are you being called to participate more directly in the missionary work of the Church today?

Keep spreading joy!

Fr. Friedel





Congratulations to Our Recently Baptized

McCoy Matthew Unser and Keegan Duane Unser, sons of Bryn and Cody Unser

Ada Jane Unser, daughter of Emilee and Craig Unser

Elizabeth Sophia Hines, daughter of Katherine and Sam Hines

Congratulations to Our Newly Wed

Cecelia Jiardina and John Thomas

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.

Buying Scrip Isn't Scary ... but Halloween is! Time to think about Halloween costumes - we've got **Amazon, Target and Walmart** gift cards. Get Halloween/Fall decorations at **HomeGoods, Hallmark and Michael's**.



October is the month of the rosary - why not join the Blessed Sacrament congregation for the weekly rosary before the Sunday 10:30am Mass? Each week there is a different focus - this weekend is for the **Jane Hartman and the Music Ministry** and the weekend of October 26 is for all **newlyweds of the parish**.



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!

Congratulations! to our Blessed Sacrament School third graders and PSR students who will receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion at the Cathedral on **Tuesday, October 21**. Please keep these children in your prayers.

- SACRAMENTS -



Volunteer for the Sacraments! The Office for Education is looking for individuals to volunteer to help with the Sacraments at the Cathedral events throughout the year. Around 1,300 students, along with their families, come to the Cathedral each year to receive the sacraments of Confirmation and first holy Communion. It is an honor to serve them and welcome them to the Mother Church of the diocese. Help is needed for registration, greeters, ushering, and hospitality. For more information you can contact the Parish Liaison for the Restored Order, Sister M. Clementia, FSGM at ctoalson@dio.org. You must be Safe Environment trained and background checked. More information is on the sign-up webpage. Register using the QR code.



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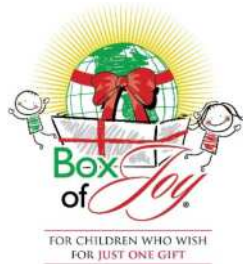
PBJ SUPPLIES NEEDED PBJ volunteers are in need of supplies to help continue to feed the homeless community. Supplies needed are: Smooth peanut butter, jelly & sandwich ziploc baggies. Any items you can provide are greatly appreciated. Thank you so much for your generosity!

Today is World Mission Sunday This annual worldwide Eucharistic celebration emphasizes our shared baptismal call to mission. This year in response to the challenges to the Mission Church from the pandemic, Bishop Paprocki invites all of us in the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois to respond in the most generous way we are able. As we do, Bishop Paprocki offers his sincere personal gratitude for our kind missionary heart. There is an envelope in your October Packet for this collection.



The Women's Club is hosting a Friendsgiving Dinner for ladies of the parish on **Thursday, November 6** in the school cafeteria. This is a great opportunity to gather with our flock of parish friends for fun, fellowship & food. The doors open at 5:30pm and a traditional Thanksgiving dinner will be served at 6:00pm. After dinner we will have an informal Q & A with Fr. Kehoe, fun games and door prizes. Reservations and payment of \$15 must be made by **October 29**. You may register in the school or parish offices or online by following the link at www.bsps.org/womens-ministry. Please contact Sharon Schraeder at 217-971-6467 if you have any questions.

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church and BSS 8th grade students are excited to partner again this year with Cross Catholic Outreach and their **Box of Joy** program to collect Christmas gifts for children in need this year! Last year, we blessed 200 children living in extreme poverty! This year, our goal is to provide 250 Boxes of Joy. You can pick up empty boxes, fill them with a special list of wanted & needed items, and return them to the table in the front entry of our church. **Please return all boxes by noon, Sunday, Nov. 2.** We will begin shipping these on Monday, November 3rd. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact parish coordinator Carolyn Oldenburg, 217-473-5088, or visit crosscatholic.org/box-of-joy/.



Women's Day of Recollection A Women's Day of Recollection will be held this coming **Thursday, October 23**, at **Sacred Heart Church** (730 S. 12th St., Springfield), from 12:45 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. There will be a meditation given by a priest, time for silent prayer and reflection, a doctrinal talk, and Benediction. Confession and spiritual direction with the priest will be available. All women throughout the diocese are invited to attend. The spiritual guidance at the Recollection is entrusted to a priest of the Prelature *Opus Dei*.

Blessed Sacrament School recently hosted a wonderful **Grandparents and Special Friends Day** celebration. Students proudly welcomed their grandparents and special friends with personalized tours of the school. A few popular stops were the book fair, photo booth, and the cafeteria for coffee and donuts. The morning concluded with a special Mass where students and their grandparents/special friends worshipped together, making for a truly memorable and heartwarming occasion for the entire school community. Thank you to all of our loved ones who support BSS!



MINISTRY SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 20 — 24

MONDAY - FRIDAY

8:00 am

Owen Gerding and Meredith Gerwig

Saturday, October 25, 4:30PM

Lector: Phoebe Defrain

Servers: Jack Bishop, Grant Keller, Jonas Croke

Eucharistic Ministers: Vince Toolen, Ian Grosskopf, Abigale Kane, Richard Campbell

Sunday, October 26, 7:00AM

Lector: George Rudis

Servers: Joseph Bonansinga

Eucharistic Ministers Kathy Gietl, Mary Beth Roland, Rae Marie Davlin, HELP WANTED

Sunday, October 26, 8:30AM

Lector: Janet Vespa

Servers: Liam and Sammy Bryant, Domink Geist-Stainfield

Eucharistic Ministers: Anne Capestrain, Becky Leonard, Michael Delvo, Bradley Frost

Sunday, October 26, 10:30AM

Lector: Chris Oldenburg

Servers: Beatrice Hunt, Jack Majcina, George Boesdorfer

Eucharistic Ministers: Patricia and Donald Graham, Suzanne Baase, Lori Criscione, Lynn Frasco

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

Ladies of our parish **FLOCK** are invited to a

FRIENDSGIVING Dinner

Thursday, November 6
School Cafeteria
Doors Open at 5:30
Dinner at 6:00



Traditional Thanksgiving MENU

Turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, stuffing, salads, dessert
Iced tea, water & coffee provided. You may bring your own soda, beer or wine.

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Reservations with payment of \$15.00 must be made by October 29th. You may make your reservation in the parish office or follow the link on the parish website.

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 October 4 to October 10

	AMOUNT RECEIVED	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS
Loose Collections	\$1,266.00	
Envelope Collections	\$26,038.00	216
Online Giving Collections	\$7,223.92	125
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	\$34,527.92	341
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- Women's Club Friendsgiving is BACK! Tickets are available now for our event on **Thursday, November 6**
- Check out our wonderful grandparents and special friends!
- This weekend is World Mission Sunday.

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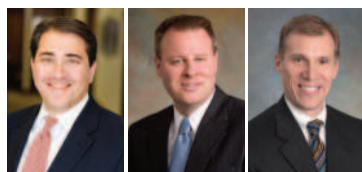


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