

November  
**16**  
2025



# PARISH OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

## WELCOME!

### SACRAMENTS

Baptisms: The next class is on **Wednesday, November 19** 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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## Pastor's Annual Party

Father Friedel warmly invites you to celebrate the beginning of the Christmas season at Blessed Sacrament Parish — a time to rejoice in the light of Christ and the blessings of community. For the magic of Christmas never ends when it is shared in faith, friendship, and love.

# 11/23

5:00-7:30 pm in the schools cafeteria  
Food and drinks will be catered

Childcare available for \$5 per child — all proceeds support the 8th grade fundraiser.

Please RSVP at:  
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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](http://www.bsps.org)

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## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### Monday, November 17

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Heather Gonet  
Ruth Pohlman

### Tuesday, November 18

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Mary Ann Bart

### Wednesday, November 19

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Joseph Fleischli

### Thursday, November 20

Confessions before Mass

Rosary at 7:45am

8:15am Mass: John & Jean VonBehren

### Friday, November 21

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Nancy Hahn

### Saturday, November 22

8:00am Mass: Geraldine Frasco

3pm - 4pm Confessions

4:30pm Mass: Adams, Shoup &  
Gillen Families

### Sunday, November 23

7:00am Mass: For Our Parishioners

8:30am Mass: Mark Savage

10:05am Rosary: Souls of those who  
designed & built  
Blessed Sacrament

10:30am Mass: Barbara Pipkin

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

### Did You Know? – Indulgences

We don't talk all that much about indulgences in the Church anymore, unfortunately; but indulgences are 1) still a thing and 2) still important; and I think they're a great subject for us to consider during the month of November, in which we commit as Christians to praying for the souls of the deceased.

An indulgence is defined as a "remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven." Great! But what does that mean?! To understand it completely, it's good to recall how the Church treats sin and forgiveness. Forgiveness is granted in the Sacrament of Confession, and we believe wholeheartedly that when a sin is forgiven by God, He does not punish the sinner for that sin, as it is washed away in His mercy. But the damage caused by that sin remains—think of it like punching a hole in the wall: confessing the offense means there will be no punishment, but it doesn't mean the hole disappears. Purgatory, rather, is the place where those temporal effects of sin are washed away.

Enter indulgences. An indulgence, then, is some action or prayer prescribed by the Church which *here and now*, by the authority that God has granted the Church as the minister of redemption, begins to mend the holes left by our sins, and thereby lessens a soul's "time" in purgatory. These indulgences can be applied to oneself or, charitably, to the dead. They can also be partial (remitting "part" of the temporal punishment of sin) or plenary (healing the whole of a soul's need for purgatory). [As an aside: every Catholic priest has the power, by the authority of the Church, to remit all temporal punishment due to sin at the moment of death—called the "Apostolic Pardon"—which is just one reason why you want to call a priest in the moment that you or your loved one is in danger of death!]

If you've been around the Church for a while, you probably remember the days when an indulgence had a certain "time" associated with it. "X" indulgence got you 50 or 100 or 300 days off purgatory. The Church, in her wisdom, decided it wasn't very helpful to the faithful to speak of them in this fashion, especially since purgatory (and heaven and hell) are outside of time, and thus don't participate in our idea of "days" or "years."

To be granted a plenary indulgence, in most circumstances, the prescribed act must be accompanied by certain prerequisites, which include: complete detachment from sin, receiving sacramental confession, communion, and a prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father—all to be completely within an appropriate amount of time before or after the act (~20 days). Only one plenary indulgence can be gained per day—this is not Catholic bingo!

There are many examples of indulgences, and a simple Google search will produce whole lists of "indulgenced" acts. For example, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament or reading the Scriptures for a half hour gains a plenary indulgence, as does participating in the Stations of the Cross; praying an act of faith, hope, or charity, praying to the Merciful Heart of Jesus, or visiting a cemetery to pray for the dead (any time of year; during the octave of Nov 1, it counted as a plenary indulgence!) gains a partial indulgence. Many are quite simple acts, and perhaps even consist of things you are already doing or prayers you already pray daily.

Give them a look, and if you're inclined, offer a few indulgences for the souls of our beloved dead this month!

Keep spreading joy!

Fr. Friedel



**Pray for Our Recently Departed**  
Carole Ficke

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.

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

- Pastor's Annual Party is November 23! New this year—we're providing childcare. Please RSVP to attend.
- Breadline Sunday on November 22-23. Bread for \$5 suggested donation—proceeds to St. John's Breadline
- Angel Trees will be up next weekend—gifts are due back by December 12.

**Make Dinner for Our Priests** We need dinner for our three priests on Tuesday and Thursday nights. Please sign up on our website at [bsps.org/dinner-for-priests](http://bsps.org/dinner-for-priests) for a specific date. You may drop off the meal at the rectory any time before 5:00 PM. Our priests are VERY appreciative!

**Breadline Sunday** fundraiser to benefit St. John's Breadline on **November 22 and 23**. Loaves of Bread including Whole Wheat Bread will be available after all weekend Masses. Suggested donation is \$5.00 per loaf. Students interested in helping that weekend will earn service hours. Sign up at [www.bsps.org/breadline](http://www.bsps.org/breadline).




**CHRISTMAS MARKET**  
DECK THE HALLS: MINI TREES, WREATHS AND FESTIVE FINDS  
**DEC 6TH 10AM-6PM**  
**BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL**  
SHOP VENDORS  
EXPLORE THE HOLIDAY MINI TREE & WREATH FESTIVAL

Save the Date for the **Pastor's Annual Party!!!** Join us for an evening of fun and food with your church family! The adult only party is on **November 23**, from 5:00 to 7:30 pm in the school cafeteria. If you've never attended, plan to join us! If you're a regular, we challenge you to bring one or two friends with you... NEW this year—we are providing childcare. Please RSVP at [www.bsps.org/pastors-annual-party](http://www.bsps.org/pastors-annual-party)



The Angel Giving Tree— Advent is approaching and Blessed Sacrament will again provide Angel Giving Trees, sponsored by Catholic Charities, starting next weekend, **November 22 and 23**. Please take a tag off the tree and purchase a gift(s) for a child or two children listed on the tag. Then bring the unwrapped gifts back to the church or church office by December 12th. Donations of wrapping paper will be appreciated Thank you for your acts of love and caring.



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**Please Welcome OUR NEW MEMBERS**

Marie and Nathaniel Barr and Family  
Shelby and Mark Bridges and Family  
Clint Dozier  
Ryan and Michelle Knott and Family  
Sr. Mary Maximilian Koos, O.Praem  
Linda and Randy Nichols  
Victoria Orr  
Jessica St. James

The **Teacher Salary Support Fund** is specially designated to offset our teachers' salaries by giving them a well-deserved bonus at Christmas each year. The monies donated through the green parish envelopes throughout the year are combined with donations from school families, the PSA and the Men's Club. All donations are allocated to the teachers and staff once a year - at Christmas! Please consider a donation during this school year by submitting the Parish Teacher Salary Support Fund envelope or an envelope on which you designate "Teacher Christmas Bonus Fund" or scanning the QR code by Monday, December 19th. Thank you in advance for your support of our hard-working teachers and staff.



**MARY The Bible and the Mother of God** Are you looking for a special way to prepare yourself for Advent and Christmas this year? Join us on Monday at 9:00am beginning November 17, 24, December 8 and 15. Have you ever wondered why Mary is so important to Catholics and why have so many people been devoted to her over the centuries? Have you always wanted to grow closer to Mary spiritually? During these 4 weeks, Dr Brent Pitre examines what the Old and New Testaments, the life of Christ, and the early Church father's reveal about the life and identity of Mary. Join us as we prepare ourselves for Advent and Christmas reflecting on the life of Mary and how scripture prepared us for her fiat. Call Deacon Erdmann 217-971-4483 to register. A study guide is available for \$25.00 but not required.

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

**NOVEMBER 17 — 21**

**MONDAY - FRIDAY**

**8:00 am**

Ethan and Isaac Storey

**Saturday, November 22, 4:30PM**

**Lector:** Justin Blandford

**Servers:** Jack Bishop, Owen Gerding, Ryan Barnard

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Rae Marie Davlin, Noreen Luhr, Richard Campbell, Kathleen Harth

**Sunday, November 23, 7:00AM**

**Lector:** P.J. Oubre

**Servers:** Teddy Mizeur

**Eucharistic Ministers** Abigale Kane, Kathy Gietl, George Rudis, Ann Walker, HELP WANTED

**Sunday, November 23, 8:30AM**

**Lector:** Kristen Faucon

**Servers:** Sam Hughes, Annaliese and Andrew Hofner

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Sally Petrone, Becky Leonard, Bradley Frost, Michael Delvo

**Sunday, November 23, 10:30AM**

**Lector:** Rosalie Lowery

**Servers:** Joseph Bertaina, Beatrice Hunt, Jack Majcina

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Suzanne Baase, Megan DeFrain, Lynn Frasco, Lori Criscione, Brittani Newton

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



# HOLIDAY MINI TREE & WREATH FESTIVAL

**DECORATE A MINI TREE (4 FEET) OR A WREATH FOR OUR HOLIDAY FESTIVAL!**

TREES AND WREATHS WILL BE UP FOR AUCTION TO HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR THE SCHOOL AT OUR CHRISTMAS MARKET ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>.

**CONTACT JENNA DAVLIN AT [DAVLIN@BSSBRUINS.ORG](mailto:DAVLIN@BSSBRUINS.ORG)**  
 PICKUP A TREE AT THE SCHOOL WHILE SUPPLIES LAST.

While supplies last....pick up a 4 ft Christmas tree in the office, decorate it with your family or business, bring it back by Dec 2nd, and it will be entered into a silent auction at our **Christmas Market on Dec. 6, 2025**. We will also have a **silent auction for the Famous Christmas Pews at 4:30pm Christmas Eve Mass**.



## Weekly Parish Finance Report November 1 to November 7

	AMOUNT RECEIVED	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS
Loose Collections	\$1,401.00	
Envelope Collections	\$36,837.74	211
Online Giving Collections	\$6,885.13	122
<b>TOTAL COLLECTIONS</b>	<b>\$45,123.87</b>	<b>333</b>
Target Amount	\$25,000.00	

### HEAVENLY FATHER, WE PRAY FOR..

Annabella Mellado  
Rev Joe Ring

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

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