

February

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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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WELCOME!

SACRAMENTS

Baptisms: The next class is on **Wednesday, February 25** 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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rkehoe@dio.org

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Email: bulletins@bsps.org
Due Monday by noon

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School Secretary
Jenna Davlin,
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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, February 9

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: John & Jean VonBehren

Tuesday, February 10

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: J.R. Weakley

Wednesday, February 11

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Bill & Barb Lehman

Thursday, February 12

Confessions before Mass

8:15am Mass: Joe & Betty McCue

Friday, February 13

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Poor Soul's Shrine

Saturday, February 14

8:00am Mass: Geraldine Frasco

3pm - 4pm Confessions

4:30pm Mass: Lori Lobin

Sunday, February 15

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00am Mass: Martha Dalsin-Mathies

8:30am Mass: Norma Kelly

10:05am Rosary: **All engaged
couples**

10:30am Mass: Molly Smith

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!

General Audiences

It's become customary for the Pope to offer what's called a "general audience" on most Wednesdays throughout the year. During these audiences the Holy Father typically offers a Catechetical address to the people who visit St. Peter's. The idea being that the people of Rome (the Pope's Diocese) and pilgrims to Rome from around the world get to hear from their Holy Father.

These audiences began under the time of Pope Pius XII in April of 1939 and they continued until the German occupation of Rome made it impossible in 1943. Later these audiences resumed during the time of Pope John XXIII and have continued until now. Aside from being an neat development in recent Catholic history, these audiences have become one of the ways that a Pope can fulfill his role as the shepherd and teacher of the Church.

Obviously the style and the topics of these addresses vary from one Pope to another, but all of them are moments of instruction offered by the Pope. Famously, Pope St. John Paul II gave a long series of audiences on the Theology of the Body, and last year Pope Francis offered a very insightful series on the Virtues and Vices, and currently Pope Leo has just begun a series on the documents of the Second Vatican Council.

These audiences are an excellent way to study our Catholic faith (since they are like little lectures presented by the Vicar of Christ), but also they are an excellent way to come to know the mind of a Pope. Very often people want to know who the Pope is, or at least to get a sense of what he's doing over there in the Eternal City. If either of these are true about you, I would these audiences are an excellent way to learn about our faith and to come to know the Pope more than just through news reports. They available on the Vatican website (Vatican.va) or if you look up Pope Leo's general audiences you can find them that way as well.



Father Kehoe

IF YOU ONLY READ THREE THINGS THIS WEEK:

- Interested in Blessed Sacrament School? Attend our Open House on February 11! Rather work there? We're looking to fill our Summer Camp Lead position.
- Make Valentine's Day plans and celebrate World Marriage Day at the same time!
- EXCITED to announce that our Preschool/PreK Sunday School program will begin on Sunday, February 22!!

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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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.

Skip the cooking on Wednesday, February 18 and have dinner at Noodles & Co. Ten percent of that evening's proceeds will benefit Blessed Sacrament School.



Sensory Support for Children During Mass Fidget Sensory bags and items are now available to help children stay calm, regulated, and engaged during Mass. Fidget bags are available in the vestibule and in the Adoration Chapel. Please take what your child needs and return the items after Mass so it may be shared with other families. These fidget bags were donated through the **Come As You Are MomCo Grant**, created to ensure neurodivergent children and their parents feel welcomed and supported in faith spaces.

We pray these tools help your child feel calm, connected, and loved during worship. To learn more about this grant and the heart behind it, please visit the item locations to scan the QR code.

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Blessed Sacrament School

Learning to Make a Difference

Job Title: Summer Camp Lead

Location: Blessed Sacrament School

Status: Seasonal (Full-Time during camp sessions)

Position Summary

Blessed Sacrament School is seeking a dynamic, responsible, and faith-filled Summer Camp Lead to oversee our annual summer program. The Lead is responsible for the daily operations of the camp, ensuring a safe, fun, and enriching environment for all campers. This role involves a blend of administrative planning, staff supervision, and direct engagement with students through organized play, crafts, and faith-based activities.

This position pays \$22 an hour.

We are excited to announce that we will be providing a Preschool Sunday School class during the Sunday 10:30 AM Mass beginning Sunday, February 22.

Drop off your Preschool or PreK-age student at the gym door by the playground. There will be a waiver to sign at drop off. Any questions, please contact Lori Criscione at criscione@bssbruins.org.



We are looking for volunteers as well—please sign up at www.bsps.org/sunday-school.



OPEN HOUSE

FEBRUARY 11TH
6-7:30PM

Blessed Sacrament School
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If you still have a remaining balance on your Roof and Window Restoration pledge, you will receive a Pledge Summary through the mail in the next week. The Pledge Summary is simply to give you an idea of how much is left on your pledge and is NOT for tax purposes—all roof payments made in 2025 were included on the contribution statements.

Do you know a Catholic school teacher who lights up the classroom, pursues academic excellence, and lives the Catholic faith with joy and authenticity? Has a teacher made a lasting impact on your life or your child's life — going above and beyond to form hearts, minds, and souls? Now is your chance to honor them! Nominate that exceptional educator for the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Award, recognizing teachers who exemplify outstanding teaching and a deep commitment to the Catholic mission. Nominations are due by March 29. Go to dio.org/schools/eas to submit their name!

The Diocese of Springfield is offering many retreats and faith events in the upcoming months. An email with information and registration links was sent to everyone in our parish database. If you did not receive it, there's a good chance that we don't have your correct email address. **You can correct that by completing the form at www.bsps.org/update-family-information.**

Honoring Our Parish and Supporters

Our hearts are full as we reflect on another incredible Catholic Schools Week, an annual tradition that simply would not be possible without the unwavering dedication of our parish supporters. Your commitment ensures that our students receive a faith-filled education that nourishes both the mind and the soul.

A Special Thank You

We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our Men's Club and PSA. These two groups are the backbone of our school's extra-curricular life; no matter the request, they "always say yes." Whether it is planning themed activities or providing financial and hands-on support, your generosity shapes the lives of our students in countless ways.

Thank you for believing in the mission of Catholic education and for being such vital members of our family!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 9 — FEBRUARY 13

MONDAY - FRIDAY

8:00 am

Eden Ganey and Josetta Kren

Saturday, February 14, 4:30PM

Lector: Pat Dietrich

Servers: Ryan Barnard, Grant Keller, Lucia Thompson

Eucharistic Ministers: Megan DeFrain, Kathleen Harth, Noreen Luhr, Richard Campbell

Sunday, February 15, 7:00AM

Lector: Matt Carroll

Servers: Teddy Mizeur

Eucharistic Ministers Michael and Carrie O'Brien, Rae Marie Davlin, Kathy Gietl, George Rudis

Sunday, February 15, 8:30AM

Lector: Mary Maloney

Servers: Giovanni Capranica, Samantha and Sydney Cathers

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Ellen Bishop, Cathy and Don Scott, Sheri Dhabalt

Sunday, February 15, 10:30AM

Lector: Donna Moore

Servers: Matthew and Thomas Christie, Beatrice Hunt

Eucharistic Ministers: Andrea Judd, Brittani Newton, Sue Davsko, Patti and Rodney Naylor

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

We are so excited to announce that our parishioner survey is LIVE! Scan the QR code below to take a completely anonymous survey. It will take eight to ten minutes to complete and we'll use



your responses to help plan and shape future parish activities and events. The survey is open from **Sunday, February 1, 2026** until **Saturday, February 28, 2026**.



Weekly Parish Finance Report January 24 to January 30


	AMOUNT RECEIVED	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS
Loose Collections	\$437.00	
Envelope Collections	\$14,170.00	93
Online Giving Collections	\$7,249.43	117
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	\$21,856.43	210
Target Amount	\$25,000.00	

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