

April  
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2026



# PARISH OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

## WELCOME!

### SACRAMENTS

Baptisms: The next class is on **Wednesday, April 29** 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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THE LORD  
IS MY  
SHEPHERD;  
*I shall not want.*

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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, April 27

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Donna Kruger

Tuesday, April 28

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Dorothy Ewing

Wednesday, April 29

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Court Dickason

Thursday, April 30

Confessions before Mass

8:15am Mass: Thomas L. Mick' O'Connor

Friday, May 1

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Joseph Fleischli

Saturday, May 2

8:00am Mass: Jim Meredith

3pm - 4pm Confessions

4:30pm Mass: Deceased members  
of Molloy &  
Kelly families

Sunday, May 3

5th Sunday of Easter

7:00am Mass: Martha Dalsin-Mathies

8:30am Mass: For Our Parishioners

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

10:30am Mass: Fields, Clay & Brown  
Families

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!

During the Easter Season, my mind is often drawn to the Holy Spirit... I suspect this is because the daily Mass readings are taken from the *Acts of the Apostles* – and the Holy Spirit is the protagonist of the *Acts of the Apostles*; and of course, this season leads up to Pentecost.



When we are trying to understand the Church (and frankly our own lives, as Catholics), it's necessary to understand and think about the Holy Spirit. After all, the entire life of the Church depends on the work of the Holy Spirit. Unfortunately, the Holy Spirit is often the least understood Person of the Trinity.

On the one hand, this shows us a wonderful opportunity to learn about the Holy Spirit... If you want to know more about the Holy Spirit, start with the Catechism of the Catholic Church (Fr. Mike Schmitt's "Catechism in a Year" is a helpful resource).

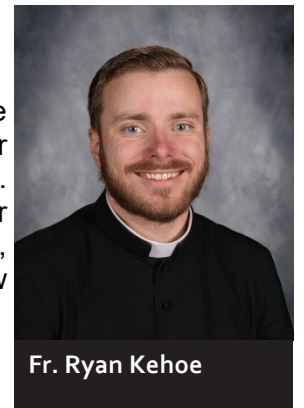
But there's more to the Holy Spirit than just information, because He is a "who," not a "what," and the key to truly knowing Him is through relationship not only study. Like any relationship, it's not an abstract or undefined thing. We develop our connection with Him by the Sacraments (especially Baptism and Confirmation), and it is through our daily prayer (which maintains and deepens what the Sacraments begin).

But what does it look like to pray to the Holy Spirit in prayer? There are number of ways to pray with the Holy Spirit (as you likely know), but here's one method that I have found helpful and life giving, it has two parts...

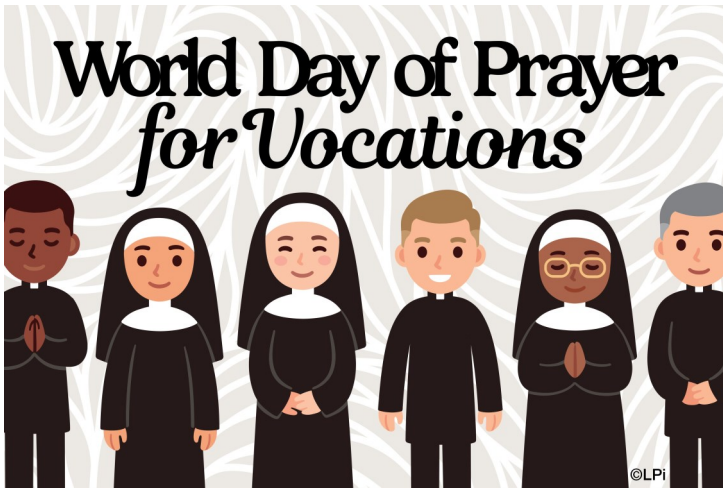
1. Look up the Litany of the Holy Spirit, and pray through the litany...
  - a. It goes through many of the titles of the Holy Spirit asking for help.
2. Notice if any of these titles catches your attention...
  - a. If a particular one stands out to you, just return to it and take a bit of time to realize what brought your attention there.
  - b. It may be because it's new to you, or perhaps it hits on a nerve (so to speak), either way it has your attention so it's good to spend a bit of time with what has your attention.

All these titles of the Holy Spirit help to give insight into who He is, and what He does in our lives and within the Church throughout history. And hopefully, praying with these titles opens our hearts to Him in a new and more vulnerable way, so that He can heal, purify, sanctify, and renew us by His presence.

Father Kehoe



Fr. Ryan Kehoe



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.

**Catholic Charities Diocese of Springfield in Illinois Hockey with Paprocki 2026 Fundraiser** “The Holy Goalie,” Bishop Thomas John Paprocki will be returning to the ice and defending the goal to benefit Catholic Charities Legal Services (CCLS) program during the upcoming Hockey with Paprocki fundraiser. This event will be held on Saturday, May 2, 2026 at 3:30 p.m. at the Nelson Center Ice Rink located at 1601 N 5<sup>th</sup> St in Springfield. Tickets can be purchased online for \$10 or \$15 at the door. Catholic School student ticket price is \$5. Advanced tickets may be purchased at: [cc.dio.org/events/hockey-pap](http://cc.dio.org/events/hockey-pap).



Join us on the evenings of June 23 and June 24 for family fun, food and nostalgia at our 98th Annual Garden Party! Did you know that the FIRST Garden Party was a fundraiser held in someone's yard? (Hence the name "Garden Party". We've outgrown that space and this year's carnival, food and games will take place in the Blessed Sacrament School parking lot and field. Join us and bring a friend (maybe someone who's never been before!)

The Blessed Sacrament School blood drive will take place on Monday, April 27, 2026, from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the donor bus located between the church and school.

All successful donors will receive their choice of a gift card (minimum \$20 value), bonus points, or a charitable donation, with the school becoming eligible for a LifeSavings grant if at least 20 donations are collected. Donors are encouraged to self-schedule their appointments online to help reach this goal.

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**Blessed Sacrament School**  
Monday, April 27 8am to 12pm  
Donor Bus 748 W Laurel

If we collect 20 donations, we will earn a grant for our school. Please help us meet our goal!

To book an appointment, scan the QR code, contact Jenna Davlin at [davlin@bssbruins.org](mailto:davlin@bssbruins.org), or call ImpactLife at 800-747-5401.

Last date to donate elsewhere and be eligible for our drive: 3/2/2026

Successful donors will receive their choice of an e-gift card, bonus points to the Reward Store, or a donation to a nonprofit.

Can't make it to the Blood Drive? Stop by the Springfield Donor Center (1900 Veterans Ave.) between April 13-May 2, 2026. Blessed Sacrament School.

Bring Photo ID and please eat/hydrate before donating

**WE'RE HIRING!**

**OFFICE MANAGER**

Applications are being accepted for the position of Office Manager for Blessed Sacrament Church in Springfield, Illinois. We are seeking a practicing Roman Catholic with an understanding of parish life and culture, and possessing proven office and financial skills. This position oversees the daily administrative operations of the parish and assists with the financial upkeep of the parish office. Candidates should possess 3-5 years of experience in office management, administrative leadership or financial support. Scan the QR code below for a full job description and application. Blessed Sacrament Church has a pay range of \$22 to \$25 per hour for the Office Manager position. Benefits for this position can be found at [bsps.org/employment-opportunities](http://bsps.org/employment-opportunities).

Send resume and application to  
Father Michael Friedel at [mfriedel@dio.org](mailto:mfriedel@dio.org)

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the recent parish survey. We are truly grateful for your thoughtful responses and the care you showed in sharing your ideas, feedback, and hopes for our parish community. The Parish Council has begun reviewing all responses and is prayerfully considering the insights you've provided. Your comments play an important role in shaping future plans, activities, and communications within our parish.



We appreciate your participation and your commitment to our parish. More updates will be shared as the review process continues.

Vacation Bible School returns to Blessed Sacrament this summer! VBS will be held June 22—26, 2026 from 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM. All children entering Preschool through Fifth Grade are invited to join VBS. The fee is \$50 for the week. You can register online (and pay) now at [www.bsps.org/vbs](http://www.bsps.org/vbs).



Blessed Sacrament School students can register for Summer Camp as well at [www.bssbruins.org/summer-camp](http://www.bssbruins.org/summer-camp)

Blessed Sacrament School presented three performances of **Alice In Wonderland, Jr** the weekend of April 17 - 19. The cast consisted of forty 6th through 8th graders as well as ten students on crew and light/sound. Many faculty members who give their time and talents. Auditions are held in December and the students rehearse from January until the show in April. The musical is an opportunity to see so many talents (sometimes improvisational!) on stage. Thanks to everyone who came to see Alice in Wonderland, Jr. We look forward to seeing you next year!



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

- The Garden Party returns—mark your calendars for **June 23 and 24!**
- Sign up for the April 27 blood drive and support Blessed Sacrament School
- Vacation Bible School sign up is live now! Go to [www.bsps.org/vbs](http://www.bsps.org/vbs) to enroll, pay and volunteer! Sign up for Summer Camp too...

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

APRIL 27 — MAY 1

MONDAY - FRIDAY

8:00 am

Noah Black and Lili Wallman

### Saturday, May 2, 4:30PM

**Lector:** Phoebe Defrain

**Servers:** Jude, Cooper and Silas Hartwick

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Megan Defrain, Dan and Mary Ellen Bishop, Rae Marie Davlin

### Sunday, May 3, 7:00AM

**Lector:** P.J. Oubre

**Servers:** Dominik Geist-Stainfield

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Carolyn Graham, Christy Geving, Sally Petrone, Jill Loveall, Ann Walker

### Sunday, May 3, 8:30AM

**Lector:** George Rudis

**Servers:** Jane Lambert, George Boesdorfer, Mabrie Furkin

**Eucharistic Ministers:** William Pittman, Anne Capestrain, Cathy and Don Scott

### Sunday, May 3, 10:30AM

**Lector:** Matt Bensko

**Servers:** Cecilia and Tim Beyer, Layla Nicolas

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Rosalie Lowery, Courtney Bensko, Patricia and Donald 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](http://www.rotundasoftware.com/ministry/blessedsacrament_spi)

**Women's Club Game Night**  
 April 15, 2026  
 Thanks to everyone who attended the Women's Club Game Night! Sign up at [www.bsps.org/womens-ministry](http://www.bsps.org/womens-ministry) to receive notifications from our Women's Club



**Weekly Parish Finance Report**  
 April 11 to April 17

	AMOUNT RECEIVED	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS
Loose Collections	\$1,140.00	
Envelope Collections	\$16,547.71	162
Online Giving Collections	\$6,540.73	117
<b>TOTAL COLLECTIONS</b>	<b>\$24,228.44</b>	279
Target Amount	\$25,000.00	

**HEAVENLY FATHER, WE PRAY FOR...**  
 Kayla Friedel      Mike Blair      Mary Tuttle  
*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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