

May  
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2026



# PARISH OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

## WELCOME!

### SACRAMENTS

Baptisms: The next class is on **Wednesday, May 27** 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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# Pentecost Sunday

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MASS INTENTIONS  
FOR THE WEEK

Monday, May 25

Confessions before Mass  
8:00am Mass: Tom Schmidt

Tuesday, May 26

Confessions before Mass  
8:00am Mass: John Gust

Wednesday, May 27

Confessions before Mass  
8:00am Mass: Brendan & Shelby Stannard

Thursday, May 28

Confessions before Mass  
8:00am Mass: Pat Kienzler

Friday, May 29

Confessions before Mass  
8:00am Mass: Sal Madonia

Saturday, May 30

8:00am Mass: Paul & Barb Killion  
3pm - 4pm Confessions  
4:30pm Mass: Pam Smith

Sunday, May 31

Trinity Sunday

7:00am Mass: Martha Dalsin-Mathies  
8:30am Mass: For Our Parishioners  
10:05am Rosary: Blessed Sacrament  
Building &  
Grounds Crew  
10:30am Mass: Helen Stannard

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

Pentecost

Today, on this day of Pentecost, we celebrate a transformational event in the history of our salvation, namely the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles in the Upper Room that took place fifty days after the Lord's Resurrection (*pentekoste* in Greek means fiftieth). Jesus promised us an Advocate to be with us always, to give leaven to the world, and to grant us the gifts we need to carry the Church through to Christ's Second Coming. In fact, it's in the coming of the Holy Spirit that many see the birth of the Church proper, meaning that today we celebrate the inauguration of the Body of Christ here on earth! It's a big deal!

The Holy Spirit often gets short shrift for all of our focus on Jesus and God the Father (not that it's a competition). But the Holy Spirit is a powerful and necessary part of each of our stories. I'll leave you with some words of St. Irenaeus describing to the early Church the importance of the Third Person of the Trinity, and His effect upon us and upon the Church:

*When the Lord told his disciples to go and teach all nations and baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, he conferred on them the power of giving men new life in God.*

*He had promised through the prophets that in these last days he would pour out his Spirit on his servants and handmaids, and that they would prophesy. So when the Son of God became the Son of Man, the Spirit also descended upon him, becoming accustomed in this way to dwelling with the human race, to living in men and to inhabiting God's creation. The Spirit accomplished the Father's will in men who had grown old in sin, and gave them new life in Christ. Luke says that the Spirit came down on the disciples at Pentecost, after the Lord's ascension, with power to open the gates of life to all nations and to make known to them the new covenant. So it was that men of every language joined in singing one song of praise to God, and scattered tribes, restored to unity by the Spirit, were offered to the Father as the first-fruits of all the nations.*

*This was why the Lord had promised to send the Advocate: he was to prepare us as an offering to God. Like dry flour, which cannot become one lump of dough, one loaf of bread, without moisture, we who are many could not become one in Christ Jesus without the water that comes down from heaven. And like parched ground, which yields no harvest unless it receives moisture, we who were once like a waterless tree could never have lived and borne fruit without this abundant rainfall from above. Through the baptism that liberates us from change and decay we have become one in body; through the Spirit we have become one in soul.*

The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and strength, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of God came down upon the Lord, and the Lord in turn gave this Spirit to his Church, sending the Advocate from heaven into all the world into which, according to his own words, the devil too had been cast down like lightning.

*If we are not to be scorched and made unfruitful, we need the dew of God. Since we have our accuser, we need an advocate as well. And so the Lord in his pity for man, who had fallen into the hands of brigands, having himself bound up his wounds and left for his care two coins bearing the royal image, entrusted him to the Holy Spirit. Now, through the Spirit, the image and inscription of the Father and the Son have been given to us, and it is our duty to use the coin committed to our charge and make it yield a rich profit for the Lord.*

Keep spreading joy!

Fr. Friedel



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.

**PLEASE NOTE: Beginning Monday, May 25 all Daily Masses—Monday through Saturday—will begin at 8am until school resumes in August.**

**Say Thank You with Scrip** Scrip gift cards are a great way to say thank you to the teachers, babysitters, coaches and other people in your kids' lives. We've got special \$5 cards for Barnes & Noble, as well as \$10 cards for Amazon and Target for a limited time. Make someone's day with an unexpected gift. Purchase scrip cards in the parish office over the summer.

Even in 1927, there were tons of opportunities to come home a winner at the Blessed Sacrament Garden Party. While there won't be five tons of coal to win this year, there will be carnival rides and traditional games, a live DJ, a dunk tank and more surprises!



Tuesday, June 23 Preview Night from 5pm—9pm  
 Wednesday, June 24 The Big Day! From 3 pm-9pm

Blessed Sacrament Field and Parking Lot  
 Pre-Sale tickets on sale now! Buy early and save!

Parishioners and Non-Parishioners—all are invited!


### Congratulations to the Class of 2026 Scholarship Winners

<p><u>C. Joseph &amp; Sandy Cavanagh Scholarship</u> Hannigan Chambers</p> <p><u>Arlette M. Donath Memorial Scholarship</u> Morgan Tintori</p> <p><u>Alma &amp; Robert Mandeville Scholarship</u> Julia Jacobs</p> <p><u>Lloyd &amp; Marty Mosley Scholarship</u> Sergiu Cabal Kaitlynn Leonard</p> <p><u>Patricia Kienzler Scholarship</u> Teddy Mizeur</p> <p><u>Monsignor Tarrent Scholarships</u> Catherine Bensko Joseph Bonansinga</p> <p><u>Father Chester Scholarship</u> Evelyn Duffield</p>	<p><u>Jack &amp; Peg Coleman Memorial Scholarship</u> Max O'Connor</p> <p><u>Don &amp; Claire Forsyth Scholarships</u> Nicholas Frevert Jane Lambert</p> <p><u>Lloyd Mosley Server Recognition Scholarship</u> Thomas Christie</p> <p><u>Martha Mosley Citizenship Award</u> Isaac Storey</p> <p><u>Reid Family Wellness Scholarship</u> Tyler Gaffney</p> <p><u>Hugh P. Cassidy Memorial Scholarship</u> Ethan Storey</p> <p><u>Scholarship Honoring Ursuline Sisters</u> Laki Christofilakos</p>
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SHG Alumni Scholarship  
Amari Jones

SHG St. Thomas Aquinas Scholarship  
Catherine Bensko, Cecilia Beyer, Liam Bryant, Nicholas Frevert, Oliver Hoelzer

Please pray for our parishioners who received Confirmation at Pentecost



Isabel DeJesus  
Adam Jones  
Samantha Walsh

From Mother's Day until Father's Day, our **Mission Partnership** ministry is sponsoring a baby bottle campaign for First Step Pregnancy Center. Please fill the bottle with checks or currency and return it in the collection basket or at the parish office before Father's Day. Checks should be made out to "First Step Pregnancy Center"

Save time at the Garden Party by purchasing your ride tickets ahead of time!

PreSale Armband



Tuesday, June 23 you'll need an all-you-can-ride armband (cost is \$20 to preorder and \$22 at the door.)

Wednesday, June 24 you'll need game/ride tickets. Purchase tickets ahead of time for \$20 (or \$22 at the door).

PreSale Ticket



Pre-sale tickets will be available to pick up at the presale table.



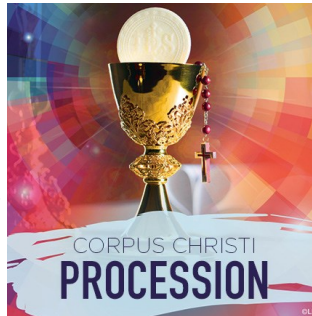
Dear Parishioners of Blessed Sacrament Parish,

My name is Martin McGrath. I am a seminarian and am assigned to your parish this summer. This spring, I completed my studies at Bishop Simon Brute College Seminary in Indianapolis, IN. In July, I will depart for the Pontifical North American College in Rome.

I grew up in Thayer, a small town thirty minutes south of Springfield, with my three brothers and four sisters. For school, several of my brothers and sisters and I commuted to Springfield. I attended St. Agnes and Sacred Heart Griffin.

My hopes for this summer are that I grow closer to Jesus and come to know Blessed Sacrament Parish, the parishioners, the priests, and the beautiful Church. I am very happy to be with you this summer! Please, keep me in your prayers. Be assured of my prayers for you.

Our parish Feast Day takes place on **Sunday, June 7**—the Feast of Corpus Christi. We will commemorate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ with a Eucharistic Procession through our neighborhood following the Sunday 10:30am Mass. Can you help? **We are in need of men, high school and older to be canopy-bearers** at the procession on Sunday, June 7, after the 10:30am Mass. Our procession will end around noon. Please call the Parish Office at 217-528-7521 if you can help us or sign up on our website at [www.bsps.org/corpus-christi](http://www.bsps.org/corpus-christi)



Congratulations to our 8th Grade Graduates!



## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

MAY 25 — MAY 29

MONDAY - FRIDAY

8:00 am

Jonas Croke and Brody Mihelich

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

**Lector:** Paul Wheeler

**Servers:** Sergiuz Cabal, Charlotte Stewart, Alex Pittman

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Megan DeFrain, McKinzie Oshesky, Kathleen Harth, Richard Campbell

### Sunday, May 31, 7:00AM

**Lector:** Carolyn Graham

**Servers:** Teddy Mizeur

**Eucharistic Ministers** Michael and Carrie O'Brien, Christy Geving, Kathy Gietl, Rae Marie Davlin

### Sunday, May 31, 8:30AM

**Lector:** Kevin Lust

**Servers:** Damien Njeuha-Njapa, Sammy and Liam Bryant

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Dave and Lisa Sarnowski, Becky Leonard, Michael Delvo

### Sunday, May 31, 10:30AM

**Lector:** Donna Moore

**Servers:** Thomas Christie, Marin Oldenburg, George Boesdorfer

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Rosalie Lowery, Chris Oldenburg, Andrea Judd, Sue Davsko, Lauren Coombe

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)

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 pay online 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)

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

- Pre-sale Tickets for the Garden Party carnival rides are available
- Vacation Bible School sign up is live now!
- Volunteer for our parish Feast Day on **Sunday, June 7**

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**Weekly Parish Finance Report  
May 9 to May 15**

	AMOUNT RECEIVED	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS
Loose Collections	\$1,356.00	
Envelope Collections	\$20,488.00	163
Online Giving Collections	\$6,684.44	121
<b>TOTAL COLLECTIONS</b>	<b>\$28,512.44</b>	284
Target Amount	\$25,000.00	

**HEAVENLY FATHER, WE PRAY FOR...**

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Mary Tuttle

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