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SACRAMENTS

Baptisms: The next class is on **Wednesday, June 24** 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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“God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him might not
perish but might have eternal life.” - Jn 3:16

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, June 1

Confessions before Mass
8:00am Mass: Mary Ann Bart

Tuesday, June 2

Confessions before Mass
8:00am Mass: Joseph Fleischli

Wednesday, June 3

Confessions before Mass
8:00am Mass: Nancy Hahn

Thursday, June 4

Confessions before Mass
8:00am Mass: Pat Kienzler

Friday, June 5

Confessions before Mass
8:00am Mass: Daniel Stockwell

Saturday, June 6

8:00am Mass: Pam Smith
3pm - 4pm Confessions
4:30pm Mass: Joseph & Virginia Stannard

Sunday, June 7

Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
7:00am Mass: For Our Parishioners
8:30am Mass: Mark Savage
10:05am Rosary: **Belief in the Real Presence**
10:30am Mass: John & Jean VonBehren

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

Around the Parish

This Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, which is always celebrated on the Sunday following Pentecost. Traditionally, the following Thursday is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ—more often called by its Latin name, *Corpus Christi*. However, as we do with the Ascension, the US Dioceses almost all transfer the Thursday celebration to the following Sunday, making next Sunday (June 7) *Corpus Christi*.

As I've mentioned here before, this is a big day for us as a parish, because a little over 100 years ago, the Bishop, priests, and people of this parish decided to dedicate our parish and its church to the Blessed Sacrament. That makes *Corpus Christi* OUR parish's patronal feast!

One of the ways we've traditionally celebrated this feast as a parish is through our Eucharistic procession. After the 10:30 am Mass, we take off through the streets of the neighborhood with monstrance in hand, publicly demonstrating to the world our faith in the Eucharist, which we as Catholics believe is the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ. Please come out and celebrate with us!! If 10:30 am is not your Mass, feel free to come around 11:30 am and join us for just the procession. It's a beautiful testament of our faith, and Lord knows we need these very public signs of witness and prayer in/for our world!

Our procession is not overly long—we go around the front of school, down Glenwood, across on Ash to Walnut, and then process north back up to the front of Church, basically tracing the city block. But what our route *represents* is much more...it's a stand-in, if you will, for the whole of our parish boundaries, our city and state, our world—praying that the Lord would claim this area for His own and use it (and us!) for His purposes. At three places along the way, our neighbors prepare an altar on their lawn so that we can stop and do Benediction, a blessing with the Eucharist (which means JESUS is blessing us, not "just" the priest like at Mass). We conclude in the Church with a final benediction, and then we're hoping (fingers crossed!) to get a soft-serve truck here to help us celebrate our patronal feast with a cool treat. It should be a great event—please feel free to join!

Also coming up later in June (23-24, to be exact) is our 98th Garden Party. I've never been here for the Garden Party, as my first year as pastor we had our centennial celebrations in its stead. But we're hoping (like the Pastor's Annual Party) to make it the biggest we've had in recent memory!

For those who don't know, the Garden Party was always meant to provide a chance for our parish and community to come together for a bit of fun. Our amazing Men's Club and various food trucks will provide food for us, various parish families and organizations staff game booths, and there's a DJ to entertain us. This year, we also brought back the ever-popular rides for kids, something we haven't done in many years! Truly, ALL ARE INVITED, so not only would I love to see you come, I expect you to invite your friends and family to join us as well. The more, the merrier!

I hope to see you at these two wonderful parish events. The Lord has blessed us very much through this beautiful parish of ours—I look forward to coming together to celebrate and to thank God for all He has done and is doing here at Blessed Sacrament!

Keep spreading joy!

Fr. Friedel



OUR PARISH FAMILY

Congratulations to Our Recently Baptized
Harlow Marie Hillestad, daughter of Lanie and Ryan Hillestad

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.

The Monday Morning Study Group will not meet through the summer. We will begin again as school resumes in the fall. Enjoy a blessed summer!

Back in the 50's and 60's... the Garden Party ice cream social was a big deal! This was a chance for the adult parishioners to catch up with neighbors and friends. The older people would gather on the asphalt area between the old school kitchen and the priests' parking garage. They would sit and visit, watch the kids running around and complain about the loud music.

Fast forward to 2026... we'll have a DJ playing on Wednesday night and Fair Food for everyone to enjoy both Tuesday and Wednesday nights - feast on corndogs, cotton candy, hamburgers, lemonade shake-ups, funnel cakes, cheese curds and fried Oreos!

On Wednesday night, look for home cooked fare from our own Men's Club in addition to the fair food options.

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!



Tribunal Training Day Our parish is looking for help to guide people through the nullity process! If you are compassionate and confidential, enjoy helping people, are well-organized and possess good communication skills, and are a faithful Catholic in good standing with the Church, God might be calling you to help in this important ministry. Training will be held on Friday, June 12 at the Catholic Pastoral Center. We will begin with Mass at 9 am (optionally), 9:30 check-in, and 10 am – 4 pm training (with an hour break and lunch provided). Training is free but Pre-Registration is necessary. Please contact the parish office to express interest and then register via this form: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/WqyRB7YZhP>.

Summertime Scrip Looking to buy Scrip gift cards during the summer? Stop by the Parish Office between 8am and 4pm to purchase cards from our in-stock inventory. Students—we've got **Luers scrip** for the summer sale in July. Stop in to purchase \$20 gift certificates and Blessed Sacrament will earn 5% of your purchases.

The Five Cities Baroque Festival will hold their closing concert at Blessed Sacrament on Saturday, June 20 from 7:30pm to 9:30pm. They will perform Handel's timeless meditation, *Israel in Egypt*. There will be no charge to attend the concert. For more information on the festival go to fivecitiesbaroque.org.



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

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).

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

PreSale Armband



PreSale Ticket



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.



Last call for registration! Forms are due by Tuesday, June 2. We are still looking for an adult volunteer to run our games station. Any questions or interest, email Amanda Malawy at malawy@bssbruins.org.

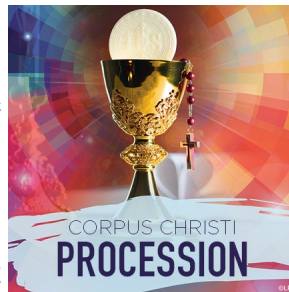
If you are interested in donating to VBS, check out the Amazon wish list and other donation options in the church vestibule.

This year, our incredible 8th-grade class truly demonstrated the power of community, dedication, and heart. Throughout the school year, these students stepped up in countless ways, putting empathy into action through a wide variety of service projects.

Together, they reached an extraordinary milestone, combining to contribute over 2,000 hours of service to our local neighborhood and beyond. From volunteering at local food pantries and organizing donation drives to tutoring peers and helping clean up community spaces, their collective impact has been nothing short of inspiring. We are immensely proud of their hard work, leadership, and the wonderful example they have set for the entire student body!



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. The procession generally take about 40 minutes and we will celebrate with cold treats afterwards. This annual walk reminds us of our call to bring Christ to all in our neighborhoods and communities.



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

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**JUNE 1 — JUNE 5
MONDAY - FRIDAY**

8:00 am

Evie Ambrose and HELP WANTED

Saturday, June 6, 4:30PM

Lector: Sandy Etheridge

Servers: Henry Barry, Bowen Watson, Eden Ganey

Eucharistic Ministers: Rae Marie Davlin, Jill Loveall, McKinzie Oshesky, Vince Toolen

Sunday, June 7, 7:00AM

Lector: Michael O'Brien

Servers: Nicholas Frevert

Eucharistic Ministers Mary Beth Roland, Carrie O'Brien, George Rudis, Ann Walker, Carolyn Graham

Sunday, June 7, 8:30AM

Lector: Jim McDermott

Servers: Brody Mihelich, Jane Lambert, Mabrie Furkin

Eucharistic Ministers: Sally Petrone, Clara Ushman, Bradley Frost, Becky Leonard

Sunday, June 7, 10:30AM

Lector: Patti Naylor

Servers: Peyton and Wade Naylor, Joseph Bertaina, Ethan and Isaac Storey, HELP WANTED

Eucharistic Ministers: Rodney Naylor, Lynn Frasco, Brittani Newton, Courtney Bensko, Mary Tuttle

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

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