



**Parish of the Blessed Sacrament**  
**Sunday, January 25, 2015**  
**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**



**PASTOR:**

Father Jeff Grant  
Deacon David Erdmann  
Deacon Tom Burns

**PARISH OFFICE:**

Phone: (217) 528-7521  
Fax: (217) 528-3137  
Website: [www.bsps.org](http://www.bsps.org)

**SCHOOL OFFICE:**

748 West Laurel  
Phone: (217) 522-7534  
Fax: (217) 522-7542  
[www.bssbruins.org](http://www.bssbruins.org)

**Office Manager:**

Margaret Antenan

**Accounts Manager:**

Sharon Schraeder

**Principal:**

Kathy Wear

**School Administrative Asst:**

Nancy Evans

**School Secretary:**

Michele Hinds-Greenwood

**Music Director:**

Jody Kienzler

**Parish School of Religion:**

Call the Parish Office to register

**Development Director:**

Kim Hoffmann

**Maintenance Manager:**

Ron Sommer

**Bulletin Submissions:**

Margaret Antenan  
Email: [mantenan@bsps.org](mailto:mantenan@bsps.org)

\*\*\*\*\*

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.

**CELEBRATING THE DAYS**

**Monday, January 26**

- ✧ Confessions before Mass
- ✧ **8:00 AM** Special Intention of Jack Davis II

**Tuesday, January 27**

- ✧ Confessions before Mass
- ✧ **8:20 AM** Dr. Norman Soler

**Wednesday, January 28**

- Confessions before Mass
- ✧ **8:00 AM** Robert O'Keefe, Sr.
- 5:30PM** Prayer Service

**Thursday, January 29**

- Confessions before Mass
- 8:20AM** Margaret & Bill Sheehan

**Friday, January 30**

- Confessions before Mass
- 8:20AM** Ed Bunnell

**Saturday, January 31**

- 8:00 AM** Members of the Poor Souls Shrine  
(Latin Mass )
- Confessions 3:00-4:00PM**
- 4:30 PM** Patrick Stapleton

**Sunday, Feb. 1--4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- ✧ **7:00 AM** John & Mildred Kreutzer
- ✧ **8:30 AM** Rita Bramlet
- ✧ **10:30 AM** Intentions of our Parishioners

***Rosary is prayed before 10:30 AM Mass Sundays.***

Dear Parishioners,

**10 Facts you should know about Catholic Schools in the U. S.**

--Last year, 1,974,578 students were enrolled in the 6,594 Catholic elementary and high schools in our nation. At the average public school cost of \$12,054 per student, these schools provide a savings of nearly 24 billion dollars to the American taxpayer.

--The average per pupil tuition in parish elementary schools is \$3,880. This represents about 66% of the average actual cost of \$5,387 per student.

--The secondary school mean freshman tuition is \$9,622. This is 81.6% of the actual cost of \$11,790 per pupil. (I'm not sure what the cost is for those freshmen who are not mean.)

--94% of the elementary schools and 97% of the high schools offer some form of tuition assistance.

--1,986 Catholic schools (30%) had waiting lists during the past academic year.

--73.8 percent of the students enrolled in Catholic schools are Caucasian, 7.6% are African-American, 5% are Asian, 15% are Hispanic, and 5.6% are multi-racial. (I realize that comes out to over 100%. This is not because I am poor at math, but because some fit into more than one category.)

--323,542 students or about 16.5% are non-Catholic.

--There are 151,351 fulltime equivalent teachers with a teacher/student ratio of 13:1. 96.8% are lay men and women. Over 77% of those teaching are women.

--Last year, there were 42 new Catholic schools opened and 133 closed or consolidated.

--The last thing you should know is that the reason we put so much time, effort, and money into these schools is because we care about our youth—all of our youth. We want them to approach life knowing the fundamental values of our faith and how to apply these values to life. Our choices and priorities are based on the teachings of Jesus. One cannot separate our responsibilities to God from our responsibilities to ourselves and others. They go hand in hand.

This week we celebrate Catholic Schools Week. There are many activities planned to highlight this gift of Catholic education in our community. For ninety years, our parish has been helping to educate young people to live by faith. Many of you have made sacrifices so that our school will thrive and provide quality education for our youth. I thank you for that gift and I ask all of you to pray. May our church and parish continue to make our youth a priority and to educate them so they may know and live the faith.

**Fr. Jeff**

### OUR PARISH FAMILY

#### **Congratulations to our Newly Baptized:**

Bowen Thomas Watson, son of Andrew & Jaclyn Watson

Bailey Elizabeth Brown, daughter of Kalib & Kate Brown  
Grace Marie Williams, daughter of Joseph & Sarah Williams

#### **Please pray for our Recently Departed:**

I. Lawrence Richardson  
Walter J. Simhauser  
Christopher Lee Moore

#### **School News:**

**Sunday, Jan. 25-Friday Jan. 30** Catholic Schools Week

**Sunday, Jan. 25-Parish Appreciation Day-** 12:30-3:00pm Snowflake Shuffle & Cabin Fever Remedy Day

**Monday, Jan. 26-Student Appreciation Day-**no homework day!

**Tuesday, Jan. 27- Faith Appreciation Day-**8:20am All School Mass, 1:30pm-Living rosary, faith rally, and "Hall of Faith" presentations.

**Wednesday, Jan. 28- Parent Appreciation Day-**no homework day!- Silly Socks Day. Lunch with parents in the cafeteria. 7:00-8:30pm. **Parent Appreciation Evening-** Reception in the cafeteria for parents.

**Thursday, Jan. 29- Community Appreciation Day-** Modified Spirit Day with sports jerseys/shirts

**Friday, Jan. 30- Teacher Appreciation Day-**11:30 dismissal; no B.A. S. E available. 7:00-9:00pm Winter dance for BSS 7th & 8th graders only.

**Catholic Schools Week Project-** The theme of this year's Catholic Schools Week is *Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge & Service*. Throughout the week, January 25-30 Blessed Sacrament School is sponsoring a service project to benefit The Matthew Project for Homeless Children. This is a program that benefits homeless children in our community, so our students will be helping other children. We will be collecting: gloves/mittens, winter hats, scarves, new socks, and any gently used (non-school) sweatshirts. We hope you will join us in helping those in need as we celebrate service as an important part of our Catholic Schools!

**News from the Development Office—8th Annual Snowflake Shuffle-** Make plans to shake off those winter doldrums by participating in the Blessed Sacrament Unity Shuffle today, Sunday, January 25, from 12:30-3:00pm, the first day of Catholic Schools Week. The three-mile shuffle (or walk!) through the

neighborhood will be followed by light refreshments in the cafeteria. The children's "run" will consist of an obstacle course in the gym prior to the adult event, along with crafts and activities. Please join us, snow or sunshine, for some exercise and great fellowship.

**Mardi Gras Party-** Blessed Sacrament will again host a Mardi Gras Party to benefit the Annual Fund on Saturday, February 7, 2015 from 7-10pm. Music will be provided by the local band, Black Magic Johnson, and Cajun Food, along with assorted beverages will be served. Sponsors are needed for this yearly event, please call Kim Hoffmann at 522-7534, ext. 206. In the meantime, put the date on your calendar and plan to attend.

**Blessed Sacrament Women's Club** will hold a planning meeting, along with a service project, on Tuesday, February 3 at 6:30pm in the Rectory Basement. All ladies of the parish are invited and encourage to attend. Our service project will be to write Valentine's Day cards to send to the homebound of the Parish. Please join us! The Snowflake Shuffle on Sunday, January 25 will be a kickoff for the Women's Club fitness program. Sign up sheet will be available at the Shuffle asking ladies if they would like to join a weekly exercise program, either walking around the school gym or at the park when the weather improves.

**Save the Date-** The Women's Club is having a special event on Monday evening, February 23rd, to help us along our Lenten Journey. Details soon!!

**SYMBOLON: The Catholic Faith Explained- Who is Jesus?** Whether you would like a refresher on the basic beliefs of our Faith or there are topics you missed in Catechism class, SYMBOLON is for you. In ten stand-alone video/discussion sessions we will explore/review, and discuss, what Catholics believe, in SYMBOLON: The Catholic Faith Explained. Attend all ten sessions or just the ones of most interest to you. The session, *Who is Jesus* will be held on February 10th at 6:30pm in the Rectory basement. We will discuss who Jesus is, and who he isn't. For more information please contact Bob or Connie Vincent at 523-4335. This program is made possible in part by a *Harvest of Thanks, Springtime of Hope* grant from the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois and the people of our diocese.

**ADORATION HOURS**

Christmas as a season has past, and already some of our New Year's resolutions are a bit worn. January 22nd is the 42nd anniversary of Roe v Wade decision by the U. S. Supreme Court which legalized abortion in our country. Now is the time to pray for all affected: the babies killed, the mothers and fathers with guilt and sad memories and those who committed these deeds who often have a horrifying awakening of what they have done. Contact Merle King at 528-6088 or Tom Karaianis at 415-3281, if you want more information about scheduled adoration, or if you have any questions.

12 :00 A.M. SUNDAY  
 1:00 A.M. SUNDAY  
 2:00 A.M. SUNDAY  
 3:00 A.M. SUNDAY  
 3:00 P.M. SUNDAY  
 1:00 A.M. MONDAY  
 12:00 A.M. TUESDAY  
 1:00 A.M. TUESDAY  
 1:00 A.M. TUESDAY  
 2:00 P.M. TUESDAY

2:00 A.M. WEDNESDAY  
 6:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY  
 8:00 A.M. THURSDAY  
 1:00 A.M. FRIDAY  
 2:00 A.M. FRIDAY  
 10:00 A.M. FRIDAY  
 2:00 A.M. SATURDAY  
 6:00 A.M. SATURDAY  
 9:00 A.M. SATURDAY  
 1:00 P.M. SATURDAY

**Are you a Visitor to Blessed Sacrament?** If you're visiting us today we're glad you're here. If you are considering Blessed Sacrament as your new spiritual home, or if you just want to know more about us, we have a packet of information we would like you to take home with you. Just ask any usher for a visitor's packet. You don't have to give us any information about yourself. Just ask an usher. No strings attached. Thank you for visiting Blessed Sacrament.

**Mom & Tot Playgroup**— This playgroup is for all moms and their children ages birth to preschool and meets once a week at different local kid friendly places. Please contact Morgan Ambrose for more information 741-3831 or morganfaithambrose@yahoo.com or check out our 'Blessed Sacrament Mom and Tot Playgroup' on Facebook. Our next playdates are: Tuesday, January 20h, 9:30-Ergadoozy, Monday, January 26, 9-10am -Cheer Zone (open gym \$5 each child)

**Blessed Sacrament Prayer Line**

**Call the Parish Office 528-7521 Please pray for the intention of :** Steve, Peter Schofield, Phyllis Hawn, Amy Gatewood family, Rose Mann, Donna, Kari Elliott, Monica Larch, Adam Dobucki, Austin Fields, Sue Hamilton, Pam Smith, Coleen Mays, Valerie Brown, Brigid Gallagher, Annamae, Larry Theise, Gwen Bramlet, Richard Judd, John M, Louie Rago, Gwinn, John, Claire, Mary, Liz, Anna Eleyidath, Josette, Danielle Loftus, Ruth Pohlman, Charles Klaphake, Annie, Bernadine, Barb, Tony, Kurt C, Rosemary Sugent Fox, Tom VonBerg, Ellen White, Barbara, Judy, Austin Shields, Brenda Price, Cindi, Dave, Sandy H, Jim C., Jason Baird, Dorothy Willenborg, Tyra Redpath, Miles Fifer, Maureen, Julie, Marian McDermott-Plain, Brian Meredith, Diane, Katie Bronken, Virginia Stannard, Nancy Hanlon, MaryAnn, Melissa, Layne & Thatcher Gregory, Laura Black, Don Egan, Ellen Rachkus, Scott Milner & shipmates

**Project Rachel** can help women and men heal from the pain of abortion. For assistance please call 698-4456

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE****WEEK OF JAN. 26-30**

**Monday-Wednesday  
 8:00AM & 8:20AM**

Abby Johnson-Reid Taylor  
**Thurs.- Friday**  
 Gabrielle Njapa-Jenna Pohlman

**Saturday, Feb. 1, 4:30PM**

Lector: Ed Hart

**Servers:** Maya Dye, Miles Roland, Will Hanken

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Calvin Bell, Noreen Luhr, Marty Mosley, Susan Gallagher, Janine Feller, Rick Campbell, Rita Keys, James Keys

**Sunday, Feb. 2, 7:00am**

Lector: Mike Goza

**Servers:** Nick DePooter

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Sr. Francesca Ezeokonkwo, Michele Hinds-Greenwood, Pat Sheehan, Ann Walker, Kathy Grubb

**Sunday, Feb. 2, 8:30 AM**

Lector: Laurie Mann

**Servers:** Jacob Coady, Emmy Doll, Will Moran

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Mike Delvo, Mark Ushman, Scott Reimers, Kathy Harth, Anne Capestrain, Ken Sommer, Mary K. Sommer, Andrew Adams

**Sunday, Feb. 2, 10:30 AM**

Lector: Cynthia Lamar

**Servers:** Louis Criscione, Kyle Ingram, Pat Kolis

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Jim Mophew, Lisa Belz, Joe Stannard, III, Mary Ann Gorney, Pat Graham, Don Graham, Lori Criscione

**A Lenten Retreat**-Want to grow in holiness, but too busy? Lent is a perfect time to do a spiritual checkup. Please join us on Thursday mornings during Lent for a six-week retreat in preparation for Marian Consecration. Using the book entitled "33 Days to Morning Glory", we'll be learning from four great Marian saints: St. Louis de Montfort, St. Maximilian Kolbe, St. John Paul II, and Blessed Mother Teresa. Light daily readings, a weekly discussion and short video will help you gain wisdom about the quickest, surest and easiest way to holiness through Marian Consecration. All are welcome! We meet on Thursdays 9:15-10:45am in the Christ the King Parish Center. Childcare is available for a small donation. Please call Kristin Luker 546-4959 to register and order materials.

Pat Kornfield, Victim Assistance Coordinator for the of Springfield in Illinois. 698-8500

**Building on Tradition**

<b>Cost of Project</b>	<b>\$5,400,000.00</b>
<b>Total Received</b>	<b><u>\$5,225,415.76</u></b>
<b>Balance Remaining</b>	<b>\$ 174,584.24</b>
<b>Amount Received Last Week</b>	<b>\$ 415.00</b>

**STEWARDSHIP**

*(Time / Talent /Treasure)*

**Parish Collection**

<b>Target Amount</b>	<b>\$23,500.00</b>
<b>Sunday, January 11, 2015</b>	<b>\$19,811.25</b>

**ACSA (Annual Catholic Services Appeal)**

Our Parish Assessment	\$105,827.00
Pledged to the Diocese (as of 1/6)	\$57,255.73
Amount Remaining	\$48,571.27

16% of our parishioners (221 families) have contributed to date