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Feast of the Holy Family

December 26, 2021

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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.

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CELEBRATING THE DAYS

Monday, December 27

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Jack Dolan

Tuesday, December 28,

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Mary & Bob Headley

Wednesday, December 29

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: John & Jean VonBehren
Eugene Costa

5:30pm Mass: Prayer Service

Thursday, December 30

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Midge Langfelder
Juanita Faulkner

Friday, December 31

Confessions before Mass

8:00am Mass: Anna Eleydiath

Saturday, January 1-New Years Day

Confessions before Mass

9:00am Mass: Brent & Ally Heaton
Grace Thull

4:30pm Mass: Michael vonBehren

Sunday, January 2-Epiphany

7:00am Mass: Larry & Ann Zielinski

8:30am Mass: Intentions of our Parishioners

10:30am Mass: Sallie Graham

Confessional in the Adoration Chapel

**Rosary beginning at 10:05am is prayed
before the 10:30am Sunday Mass**

Mass on New Year's Day is at 9:00am

Dear Friends,

Silent Night. The scriptures do not record a single word St. Joseph said. Was it because St. Joseph was a man of few words, or is there another reason? Recently, Pope Francis reflected on this silence during his Wednesday General Audience in Rome. "Joseph's silence is not muteness but an industrious silence that brings out his great interiority." Quoting St. John of the Cross, the Holy Father continues by explaining that "God the Father spoke the Word, His Son, in eternal silence and in eternal silence it must be heard by the soul."

Jesus himself often sought silence. Before beginning his public ministry he spent forty days in the wilderness. There are many times he is found alone in prayer. These moments of silence are times he speaks to the Father, and also listens. He is refreshed and his spirit is recharged. Not only did Jesus seek silence, he invited his disciples to do the same. More often than not, our preparation for Christmas is anything but silent. We have been busy with decorations, gifts, and holiday gatherings. In our effort to make everything just right, we end up making ourselves tired and empty on the inside. Perhaps we need to rethink and rediscover the way we celebrate His birth. Pope Francis suggests we "cultivate spaces in silence for another word to emerge; that is, the Holy Spirit who dwells in us." By doing so we allow this spirit the opportunity to recharge, correct, and console us. By doing so, our hearts can then heal our language, our words and our choices. And like St. Joseph, in this silence, we will find the grace to act.

During this Christmas season, may we find time for silence to hear this "word made flesh" in the eternal silence of our souls. May it regenerate our spirits and allow the peace of Christ to be born in our hearts.

Pope Francis concluded his catechesis with the following prayer to St. Joseph:

St. Joseph, man of silence,
you, who in the Gospel did not utter a single word,
teach us to fast from vain words,
to rediscover the value of words that edify,
encourage, console, and support.

Be close to those who suffer from words that hurt,
like slander and backbiting,
and help us always to match words with deeds.
Amen.

May these days of Christmas be joyful...and silent.

Fr. Jeff

OUR PARISH FAMILY

RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION (for those excused from Mass) WILL TAKE PLACE SUNDAY OUTSIDE OF MASS FROM 9:45-10:00AM

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 and on Saturday afternoon 3-4pm.

Sign up for Formed Now Blessed Sacrament parish provides a subscription to Formed for our parish community. Formed offers the best in Catholic movies, videos, audio talks, e-books, and live events available for your computer, streaming TV, tablet, or phone. To register just go to <http://www.Formed.org> and click on the Sign Up button, then click on Sign Up As A Parishioner, then enter 62704 in the blank. You'll see Blessed Sacrament come up as the only choice. Click it and click Next, then enter your name and email address and click Sign Up and you're all set. If you need assistance with Formed please contact Bob Vincent at 217-523-4335.

H.O.P.E. Ministry Appreciation During this Holiday Season the members of the H.O.P.E. Ministry (Helping our People in Emergencies, formerly the St. Vincent DePaul Society) would like to thank all of our parishioners who dropped loose change in the collection basket, put money in the slot at the back of church or made a donation that allowed us to help so many individuals and families throughout our community during their time of need. Assistance has recently been provided to pay mortgage and rent payments, car payments and car insurance, utility bills, installation of sewer pipes to alleviate constant basement flooding, mattress and bed bug extermination services, a bus ticket to allow a homeless person to return to Florida to be with family, medical bills, a chair lift, a car and many situations of food and clothing basics. These people are extremely appreciative of the assistance that the people of Blessed Sacrament Parish have provided them during their emergency. It could not be possible without your generosity. Besides the financial assistance that relieves a tremendous stress, the Ministry attempts to instill a sense of hope in each case that life will get better and that the parishioners at Blessed Sacrament love them and care for them.

Volunteers needed: If you are interested in helping us live stream our Masses please contact Aaron House, 217-528-7521 ext. 113.

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday, January 1: 9am, 4:30pm(anticipated Mass for Sunday, January 2)

There is not an obligation to attend Mass this year, as New Year's Day falls on a Saturday.

Bible Study at Christ the King January 18, 2022 Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life

Jesus is our Savior. While many of us already know a lot about Him, this study is a new and fresh look at Jesus—who he is, what he is really like, what he taught, what he did for our salvation, and what all of this means for us as Catholics today. **10 Sessions, 30-Minute Videos** from ascensionpress.com \$31.00-- This Study Set includes: The Full-Color *Jesus* student workbook, the *Jesus* Timeline Chart, the *Jesus* Book and online access for one year. Begins January 18, 2022 in the Parish Hall, from 9:30-11. Please contact Mary Kay Hinkle at 217-899-2599 or mbhinkle75@comcast.net. Due to shipping concerns, deadline to join the study is December 31, 2021.

Year-End Giving—We are so grateful for the generosity of our parishioners throughout the entire year. During December, many people review their giving and determine that a year end charitable gift will benefit their tax status for the calendar year. If you wish to make a donation to Blessed Sacrament by making a general parish contribution to the church, or a gift to the School's Annual Fund, you may drop it into the collection basket during Mass or mail it to the school or parish office. All charitable contributions must be postmarked and/or received by December 31, 2021 to be included in the year-end statement for tax year 2021.

We know it's a hectic time of year but

Don't Forget the SHG

PLACEMENT EXAM

is right around the corner! Go to www.shg.org or scan the QR code below to register today!

Saturday, January 8th
8 am at SHG's East Campus

Remember, any student who registers and takes the placement exam will receive a \$100 credit to their 2022-2023 lunch account!

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



ADORATION HOURS: “Nowhere on earth are you more welcomed, Nowhere on earth are you more loved, than by Jesus, living and truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time that you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in heaven, and will bring about an everlasting peace on earth.” (St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta) For further information please email Karen Senger at senger@bssbruins.org.

Sunday 12am	Monday 8:30am	Friday 10am
Sunday 1am	Monday 7pm	Friday 1am
Sunday 2am	Monday 8pm	Friday 2am
Sunday 3am	Tuesday 1am	Friday 3am
Sunday 1pm	Tuesday 2am	Friday 7pm
Sunday 2pm	Tuesday 3am	Friday 11pm
Sunday 9pm	Wednesday 1pm	Friday 2pm
Monday 1am	Thursday 2am	Saturday 12am
Monday 2am	Thursday 8:30am	Saturday 1am
Monday 3am	Thursday 6pm	Saturday 2am
Monday 1pm	Sunday 5am	Saturday 3am
Wed 2pm	Saturday 6pm	Saturday 1pm
Thursday 3am	Thursday 4am	

Dominican Family Teach In– How can you live the Dominican Charism within your own family? Sacred Heart Griffin, Saturday, January 29th 9am-2pm at SHG’s East Campus.

St. Patrick Catholic School is looking for a short term substitute to teach a kindergarten class during the months of January and February. If interested, please call the school at 217-523--7670.



Feast Day
January 1, 2022

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE
DECEMBER 20-24
MONDAY-FRIDAY**

**8:00am
No Servers**

**Saturday, January 1-
4:30PM- MASS**

Lector: TBA
Servers: Cole Beger, Felicity Keller, Lucia Thompson
Eucharistic Ministers: TBA

Sunday, January 2, 7:00AM

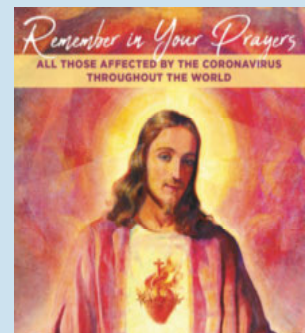
Lector: TBA
Servers: Eamon Mahoney
Eucharistic Ministers: TBA

Sunday, January 2, 8:30 AM

Lector: TBA
Servers: Hannah Barcik, Joseph Bertaina, Aayla Horton
Eucharistic Ministers: TBA

Sunday, January 2 10:30AM

Lector: TBA
Servers: Dean Wilks, Malik Greco
Eucharistic Ministers: TBA



Blessed Sacrament Prayer Line

Call the Parish Office 528-7521 Please pray for the intention of :
 Jimmie Hill, Robert Farris, Amber, Vernon Spiedger, Terri Burwitz, Rita, Ron, Owen Doak, Denise S, Christopher Morgan, Dave, Betty, Ed Pauley, Steve, Hannah Clark, Peter Schofield, Ginny Schofield, Amy Gatewood family, Monica Larch, Austin Fields, Larry Theise, Gwen Bramlet, John M, Louie Rago, Gwinn, John, Claire, Mary, Ray Roland, Josette, Danielle Loftus, Kitty, Susan, Cindy, Barbara Schuh, Ruth Pohlman, Annie, Barb, Tony, Kurt C, Eric, Tom VonBerg, Donna Fitts, Ellen White, Barbara, Rose, Archer Senft, Suzie Culters, Tom J., Judy, Doug, Beth, Camden Spinner, Cindi, Andy Kates, Dave, Sandy H, Jim C., Jason Baird, Jen, Family of Gretchen Hornickel Harrison, Joyln Jensen, Jack Rhinehart, Dorothy Willenborg, Tom, Barry McCollom Tyra Redpath, Steve Kinsella, Destiny Renfro James, Clarita DeLargy, Steve, Karen, Steve, Miles Fifer, Maureen, Charlie Adams, Julie, Bill, Mary Coffey, Craig DeLargy, Brian Meredith, Destiny Jane, Katie Bronken, Cheryl, Fonda, Kristen, Tia, Jeff K., Laura M, Sue, Dave, Leo, Betty, Elizabeth Handrich, Melissa, Mary Jane Harshbarger, Troy, Sharon S, Laura Black James G., Anna Chougry, March, Charlotte, Shandi Chrysler, Andy, Donald Cole, Dave, Leo, Emily Amy, Gloria, Susan McCain, Ray Shaw, Jeanette, Kevin Henry, Gary, Laurie, Gary Bartels, Don John, Dale, Peggy Cadigan, Sarah & Everett O'Connor, Mary, Rocky, Caleb Cross, Callie, Marlene Keldermans, Jeannie Marie, Gorman, Dcn. Ben Hoefler, Colleen, Denny McDaniels, Terry Jordan, Janet Ketchum, Michael Mauch, Steve Bartels, Bette Atteberry, William Burkey, Helen Rhinehart, Edward, Diana Schumacher, Melissa Brown, Mary, Beverly Rago, Jim & Cynthia Novello, Becky Wood, Denise Cindy Ramirez, Tod Pierce, Bertha S, Daniel, Janet Nelch, Kim, Bobby, Kathy, Janet Keating, Nicky, Nick, M. Blazis, John P. Steil, Sarah Bice, Bob, Jill Burwitz, Mary Staudt, Rich Brown, Pat H, Charlene Dolan, Millie Gillen, Nancy Jensen, Bertha Saiz, Jane Cloyd, Kate Rossi, Emily Monaghan, Kathy, Kim, Matt, Gabriele, Spencer, Kathy Pingsterhaus, Judy, Robert D. Fields, Rose Morrison, Barb McDermott, Kelly W. Miguelismo & Celia, Joe, Ed VDB, Lorie Allen, Jeanne McCarthy, Sharon Elliott, Dale Elder, Lin Howard, John McCarthy, Jr., Becky, Mary Garvert, Mitch,

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Sunday, December 12 \$29,377.13

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Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting & Investigation 217-321-1155

Blessed Sacrament Prayer Line (cont)

Noah, Jeff Stauffer Patty Redpath, Diane Canavan, Carol Jirousek Jill Willenborg, Cathy Napier, Ursuline Sisters of New Orleans, Eloise Havey, Sam Atherton, Therese Rechner, Dodie Stannard

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