

Most Blessed Sacrament Parish News



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Monday – Thursday: 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
(Closed 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.)
Friday: 8:00 a.m. - Noon

•**BAPTISMS**: Please call the church office during pregnancy for information and to register for a Baptism seminar.

•**MARRIAGE**: Law of Diocese requires 6 month preparation period prior to wedding. Call church office for more information.

•**FUNERAL**: Please call the priest for prayer and before setting date/time.

•**RCIA**: If interested in becoming Catholic, call the church office.

Confession:

Confessions: Fridays 7:45 a.m., Saturdays 3:00 p.m.
and Mondays 7:45 a.m.

Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 8:00 a.m. & 4:30 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 9:45 a.m., & 11:30 a.m.
Monday - Friday: 8:45 a.m. except during
school year when Thursday Mass is at 8:15 a.m.

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8033 Baringer Road
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Extended Care: Sheena Gauthier
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7853 Broker Avenue
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Respect Life News . . .

Pregnancy Crisis Help

If you or someone you know is experiencing a crisis pregnancy, STOP and call the parish office (225) 752-6230 to be put in touch with a member of the Respect Life Committee. We can provide love and compassion, support and multiple resources available to help you through this challenging time. You are not alone.

Respect Life Ministry

The Respect Life ministry meets on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 6:00 p.m. in the St. Mark room.

Baby Shower Collection

Celebrate mothers in need all month long in May with a Baby Shower collection sponsored by the MBS Respect Life Ministry to donate to the Catholic Charities Pregnancy and Family Services Dept.

We will be collecting items in the Narthex in back of the church every weekend in May and in the parish office during the week.

Items most needed include:

diapers, esp sizes 4,5,& 6
wipes
formula
bottles
0-12 month clothes
car seats
pack n play
potty training toilets or seats

Thank you for your support!

In Christ,

To all moms, happy Mother's Day! Thank you for your gifts of love, service, and guidance. Like the women in the gospels, it is often you, our mothers, who teach us how to be faithful to Jesus. There are three forms of motherhood that hopefully we all enjoy.

First, our personal mothers. On this day I always think of St. Augustine's mother, St. Monica. While St. Augustine lived his early life away from the faith and in sin, his saintly mother never ceased to pray for him and have hope. Her love and prayer were fruitful when God rewarded her perseverance with his conversion. This example really shows not only the influence mothers have with their children, but even more so their responsibility. Moms have the responsibility of being examples of gentleness, prayer, humility, and hopefulness.

The second motherhood we experience is another saint, the most important of all: The Blessed Virgin Mary. She is the *Theotokos* – God Bearer, or Mother of God. Through her Jesus entered human life and history on His mission to save us. Her role, though, as Theotokos does not stop on Jesus' birthday, but continues throughout the history of the Church. She is always directing us to Her Son, and baring Him to us. As she says herself in the gospel of Luke, "My soul magnifies the Lord."

The Blessed Mother is not merely the mother of Jesus but the mother of all Christians. Remember Christ's words from the cross to His beloved disciple: "Behold your mother." Mary is the perfect mother not first what she does, but by what she *is*. Mary is the meek and humble servant who says, "I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." In this statement she allows Christ into the world, and continues to do so by directing all the faithful to Him. This is the perfect example of Christian femininity and motherhood. That is why Saint Pope John XXIII's words in his first encyclical are so true: "The mother should form her children firmly and graciously by the mildness of her manner and by her virtue" (*Ad Petri Cathedram*, 54).

This could also be related to another *kind* of mother we all have. We have our earthly mothers, our Blessed Mother, and finally we have our Ecclesial Mother – the Church. In his work *De Moribus Ecclesiae Catholicae (Of the Morals of the Catholic Church)* St Augustine says, "The Church is truly the mother of Christians." Her role, like all mothers, is to give us life through baptism, to feed us with the Eucharist, to teach us the truth, to discipline us, and to orient us beyond herself to Jesus. And like other mothers, one of the most important roles of the Church is not merely to give us love, but to be an object of our love. Back in 2013 Pope Francis asked at a general audience, "Do we love the Church as we love our mothers, also taking into account her defects? All mothers have defects, we all have defects, but when we speak of our mother's defects we gloss over them, we love her as she is." Just as loving our earthly mothers gives us an identity and sometimes even helps us preserve goodness – keeping us from sin out of love for her – so too should it be with our mother the Church. Our love for her should give us identity and motivate us to be holy.

This is the great beauty of motherhood. You mothers have accepted and ushered the life of your child into the world physically. More importantly, like St. Monica, Blessed Mary, and the Church, you continue to be life-giving through your example of prayerful obedience to the will of God.

Thank you. I commend you to Jesus through the humble and powerful prayer of Mary, the Mother of God.

Totus Tuus,
Fr. Todd Lloyd



**Thursday Daily Mass Time Change
for the Summer**

The last M.B.S. School Mass for this school year will be this Thursday, May 18th at 8:15 a.m.

Effective Thursday, May 25th, the Thursday Mass time will be at 8:45 a.m. until school begins again in August.



**Parish Adoration Night
Tuesday, May 16th
M.B.S. Church 7:00 p.m.**



Praise and Worship music will be provided by our MBS house band. Adoration will be begin at 7:00 p.m. and end with Benediction (a blessing with the Blessed Sacrament). All ages are welcome and we invite families to come together for this wonderful hour of prayer.

M.B.S. will celebrate the feast day of Most Blessed Sacrament on Sunday, June 11th after the 11:30 Mass.

We will have a Eucharistic procession followed by food and drinks. Everyone is invited.



***Congratulations to all our 2023 Graduates!
Please know of our prayers for your successful future...***

-from your MBS Parish family

**We invite all Seniors of
the Class of 2023
for a special blessing
at the 11:30 a.m. Mass
on Sunday, May 21st**

Heavenly Father,
Surround those who are graduating with your grace. Bless them with hope so that they move into the future with eager and open hearts. Help them to put the knowledge, skills, and insights gained through their education for the good of all mankind. Inspire them to believe in the goodness of life even when faced with challenges and difficulties. As they commence with their lives, may they grow even more grateful and wise. Amen.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 19 - 23
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Who: All MBS children entering Kindergarten through 5th Grade (2023-2024 School Year)

Registration: Online May 8 - 19 at www.mbsparish.org

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Adults Volunteers (18+):

- Call Judy Carr at 225-335-6563

High School Volunteers:

- Apply online May 8-19

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- T-Shirt
- Snack
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Registration Non-Refundable.
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Please pray for the soul of:

Charles Cefalu

Let us also remember his family and loved ones in our prayers.

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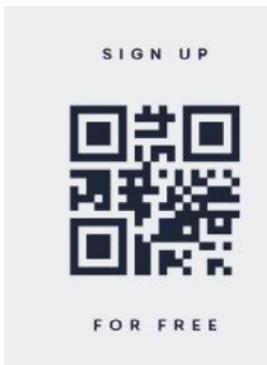
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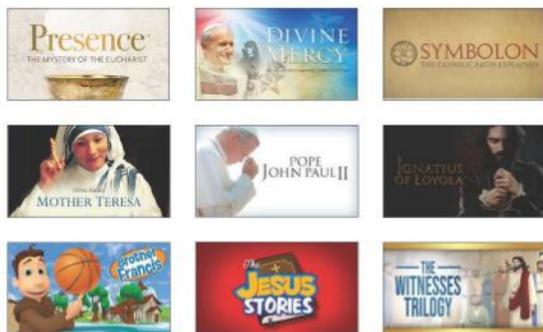


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Most Blessed Sacrament Church Mission Statement

The mission of Most Blessed Sacrament Church is for members to witness the real presence of the Lord in word and sacrament, and that they may live out the message from the gospel and serve one another as followers of Jesus Christ.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Sat. May 13	8:00 am	
	4:30 pm	Samuel & Rose Cimino John & Verna Englert Eichelberger & Strong Mothers Mothers of St Anthony of Padua Alumnae Butch Golson Fred Young Inex & Louis Fox Deceased Members of Lawrence Cannon Family Glen Doris Tucker Painter Clarice Eichelberger Matt Burke
Sun. May 14	8:00 am	Joseph Dawson Nelson, Camilla & Anne Morris Alex Culivan Hal J. Drez Erin Veilleux
	9:45 am	For The People
	11:30 am	Dillard & Gayle Normand Judy Hartmann The Arthur Aucoin Family Angelina Barthel Josephine Lombardo Annie Gulino Grace Gary Doris Naquin Rose Manuel Kathy Attardo Remona Mumford William S. Cook
Mon. May 15	8:45 am	
Tues. May 16	8:45 am	
Wed. May 17	8:45 am	
Thurs. May 18	8:15 am	Dale Blank
Fri. May 19	8:45 am	Abbie & Cameron Gatrueax Michelle & Josh Simar Special Intentions of the Apostles of Divine Mercy

Sunday Readings

(1st) Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
(Psalm) 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20
(2nd) 1Pt 3:15-1
(Gosp.) Jn 14:15-21

Readings For The Week

Monday Memorial of St. Isidore the Farmer
Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Jn 15:26—16:4

Tuesday Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14; Jn 16:12-15

Thursday Saint John I, Pope and Martyr
Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 16:16-20

Friday Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 16:20-23

Saturday Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest, Religious Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10; Jn 16:23b-28

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING April 29-30, 2023

Identified Contributors	\$15,214.00
Unidentified Contributors	\$ 2,950.00
Total	\$18,164.00

Capital Campaign \$ 2,311.00

May 13-14, 2023 6th Sunday of Easter

	Servers	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers
4:30 pm	Z Torregrossa, A Loya	P Adolph, A Torregrossa	(Host) E YUrik, E Lee, M Weger (Cup) T Hollis, J Culivan, E Wright
8:00 am	A Norris, D McKay	M Gallo, A Villa	(Host) K Hollier, E Daugherty, S Daugherty (Cup) M Vermaelen, A Blount, M Braud
9:45 am	Z LeBlanc, S LeBlanc	D Ourso, D Mathies	(Host) M Leger, T Fox, L Evans (Cup) F Fleniken, B Shedlof, B LaSalle
11:30 am	L Miller, L Madaffari	C Ryan, A Fields	(Host) K Browning, D Gremillion, C LeBlanc (Cup) D Kennedy, J Johnson, C Garbutt





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