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Tuesday: 2:15	5-3:30 - Children's Choir Pract	ice (Church)	— т	Confetti Pancakes, Sa Tater Tots, Veggie Bo Pineapple, Fresh Fru	oats & Dip,
7			X	Penne Pasta with Me Breadstick, Parmesar Carrots, Garden Sala Oranges, Fresh Fruit	n Cheese, Glazed ds, Mandarin
Wednesday	: 8:15 - Mass <i>(grades 5-8)</i> 2:15-3:15 - 4th Grade Quick	Recall Practice (4	Тł	Chicken Tenders, Dir Mashed Potatoes & O Pears, Fresh Fruit, Ju	Fravy, Green Beans,
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	- Mass (grades k-4) 9- 5:00 - Challenge Club (Un	dercroft)		ON	F
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A NOTE FROM YOUR ADMINISTRATION

Dear Families and Friends,

Our music Christmas program is such a gift to our entire Blessed Sacrament community! Mrs. Weber and the students work so hard preparing for this big event! I'm sure you've been hearing them sing their songs all the time around the house in the same way we hear them around school, and hopefully, that has served as a reminder of the true meaning of Christmas: Jesus is coming. It's hard to be a "Grinch" around here when their excitement and joy is so palpable, and I am grateful for this gift. It's also hard to be a "Grinch" when we are getting so many treats in the office throughout the month. They seem perfectly timed as well because when we finish off one, another appears. Thank you so much for thinking of us!

I am passing along another family tradition a little late. During Advent, we added this prayer ("The Christmas Anticipation Prayer") to our Family prayer: Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour, vouchsafe, O my God! to hear my prayer and grant my desires, through the merits of our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His Blessed Mother. Amen.

Cheerfully in Christ, Mrs. Aideen Briggs Principal, Blessed Sacrament School

"For a child is born to us, a son is given to us; Upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace." – Isaiah 9: 5

UPDATED PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL INFO

LEARNING GROVE SCHEDULE

TEXT MESSAGE NOTIFICATION OPT-IN

Reminders:

January 6 – Return to school

- □ January 6 MAP testing window opens
- □ January 12 Open House, noon 2:00

THUMBS UP!



Thumbs Up for the BSS 6th Grade girls basketball team who won 2nd place in the St. Joe's Tournament!

Congratulations Abby Hetzer, Camdyn Wera, Avery Lanham, Leah Kunkler, Rowan Stout, Anna Fedders, Layne Browning, and Ava Hartman!



Thumbs Up for our grade level and faculty winners of the "Most Festive Contest"!

Congratulations Grace (pk), Johnny (k), Kaia (1), Anastasia (2), Will (3), Chandler (4), Lenny (5), Stella (5), Emily (6), Ally (7), Maclaine (8), and Mrs. Hartung!



Congratulations to the following students who were selected to represent BSS at this year's Junior High Governor's Cup!

<u>Social Studies</u>: Will Farrell, Adam Eling, Boyd McAllister <u>Science</u>: Samantha Lawrence, Zack Steltenkamp, Della Crossen <u>Language Arts</u>: Zach Heck, Max Donaho, Maya Abdrabbo <u>Math</u>: Brady Cox, Maggie Lamb, Megan Cafera <u>Arts & Humanities</u>: Iris Deters, Michael Masters, Cash Wiehe <u>Composition</u>: Maggie Lamb, Iris Deters, Lily Moening

<u>Quick Recall Team</u>: Megan Cafera, Brady Cox, Iris Deters, Will Farrell, Samantha Lawrence, Zack Steltenkamp, Cash Wiehe



Thank you to Bonefish Grill (Crescent Springs location) for their generous support of Blessed Sacrament School!

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

THE CATECHIST

The child, particularly the religious life of the child, is central to the interest and commitment of the catechist of the Good Shepherd.. The catechist observes and studies the vital needs of the child and the manifestations of those vital needs according to the developmental stage of the child. The catechists live with the child a shared religious experience according to the teachings of the gospel: "Except you become as little children, you cannot enter the kingdom of God." (Matthew 18:3) The catechist attends to the conditions that are necessary for this life to be experienced and flourish.

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The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is an approach to the religious formation of children ages three to twelve. It is rooted in the Bible, the liturgy of the church, and the educational principles of Maria Montessori.

It was started by Sofia Cavalletti and Gianna

Gobbi in 1954. Sofia Cavalletti was a Catholic laywoman and theologian who received a doctorate in Hebrew and Comparative Semitic Languages from La Sapienza University in Rome and who was a biblical scholar. Montessori educator, Gianna Cobbi, who was well acquainted with the young child since she had been with children in the classroom for 15 years. She was also aware of Maria Montessori's religious work and the use of materials designed for children to help them better understand the Catholic liturgy. cgsusa.org



THE CHILD

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contact: Kris Heck at kheck@bssky.org or Aideen Briggs at abriggs@bssky.org

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd gives primary focus to the relationship with God through Jesus and offers a sacred place where the child can be initiated into the religious life. God and the child have a unique relationship with one another, particularly before the age of six. Through

the proclamations of the Word, this relationship is affirmed for the child and assists in helping the child to draw nearer to God. To speak about the religious life of the child is to speak about how the child dwells with the mystery of God. cgsusa.org



CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD



THE ATRIUM

In the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, the name "atrium" is owed to Italian educator María Montessori. It refers to the space of the ancient Roman basilicas, between the street and the church. It was like an entryway or foyer, and it was in this fl was like an entryway or foyer, and it was in this place that the faithful prepared themselves, both physically and spiritually, to enter the church and participate in the liturgy.

In the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, the atrium is a place for work, for celebration, and for prayer. The atrium is the child's prepared environment, a place where God, the Holy One, comes to dwell.

The Atrium allows the child the space to draw closer to God. It is a place where the child can listen to the proclamations of the Good News from the Word of God; meditate on the Word of God and begin to live it according to the child's own rhythm. It is an environment in which work becomes meditation and prayer. The child's expression of the religious life is manifested through prayer responses, whether silent or aloud, in contemplation, and through artwork CGSUSA.ORG



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March 13th

2025 Meetings

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BLESSED SACRAMENT

Student Council Newsletter

Most Festive Day Recap

WOW, WHAT AN INCREDIBLE DAY! THE STUDENT COUNCIL'S MOST FESTIVE DAY WAS A HUGE SUCCESS, AND WE WERE BLOWN AWAY BY EVERYONE'S CREATIVITY AND SPIRIT. THE OUTFITS WERE NOTHING SHORT OF AMAZING-THANK YOU ALL FOR PARTICIPATING AND MAKING THE DAY SO FUN AND FESTIVE! CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR WINNERS, AND THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SHOWED THEIR FESTIVE FLAIR. LET'S CARRY THIS INCREDIBLE ENERGY THROUGH THE REST OF THE SEASON!

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Fall & Winter PK-2nd Grade Coloring Contest Winners

Parent Club

Board

Rebecca Heringhaus & Brigid Brown Co-Presidents

> Abi Haggerty Vice President

Brittany Lawrence & Sara Meagher Co-Treasurers

Connie Polly Teacher Appreciation Coordinator

Lauren Graden Student Appreciation Coordinator

Ashley Witzgall Parent Appreciation Coordinator

Jenna Burger & Megan Kapcar Spirit Nights

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Events

April 2: Spring Save the Date! Bunches of Bows Spirit Day

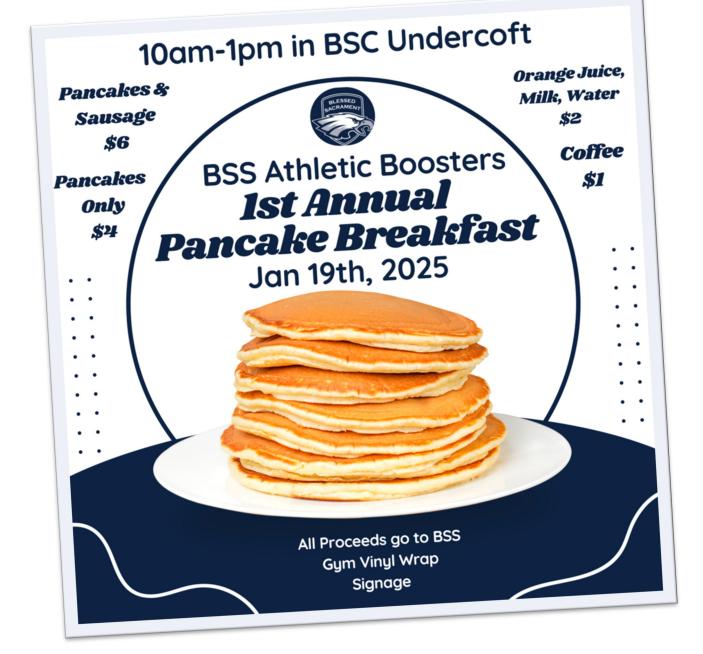
If you have any ideas for organizations that would like to partner with BSS for a fundraiser night, please share with our Spirit Night Coordinators – Megan Kapcar and Jenna Burger



FROM PARENT CLUB

Wishing all of our BSS families a relaxing Christmas Break filled with the blessings of family, friends, and lots of fun!





UPCOMING MEETINGS

INFO COMING SOON!

AND DAY

All meetings held in the BSS Cafeteria

KEEP IN TOUCH



Are you interested in joining the Boosters? Please email us at <u>bssboosters@gmail.com</u>

Do you have any team photos or team accomplishments? Please send to Ryan Heringhaus at <u>rheringhaus@gmail.com</u> so we can publish them on our sites!

BOOSTERS INFORMATION



BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

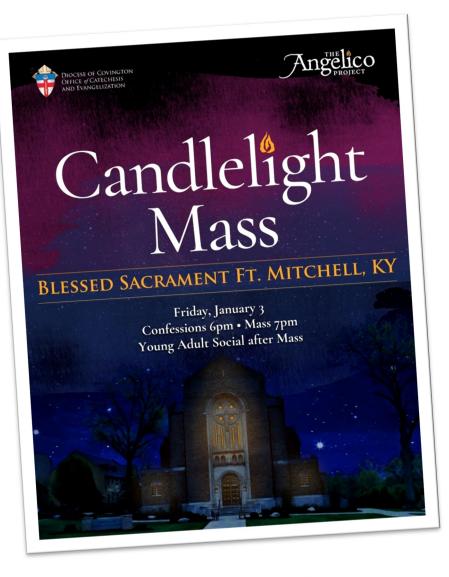
Christmas Mass Schedule 2024

Christmas Eve: 4:00, 6:00, and 10:00 pm Christmas Day: 10:00 am

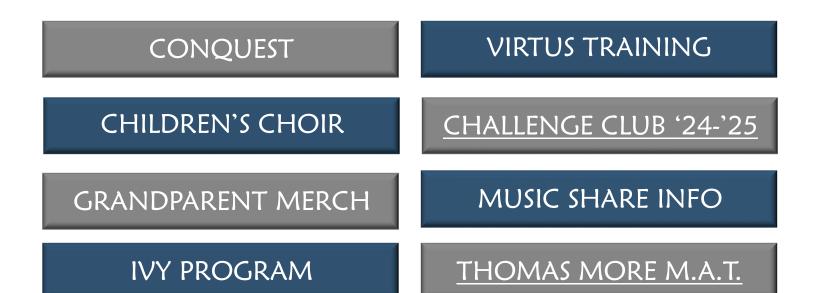
Please join us for a

Candlelight Mass

Friday, January 3, 2025



QUICK LINKS



If you would like to submit an article or flyer to our weekly newsletter, please send information to Annie Ernst at annernst@bssky.org. All information MUST be submitted by 12:00 pm on THURSDAY to be printed in that week's newsletter. (Submissions made after the deadline will run in the following week's newsletter.)

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