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March 30, 2008

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SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Arrangements are to be secured with the Pastor at least six months in advance of desired date.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Saturdays after 4:30 p.m. Mass and Sundays after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Parents are to attend the Baptism Class before their child is born, if possible. Call the Parish Office.

BLESSED SACRAMENT PRAYER LINE: If you need prayer for a special intention, call the Prayer Line by contacting Jean Quigley at 523-6573 or Mary Theresa Drake at 726-6649.

CELEBRATING THE DAYS**Monday, March 31, Annunciation of the Lord**

- ✘ 6:20 AM Eileen Kniery
- ✘ Confessions before 8:00 Mass
- ✘ 8:00 AM Special Intentions of Tom Schdmit

Tuesday, April 1

- ✘ 6:20 AM Tom & Cathy (Casey) Pfeiffer (Mike & Bonnie Casey and family)
- ✘ Confessions before 8:20 Mass
- ✘ 8:20 AM Alinda and Geo. Schuerman

Wednesday, April 2

- ✘ 6:20 AM George Ann Martin
- ✘ Confessions before 8:00 Mass
- ✘ 8:00 AM Darrell Adams

Thursday, April 3

- ✘ 6:20 AM Dr. Paul LaFata
- ✘ Confessions before 8:20 Mass
- ✘ 8:20 AM Paul Buedel
- ✘ 4:30-5:15 p.m. Confessions

Friday, April 4

- ✘ 6:20 AM Betty Ball
- ✘ Confessions before 8:00 Mass
- ✘ 8:00 AM Harry Cusick Family

Saturday, April 5

- ✘ 7:00 a.m. Darlene Tasset
- ✘ 7:30-8:00 a.m. Confessions
- ✘ 3:00-4:00 p.m. Confessions
- ✘ 4:30 p.m. Intentions of our Parishioners

Sunday, April 6, Third Sunday of Easter

- ✘ 7:00 AM Marita Child
- ✘ 8:30 AM Heather Gonet
- ✘ 10:30 AM Thomas L. "Mike" O'Connor

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DEAR PARISHIONERS,

Happy Easter! This Sunday is also the Feast of Divine Mercy. This Feast is a beautiful way to help us receive the great gift of God's mercy and love that is poured out for us through the death and resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ.

As a reminder, this year the celebration of the Feast of Divine Mercy will be held at the Cathedral. Bishop Lucas will be leading this celebration, which will start at 2:00 P. M. Sunday March 30th, at the Cathedral. I will be there to help with confessions and you are all invited.

Today the readings help us to see something of that mercy and love. The account from John of Jesus appearing to the disciples helps us get past unbelief when we see the difficulty that Thomas had believing that Jesus had risen from the dead. We also see that this resurrection is not just resuscitation as it was for Lazarus. Rather, there is something very different here. Jesus appears through locked doors. This image of His resurrected body tells us that resurrection brings us to a state very different from what we experience now. We don't know much about it other than the promise that we will experience this resurrection if we live and die with Christ in this life.

Something else is present in this Gospel. When Jesus appeared, He "breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.'" Jesus is breathing new life into us. This breathing of life takes us back to creation and reminds us of God breathing life into the clay of Adam. Jesus recreates us in baptism and continues to do so through all the other graces offered through His Church. When Jesus gives the authority to forgive sins, He is establishing the Church as a vehicle for the great graces of love and mercy gained by Christ in His life, death, and resurrection.

We are now celebrating God's great love and mercy and all that Jesus did to make it available to us. May we all respond to this incredible grace with our whole heart, mind, soul, and everything in our being!

Fr. Tony has gone home to India for five weeks. He will be back on Monday April 28th. He will be celebrating a special Mass for his brother who died a year ago. He will also be celebrating a wedding of one of his nieces, his brother's daughter, for whom he is a guardian. Please pray for a safe trip and a healing time for his family.

Sincerely in Christ,
Father Hoefler

GOSPEL OF LIFE**MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE BENEDICT XVI FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE WORLD DAY OF PEACE, 1 JANUARY 2008**

Whoever, even unknowingly, circumvents the institution of the family undermines peace in the entire community, national and international, since he weakens what is in effect *the primary agency of peace*. This point merits special reflection: everything that serves to weaken the family based on the marriage of a man and a woman, everything that directly or indirectly stands in the way of its openness to the responsible acceptance of a new life, everything that obstructs its right to be primarily responsible for the education of its children, constitutes an objective obstacle on the road to peace. The family needs to have a home, employment and a just recognition of the domestic activity of parents, the possibility of schooling for children, and basic health care for all. When society and public policy are not committed to assisting the family in these areas, they deprive themselves of an essential resource in the service of peace. The social communications media, in particular, because of their educational potential, have a special responsibility for promoting respect for the family, making clear its expectations and rights, and presenting all its beauty.

SCHOOL NOTES:

Monday, March 31 – Classes resume after Easter break

MEN'S CLUB MANIA

Men of Blessed Sacrament, you are invited to an informational meeting on Thursday, April 3rd, at 7:00 PM in the cafegymatorium. We will review the success of this year's Fish Fries and discuss the opportunities for future events. With the new service hour requirements, this is a great opportunity to help us expand the service and camaraderie the Men's Club provides the parish. We'll see you there and bring a friend! If you would like to be included, but can't make Thursday, e-mail us at taptap7@insightbb.com and we will keep you updated.

BLESSED SACRAMENT UNITY RUN

SIGN UP NOW! We are inviting all alumni, school families and parishioners to participate in the first ever Blessed Sacrament Unity Run on Saturday, April 12. The course for the three mile run (or walk!)

will be in the Blessed Sacrament neighborhood. A kids' Fun Run will be held on the school grounds. Hot dogs and light refreshments will be available after the run. Tee shirts will be given to all those who pay the \$20 registration fee. Call Kim Hoffman at the school for more information.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS AT MEMORIAL

The Pastoral Care Department of Memorial Medical Center invites persons interested in serving as Eucharistic Minister on weekdays and weekends to a meeting on Thursday, April 3 at 5:30 PM. The meeting will be held in Room B124, the Sangamon Conference Room. Please RSVP by calling 788-3585 by March 31.

BROTHER JAMES COURT AUCTION

Brother James Court, home to 98 developmentally disabled men, will hold its 14th Annual Benefit Auction on Saturday, April 12 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. The theme for the event is Steppin' Out. Tickets are \$75 each. For more information or to donate an auction item or become a sponsor of this event, please call 745-5905 or email development@brotherjamescourt.com.

SPRINGFIELD CHORAL SOCIETY CONCERT

The Springfield Choral Society will have a concert on Friday, May 3 at 7:00 PM at Blessed Sacrament. They will perform Rachmaninoff's Vespers. Parishioner tickets will be available for purchase in the Parish Office approximately three weeks prior to the performance. Tickets are \$10 each.

MARRIAGE BANNES

Heidi Schmidt & Scott Watson plan to wed April 5, 2008.

Francis Squires and Kelli Gidcumb plan to wed April 12, 2008.

Brian Oakes & Amy Wolff plan to wed April 19, 2008.

7TH/8TH GRADE DANCE

The Knights of Columbus #4175, 2801 West Street, is having a 7th/8th Grade Dance on Friday, April 4th from 7-10 p.m. \$5 admission. For info call 528-5740 or visit www.kofc4175.com

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

The Feast of Divine Mercy will be celebrated today (Sunday, March 30) at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception at 2:00 PM. Bishop George J. Lucas will preside.

EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

Many, many thanks to all who donated towards the beautiful Easter flowers, including those who did not include an "in memory of." Your donations are very much appreciated!

Donation from (In memory of)

Andrew & Rita Adams (Grant Adams, Joe & Eileen Collesbrusco)
 Sharline Antonacci (Mother and Sister)
 Grace Baliva (Mario F. Baliva)
 Fritzie Belz (Jim Belz)
 Maxine Bretz (Robert Bretz)
 James & Lois Burton (Greg Burton, Faye Fischer)
 Daniel & Peggy Cadigan (Deceased members of Cadigan & Weber families)
 Diane Canavan (Joseph Canavan)
 Donna Caton (Robert & Mary Louise Von Behren)
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 Christopher & Theresa Fehring (Catherine Halavonich and Kenneth Donaldson)
 John & Mary Fitzgerald (Schlosser and Fitzgerald Families)
 Judy Flynn (Tom Flynn)
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 James & Carolyn Graham (Dr. and Mrs. James E. Graham, Sherwyn L. Davis)
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 Dennis & Sharon Hildebrand (Mr. & Mrs. Ernest R. Hildebrand, Sr.)
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 Margery Hohl (Howard, Irma, Shirl & Larry Ellis)
 Kelly & Angela Howe (Robert Howe)
 Helen Huelsman (Larry Huelsman, Sr.)
 Bill & Carol Kelly (Souls in Purgatory)
 Elizabeth Kloppenburg (Carl Kloppenburg)
 Douglas & Sue Kurz (Kenneth & Mildred Kurz)
 Jo Ann Leahy (Joseph & Catherine Leahy)
 Billie LeCrone (Patrick LeCrone, William & Vivian Boyle, Goldie Lowry, Lillian Kickle)
 Barbara Lehman (William Lehman)
 Jasper & Rachel Madonia (Brian Joseph Madonia)
 Bob & Joan Mahoney (Coburn & Mahoney Families)

MINISTRY SCHEDULE**WEEK OF MARCH 31-APRIL 6****Mon, Tues, Wed 6:20 AM**

Tim Oh, Abigail Perrero

Thurs, Fri, Sat 6:20/7:00 AM

Gabriel Green, Abby Ralph

Mon, Tues, Wed 8:00/8:20 AM

Erik Ketchum, Caroline Schmidt

Thurs, Fri 8:20/8:00 AM

Joey Moore, Sam Sgro

Saturday, April 5, 4:30 PM**Servers:** Duncan Kirby, Kyle French, Kate Healy**Eucharistic Ministers:** Colleen VonDeBur, Lisa Belz, Michelle Bretz, Christina Warren, Doug Warren, Pat Sheehan, Stacy Mundstock, Debbie Cimarossa**Sunday, April 6, 7:00 AM****Lectors:****Servers:** Maddie Oh, Tim Oh**Ministers:** David Farris, Mary Rita Dineen, Johanna Toomey, Kathy Wear, Jim Wear**Sunday, April 6, 8:30 AM****Lectors:****Servers:** Joel Hardeman, Sean Fitzgerald, Natalie Bayer**Eucharistic Ministers:** Maryann Gorney, Harold Figge, Beckie Figge, Rick Campbell, Pat Graham, Don Graham, Ken Sommer, Mary K Sommer**Sunday, April 6, 10:30 AM****Lectors:****Servers:** Sam Sgro, Ben Ketchum, Eric Ketchum**Eucharistic Ministers:** Mary Tuttle, Jude Kennedy, Lois Jean Lahue, Barbara Erdmann, Kevin Dallavis, Jim Morphew, Lynn Frasco, Gene Mitchell**Gospel of Life Icon:** John & Angela Hyde Family**Vocation Chalice:** Bill and Lois Lahue Family

Barbara Malkus (Hank Malkus)
 Terry & Ellen Mattox (Immediate & extended family members)
 Timothy McCarthy (Deceased members of Reisch and McCarthy families)
 James & Annette McDermott (Hugh Thomas McDermott)
 Charles R. McLean (Margaret Betty McLean)
 Dwight & Mary Menely (Gerald Ziegler)
 Genevieve Morgan (Charles M. Morgan, Joyce Ryan)
 Sean & Megan Noonan (Sharon Noonan, Tom Weeks)
 Lorraine O'Hern (Thomas M. O'Hern, MD)
 James Peifer (Peifer and David Families)
 John Picco (Mary Picco)
 Marcella Pipkin (Murray Pipkin and the Schafer family)
 Kathryn Ray (C. Fred Ray)
 David & Mary Clare Resch (The Cushing and Resch Families)
 Betty Roth (Frank and Frances Roth)
 Carole Ann Rudolph (The Rudolph Family)
 George & Burma Savage (John W. Reilly)
 Edward & Virginia Schofield (Eleanor Schofield, Jaime Meierdirks, Henry Huck)
 Willa Senger (Richard Senger)
 Ray & Margaret Serati (Charles, Caroline, & Frank Serati, Margaret Walker)
 Patrick & Carla Sheehan (William P. Sheehan)
 Timothy & Mary Jo Sheehan (William P. Sheehan & Dorothy A. Dittmer)
 Sholtis & Craven Family (Damon Sholtis, Stanley Yuskus & deceased family members)
 Theodore & Joan Siedle (Theodore & Anne Siedle, Jesse & Ellen Foster)
 Marilyn Skube (Edmunc & Marie Skube)
 Jan Snodgrass (Lawrence & Marian Thread)

Patrick & Arlene Stapleton (Mary Louise Stapleton)
 Thomas & Patricia Stapleton (Ed & Stella Stapleton, Galen & Irene Coggan)
 Margaret Taylor (Herb Taylor, Joe & Anna Conlon)
 Marie Valenti (Helen Groesch)
 Denise Vaughn (Calvin Vaughn)
 Josephine Vespa (John Vespa Family)
 Rebecca Wagner (Mary Boehning)
 John & Antoinette Weis (Deceased members of McCaskey & Weis Families)

STEWARDSHIP
(Time | Talent | Treasure)

<u>Parish Collection</u>	
March 16, 2008	\$23,038.00
Target Amount	\$23,500.00
Shortfall	\$ (462.00)

<u>School Support Fund</u>	
Goal for Step 1	\$ 350,000
Received for Step 1	\$ 229,775
Remaining Needed	\$ 120,225

<u>Annual Catholic Services Appeal (ACSA) - 2/12/08</u>	
Parish Assessment	\$150,035.00
Total Pledged	\$ 103,130.07 (68% of goal)
Total Received	\$ 101,413.54 (67% of goal)
Remaining Due	\$ 48,621.46