

Parish of the Blessed Sacrament

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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

DEAR PARISHIONERS,

Monday, August 18

- ✘ Confessions before 8:00 Mass
- ✘ 8:00 AM Dr. Henry Bernet and Special Intentions of John and Kristy Hanlon Family

Tuesday, August 19

- ✘ Confessions before 8:00 Mass
- ✘ 8:00 AM Jenny B. Bernet and Sebastian Vadakkedath

Wednesday, August 20, Bernard

- ✘ Confessions before 8:00 Mass
- ✘ 8:00 AM Rose Vespa

Thursday, August 21, Pius X

- ✘ Confessions before 8:00 Mass
- ✘ 8:00 AM Mrs. Alma Hildebrand and Doris Rudis

Friday, August 22, Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- ✘ Confessions before 8:00 Mass
- ✘ 8:00 AM Dorothy M. Corrigan and Al Casper

Saturday, August 23, Rose of Lima

- ✘ 7:00 AM Doris Wavering
- ✘ 7:30-8:00 AM Confessions
- ✘ 3:00-4:00 PM Confessions
- ✘ 4:30 PM Intentions of our Parishioners

Sunday, August 24, Twenty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time

- ✘ 7:00 AM Alex Nicdao
- ✘ 8:30 AM Dorothy McHenry
- ✘ 10:30 AM Michael Troesch

Father Hoefler is on vacation this week.

RECEPTION FOR FATHER TONY

Please join us for a reception after the 8:30 and 10:30 Masses this Sunday, August 17, in the school gym as we say goodbye to Father Tony.

GOSPEL OF LIFE

Unity does not cancel Diversity

Everything that has been said so far about Christ's attitude to women confirms and clarifies, in the Holy Spirit, the truth about the equality of man and woman. One must speak of an essential "equality", since both of them - the woman as much as the man - are created in the image and likeness of God. Both of them are equally capable of receiving the outpouring of divine truth and love in the Holy Spirit. Both receive his salvific and sanctifying "visits".

The fact of being a man or a woman involves no limitation here, just as the salvific and sanctifying action of the Spirit in man is in no way limited by the fact that one is a Jew or a Greek, slave or free, according to the well-known words of Saint Paul: "For you are all one in Christ Jesus" (Gal 3:28). This unity does not cancel out diversity. The Holy Spirit, who brings about this unity in the supernatural order of sanctifying grace, contributes in equal measure to the fact that "your sons will prophesy" and that "your daughters will prophesy". "To prophesy" means to express by one's words and one's life "the mighty works of God" (Acts 2: 11), preserving the truth and originality of each person, whether woman or man. Gospel "equality", the "equality" of women and men in regard to the "mighty works of God" - manifested so clearly in the words and deeds of Jesus of Nazareth - constitutes the most obvious basis for the dignity and vocation of women in the Church and in the world. Every vocation has a profoundly personal and prophetic meaning. In "vocation" understood in this way, what is personally feminine reaches a new dimension: the dimension of the "mighty works of God", of which the woman becomes the living subject and an irreplaceable witness.(16)

Mulieris Dignitatem
On the Dignity and Vocation of Women
Pope John Paul II

MARRIAGE BANNS

Zachary Wilson & Katie Mendenhall plan to wed August 30, 2008.

Brian Springer & Illianna Elliott plan to wed September 6, 2008.

NEWS FROM THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Welcome Back! As the 2008-2009 school year begins, it is an appropriate time to say thank you to all of the parishioners at Blessed Sacrament. Our school is blessed to be a part of such a vibrant and generous parish.

Cocktail Reception – A party to benefit the Blessed Sacrament Annual Fund will be held on Wednesday, August 20 from 5:30 to 7:30 in the school gym. All are welcome; tickets are \$40 for an individual and \$75 per couple. This third annual event is a relaxing evening of hors d'oeuvres and fellowship. The Annual Fund supports the operating budget of the school. Call Kim Hoffmann in the Development Office to make a reservation.

Lost Alumni – We are still working on updating the school's alumni database. Please call the office to provide new addresses for you, or for your children who attended Blessed Sacrament School.

Commemorative Bricks – In association with upcoming landscaping projects scheduled for the church and school grounds, commemorative engraved bricks will be sold. The bricks will be located between the church and the school. More information will follow in the fall.

Upcoming Events – Be sure and save the dates for two upcoming, fun events. The 39th Annual Blessed Sacrament Auction will be held on Saturday, September 27th. The 2nd Annual Wine Tasting will be held on Sunday, November 16.

BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL NEWSSchool Office Hours

The office will be closed on Monday, August 18. Any remaining packets will be available in the school office. ALL forms must be turned in BEFORE the first day of school, Tuesday, August 19.

Open Gym for Girls' Basketball

Open gym for seventh and eighth grade girls interested in playing basketball for Blessed Sacrament School will be held on the following dates from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.: August 19, 21, 26, and 28. Any girls interested should participate as uniforms will need to be ordered as soon as official practice begins.

AUCTION NEWS

If you would like to volunteer for the Auction, please email Auction Chairs Melissa and Paul Antonacci at bssauction2008@comcast.net or call 789-7265. Great opportunity for family service or students' service hours!

You can also use this email address to contact the Auction committee regarding donations, etc.

BIBLE STUDY WITH THE DOMINICAN SISTERS

You are invited to attend a Bible study class that will expand upon the depth of Scripture as it influences our daily spiritual and liturgical lives. Participants will meet at Sacred Heart Convent, Motherhouse of the Dominican Sisters, 1237 W Monroe in Springfield on Wednesdays from 9 – 10:30 AM. This year's group will begin on September 10th with persons from different economic and social backgrounds as well as religious affiliations. Call 787-0481 for questions or directions.

WHY NOT GIVE RELIGIOUS LIFE A THOUGHT?

Are you a young Catholic woman or do you know someone who might benefit from some time to feed the spirit and a chance to make a difference in this world? The Dominican Sisters of Springfield, Illinois invite you to come and think about where God is calling you. Visit www.springfielddop.org for more information or check them out on MySpace: www.myspace.com/dominicansisters.

NURSERY CARE

Nursery Care for children ages 1-3 years of age is available during Sunday 10:30 AM Mass in our rectory basement. This is a great place for children to safely play and interact with each other while parent attend mass. There is no monetary fee for this service. Participating parents are put on a rotating schedule to help with the care of the children (usually only once every 6 weeks, depending on the number of parents). We are looking to make our schedule for the months of August through the end of the year. We are also looking for teenage or pre-teen helpers for the nursery. This is a perfect way to start collecting service hours for the school year. If you are interested in joining the nursery, please contact Carrie Sluga at 529-6355 or carrie@sluga.net.

PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DEPARTED

Sr. Louise Gietl, OSU

URSULINE ACADEMY CLASS REUNION

Ursuline Academy's class of 1988's 20th reunion committee is planning events for the weekend of October 10th, 11th, and 12th. Please contact Sara (Stremsterfer) Ratcliffe at sarat407@gmail.com or Teri (Hepperly) Runions at runrene@aim.com for more information and to give them your current address-we do not have them all!

1958 GRADE SCHOOL GRADUATES

A 50-year reunion party is being planned for all 1958 Springfield Catholic Grade School graduates for Sept. 6 at Lake Springfield. Please let us know if you are interested by calling Mike Casey at 523-5352 or Mike Houston at 698-4110.

HEALING MASS

A Healing Mass and Service will be held on Sunday, September 14 at 4:00 PM at Our Lady of Lourdes church in Decatur. For more info, call Sr. JoAn at 877-4404.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION FOR 50 YEARS

A special celebration will be held at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on September 21 for couples married 50 years or more, beginning at 1:00 PM with a musical program, Holy Mass with Bishop Lucas, and renewal of vows at 2:00 PM, followed by a reception.

If you or your loved ones have been married 50 years or longer and would like to receive an invitation and/or certificate from Bishop Lucas, please call the Office for Marriage and Family Life at 698-8500.

RESPECT LIFE MASS

Join Bishop Lucas at the annual diocesan pro-life vigil. The Respect Life Mass will be held at 9:00 AM at Holy Family Church in Granity City. A rosary walk and prayer vigil will begin at 10:00 AM. Luncheon speaker is Fr. James Heyd.

CHEERLEADING CAMP

The SHG Cheerleaders invite all students, grades K-8 to their Fall Football Junior Cheer Camp on Saturday, September 6 from 9:00 AM to Noon at the SHG West Campus. Cost is \$25 which includes a snack and camp t-shirt. All participants are eligible to cheer the following Friday evening, Sept 12, for the first quarter of the varsity football game. Registration forms are available at the school office or by calling Debbie at 553-1131.

SINGLE CATHOLICS MEETING

Patrick O'Toole, Director of Marriage and Family Life Office of the Diocese, will present "Growing through Relationship" on Saturday, August 23 from 5:30 to 8:00 PM at the Villa Maria Catholic Retreat Center. Potluck dinner included. Cost is \$5. Call 546-7394.

GOD BLESS OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED

Samantha Elizabeth Perryman, daughter of Dean and Mary Perryman

MINISTRY SCHEDULE**WEEK OF AUGUST 18-24**

Mon, Tues, Wed 8:00 AM
Cody Rutherford, Abby Ralph

Thurs, Fri 8:00 AM/Sat 7:00 AM
Abigail Perrero, Lucy Perlman

Saturday, August 23, 4:30 PM

Lector: Joseph Stannard

Servers: Clare Stannard, Grace Stannard, Joey Stannard

Eucharistic Ministers: Debbie Cimarossa, Lori Criscione, Lisa Belz, Larry Newell, Jude Kennedy, Mary Rita Dineen, Christina Warren, Doug Warren

Sunday, August 24, 7:00 AM

Lectors: Chris Perrin

Servers: Hannah Perrin, Joe Miller

Ministers: Colleen VonDeBur, Nancy Smith, Phil Graham, Ann Walker, Kathy Grubb

Sunday, August 24, 8:30 AM

Lectors: Steve Scheufele

Servers: Elizabeth Schmidt, Caroline Schmidt, Eric Ketchum

Eucharistic Ministers: Pat Sheehan, Michelle Bretz, Rita Keys, James Keys, Clara Ushman, Barbara Erdmann, Harold Figge, Beckie Figge

Sunday, August 24, 10:30 AM

Lectors: Melanie Arnold

Servers: Gabriel Green, Erin Saal, Julie Saal

Eucharistic Ministers: Kathryn Gietl, Andrea Judd, Cara Workman, Sally Petrone, Rick Campbell, Mary Ushman, MaryAnn Gorney, Linda Thornberry

OPEN HOURS FOR PERPETUAL ADORATION

DAYTIME

9:00 A.M. SATURDAY
 3:00 P.M. SATURDAY
 12:00 P.M. SUNDAY
 3:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY

NIGHT TIME

12:00 A.M. SATURDAY
 1:00 A.M. SATURDAY
 12:00 A.M. SUNDAY
 1:00 A.M. SUNDAY

CALL DAVID OR CATHY HEIMLICH 793-9352

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

From September 24 through November 2, 2008, our diocese will be uniting with others across the nation for a pro-life event, the nationwide "40 Days for Life" campaign. For more information, call the Office for Social Concerns at 698-8500 ext 167.

*Have a safe and successful
 school year! Go Bruins!*

It's getting closer! It's getting closer!

WHY CATHOLIC is on its way to Blessed Sacrament!

Yes, a way to come together. A way to build our Faith... right here in our own parish!

Keep your eyes and ears open!

STEWARDSHIP
(Time | Talent | Treasure)
In the Spirit of Giving

Parish Collection

August 10, 2008	\$18,604.00
Target Amount	\$23,500.00
Shortfall	(4,896.00)

Savings for School Building Project

August 10, 2008	\$ 1,515.00
Total	\$36,766.00