

# 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**

**Monday, September 1**

**Labor Day**

- ✘ Confessions before 8:00 Mass
- ✘ 8:00 AM Peg O'Brien

**Tuesday, September 2**

- ✘ Confessions before 8:20 Mass
- ✘ 8:20 AM Darlene Tasset

**Wednesday, September 3, Gregory the Great**

- ✘ Confessions before 8:00 Mass
- ✘ 8:00 AM Steven Swigert, Sr. and Robert Bretz

**Thursday, September 4**

- ✘ Confessions before 8:20 Mass
- ✘ 8:20 AM Veneta Squires and Mary Kaufman

**Friday, September 5**

- ✘ Confessions before 8:00 Mass
- ✘ 8:00 AM Libby Fisher-Redick and John Gonterman

**Saturday, September 6**

- ✘ 7:00 AM Robert Kannady
- ✘ 7:30-8:00 AM Confessions
- ✘ 3:00-4:00 PM Confessions
- ✘ 4:30 PM Rita Rose Coleman

**Sunday, September 7, Twenty-third Sunday of Ordinary Time**

- ✘ 7:00 AM Elizabeth A. Zink
- ✘ 8:30 AM Jim Belz
- ✘ 10:30 AM Intentions of our Parishioners

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*Spend an hour in adoration and prayer*

OPEN HOURS FOR PERPETUAL ADORATION

| <b>DAYTIME</b>      | <b>NIGHT TIME</b> |
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| 9:00 A.M. Saturday  | 12:00 AM Saturday |
| 3:00 P.M. Saturday  | 1:00 AM Saturday  |
| 12:00 P.M. Sunday   | 12:00 AM Sunday   |
| 3:00 P.M. Wednesday | 1:00 AM Sunday    |

**CALL DAVID OR CATHY HEIMLICH 793-9352**

**DEAR PARISHIONERS,**

The reading from Jeremiah could sound pretty familiar in a literary review ... "I laughed, I cried..." Jeremiah says, "You duped me, O LORD, and I let myself be duped; you were too strong for me, and you triumphed." Reading that always makes me chuckle to myself a bit. Then I read farther and listen to Jeremiah whine about having to speak out ... "But then it becomes like fire burning in my heart."

God can appear very attractive to us. Sometimes it's the liturgy; sometimes it's the beauty of the teachings we hear. Sometimes it's the way God moves our hearts at special moments in our lives. Just observing the miracle of creation can move us closer to God. Whatever it is that has moved us into a deeper faith in God, it seems to take us to a new place. At first it is beautiful. Then we begin to see what comes with it. The gift of faith is never just for me. I am always called to live it for me but also as an example for others. Sometimes others just aren't in the same place and what we do or say is an affront to them in some way.

We are not called to beat people up with our faith but we are called to be authentic and honest. We can't just turn it on and off to suit another. Every now and then we find ourselves at a crossroads where being true to our Faith and myself requires certain actions and words and others are just not going to like it. We are called to be disciples. It is a very scary call at times. However, if we are faithful to Christ, "then it becomes like fire burning in my heart." We must not hide our faith if we want to grow in it. Rather it often requires dying to self, and sharing it with others in order to find the life that faith brings.

As a reminder, please help our parents of young children by giving them a place to go during Mass. It is such a privilege and gift to have young families and young children with us at Mass. I am so happy to see parents helping their children experience our Faith even at a very early age. They are the future of the Church. I know at times young children are not able to control themselves for the whole time period but at least they are learning some of the discipline of the Faith. We need to make sure the Mother's Chapel has room for the children and their parents when they need it. So please do not use the chapel during Mass unless you need to take your child in there.

**Sincerely in Christ,  
Father Hoefler**

**RCIA**

Are you wondering how to become a Catholic? Do you know a non-Catholic who's asking questions about the Catholic Church? If so the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is for you! Inquiry sessions will begin in September. For more information call Jane Cloyd at 391.4562 or e-mail [jcloyd@bsps.org](mailto:jcloyd@bsps.org).

**GOSPEL OF LIFE**Virginit

gity and Motherhood are Complimentary  
In the usual order of things motherhood is the result of mutual "knowledge" between a man and woman in the marriage union. Mary, firm in her resolve to preserve her virginity, puts this question to the divine messenger, and obtains from him the explanation: "The Holy Spirit will come upon you" - your motherhood will not be the consequence of matrimonial "knowledge", but will be the work of the Holy Spirit; the "power of the Most High" will "overshadow" the mystery of the Son's conception and birth; as the Son of the Most High, he is given to you exclusively by God, in a manner known to God. Mary, therefore, maintained her virginal "I have no husband" (cf. Lk 1: 34) and at the same time became a Mother. Virginity and motherhood co-exist in her: they do not mutually exclude each other or place limits on each other. Indeed, the person of the Mother of God helps everyone - especially women - to see how these two dimensions, these two paths in the vocation of women as persons, explain and complete each other.(17)

Mulieris Dignitatem

On the Dignity and Vocation of Women

Pope John Paul II

**THE CHURCH AND THE HUMAN CONDITION**

Friends, welcome to a new column on Catholic Social Teaching! We Catholics are called to action to improve the human condition of all persons because our love for God cannot be separated from the love of our neighbor. After all, God created us as social beings, not as islands unto ourselves, and we can only grow and realize our vocation in life in relation to others.

Catholic Social Teaching educates us as to God's natural order of things. It also gives us a *realistic* set of principles to evaluate whether we and our society are just, and to take responsible action to transform ourselves and society to reflect God's order and promote justice. These principles are founded on the Ten Commandments, Christ's Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7), the *Catechism*, and letters written by the Pope and bishops.

As future columns will detail, Catholic Social Teaching rests on the *fundamental rights of life and dignity of each person* and *obligations* of each of us to *daily* serve God, one another, and the common good. It is in the observance and defense of these rights and obligations that we measure if our lives and our society are truly free and just.

The Church's teachings are an *integral whole*, not a menu of principles that we may simply choose or reject because it has majority support or conforms to our personal or political views. I invite you to reflect on the above and explore your faith in a new way in the coming months!

**MARRIAGE BANN**

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

Michael Vogel & Brianne Kassube plan to wed September 13, 2008.

Shawn Binney and Lacey Burt plan to wed September 20, 2008.

**NEWS FROM THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE**

**The Father Hoefler Challenge**—This year marks the third anniversary of the school's Annual Fund. The Annual Fund is used to support the operational budget of the school and has played an important role in enabling the school to maintain a balanced budget. The "Father Hoefler Challenge" honors our Pastor, Father Hoefler, and those donors who support the Annual Fund with gifts that total \$1,000 or more during the fiscal year. Thirty-two families took the "Challenge" during last year's fiscal cycle. Our goal this year is to raise that number to forty. If you would like more info, please call Kim Hoffmann in the Development Office at 528-7534, ext 206.

**Lost Alumni**—Thanks to those of you who have contacted the Development Office to update alumni addresses. We are continuing to bring our database up to speed. Please call the office to provide new addresses for you or for your children who attended Blessed Sacrament School.

**Upcoming Events**—SAVE THE DATES! The 39th Annual Blessed Sacrament Auction is Saturday, Sept. 27, and the 2nd Annual Wine Tasting is Sunday, November 16.

**AUCTION NEWS**

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

We need **donations for the silent auction baskets**, or you can sponsor a basket this year with a monetary donation. Call Beth Bayer at 528-71796.

**BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL NOTES:**

Monday, September 1 – No school in observance of Labor Day

Tuesday, September 2 – Preschool classes begin

Thursday, September 4 – Back-to-School Night for parents only – 7:00 p.m. in the gym

**PSR REMINDER**

PSR begins Wednesday, September 10, at 6:30 PM. The first class night is parent's night, meeting in the gym. Please plan on attending with your children. If you missed registration, there will be a chance to register at parent's night. If you have any questions, please contact Molly Bruening at 217-257-3240 or [mollymaureen@gmail.com](mailto:mollymaureen@gmail.com).

**PRESCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Sunday School for pre school aged children is will begin Sunday, September 28 during the 10:30 AM Mass. If you would like to enroll your child in the program or volunteer for service hours, please contact Carrie Sluga at 529-6355 or [carrie@sluga.net](mailto:carrie@sluga.net) or Angela Howe at 971-4194.

**CALLING ALL SHG ALUMNI**

Please join fellow alumni, students, families, and members of the community as together we undertake one of the largest, broad-based community service efforts in our history! On the weekend of October 4-5 we will kick-off a yearlong program called SHG Works to commemorate the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Sacred Heart-Griffin High School. Around 200 people will blanket Springfield neighborhoods as part of a widespread SHG service effort to clean up areas of our community and assist individual homeowners with tasks they are unable to perform themselves. Please contact Terry Farmer at 698-6000 or via email at [terry@terryfarmer.com](mailto:terry@terryfarmer.com). We sincerely hope you will join fellow alumni and friends in what promises to be a truly rewarding community-wide service effort.

**GRADE SCHOOL REUNION**

The Reunion for the 1958 graduates of all Springfield Catholic grade schools will be September 6 at the Lake Springfield Press Club, beginning at 4:00 PM. Buffet dinner at 6:00. Price is \$15 per person. Please join us for ac asual evening meeting old friends and reminiscing. For more info, call 523-5352.

**SHARE THE WORD LITURGY FOR CHILDREN IN GRADES 1-4**

As we start another year, the ministers of Share the Word want to inform new children and parents, and remind those returning, of the purpose of the Liturgy of the Word for Children, offered at the 10:30 AM Mass.

Share the Word, is the Liturgy of the Word designed for children. They hear the Sunday's scriptures in words they can understand and are more likely to respond to. They have a chance to share what they heard and what it means to them. We also profess a simplified version of the creed and let them share prayers of the faithful.

So all children who come to Share the Word can get the best experience, we expect them to:

1. When called forward, and excused from Share the Word, show reverence by bowing in front of the altar.
2. Be respectful to others.
3. Sit with their friends but do so quietly and keep their hands to themselves.
4. Raise their hand to share.
5. Listen to one another.

A loose coin offering for the poor is also collected during Share the Word. This is presented as the children's offering during the presentation of the gifts.

Please remind your children of these expectations so all the children can continue to experience God's Word. You have very bright and caring kids. Make sure you ask them what the heard and shared during Share the Word!

If you have any questions or would like to be involved as a Share the Word minister, contact John Katalinich at 787-3237.

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE****WEEK OF SEPT 1-7**

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

John Belz, Ethan Bluhm

**Thu, Fri 8:20/8:00 AM/**

**Sat 7:00 AM**

Jack Broeker, Sam Casson

**Saturday, Sept 6, 4:30 PM**

**Lector:** Ken Dobucki

**Servers:** John McDermott, Gabrielle McDermott, Tessie McDermott

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Linda Thornberry, Rick Campbell, Kathryn Gietl, Michelle Bretz, Pat Sheehan, Colleen VonDeBur, Doug Warren, Christina Warren

**Sunday, Sept 7, 7:00 AM**

**Lectors:** Jim Graham

**Servers:** Alex Mandeville, Sarah Miller

**Ministers:** Ann Walker, Phil Graham, Nancy Smith, Mary Rita Dineen, Anne Capestrain

**Sunday, Sept 7, 8:30 AM**

**Lectors:** Sarah Stannard

**Servers:** Zach Lael, Sarah Stannard, Joey Stannard

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Mary Ann Gorney, Mark Ushman, Beckie Figge, Harold Figge, Barbara Erdmann, Johanna Toomey, Mary K. Sommer, Ken Sommer

**Sunday, Sept 7, 10:30 AM**

**Lectors:** Donna Moore

**Servers:** John Belz, Jim Moore, Joey Moore

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Lisa Belz, Sally Petrone, Cara Workman, Andrea Judd, James Keys, Rita Keys, Don Graham, Pat Graham

**CALVARY CEMETERY CLEAN UP SCHEDULE**

September 15 - OCTOBER 1, 2008

Please be advised that ALL grave decorations will be removed. Anyone wishing to save, keep, store any of the items from a grave site is asked to remove all items before September 15, 2008. Any approved floral/flower arrangements (saddles, temporary vases, etc) may be replaced AFTER October 1. There will be no replacement of Shepherd hooks/crooks permitted in the cemetery after October 1. Any replaced and/or left will be removed and disposed of. We want a clean, uncluttered appearance and a safe environment for visitors and employees. Your cooperation and understanding is certainly appreciated. Please direct any questions to: Vaughn Whiteman, Executive Director, 523-3726.

**WHY CATHOLIC-Is “Why Catholic” for me...or for us?**

Generally, that answer is YES! As mentioned last week, “Why Catholic” (WC) is a great way to accomplish the prime focus of strengthening our faith, while building the parish to become a strong “larger family” for us all, and having fun too. While Fr. Hoefler is bringing WC to us, Bishop Lucas is firmly in support. You may have read the recent articles in the Catholic Times.

O.K., how does it work? Small groups will meet one evening a week (about 1 ½ hours) for 6 weeks in the fall and 6 weeks in the spring to discuss one of the four pillars of the Catechism (Sacraments, Catholic beliefs, morality, and prayer) by the use of guiding materials. Participants, from high school age to whatever, will form, or be placed into, small groups of 8 to 12 persons. (More detailed information on the groups will be coming.) They will meet

at various times and days, depending on the needs of the group; once a group is formed it becomes somewhat independent as to when and where they meet. If you recall Renew 2000, this is a very similar format. The materials and guidance is from the Renew International staff.

You will have an opportunity to “Sign-up” in mid-September with a beginning time in October. Please think this over carefully, take it to prayer, and remember our Priority One – getting ourselves and loved ones to heaven! Perhaps this can be a big help in that endeavor. You may wish to partner with a few people, or even begin a small group. Keep watching – more to come.

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| <p><b>STEWARDSHIP</b><br/> <b>(Time   Talent   Treasure)</b><br/> <b><i>In the Spirit of Giving</i></b></p> |
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| <u>Parish Collection</u> |             |
| August 17, 2008          | \$29,061.06 |
| Target Amount            | \$23,500.00 |
| Thank you!               | \$ 5,561.06 |

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| <u>Savings for School Building Project</u> |             |
| August 17, 2008                            | \$ 535.00   |
| Total                                      | \$37,301.00 |