

# Parish of the Blessed Sacrament

September 7, 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, September 8, Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

- ✘ Confessions before 8:00 Mass
- ✘ 8:00 AM Claire Forsyth and Robert Carmody

**Tuesday, September 9**

- ✘ Confessions before 8:20 Mass
- ✘ 8:20 AM Clara Brown and Theresa Kienzler

**Wednesday, September 10**

- ✘ Confessions before 8:00 Mass
- ✘ 8:00 AM Cecilia Quinn and Eleanor Egizii

**Thursday, September 11**

- ✘ Confessions before 8:20 Mass
- ✘ 8:20 AM Margaret and John Roberts and Mario F. Baliva

**Friday, September 12**

- ✘ Confessions before 8:00 Mass
- ✘ 8:00 AM Mr. Ernest R. Hildebrand and Chick Delano

**Saturday, September 13**

- ✘ 7:00 AM Donna Lederle
- ✘ 7:30-8:00 AM Confessions
- ✘ 3:00-4:00 PM Confessions
- ✘ 4:30 PM Fred Ray

**Sunday, September 14, Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

- ✘ 7:00 AM Rev. Martin Mangen and Stephen B. Adsit
- ✘ 8:30 AM Dorothy Corrigan
- ✘ 10:30 AM Intentions of our Parishioners

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***Spend an hour in adoration and prayer***

**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 AM Saturday
- 1:00 AM Saturday
- 12:00 AM Sunday
- 1:00 AM Sunday
- 2:00 AM Friday

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

**DEAR PARISHIONERS,**

How do I handle things when I am wronged or hurt? This is one of the questions the readings ask us today. This is also sometimes one of the most difficult areas for us to respond in a Christian way. Do I bottle it up inside and let it seethe? Do I act in a "passive aggressive" way, getting back at them with my behavior in other areas? Do I gossip and tell everyone else about it? Do I lash out at the one who wronged me? Do I have the humility and charity to go beyond the incident and respond to all those involved with their welfare in mind?

We know a few things as Christians in this situation. The person who hurt someone else does need to be corrected. The difficulty of course is determining who can best do this and how the correction can be most effective. We also know that forgiveness must be given and that we cannot hold anything over the person who hurt us. This may be the hardest part and we should always ask God for the grace to forgive as Jesus did. Also, when we confront the person who hurt us, there is a right way to do so. The Gospel gives us the format. At all times, we must not only consider our hurt and the justice due, we must also weigh it with the welfare of everyone involved, including me and the one who hurt me.

Our goal is to correct and heal, as Jesus would do. This may be one of the hardest things about being Christian. It may also be one of the things that make us most Christian.

This weekend there are forms available at Mass to purchase a brick for the prayer garden that will be made between the Church and the school. Consider whether you would like to purchase a brick and have it engraved, and please return the form as soon as possible. We are planning to install the prayer garden within the next month or so.

**Sincerely in Christ,  
Father Hoefler**

**MARRIAGE BANNS**

Michael Vogel & Brianne Kassube plan to wed September 13, 2008.  
Shawn Binney and Lacey Burt plan to wed September 20, 2008.  
Timothy Geving and Tara O'Dell plan to wed September 27, 2008.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY WED**

Zachary Wilson and Katie Mendenhall

**PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DEPARTED**

Eileen McFall

**GOSPEL OF LIFE**

What did early Christians think about abortion?

A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly. John 10:10

These profound words of Jesus provide us with keen insight into his mission and purpose.....that we might have life..... Despite the fact that Church's witness against the evil of abortion has been unambiguous and consistent with the teachings of Christ through the centuries some continue to claim that this subject was controversial in the early church. Some even go so far as to claim that this teaching is new to this century. This couldn't be farther from the truth. To place the church's teaching on abortion in perspective, over the next two weeks we will provide excerpts from the Sacred Congregation for the Faith's Document: "Declaration on Procured Abortion" which was published in 1974. You can find the entire document online at : [http://www.vatican.va/roman\\_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc\\_con\\_cfaith\\_doc\\_19741118\\_declaration-abortion\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc_con_cfaith_doc_19741118_declaration-abortion_en.html).

6. The tradition of the Church has always held that human life must be protected and favored from the beginning, just as at the various stages of its development. Opposing the morals of the Greco-Roman world, the Church of the first centuries insisted on the difference that exists on this point between those morals and Christian morals. In the Didache it is clearly said: "You shall not kill by abortion the fruit of the womb and you shall not murder the infant already born." [6] Athenagoras emphasizes that Christians consider as murderers those women who take medicines to procure an abortion; he condemns the killers of children, including those still living in their mother's womb, "where they are already the object of the care of divine Providence." Tertullian did not always perhaps use the same language; he nevertheless clearly affirms the essential principle: "To prevent birth is anticipated murder; it makes little difference whether one destroys a life already born or does away with it in its nascent stage. The one who will be a man is already one." [8]

**LIFE CHAIN**

The National Life Chain Prayer Witness is Sunday, October 5, 2008. Please join us in Springfield from the hour of 2:30 to 3:30 from South Grand to Laurel Street, s praying to end abortion. Blessed Sacrament participants will meet at the old Esquire Theater. The Gospel of Life Committee will award one free Baskin & Robbins coupon to any Blessed Sacrament PARISH student 8<sup>th</sup> grade and below in attendance of the full hour of prayer.

**NEWS FROM THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE**

**BRICKS!** - Order forms are available this weekend for the purchase of commemorative bricks that will be placed in a prayer garden between the church and the school. There are three sizes available: 4x8 brick for \$100, 8x8 for \$200 and 12x12 for \$300. They may be purchased this weekend or you can take a form with you and turn it into the school or church collection in the next few weeks. The form contains a template that will assist you with what you want engraved on the brick.

**Preschool in Session** – Last week our preschoolers began their school year. We are happy to welcome our newest students and their families.

**Lost Alumni** – Many updates have been received to update our alumni addresses, including an updated class reunion list. Thank you to all who have submitted updates. Please call the office to provide new addresses for you, or for your children, or your classmates who attended Blessed Sacrament School.

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

**BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL NOTES:**

Monday, Sept. 8 – Room parent meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the school library

Wednesday, Sept. 10 – Mandatory 8<sup>th</sup> grade parent meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory basement

Thursday, Sept. 11 – 11:30 a.m. dismissal; no B.A.S.E.; Diocesan workshop for parents on their role in Catholic school enrollment beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Christ the King Parish Center

Week of Sept. 15 – 19 – Terra Nova testing for grades 2 – 8

Monday, Sept. 15 – Protecting God's Children training at 6:30 p.m. in the gym (Please call the school office at 522-7534 to register.)

Wednesday, Sept. 17 – Meeting for parents and students interested in the band program at 6:30 p.m. in the SHG choral room

**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. You can still 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).

**AUCTION NEWS**

Check out the Auction Web site on [bssbruins.org](http://bssbruins.org)! You can register to attend the auction, fill out paperwork to donate an item to the auction or the silent auction, and look through the catalog (coming soon).

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!

**Introducing the Ultimate Playhouse!** New to the Auction this year is the Ultimate Playhouse Contest. Three teams of architects and builders have collaborated to design and build their vision of the Ultimate Playhouse. Blessed Sacrament students will vote for the best Ultimate Playhouse, which will then be awarded to the lucky winner of a \$10 raffle, available to the public. The other two playhouses will be sold during the auction.

All three playhouses will be unveiled on Friday, September 5 at 3:00 at the school. Call the school office at 522-7534 to buy your raffle tickets. They will also be sold on Sundays, Sept 14 and 21, from 11:30—2:30 in the parking lot. Help spread the word about this new, fun raffle!

**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.

**CALVARY CEMETERY CLEAN UP SCHEDULE**

**September 15 - October 1:** 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.

**HOLY FAMILY FOOD PANTRY PICKUP**

Donations to the Holy Family Food Pantry will be picked up from the back of church on Monday, September 15.

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE****WEEK OF SEPT 8-14**

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

Zach Conlee, Scout Coady

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

**Sat 7:00 AM**

Charlie Delano, Alex DeLeon

**Saturday, Sept 13, 4:30 PM**

**Lector:** Ed Hart

**Servers:** Aaron Schofield,  
Ryleigh Taylor, Madeline  
Smith

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Lori  
Criscione, Scott Reimers,  
Janine Feller, Marty Mosley,  
Isabel Figueroa, Ed Schofield,  
Susan Gallagher, Lynn Frasco

**Sunday, Sept 14, 7:00 AM**

**Lectors:** Pat McGarry

**Servers:** Davy Morehead,  
Hannah Perrin

**Ministers:** Daniella Ketchum, Jim  
Wear, Kathy Wear, Dave  
Langston, Kathy Grubb

**Sunday, Sept 14, 8:30 AM**

**Lectors:** Jim Clancy

**Servers:** Eric Delvo, Emily Delvo,  
Taylor Little

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Patricia  
Clarida, Mike Delvo, Kathy  
Harth, Marge O'Keefe, Tom  
Garvey, Jude Kennedy,  
Noreen Luhr, Clara Ushman

**Sunday, Sept 14, 10:30 AM**

**Lectors:** Lila Dilbaitis

**Servers:** Kaysay Johnson, Ben  
Ketchum, Eric Ketchum

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Mary F.  
Conwill, Barney Bruzetti, Jim  
Morphew, Gene Mitchell, Larry  
Newell, James Dodge, Karen  
Senger, Joseph Stannard

**MONTHLY PRAYER VIGILS**

Please join us on Saturday, September 20, to pray outside the Granite City abortion clinic. We will leave Lakeside Christian Church Parking Lot, Toronto Rd. at 7:00 AM and return around 1:00 PM. Please call Eric Portz at 718-4030 if you plan to attend.

**EVENING RECOLLECTION FOR MEN**

All Catholic men are invited to attend an evening recollection for men at St. John’s Hospital Chapel on Thursday, September 11, for 5:00 to 6:45 PM. Arrive when you can, and leave whenever necessary. For more information, call Jim Henneberry at 793-1182.

**MENTORS FOR SETON PROGRAM**

The Elizabeth Ann Seton program is in need of mentors. The program serves over 250 women who need support from other women in the community. No special skills required, just a desire to help. The program provides mentoring support, education, and practical assistance to pregnant and parenting women. Call Sheila Page at 757-6025.

**ADS FOR BULLETIN**

A representative from the bulletin publishing company will soon visit the parish office. We would like to thank our current advertisers in the bulletin for renewing their ad and continuing to support the parish. If you would like to place a new ad, please

contact the parish office at 528-7521 for more information.

**SHG MEGA RAFFLE TICKETS**

Tickets are now on sale for the 14th Annual SHG Mega-Raffle for 70 prizes, including the grand prize of \$100,000. Only 4,000 tickets are available at \$100 each. The early bird drawing is September 19 for 20 prizes of \$500 each. The raffle supports SHG’s operating budget, as well as a \$1,000 grant to Blessed Sacrament School. Call the school at 787-9732 or visit [www.shg.org](http://www.shg.org).

<p><b>STEWARDSHIP</b>  <i><b>(Time   Talent   Treasure)</b></i>  <b><i>In the Spirit of Giving</i></b></p>
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<u>Parish Collection</u>	
August 23, 2008	\$18,585.00
Target Amount	\$23,500.00
Shortfall	\$ (4,915.00)

<u>Savings for School Building Project</u>	
August 23, 2008	\$ 1,143.00
Total	\$38,444.00