

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 15

- ✘ Confessions before 8:00 Mass
- ✘ 8:00 AM Richard Gillespie, John Kreutzer, Brazitis, Huber & Lawless Families

Tuesday, September 16

No Mass today

Wednesday, September 17

No Mass today

Thursday, September 18

No Mass today

Friday, September 19

- ✘ Confessions before 8:00 Mass
- ✘ 8:00 AM Helen Kramp, Jim Belz, Helen O'Connor

Saturday, September 20

- ✘ 7:00 AM Terry Klaphake, Mary Evelyn Rechner
- ✘ 7:30-8:00 AM Confessions
- ✘ 3:00-4:00 PM Confessions
- ✘ 4:30 PM Catherine Fitzgerald

Sunday, September 21

- ✘ 7:00 AM Bill Butcher
- ✘ 8:30 AM Intentions of our Parishioners
- ✘ 10:30 AM Peter Hartung (Pat Clarida)

CATHEDRAL DAILY MASSES ARE AT 7:00 AM and 5:00 PM

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,

This week we have a special privilege in celebrating the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, or as it is also known, the Triumph of the Cross. This Solemnity is always celebrated on September 14th, so obviously it does not always land on a Sunday. It is only right that we dedicate a day in our yearly calendar to reflect on the instrument of our salvation.

This celebration comes to us because of several historical events. The crucifixion of Christ and His resurrection is of course the main reason. Another has to do with the Church of the Holy Cross in Jerusalem, which was built over the site of the crucifixion at Golgotha in 335 A.D. In 614 A.D. the Persians captured Jerusalem, desecrated the church, and stole the relics. In 629 the Persians were defeated, the relics were brought back, and the church was rededicated on September 14th, 629.

The Church celebrates this day because of its importance in our Faith. There is no Christianity without the cross. There is no salvation without the sacrifice of Christ on the cross and His resurrection from the dead. Do we keep that as a central focus in our thoughts and in our lives? In all of our difficulties and sufferings, the power of the cross gives us great consolation, strength and hope.

This week the priests of our diocese will be on convocation. We are all expected to attend. This convocation is out of town from Monday afternoon until Thursday afternoon. The purpose is a continued formation for our priests and to continue to develop our priestly fraternity and the health of the presbyterate of our diocese. Please pray for all of our priests while we are on convocation.

Because of the convocation, there will be no Masses on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday mornings. There will also be no Communion Services since they are meant for cases where there is no availability to a Mass. Fr. Peter Harman has arranged to have some visiting priests say Mass at the Cathedral at 7:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. Tuesday thru Thursday.

**Sincerely in Christ,
Father Hoefler**

MARRIAGE BANNS

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

Brian Springer and Illianna Elliott

GOSPEL OF LIFE

We invite all Blessed Sacrament parishioners to join the Diocese of Springfield and over 170 cities throughout the country in the **National 40 DAYS FOR LIFE campaign, September 24 through November 2:**

- Attend Blessed Sacrament's vigil outside Hope abortion clinic in Granite City. Each parish in the diocese will take one day in this 40 Days for Life in vigil outside the clinic. Blessed Sacrament's day is October 18. Watch the bulletin for more details.
- Attend the Bishop's annual Respect Life Mass in Granite city, followed by a rosary walk and vigil outside the abortion clinic in Granite City.
- Make a sacrifice or fast for the 40 DAYS FOR LIFE.
- **October 4, 2008: Springfield Right to Life Annual Fundraiser Dinner.** Speaker: Pastor Todd Greiner. 6:00 PM reception & silent auction, 6:45 PM dinner at the Sangamon Prairie Reception Center, Rt. 4, Chatham. \$35 adults, \$20 students. Call 523-2700 or see website www.srtl.org.
- **SRTL Annual Life Chain: 1st Sunday in October, October 5th 2:30-3:30PM.** Meet at the old Esquire Theatre parking lot to pick up your signs. Kindly remember this is a prayerful display of support for life. Free Baskins & Robbins ice cream coupons for all Blessed Sacrament parish children 8th grade and younger when you return your signs at the end of the event.
- We invite all Blessed Sacrament Parish 6, 7, & 8th graders to participate in BS's annual *Marita Child Gospel of Life Essay Contest*. Cash prizes totaling \$500 and trophies awarded each year on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Please see Blessed Sacrament website for details or call 414-3078.

NEWS FROM THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

BRICKS! - Order forms are available in both the school and rectory offices, and in the back of church, 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. Completed forms and checks may be submitted to the school, the rectory or in the collection basket. The first set of completed order forms will be submitted on September 23. The form contains a template that will assist you with what you want engraved on the brick; if you have questions please call Kim Hoffmann in the Development Office at 522-7534.

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 39th Annual Blessed Sacrament Auction, chaired by Paul and Melissa Antonacci, will be held on Saturday, September 27. The 2nd Annual Wine Tasting, chaired by Cathy Padget and Tina Schmidt, will be held on Sunday, November 16.

BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL NOTES:

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

AUCTION NEWS

Check out the Auction Web site on 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 or call 789-7265. Great opportunity for family service or students' service hours!

Introducing the Ultimate Playhouse! See the three ultimate playhouse candidates be unveiled on Friday, September 12 at 3:00 at the school. Be sure to get a \$10 raffle ticket to win the playhouse chosen by the students to be the "ultimate." Raffle is open to the public. Tickets will be sold through the school and on Sundays, Sept 14 and 21, from 11:30—2:30 in the parking lot.

GIVING TREE FOR BSS TEACHERS AND CLASSES

As part of the Blessed Sacrament Auction this year, a Giving Tree will be displayed to benefit the school and fund the purchase of greatly needed items for our Blessed Sacrament classrooms. Please stop by the Giving Tree table after Mass and consider choosing an item to fund for a teacher or classroom. This is a great opportunity to participate in making this year's auction a success and to support our wonderful school in a truly individual way! If you have any questions, or wish to make a donation towards classroom purchases, please contact Dana Kinion, Giving Tree Chair, at danakinion@comcast.net or 553-8436.

WHY CATHOLIC IS HERE!

Yes, it is here! This program is a terrific way to enhance our ability to attain our single and greatest priority – get to heaven. God gives us many gifts to help us attain that most important goal and one of the greatest is our faith. "Why Catholic?" (WC) can help us to learn more about our faith, while at the same time helping us to know more about another gift – our parish family. In groups of 8 to 12 people (couples or singles) we will journey through another gift – our Catechism. Together we'll learn how to use it as a resource and how it addresses the tenets of our faith.

Our parish is truly another gift to us, yet in a large parish it is sometimes hard to get to know each other. WC offers an opportunity to bond with a small group and helps a parish of acquaintances become more a parish of friends.

Here is how it will work. You may note on your "sign-up form" what days and times may "work" for you, and you will be contacted to be placed into a particular group. Or, you and several other people may wish to start a group. If so, notify the Parish Office and they will assist you with a facilitator, guidance, and materials.

Once a group is formed and meet days/times are determined, more people may join or be placed into it; unless it is too large (as 12 is the max, sometimes groups may choose to break-up into two separate groups). Groups meet six times in the Autumn and in Spring/Lent, it can be weekly or whatever works for the group, as long as the material is covered before the next block of material is to start. Too, once formed the group guides itself as to where they meet and who does what. Materials are provided at reasonable cost – yet cost should never be a barrier or reason not to join. If cost is a problem at this time, just let Deacon Erdmann know. We want every single person to join who may wish to; we will try to wrestle any problems to the ground. There will be one, if not more groups, especially for teens (high schoolers), though they may join any group.

Please consider joining a group. Yes, we are all pretty darn busy, but try to keep that focus on what is truly important – our primary goal. Still uncertain? Take it to prayer, ask the Holy Spirit for guidance – He knows if this is the right time for you. If there are questions, please contact the Office (528-7521); WC Coordinator Mike O'Brien (414-5343); or Dcn Erdmann (derdmann@dio.org).

ANNUAL CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

The 2008-2009 Annual Catholic Service Appeal will be held next weekend in our parish. The programs, services, and ministries supported by the Annual Catholic Services Appeal meet the larger diocesan needs of Catholics and others in need in the Diocese of Springfield. The diocese needs the financial support of each of us. The theme this year is "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His kindness endures forever."

INTERFAITH SERVICE FOR PEACE

You are invited to *And the Pebbles Will Sing*, an Interfaith Service commemorating the International Day of Peace and Ceasefire. The prayer service will be held Thursday, September 18, 6:30 PM at St. Patrick's Church, St. Katharine Drexel Parish. For more info: 544-3997 or www.paxchristispfld.org.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE**WEEK OF SEPT 15-21****Mon 8:00 AM**

John Drake, Ashley Dunn

Fri 8:00 AM/Sat 7:00 AM

Ben Eck, Nick Farris

Saturday, Sept 20, 4:30 PM**Lector:** Dan Kirby**Servers:** Abigail Perrero, Valerie Perrero, Pat Rolens**Eucharistic Ministers:** Johanna Toomey, Mary Rita Dineen, Christina Warren, Doug Warren, Colleen VonDeBur, Pat Sheehan, Kathryn Gietl, Cindy Ledbetter**Sunday, Sept 21, 7:00 AM****Lectors:** Carolyn Graham**Servers:** Abby Ralph, Brendan Stannard**Ministers:** Rita Keys, James Keys, Nancy Smith, Phil Graham, Ann Walker**Sunday, Sept 21, 8:30 AM****Lectors:** George Rudis, Jr.**Servers:** Ben Moses, Denver Patten, Sean Fitzgerald**Eucharistic Ministers:** Scott Reimers, Andrea Judd, Cara Workman, Harold Figge, Beckie Figge, Michelle Bretz, Rick Campbell, Dan Schuering**Sunday, Sept 21, 10:30 AM****Lectors:** Daniel Heffernan**Servers:** Danny Heffernan, Lucy Perlman, Albert Perlman**Eucharistic Ministers:** Lynn Frasco, Lori Criscione, Sally Petrone, Lisa Belz, Mark Ushman, MaryAnn Gorney, Linda Thornberry, Mary Tuttle**Gospel of Life Icon:** Michael and Tina Morehead Family

PRAYER FOR LIFE

Consider saying Pope John Paul II's Prayer for Life during the 40 Days of Life.

Oh Mary, Bright dawn of the new world, Mother of the living,

To you do we entrust the cause of life.

Look down, O Mother,

Upon the vast numbers of babies not allowed to be born,

Of the poor whose lives are made difficult,

Of men and women who are victims of brutal violence,

Of the elderly and the sick killed by indifference or out of misguided mercy.

Grant that all who believe in your Son may proclaim the Gospel of Life

With honesty and love of the people of our time.

Obtain for them the grace to accept that Gospel

As a gift ever new, the joy of celebrating it with gratitude

Throughout their lives

And the courage to bear witness to it, resolutely,

In order to build, together with all people of good will,

The civilization of truth and love,

To the praise and glory of God,

The Creator and lover of Life.

- Pope John Paul II

COME AND SEE RETREAT

The Springfield Dominican Sisters will offer Come and See retreat for those curious about religious life. The event is free for single Catholic women ages 18-35, beginning at 7:00 PM on Friday, October 3 and ending at noon on Sunday, October 5. The retreat provides women with an opportunity to experience the prayer and community life, as well as time for private prayer and interaction with the sisters. Go to www.SpringfieldOP.org or call Sister Lori at 787-0481. The deadline for registration is Sept. 29.

STEWARDSHIP

(Time | Talent | Treasure)

In the Spirit of Giving

Parish Collection

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| August 31, 2008 | \$16,289.00 |
| Target Amount | \$23,500.00 |
| Shortfall | \$ (7,211.00) |

Savings for School Building Project

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| August 31, 2008 | \$ 600.00 |
| Total | \$39,044.00 |

St. Vincent De Paul Society

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| Collected in August | \$ 1,093.11 |
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