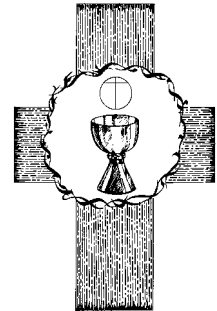




Parish of the Blessed Sacrament



1725 South Walnut
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August 23, 2009
Twenty-First
Sunday in
Ordinary Time

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Blessed Sacrament Parish welcomes new residents and visitors. It is wonderful to celebrate the Eucharist with you. If you are new to the parish, please call the office to register.

CELEBRATING THE DAYS

Monday, August 24, Bartholomew

- ✘ Confessions before 8:00 AM Mass
- ✘ 8:00 AM Lorrain Gillespie

Tuesday, August 25

- ✘ Confessions before 8:00 AM Mass
- ✘ 8:00 AM Joseph P. Burke
Members of the Poor Souls' Shrine

Wednesday, August 26

- ✘ Confessions before 8:00 AM Mass
- ✘ 8:00 AM James Tamblin

Thursday, August 27, Monica

- ✘ Confessions before 8:00 AM Mass
- ✘ 8:00 AM Bob Bice

Friday, August 28, Augustine

- ✘ Confessions before 8:00 AM Mass
- ✘ 8:00 AM Patricia H. Link
Vince Moore

Saturday, August 29, Martyrdom of John the Baptist

- ✘ 7:00 AM For our Men and Women Overseas (LATIN MASS)
- ✘ 7:30-8:00 AM Confessions
- ✘ 3:00-4:00 PM Confessions
- ✘ 4:30 PM Angela and Louis Gietl

Sunday, August 30, Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

- ✘ 7:00 AM For the Special Intentions of our "Building on Tradition" Campaign
- ✘ 8:30 AM For the Special Intentions of the Cavanagh and Spenceley Families
- ✘ 10:30 AM Intentions of our Parishioners

ALL DAILY MASSES will be at 8:00 AM until Monday, September 4.

Blessed Sacrament Prayer Line

Call Jean Quigley at 523-6573 or Mary Theresa Drake at 726-6649.

Please pray for the sick, including Mary E. Jordan, Jack Londrigan, John Atterberry, and Allie and Jennifer.

DEAR PARISHIONERS

This week our Gospel is the last of the five-week series taken from the sixth chapter of the Gospel of John. This is the end of what is often called "the bread of life discourse." Last week Jesus said in very explicit terms that we must actually eat His flesh and drink His blood to have eternal life. We see through His discourse these last five weeks that the Eucharist is the sacred Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ.

This week we see that many of Jesus' disciples had a hard time accepting this teaching. "This saying is hard; who can accept it?" Jesus told them "The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe." The Gospel tells us "As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him."

Jesus then posed this choice to the rest of the disciples; "Do you also want to leave?" The same question is posed to us many times in our life. If I am having a hard time understanding our Catholic Faith will I resist the temptation to take the easy way out? When my faith demands that I sacrifice and prioritize the choices I make and how I spend my time, will I choose to take the hard road to holiness and salvation? Let's pray to be able to always respond as Peter did, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."

Thanks to all who came to the kick-off of our *Building on Tradition* campaign. It was a wonderful event with a great turnout, and of course the Senger brothers provided a great meal. We are already over 2 million dollars toward our 5.4 million dollar goal! Congratulations and please continue to pray for the success of this project.

As you know, Msgr. Carl Kemme was elected as our Diocesan Administrator. Please keep him in your prayers. Since we have no bishop for our diocese, we are what is called a "Vacant See." It is very important for us to pray for a new bishop. Msgr. Kemme has designated Sunday August 30 a day of prayer for a new shepherd. For the Sunday Masses that weekend, next weekend, we will celebrate the special *Mass For the Election of a Bishop*.

Next weekend is also Fr. Rayanna's (Ryan) last weekend here. He is going back to India. We will have a light reception for Fr. Rayanna after the 10:30 Mass. He is celebrating his 25th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood this year. Remember that I went to India in February to be with him during his jubilee celebration. Please stop in to congratulate him and thank him for his service to us these past seven years.

**Sincerely,
Father Hoefler**

NOTE to ALL PARISHIONERS: Please disregard the September envelopes you received with regards to the "Pastor's Annual Party." New envelopes are being sent by the "Our Sunday Visitor" company. We apologize for any inconvenience.

GOSPEL OF LIFE

The next section of Gaudium et Spes deals with human dignity and human conscience: "that most intimate center and sanctuary in which the person is alone with God whose voice echoes within." Human conscience and human dignity are inextricably entwined.....one might even say they are one.

The Dignity of the Human Person

In the depths of his conscience, man detects a law which he does not impose upon himself, but which holds him to obedience. Always summoning him to love good and avoid evil, the voice of conscience when necessary speaks to his heart: do this, shun that. **For man has in his heart a law written by God; to obey it is the very dignity of man; according to it he will be judged.** Conscience is the most secret core and sanctuary of a man. There he is alone with God, Whose voice echoes in his depths. In a wonderful manner conscience reveals that law which is fulfilled by love of God and neighbor. In fidelity to conscience, Christians are joined with the rest of men in the search for truth, and for the genuine solution to the numerous problems which arise in the life of individuals from social relationships. Hence the more right conscience holds sway, the more persons and groups turn aside from blind choice and strive to be guided by the objective norms of morality. Conscience frequently errs from invincible ignorance without losing its dignity. The same cannot be said for a man who cares but little for truth and goodness, or for a conscience which by degrees grows practically sightless as a result of habitual sin.

Part 1
Gaudium et Spes

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Registration for Blessed Sacrament's Parish School of Religion will take place Wednesday, August 26th in the school library from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. Fees this year will be \$50 for the first child and \$25 for each after that. There will also be a \$30 sacrament fee for 2nd and 8th graders. Fee assistance is available for any who are in need of it. If you have not already done so, please also bring a copy of your child's baptismal certificate to registration. The first PSR class will be held on Wednesday, September 9th. If you are unable to make registration or have questions, contact Molly Bruening at 726-8389 or mollymaureen@gmail.com.

Volunteers Needed! - Blessed Sacrament's PSR Program is looking for volunteer teachers and aides for the coming school year. Teachers should be adults who are in good standing with the Church, have experience with kids and are willing to learn more about their faith. Teacher's aides can be adults or older students who are looking for service hours. If you are interested in volunteering for one of these positions, please contact Molly Bruening at 726-8389 or mollymaureen@gmail.com.

SHARE THE WORD

Liturgy of the Word for your 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. Share the Word, is the Liturgy of the Word designed for children. 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.
Listen to one another.

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 they 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.

PSR FOR EXCEPTIONAL PEOPLE

PSR Classes for Exceptional People (Religion classes for the Developmentally Disabled) will begin on Wednesday, September 16. Classes are open to all developmentally disabled children and adults, ages 7 and up, from the greater Springfield area. Classes are held at Blessed Sacrament School on Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. We'll start with a Welcome Back Picnic on September 16 at 6:00 PM at Washington Park playground area. Please RSVP to Mary Tuttle at 585-0478 or Juleann Randles at 787-9966.

WEDDING BANNES

Joshua Allotey, Jr. and Jannette Megginson plan to wed August 29, 2009.

Eric Schwartz and Mary Ushman plan to wed September 5, 2009.

Brandon Kramer and Carrie Althoff plan to wed September 12, 2009.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY WED

Phillip Gregory Sidles and Lindsey Mae Kirk
Joshua Boyer and Brooke Heitz

PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DEPARTED

John Moloney

GOD BLESS OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED

John Patrick Leonard, son of Brad and Becky Leonard
Thomas Franklin Gardner, son of Frank and Jennifer Gardner

BSS AUCTION NEWS (Coming up—September 26!)

- **LOOKING FOR WINE DONATIONS!** - Looking for a fun way to be involved with this year's auction? How about donating a bottle of wine for a great new auction event? Please drop off your donated bottle(s) of wine (with a minimum value of \$10) to the rectory or school offices. Thank you!
- **AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED-** Do you have a time share that you might not be using this year, or maybe some frequent flyer miles to donate? Know about a great condo that we can offer as an exciting trip? The Auction Committee would appreciate your help! Please email Leslie Shevlin at lesmullins@mac.com or call 698-2088. Thank you!
- **SILENT AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED**—We are looking for donations of electronics, a baby boy basket, and a “guy’s basket” for the Silent Auction. If you would like to help contribute, please call Denise Klaves at 546-6423.
- **CHILDREN’S RAFFLE DONATIONS NEEDED-** For ideas on what to donate to the Children’s Raffle, please contact Dana Kinion, Children’s Raffle Chair at 553-8436 or danakinion@comcast.net. Your help will be greatly appreciated!!
- **AUCTION RAFFLE**—Raffle Tickets for the 40th Annual Auction are now available. Parishioners may pick them up as they exit church today. Each envelope contains ten raffle tickets (two booklets of five tickets). We hope that you will buy one booklet and sell the other. The raffle tickets are \$5.00 each (\$25.00 per booklet). Winners will be drawn at the Auction on Saturday, September 26. If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office at 528-7521 or the Raffle Chairs, Kelli Nyre at 241-2273, or Cris Lust at 241-5478.

OVER 50 NEWS “CARIBBEAN CRUISE”

Parishioners from Christ The King, St. Agnes & Blessed Sacrament are joining together for a Catholics & Friends Caribbean Cruise. Such a Deal! Imagine it is really cold in Springfield, and you want to “get out of town”. Then consider that we can get the “Senior Discount”...making this 7-day Cruise a fantastic bargain.

- A seven night Cruise, on a fabulous 4 Star Ship. Air Fare-Motel-Transfers-7 Days of Gourmet Food-Every amenity-Shows-Activities...and the fellowship of Springfield Catholics & our friends to share the experience. Priceless!

Our leader is Nora Pulgia of Perfect Impressions...None better! We need to hear from you...if you might be interested...want complete details, call Dianne Sullivan at 726-7517 or dsully@xanadoo.com.

WOMEN’S DAY OF RECOLLECTION

This month’s Women’s Day of Recollection will be held on August 27th at Christ the King Church, 1930 Barberry, Springfield, IL, 12:45 p.m.–2:45 p.m. The afternoon will include Exposition; two meditations given by a priest; time for personal prayer and Adoration; an opportunity for Confession and spiritual direction; and closing Benediction. A Mother’s Room is available. All women throughout the diocese are invited to attend. The spiritual guidance at the Recollections is entrusted to a priest of the Prelature *Opus Dei*.

K of C BAR-B-CUE

The 88th Annual Knights of Columbus Cooperative Bar-B-Cue will be held next Sunday, August 30, from noon until 7 pm at K.C. Council 364, located at 2200 Meadowbrook Road. In the past, over half of the Knights of Columbus Councils in Illinois have participated as co-sponsors of the event. There will be a variety of good food, cold beverages, and enjoyable entertainment for the entire family. Featured will be hourly drawings for cash prizes totally \$25,000 and numerous door prizes. The Aquatic Center will be open for swimming (no charge). For questions call the Council Office at 787-2360.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE**WEEK OF AUGUST 24-30**

Monday—Wednesday, 8:00 AM

Jeremy French, Eric Ketchum

Thursday, Friday 8:00 AM

Dominic LoGrasso

Saturday, August 29, 4:30 PM

Lectors: Isabel Long

Servers: Pat Rolens, Emily Willard, Jeremy French

Eucharistic Ministers: Ed Schofield, Michelle Bretz, Marty Mosley, Doug Warren, Christina Warren, Karen Senger, Cordelia Moore, Jude Kennedy

Sunday, August 30, 7:00 AM

Lectors: Don Tracy

Servers: Ethan Bluhm, Dylan McPeek

Eucharistic Ministers: Anne Capestrain, Ann Walker, Jim Wear, Kathy Wear, Andrea Judd

Sunday, August 30, 8:30 AM

Lectors: Kevin Lust

Servers: Elizabeth Wiatrolik, Jack Broeker, Daniel Gardner

Eucharistic Ministers: Ken Sommer, Mary K. Sommer, Janine Feller, Johanna Toomey, Andrew Adams, Clara Ushman, Mike Delvo, Kathy Harth

Sunday, August 30, 10:30 AM

Lectors: Judy Kjellander

Servers: Adrienne Dodge, Averi Gamble, Kevin Gamble

Eucharistic Ministers: Barney Bruzetti, MaryAnn Gorney, Tom Garvey, Cindy Ledbetter, James Dodge, Sally Petrone, Jim Mophew, Patricia Clarida



CAMPAIGN CORNER

The *Building on Tradition* Campaign is off to a tremendous start. Our campaign

leadership continues to be hard at work, with **more than 50 families** working as volunteers and serving in various leadership roles to make our vision for Blessed Sacrament a reality. With their generous gift of time, their energy and their enthusiasm, these volunteers are paving the way to a bright new future at Blessed Sacrament.

By now, everyone should have received the campaign case statement in the mail. If you haven't yet, please take the time to read through the case statement that was mailed to you for detailed information on our goals for renovations, new office and preschool wing and new gymnasium. The document also includes information on the different methods of giving through which you can support the campaign.

As a reminder, our campaign calendar is very brief. Beginning this last week, our tireless volunteers have started setting appointments and speaking with families from across the parish. Thank you so much for inviting these men and women into your home. Through your generosity and steadfast belief in the future of Blessed Sacrament

we are well on our way to reaching our goal – in fact, the campaign has **raised over \$2 million so far!**

We appreciate your personal support for this vital campaign, and ask that everyone prayerfully consider making a pledge. By acting together we will meet our goals!

ADORATION HOURS

DAYTIME

3:00 PM Saturday
9:00 AM Saturday
7:00 AM Tuesday

NIGHT TIME

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

cmheimlich@att.net

CALL DAVID OR CATHY HEIMLICH 793-9352

STEWARDSHIP
(Time | Talent | Treasure)

Parish Collection

August 9, 2009	\$20,844.10
Target Amount	\$23,500.00

“Building on Tradition” Project Savings

August 9, 2009	\$ 1,106.00
Total	\$443,201.20