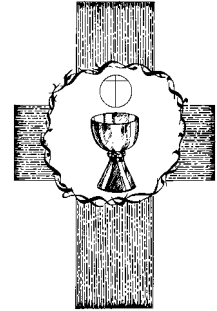


# *Parish of the Blessed Sacrament*



1725 South Walnut  
Springfield, Illinois

**September 6,  
2009**

**Twenty-Third  
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, September 7

- ✘ Confessions before 8:00 AM Mass
- ✘ 8:00 AM Elizabeth Zink  
Jim Belz

### Tuesday, September 8, Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- ✘ Confessions before 8:00 AM Mass
- ✘ 8:20 AM Claire Forsyth  
Matthew Vandiver

### Wednesday, September 9, Peter Claver

- ✘ Confessions before 8:00 AM Mass
- ✘ 8:00 AM Josephine Frank

### Thursday, September 10

- ✘ Confessions before 8:00 AM Mass
- ✘ 8:20 AM Darlene Tasset

### Friday, September 11

- ✘ Confessions before 8:00 AM Mass
- ✘ 8:00 AM Mary Ellen Green

### Saturday, September 12, Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- ✘ 7:00 AM Mario Baliva (LATIN MASS)
- ✘ 7:30-8:00 AM Confessions
- ✘ 3:00-4:00 PM Confessions
- ✘ 4:30 PM Chick Delano

### Sunday, September 13, Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- ✘ 7:00 AM Cecelia Quinn  
Andi Maisenbacher
- ✘ 8:30 AM Special Intentions of Jim and Nancy Hanlon
- ✘ 10:30 AM Intentions of our Parishioners

**Tuesday and Thursday daily Masses will be held at 8:20 AM. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday Masses will be held at 8:00 AM.**

### *Blessed Sacrament Prayer Line*

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

## DEAR PARISHIONERS

Thank you for welcoming Fr. Rayanna as you have every year. He has a great love for this parish, as do I. The following is a letter of thanks Fr. Rayanna asked me to print for all of you:

“I praise and thank the good Lord for the wonderful gift of priesthood and for the numerous blessings he showered on me in my 25 years of priestly ministry.

First of all, I would like to express my profound gratitude to all of you for your warm welcome, which I have been receiving for last 7 years. I acknowledge and appreciate your generosity, spirit of fraternal charity, devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and Blessed Mother Mary and the love and concern you have for the priests.

Priesthood is a gift freely given by God. No merit and talent could qualify us to claim for the priesthood. As he called me generously so also I should respond freely, clearly and closely as far as I can. In this 25 years of my priestly journey there has been a good number of bishops, priests and the people of God who contributed in some way or other to live my priesthood meaningfully and fruitfully.

At this juncture, I cannot but cherish and celebrate my association with the priests of the Parish of Blessed Sacrament i.e., Bishop Kevin W. Vann then the Pastor and Rev. David Hoefler, present pastor. They have been always ready to help me and make my stay comfortable and enjoyable. Living with them reminds me of the words of St. Paul to his disciple Timothy: “I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you” (2 Tim 1:6). They encourage me, saying that we are all brother priests sharing the same priesthood of Christ. I offer my sincere appreciation for their friendship and fellowship.

Special thanks goes to Rev. Fr. David Hoefler who joined me on the occasion of 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of my priestly ordination held on February 3, 2009 at St. Anthony’s Church, Guntur in India. He traveled all the way from Springfield, IL, to Guntur, Andhra Pradesh, in India. The whole diocese of Guntur, namely the bishop of Guntur and other bishops, priests, religious and a large gathering of people, gathered together for the Thanksgiving Mass appreciated and thanked Fr. David for his wonderful presence. I hope he had good time. A senior priest of our diocese asked me, “Is he your priest friend from USA next to you in the Holy Mass?” Yes, he is. He complemented saying to me that it is good for you. God Bless you. I am in a special way indebted to Rev. Fr. David Hoefler for his inspiration and encouragement, appreciation and continual support.

My gratitude also goes to Deacons David Erdmann and Thomas Burns. I would also like to express my gratitude to the staff at the rectory for their generous and kind cooperation.

I am very much delighted to see you all and praying for me. I express my sincere gratitude for the lively and lovely reception. Once again I thank you one and all for all your contribution that helped me to shape my vocation. I wish and pray that Jesus of Nazareth may bless each and every one of you and form this parish community into a community of love and service. God bless you all!”

**GOSPEL OF LIFE****The Dignity of the Human Person**

Human freedom (so exhalted in our contemporary age) according to the documents of the second Vatican council flows from listening to a properly formed conscience, and acting in a manner consistent with the dictates of our conscience.

Only in freedom can man direct himself toward goodness. Our contemporaries make much of this freedom and pursue it eagerly; and rightly to be sure. Often however they foster it perversely as a license for doing whatever pleases them, even if it is evil. For its part, authentic freedom is an exceptional sign of the divine image within man. For God has willed that man remain "under the control of his own decisions," so that he can seek his Creator spontaneously, and come freely to utter and blissful perfection through loyalty to Him. Hence man's dignity demands that he act according to a knowing and free choice that is personally motivated and prompted from within, not under blind internal impulse nor by mere external pressure. Since man's freedom has been damaged by sin, only by the aid of God's grace can he bring such a relationship with God into full flower. Before the judgement seat of God each man must render an account of his own life, whether he has done good or evil.

Part 1  
Gaudium et Spes

**NOTES FROM OUR SCHOOL PRINCIPAL**

Monday, Sept. 7 – No school in observance of Labor Day

Tuesday, Sept. 8 – 8:20 a.m. all-school Mass; Organizational band meeting for parents and students at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Agnes cafeteria

Thursday, Sept. 10 – 1:30 p.m. dismissal for faculty meeting; B.A.S.E. provided

Monday, Sept. 14 – Friday, Sept. 18 – Terra Nova testing for grades 2 - 8

**WEDDING BANNS**

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

Justin Creasey and Jennifer McDermott plan to wed September 19, 2009.

**PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DEPARTED**

Leonard Metz

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY WED**

Joshua Allotey, Jr. and Jannette Megginson

**GOD BLESS OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED**

Isabella Severino, daughter of Michael and Jennifer Severino

**LOVE TO SING?**

Come join us as we start Choir Rehearsal!

Wednesday, September 9 from 7:15 to 8:30 PM in the Choir Room

**PRESCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Sunday School for pre-school aged children is starting up again! We will meet every Sunday during 10:30 am mass starting September 27th through May. Invited are children ages 3-5 who are potty trained and ready to learn about Christ. We use a curriculum called Seeds and will be asking for parent participation. Parents of children enrolled in the program will be asked to teach a few Sundays during the school year (we will give you the materials a few weeks in advance). We will be asking for a small fee to cover the cost of supplies (aprox \$30 per child). We would also like to find some pre-teen or teenaged helpers for our program (perfect for service hours!). If you would like to enroll your child in the program or have questions, please contact Carrie Sluga at 529-6355 or [carrie@sluga.net](mailto:carrie@sluga.net).

**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!

• **TO DONATE:**

**AUCTION ITEMS:** Leslie Shevlin at [lesmullins@mac.com](mailto:lesmullins@mac.com) or call 698-2088.

**SILENT AUCTION ITEMS:** Denise Klaves at 546-6423

**CHILDREN'S RAFFLE DONATIONS:** Dana Kinion at 553-8436 or [danakinion@comcast.net](mailto:danakinion@comcast.net). Cash donations very much appreciated, too!

**AUCTION PREVIEW...**

Start making plans with your friends and family to take advantage of some really fantastic auction items this year! Watch this space for previews of the exciting things YOU might be lucky enough to win!

\* Ocean-front condo at Hilton Head Island!

\* Fort Myers Beach condo!

\* Cardinals tickets!

\* Rams tickets!

\* The ever-popular White Sox/Cubs tickets!

\* Sign up to attend an exclusive Kentucky Derby Party!

\* Maybe win the Playhouse of your kids' dreams!

**The 40th Auction will be the best ever! Make sure you're there!**

**WINE TASTING COMMITTEE NEEDS WINE GLASSES**

The Wine Tasting Committee will be painting wine glasses and very much needs your help in **donating wine glasses and/or monetary donations** for supplies. Please leave wine glasses in the back of church **BEFORE SEPTEMBER 13**, or call Tricia Schlosser at 726-6026 or Kelly DeSalle at 698-2718 to drop off at their homes. Thank you so much for your support!

**PARISH VISITATIONS TEMPORARILY HALTED**

Some of you received letters telling you that you would be visited over the summer as a means of getting to know more people in the parish, updating our records, and allowing us to better serve our parish. While that is still our intent, we have decided to suspend the visits until the "Building on Tradition" fund raising campaign has concluded. This is to avoid any confusion. We will advise when the visitations start-up again.

**OVER 50 NEWS "CARIBBEAN CRUISE"****Parish Coordinator: Fritzi Belz**

When it is cold & folks want "to get out of town" in Springfield, YOU could be cruising with your friends. St. Thomas, St. John, San Juan, Grand Turks will be Ports of Call for this 8 day-7 night Cruise. An Incredible Deal! Sailing from Ft. Lauderdale aboard the fabulous Costa-Fortuna.

We will have daily Mass available (with confessions in Italian, we think).

Get your deposit of \$100 in right now to secure the "early-bird/senior discount" rates. Call Nora Puglia at 793-3733 or email [tourwithpi@aol.com](mailto:tourwithpi@aol.com).

**MONTHLY PRAYER VIGILS**

Our elected officials continue to allow more than 1 million abortions yearly in the U.S., many of these at Granite City. Please join us on the 3rd Saturday of the month to help save these babies. Numerous women testify the presence of people praying outside the abortion mill helped them decide to save their baby. **Your presence will help.** Next date is Saturday, September 19. Schedule: Leave Lakeside Christian Church Parking Lot, Toronto Road at 7:00 am for Granite City. Three hour prayer vigil. Return to Springfield approx. 1:00 pm. Please call Eric Portz at 718-4030 if you plan to attend.

**K of C BREAKFAST BENEFIT**

Sunday, September 13 from 8:00 to Noon, benefitting St. Martin dePorres Center

**DINNER AND TOUR OF ASSISI AT CHIARA CENTER**

Come experience the beauty and peace of Assisi, Italy at Chiara Center in Springfield on Thursday, September 17 from 5:30 PM - 9:00 PM. The evening will include a full Italian meal and a virtual spiritual tour of Assisi. The tour will be lead by Sr. Renita Brummer. The evening is \$20 per person or \$35 per couple. Reservations are required 217-523-0901

**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

10:00 PM Friday

[cmheimlich@att.net](mailto:cmheimlich@att.net)

CALL DAVID OR CATHY HEIMLICH 793-9352

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE****WEEK OF SEPT 7-13****Monday-Wednesday, 8:00/8:20 AM**

Sam Bonansinga, Jack Broekder

**Thursday, Friday 8:20/8:00 AM**

Reanna Ward, Ryleigh Taylor

**Saturday, September 12, 4:30****PM****Lectors:** Ed Hart**Servers:** Luke McDonald, Tim Oh, Maddie Oh**Eucharistic Ministers:** Noreen Luhr, Kathryn Gietl, Janine Feller, Johanna Toomey, Michelle Bretz, Doug Warren, Christina Warren, Jude Kennedy**Sunday, September 13, 7:00 AM****Lectors:** Jim Graham**Servers:** Riley Murphy, Ethan O'Connor**Eucharistic Ministers:** Colleen VonDeBur, Pat Sheehan, Cindy Ledbetter, Jim Wear, Kathy Wear**Sunday, September 13, 8:30 AM****Lectors:** Virginia Moore**Servers:** Eric Delvo, Emily Delvo, Dominic LoGrasso**Eucharistic Ministers:** MaryAnn Gorney, Hannah Perrin, Clara Ushman, Mike Delvo, Kathy Harth, Andrea Judd, James Keys, Rita Keys**Sunday, September 13, 10:30****AM****Lectors:** Tim Moore**Servers:** Josh Moore, Joey Moore, Erin Monroe**Eucharistic Ministers:** Dan Schuering, Tom Garvey, James Dodge, Sally Petrone, Jim Morphew, Patricia Clarida, Karen Senger, Cordelia Moore



**BUILDING ON TRADITION**  
*A Campaign for Blessed Sacrament Parish*

**CAMPAIGN CORNER**

As of September 1, 2009

Total Number of Donors: 150

Parishioners that have made their decision: 11%

Total Commitments: \$2,489,965

**\* We've raised 46 percent of our need with just 11 percent of our parishioners pledging! We can do this!**

**Thank you to those of you who have already committed to *Building on Tradition*.**

**Ways of giving...**

Gifts of cash are the most common way to support a capital campaign, but did you know there is an option of donating stock to the *Building on Tradition* capital campaign?

**Gifts of Stock**

Gifts of appreciated stocks and bonds are a very popular way to donate to a campaign like ours. If you are considering a donation of \$1,000 or more, there are many tax advantages to giving securities.

Among the many potential tax advantages, you're entitled to a federal income-tax charitable deduction when you file an itemized return, and many state income-tax laws also allow this type of deduction. When the donated items have been held for 12 months or longer, you may claim a deduction for their full fair-market value, and after appreciated securities are donated, you avoid paying tax on the capital gain.

**STEWARDSHIP**  
*(Time | Talent | Treasure)*

<u>Parish Collection</u>	
August 23, 2009	\$18,762.60
Target Amount	\$23,500.00

<u>"Building on Tradition" Project Savings</u>	
August 23, 2009	\$ 21,958.00
Total	\$468,894.20