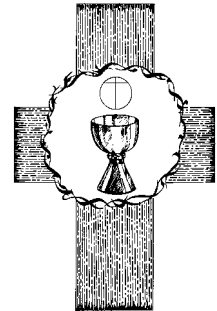




Parish of the Blessed Sacrament



1725 South Walnut
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September 13,
2009

Twenty-Fourth
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 14, Exaltation of the Cross**

- ✕ Confessions before 8:00 AM Mass
- ✕ 8:00 AM Rev. Martin Mangan
Stephen B. Adsit

**Tuesday, September 15, Our Lady of Sorrows
NO MASS TODAY****Wednesday, September 16, Cornelius and Cyprian
NO MASS TODAY****Thursday, September 17
NO MASS TODAY****Friday, September 18**

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

Saturday, September 19

- ✕ 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 20, Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- ✕ 7:00 AM Teresa Egizii
Truman Flatt
- ✕ 8:30 AM Donna Lederle
- ✕ 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.

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

DEAR PARISHIONERS

The second reading this weekend is from the Letter of Saint James. I see this letter as a kind of practical Christianity. It gives us every-day examples and images to help us understand the way our faith should look in our life.

This reading tells us "If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and has no food for the day, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well,' but you do not give them the necessities of the body, what good is it? So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead."

We have something to do. We can't just wish our way to heaven or holiness. We can't just pray for a new job and then expect employers to start calling us. As we know from our experience here, we can't just hope for a new school addition and expect it will drop out of the sky. We have to cooperate with the grace God gives us by using and sharing the gifts we have received.

So it is in the life of faith. We have been given many gifts and graces. We need to stand ready to use them for the glory of God and the sake of others. If we just try to hang onto them for our own sake, the kingdom of God does not get built up and we don't grow in holiness and we end up with less than when we started.

This week is the week of our yearly priest's convocation. All the priests of our diocese have been asked to be in Effingham Monday through Thursday for the convocation. I will leave Monday and be back Thursday evening. Because the priests are asked to be there, we will not have Mass here on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday of this week. We will still have Mass on Monday and Friday.

As usual, Cathedral parish has obtained the services of an order priest while we are gone. Masses will be available at Katherine Drexel Parish, Sacred Heart Church all week long. The Masses are at 7:20 A.M. and 5:15 P.M.

Please pray for our priests, our diocese and diocesan administrator, and for our next bishop in a special way during this week. I will be praying for all of you!

**Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Dave Hoefler**

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

The root reason for human dignity lies in man's call to communion with God. From the very circumstance of his origin man is already invited to converse with God. For man would not exist were he not created by God's love and constantly preserved by it; and he cannot live fully according to truth unless he freely acknowledges that love and devotes himself to His Creator.

The Church holds that the recognition of God is in no way hostile to man's dignity, since this dignity is rooted and perfected in God. For man was made an intelligent and free member of society by God Who created him, but even more important, he is called as a son to commune with God and share in His happiness. She further teaches that a hope related to the end of time does not diminish the importance of intervening duties but rather undergirds the acquittal of them with fresh incentives. By contrast, when a divine instruction and the hope of life eternal are wanting, man's dignity is most grievously lacerated, as current events often attest; riddles of life and death, of guilt and of grief go unsolved with the frequent result that men succumb to despair.

It is the function of the Church, led by the Holy Spirit Who renews and purifies her ceaselessly, to make God the Father and His Incarnate Son present and in a sense visible. This result is achieved chiefly by the witness of a living and mature faith, namely, one trained to see difficulties clearly and to master them.

Above all the Church knows that her message is in harmony with the most secret desires of the human heart when she champions the dignity of the human vocation, restoring hope to those who have already despaired of anything higher than their present lot. Far from diminishing man, her message brings to his development light, life and freedom. Apart from this message nothing will avail to fill up the heart of man: "Thou hast made us for Thyself," O Lord, "and our hearts are restless till they rest in Thee."

The truth is that only in the mystery of the incarnate Word does the mystery of man take on light.

Part 1, Gaudium et Spes

GOD BLESS OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED

Jude Michael O'Brien, son of Michael and Carrie O'Brien
Ryles Joseph Terry, son of Joseph and Hope Terry

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY WED

Eric Schwarz and Mary Ushman

WEDDING BANNS

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

PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DEPARTED

Peggy Brandt
Leo Enlow, Sr.

NOTES FROM OUR SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

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

Friday, Sept. 25 – 1:30 p.m. dismissal; B.A.S.E. provided

Saturday, Sept. 26 – Annual Auction

Tuesday, Sept. 29 – Fall Photo Day

SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS

The following are members of the Blessed Sacrament School Advisory Board, which meets monthly. Please advise a member of any concerns you may have regarding the school: Anne Capestrain, Cyndi Dodge, Barb Doyle, Steve Farris, Brad Frost, Kim Hoffmann, John Hyde, Chuck Kitson, Dawn Klinner, Jennifer Madiar, Jim McDermott, Erin Stone, Kathy Wear, Father Hoefler.

COURT MADONNA MEETING

Court Madonna, Catholic Daughters of the Americas, invites Catholic women of the area to the first fall meeting and potluck meal on Thursday, September 17, at 6:30 p.m., at St. Agnes Parish Hall. For organization and/or meeting information, contact Regent Mary Fran Lavin, 522-6339.

K OF C BENEFIT BREAKFAST

This Sunday, September 13, from 8:00 AM to Noon, benefitting the St. Martin DePorres Center

In Just 2 Weeks!!**AUCTION PREVIEW*****Get your Auction Raffle Game Tickets Right Here!***

Next weekend, you can buy raffle tickets for the 50/50 raffle AND a \$500 Gas Card (thank you Harper Oil!) after masses. Even though you'll be at the auction anyway, you do NOT need to be present to win these amazing prizes. Be sure to get your tickets after masses next weekend.

Wall of Wine

For just \$10, you can pick out a disguised bottle of wine from our new Wall of Wine feature...and you may pick the "special" bottle featuring a \$100 bill! Still time to donate a bottle for our Wall of Wine. Thanks!!

Special Sign-Up Parties

Need a vacation? Lots of vacation options!

And back by popular demand...school children projects!!

***The 40th Auction will be the best ever!
Make sure you're there, and be part of
the memories!***

**FROM THE ORGAN BENCH:
Translations of the Introit and Communion**

Introit:

Da pacem, Domine, sustentibus te, Ut prophetae tui fidelis inveniantur.
Exaudi preces servi tui, et plebis tuae Israel.

Vs. Lætatus sum in his quæ dicta sunt mihi: In domum Domini ibimus.

Give peace, Lord to those who wait for you and your prophets will proclaim you as you deserve. Hear the prayers of your servant and of your people Israel.

Vs. I was glad when they said unto me: Let us go into the house of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon:

Qui vult venire post me, abneget semeripsum:
et tollat crucem suam, et sequatur me.

Who ever wishes to come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

HOLY FAMILY FOOD PANTRY

Donations to the Holy Family Food Pantry will be picked up on early Monday morning, September 21. Thank you for your much-needed donations!

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.

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.

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

CALL DAVID OR CATHY HEIMLICH 793-9352

MINISTRY SCHEDULE**WEEK OF SEPT 14-20****Monday 8:00 AM**

Brendan Stannard, Sam Sgro

Friday 8:00 AM

Anneka Staub, Caroline Schmidt

Saturday, September 19, 4:30**PM**

Lectors: Calvin Bell

Servers: Caroline Schmidt,
Elizabeth Schmidt, Brent
Parquette

Eucharistic Ministers: Lori
Criscione, Linda Thornberry,
Larry Newell, Thomas Schmidt,
Susan Gallagher, Mary Rita
Dineen, Isabel Figueroa, Marty
Mosley

Sunday, September 20, 7:00 AM

Lectors: Mike Goza

Servers: Abigail Perrero, Taylor
Pohlman

Eucharistic Ministers: Dave
Langston, Ted Siedle, Nancy
Smith, Kathy Grubb, Ann
Walker

Sunday, September 20, 8:30 AM

Lectors: Joseph Stannard

Servers: Clare Stannard, Jack
McCarthy, Megan McCarthy

Eucharistic Ministers: Janine
Feller, Noreen Luhr, Rick
Campbell, Mark Ushman, Scott
Reimers, Grace Stannard,
Mary F. Conwill, Marge
O'Keefe

Gospel of Life Icon: Tom and
Susan Faivre Family

Sunday, September 20, 10:30 AM

Lectors: Jim Clancy

Servers: John Belz, Denver
Patten, Albert Perlman

Eucharistic Ministers: Kathryn
Gietl, Lisa Belz, Gene Mitchell,
Lynn Frasco, Mary Tuttle,
Daniella Ketchum, Mary Beth
Maloney, Barney Bruzetti

Vocation Chalice: Sean and Julie
Dailey Family



CAMPAIGN CORNER

As of September 8, 2009

Total Number of Donors: 206

Parishioners that have made their decision: 16%

Total Commitments: \$2,678,435

Latest news...

All alumni of Blessed Sacrament School received an appeal letter and case statement this week. Our hope is that the alumni will consider supporting this wonderful project. If you have family or friends that are alumni, please encourage them to consider a pledge, of any amount, to the campaign.

Monthly giving envelopes for the *Building on Tradition* capital campaign will be in your packets starting in November.

Forgetful?

A simple way to make your monthly pledge payment is by automated withdrawal. (ACH) If you would like an ACH form, please contact Sharon at 528-7521.

WHY CATHOLIC? Journey through the Catechism

“One, holy, catholic, apostolic Church.” We say we believe it every week. Come join a small group and reflect again on what it means. **Why Catholic? A journey through the Catechism** is a great way to take a new look at what we believe and why we believe it. It only takes 90 minutes! If you would like to join a group or need additional information call Deacon Tom Burns at 793-0328 or call the rectory at 528-7521. Sessions run October 4, 2009 to November 8, 2009.

STEWARDSHIP <i>(Time Talent Treasure)</i>	
<u>Parish Collection</u>	
August 30, 2009	\$20,484.71
Target Amount	\$23,500.00
 <u>“Building on Tradition” Project Savings</u>	
August 30, 2009	\$ 55,807.50
Total	\$524,701.70