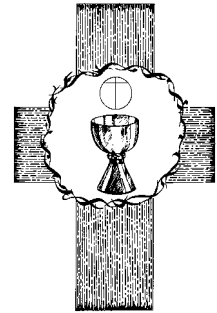




Parish of the Blessed Sacrament



**1725 South Walnut
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**October 4,
2009**

**Twenty-Seventh
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, October 5**

- ✕ Confessions before 8:00 AM Mass
- ✕ 8:00 AM Elizabeth and Otto Seitz
Vic Gorney

Tuesday, October 6

- ✕ Confessions before 8:20 AM Mass
- ✕ 8:20 AM Darlene Tasset

Wednesday, October 7

- ✕ Confessions before 8:00 AM Mass
- ✕ 8:00 AM Mary Evelyn Rechner
Matthew Vandiver

Thursday, October 8

- ✕ Confessions before 8:20 AM Mass
- ✕ 8:20 AM Dr. James E. Graham

Friday, October 9

- ✕ Confessions before 8:00 AM Mass
- ✕ 8:00 AM Helen O'Connor

Saturday, October 10

- ✕ 7:00 AM Dorothy Thurman (LATIN MASS)
- ✕ 7:30-8:00 AM Confessions
- ✕ 3:00-4:00 PM Confessions
- ✕ 4:30 PM James A. Wiessing

Sunday, October 11, Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- ✕ 7:00 AM Intentions of our Parishioners
- ✕ 8:30 AM Dan Rebbe
- ✕ 10:30 AM Cathy Brown

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

Our first reading this weekend is taken from Genesis. As we know, the creation story in Genesis, in particular the fact that we are created in the image and likeness of God, is the basis for all of our Catholic Christian morality. We see in chapter two that God created Adam and then from Adam's side He created Eve. This is part of the divine plan for creation.

The creation of marriage by God is set out in this story from Genesis. It is affirmed and approved when quoted by Jesus in the Gospel today. Notice how it works. God created man and then asked humanity to take part in continuing and perfecting creation. He had Adam name the animals. God affirms human dignity by giving us a share in the work of creation. God created a partner for the man just as God created humanity to be His partner. God's covenant with us is a marriage just as a marriage between a man and woman is a covenant. It is a commitment of love and permanence.

So we see the definition of marriage as one of God's acts of creation. It is not a law or arrangement established later by us. From the story in Genesis of creating Adam and Eve we see that marriage is; between one man and one woman for life and doesn't allow for any other combinations, it is monogamous, it is indissoluble, it is open to new life and taking part in God's creation, it is meant for procreation, a partnership with God in the ongoing work of creation.

Jesus renews and restores this divine plan for creation. He quoted Genesis in Mark 10:2-16 to point out the permanence of marriage. He also made the point that living the moral life is no easy task. That is why Moses had given them an out within the Jewish law. Jesus asks His people to step up to the original plan of creation.

October is Respect Life Month. This year brings special importance to this month with the announcement by Planned Parenthood that it is bringing abortion to Springfield in the form of the pill, RU-486. Please join in prayer to protect our women and children from abortion. Women who find themselves in the terrible position of contemplating abortion deserve a real choice, not one that will hurt them for years to come and destroy the life of a child. Please be prepared to help any women you know of in that situation.

Also please join us this Sunday afternoon in the Life Chain as a way of praying for an end to abortion and promoting a better choice for our society.

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our auction last weekend. It was a good night to spend some social time with the parish. Thanks to all who worked so hard to make this auction a success. Thanks especially to our auction chair, Leslie Shevlin and her co-chair, Kim Hoffmann for all their hard work. Thanks to all of you for your continuous generous support for our auction and for all the ways you share your gifts with our parish.

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

NATIONAL LIFE CHAIN NEXT SUNDAY

Please join us **today**, Sunday, October 4, for the National Life Chain Prayer Witness from 2:30 to 3:30 PM on MacArthur Boulevard. The Blessed Sacrament Gospel of Life Committee will hand out free Baskin Robbins ice cream certificates to all students of Blessed Sacrament Parish who participate.

SPRINGFIELD RIGHT TO LIFE DINNER

Please join us on October 17 for an exciting evening to support life.

At the Sangamon Prairie Reception Center on Rt. 4 in Chatham, the evening begins with a silent auction and reception, including hors d'oeuvres and Jane Hartman at the piano. Dinner is at 6:45 p.m., followed by a special program including the music of "Sisters of the Son" and keynote speaker, Steven Ertelt, founder and Editor of LifeNews.com.

Reservations are: Adults \$40; Students \$20. Please invite friends and family and make your reservation before Friday, October 9.

We are also soliciting patrons and display messages (ads, greetings, memorials, honorariums, etc.) for our dinner program. Donations of new and like-new items, gift certificates, services, timeshares, etc. for our silent auction are most appreciated.

Call Springfield Right to Life for reservations or donations at 523-2700.

NEWS FROM OUR DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Bricks – You may have noticed the addition of more bricks in the Prayer Garden. With the additional landscaping, the area looks very nice. Benches have been ordered for installation in the spring. We continue to take orders for bricks; order forms are available at the church entrances. Call Kim Hoffmann in the Development Office for assistance, 522-7534, ext. 206

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THANK YOU

Thanks to the generosity of parishioners, \$951.07 was collected during the month of September by the St. Vincent de Paul Society to help parishioners and others in need of financial assistance.

EXPOSITION AND ADORATION

Exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be available for all Catholic men on Thursday, October 8, at St. John's Hospital Chapel from 5:00 to 6:45 PM. For more information about this monthly recollection, call Jim Henneberry at 793-1182.

CALVARY CEMETARY WALK

Walk with your Ancestors: a tour of Springfield's Calvary Cemetery
Sunday October 11 (rain date October 18) from 1:00-3:30 PM

The guided tour will feature seven stops where volunteers dressed in period costumes or religious dress will give an account of the life of the person buried there. Groups will leave for the approximately one-mile walk every 15 minutes with the last tour starting at 3:30 p.m. **Father Chester will be featured.**

Tickets: \$10 adults; \$5 children 7-12, and can be purchased in advance at the Catholic Pastoral Center, or on the day of the walk. For more information contact the Calvary Cemetery office at 217.523.3726 or Michele Levandoski at 217.638.0926.

FATIMA ROSARY RALLY

The Fatima Rosary Rally will take place on Sunday, October 11 at 3:00 PM at St. Aloysius Church. Speaker is Father John Sullivan.

"Ah" DAY OF QUIET

Need some space to be? Want to enjoy the change of season? Looking for some prayer time? Come to Chiara Center in Springfield on Saturday October 17 from 9 AM - 3 PM and walk the grounds, read, listen to the Spirit, clear your mind. A noon meal is served - all for just \$20. For an additional fee massage therapy is available. Reservations are required. Call 217-523-0901 for this special opportunity.

BREAKFAST BUFFET

An all-you-can-eat breakfast buffet will be held on Sunday, October 11 from 8 am until noon at Knights of Columbus Council 364 located at 2200 Meadowbrook Road. The cost is \$8.00 for adults, \$5.00 for kids ages 6 – 12, and free for kids ages five and under. Proceeds will benefit Council 364's Vocations Program. For questions, contact the K C Office at 787-2360.

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

OVER 50 NEWS

Springfield Catholics & Friends Caribbean Cruise is an 8 day 7 night winter escape scheduled to leave Ft. Lauderdale February 7th. There are about 10 cabins left for our group. Don't make this a ... "woulda, shoulda, coulda"...in your life! Join a terrific group of fellow Catholics for a bargain vacation. Ship rates are: Inside-\$240; OceanView-\$340; Balcony-\$640; (plus port charges & taxes.) Daily Mass & Bible Study for those interested. The Fortuna is a 4-Star Rated Ship! Details & all travel help...call our Nora Puglia @ 793-3733

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Love to assist people in their quest for their genealogy? Have a few spare hours (10ish – 2ish) a few days a week? **Calvary Cemetery** needs your help. Someone is needed to assist visitors at the counter with locating the graves of their ancestors and answering general questions. If interested in a unique volunteer experience, please contact Linda at the cemetery office in person or by phone 523-3726 Mon – Fri, 7:30am-3:30pm.

Blessed Sacrament Parish provides food and service to **St. John's Breadline** on the second Saturday of every month. In these tough economic times, this service is often the little extra help needed and it can make all the difference in the world to someone trying to keep it all working for themselves and their family. There is a group that regularly works the 'even' months and a different group that works the 'odd' months. The 'even' month group is in need of a few additional people to help serve the food. This entails about 2 1/2 hours of your time. (10:15 A.M. to 12:45 P.M.) We could also use a few more volunteers to drop food off at the Breadline. If you are able to help on the second Saturday of any 'even' month, please contact Donna at 726-8368 for additional information. Our next date is Saturday, October 10. Thank you your generosity in time and in food.

DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN CONVENTION

The annual Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Convention will be October 14 at St. Thomas Church in Decatur. The speaker this year is Patty Schneier, who will share her experiences in living out her Catholic faith through her family and her church.

NAMI SERVICE

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) will sponsor a Candlelight Service for Mental Health Recovery and Understanding on Tuesday, October 6 at 6:30 PM at First Christian Church, 6th and Cook, in Springfield.

INFORMATIONAL MEETING ON MEDICARE

Get all of your questions about Medicare, Medicare Supplements and Medicare Part D answered at a Medicare presentation on October 24, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. in Blessed Sacrament School Gymnasium by Bryan Padget, and Beth Monnat, Professional with the State of Illinois, Department of Insurance Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP).

“BUILDING ON TRADITION” CAMPAIGN CORNER

As of September 30, 2009

Total Number of Donors: **364**

Parishioners that have made their decision: **25%**

Total Commitments: **\$3,441,620**

MINISTRY SCHEDULE**WEEK OF OCT 5-11**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
8:00/8:20 AM

Charlie Delano, Alex DeLeon

Thursday, Friday

8:20/8:00 AM

Erick Hernandez, Eric Ketchum

Saturday, October 10, 4:30 PM

Lectors: Ken Dobucki

Servers: Caroline Schmidt,
Elizabeth Schmidt, Noah
Edwards

Eucharistic Ministers: Johanna
Toomey, Pat Sheehan, Doug
Warrren, Christina Warren,
Michelle Bretz, Lori Criscione,
Scott Reimers, Marge O'Keefe

Sunday, October 11, 7:00 AM

Lectors: Pat McGarry

Servers: Kevin Farley, Brandon
Gatewood

Eucharistic Ministers: Phil
Graham, Mike Delvo, Ann
Walker, Kathy Grubb, Nancy
Smith

Sunday, October 11, 8:30 AM

Lectors: Michael Lawless

Servers: John Drake, Ben Eck,
Nic Evans

Eucharistic Ministers: Hannah
Perrin, James Keys, Rita
Keys, James Dodge, Andrea
Judd, Tom Garvey, Mark
Ushman, Anne Capestrain

Sunday, October 11, 10:30 AM

Lectors: Lila Dilbaitis

Servers: Jeremy French, Kevin
Gamble, Averi Gamble

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary
Tuttle, Barbara Erdmann,
Cindy Ledbetter, MaryAnn
Gorney, Patricia Clarida,
Karen Senger, Sally Petrone,
Jim Morphew

Gospel of Life Icon: Dennis and
Mary Ellen Hollahan Family

Vocation Chalice: Lori and
Steve Scheufele Family

Campaign communications — where are we?

In a continued effort to enhance parish communications via the **Building on Tradition** capital campaign, we want to share with you where the campaign has been and the direction it is heading.

Where the campaign has been

Since August:

- Volunteers have attempted to make personal visits with approximately 650 parish households—as many as we have had volunteers to visit. We would have liked to make personal visits to EVERY household, but that was not feasible.
- We have mailed 750 pledge cards to parish households and 1,100 to alumni.
- We have raised \$3.44 million dollars with only a 25% response rate.

Where the campaign is going

In the next month:

- Volunteers will finish their personal visits. Volunteers are working hard to reach people now that school is back in session.
- Volunteers will be involved in a phone-a-thon, contacting over 1,000 parish and alumni households to answer questions and invite every household to participate.
- We will be mailing parish households who we cannot reach.

What can you do

- Pray for the continued success of the campaign and the future of Blessed Sacrament.
- Respond—invite volunteers to meet when they call
Send your pledge card back in or drop it in the collection basket
Call the parish office at 528-3137 for another pledge card if you misplaced yours.

We are intent on having a response from every household—we want to hear from everyone! This campaign is an effort to reach out as well as have you participate. We want to strengthen our community, to make Blessed Sacrament a **better** place than it already is. Please respond today.

STEWARDSHIP <i>(Time Talent Treasure)</i>	
<u>Parish Collection</u>	
September 20, 2009	\$20,826.00
Target Amount	\$23,500.00
<u>“Building on Tradition” Project Savings</u>	
September 20, 2009	\$ 19,680.00
Total	\$634,639.20