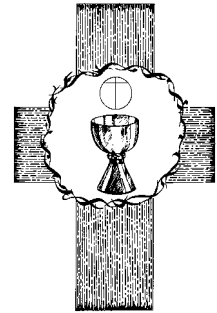




Parish of the Blessed Sacrament



1725 South Walnut
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**October 11,
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 12

- ✘ Confessions before 8:00 AM Mass
- ✘ 8:00 AM Charlie and Mary Ebel

Tuesday, October 13

- ✘ Confessions before 8:20 AM Mass
- ✘ 8:20 AM Greg Burton
Lillian Fox

Wednesday, October 14

- ✘ Confessions before 8:00 AM Mass
- ✘ 8:00 AM Deceased members of the
FisherKeller Family

Thursday, October 15, Teresa of Jesus

- ✘ Confessions before 8:20 AM Mass
- ✘ 8:20 AM Theresa Kienzler

Friday, October 16

- ✘ Confessions before 8:00 AM Mass
- ✘ 8:00 AM Dr. James E. Graham
Blanca V. Patino Roland

Saturday, October 17, Ignatius of Antioch

- ✘ 7:00 AM Steven Swigert (LATIN MASS)
- ✘ 7:30-8:00 AM Confessions
- ✘ 3:00-4:00 PM Confessions
- ✘ 4:30 PM Louis and Angela Gietl

Sunday, October 18, Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- ✘ 7:00 AM H. Thomas Hughes
- ✘ 8:30 AM Doris Wavering
- ✘ 10:30 AM Intentions of our Parishioners

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 the Book of Wisdom. In it the author prays for the gift of wisdom. In the joy of having wisdom, the author tells us that he has found wisdom is greater than power, wealth, material goods, beauty, and even health. In fact he says that the best of the best is found through wisdom ... "Yet all good things together came to me in her company, and countless riches at her hands."

The wisdom spoken of is, of course, God's wisdom. The wisdom of God helps us to know the truth and the value of all things and helps us to keep it all in perspective. Most of all it helps us to understand that the greatest of power, wealth, possession, beauty, and health is in God. God wants us to have the gift of wisdom and is more than happy to give it to us if we ask. Let's make an increase in the gift of wisdom one of our daily prayers and something we actively seek out.

October is Respect Life month. Please continue to pray for an end to all the assaults on the dignity of human life. Let's remember to pray in a special way 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.

While we are trying to keep you updated on the progress of our "Building on Tradition" campaign, you will notice that the numbers in the bulletin are less than you hear me announce at Mass on the weekend. This is because the bulletin goes to print on Tuesdays. The numbers I give you at Mass are from the end of the day on Fridays. This is also why we have a lag time in the reporting of our weekly collections. All of the bookkeeping is not completed and verified until later in the week.

Please continue to pray for the success of our "Building on Tradition" project and for the success of all our efforts here at Blessed Sacrament Parish. Thank you so much for all of your generous support and for the many ways you invest yourselves in the parish and in the Faith!

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

NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Notice of Non-Discrimination Policy

Blessed Sacrament School admits students of any race, color, sex, or national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, or national and ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarships and loan programs, and athletic and school administered programs.

Financial Assistance

Blessed Sacrament School recently received a check for \$1,735.00 from the Diocese from the Harvest of Thanks, Springtime of Hope Endowment. This money is being used to provide financial assistance to students attending Blessed Sacrament who have demonstrated financial need. Thanks to all of you who supported this campaign!

School Notes

Monday, Oct. 12 – No school in observance of Columbus Day

Tuesday, Oct. 13 – Seventh grade parent meeting regarding Science Fair in the science lab at 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 15 – 8:20 a.m. all-school Mass

Wednesday, Oct. 21 – End of 1st Quarter; 2nd grade field trip to Illinois State Museum

Thursday, Oct. 22 – 6th grade field trip to Challenger Learning Center

Friday, Oct. 23 – Hearing and vision screening for mandated grades and parent/teacher requests

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

CAMP STAR OF THE SEA REUNION

A reunion and potluck for those who attended Camp Star of the Sea will be held on Sunday, October 25 at the Villa Maria Catholic Life Center from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. Contact all your camp friends and enjoy reminiscing and renewing old friendships. RSVP to Mary Ann Smith at 529-2213.

HOLY FAMILY FOOD PANTRY

Donation pickup will be Monday, October 19. Please leave donated items in the back of church. Thank you!

ADORATION HOURS

DAYTIME

3:00 PM Friday
9:00 AM Saturday
3:00 PM Saturday

NIGHT TIME

12:00 AM Saturday
1:00 AM Saturday
12:00 AM Sunday
1:00 AM Sunday
11:00 PM Friday

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CALL DAVID OR CATHY HEIMLICH 793-9352

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.

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 with proceeds benefitting the Council 364's Vocations Program.

SHG SHOP-A-PALOOZA

The SHG boys' basketball team and the girls' poms squad are hosting an event at Sacred Heart Griffin High School today, Sunday, October 11. Shop-a-palooza will be held from noon to 5:00 PM at the West Campus, 1601 W. Washington. Items for sale include purses, clothing, books, handpainted furniture, jewelry, floral arrangements, picture frames, and much more. Bring the whole family for lunch—we'll have Italian beef sandwiches, hot dogs, and even homemade desserts! While you shop, we'll have free games and activities for kids. Come out and enjoy the day—everyone is welcome!

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL MEETING

The St. Vincent DePaul Society will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, October 13, at 6:30 in the rectory basement. New members are always welcome!

COURT MADONNA MEETING

Catholic Women—You are invited to join members of Court Madonna, Catholic Daughters of the Americas at their October meeting on Thursday, October 15, 6:30 p.m., at St. Agnes Parish Hall, 245 N. Amos St. The Luminous Mysteries of the Holy Rosary will be recited, a photo of the baptismal font where Pope John Paul was baptized will be displayed, and his favorite Creme Cake will be served. Further information available from Regent Mary Frances Lavin, 522-6339.

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).

GOSPEL OF LIFE

The State Journal Register on September 23 published an announcement by Planned Parenthood that it will provide RU-486 to women seeking abortions in Springfield. Mifepristone (RU-486) was discovered by researchers at Roussel Uclaf (RU) of France in 1980. This drug is “antiprogestosterone” drug that blocks the action of progesterone, a hormone a woman's body produces to establish and maintain pregnancy. Mifepristone breaks down the lining of the uterus so that the pregnancy cannot continue. Thirty percent of the time, however, it is not effective enough to be given alone. Because incomplete abortions often occur when mifepristone is given alone, it is usually administered with a prostaglandin such as misoprostol, which causes the uterus to contract and expel the dead child and placenta. This drug, sometimes called cytotec, was initially used to treat ulcers in the stomach.

Young women seeking abortion are given mifepristone orally in order to induce an abortion, and subsequently two days later are given the misoprostol if the the abortion hasn't occurred or been completed. The FDA has approved its use for up to 49 days after the first day of the last menstrual period, but effectiveness decreases substantially after 49 days LMP.

A host of adverse effects (bleeding, cramping, headache, nausea, and vomiting) have been reported to the FDA by women taking this drug combination. The most significant of these include many cases of hemorrhage that were life threatening and thus required blood transfusions. In addition, there are many reports of women requiring surgery to repair damage resulting from the abortion. Heart attacks have been reported in several women, and here in Springfield, a young woman developed a heart attack after receiving the drugs. She at the time was a healthy pregnant young women in her twenties, with no risk factors for developing heart disease.

Many deaths have been directly attributed to the use of these drugs to perform abortions in the United States, and their devastating effects can best be summarized by citing the case of young Holly Patterson. Holly sought “care” from Planned Parenthood to terminate her 7 week pregnancy. She was administered RU-486 and sent home. She experienced heavy cramping and bleeding (These are the most common complications of this chemical abortion), and since Planned Parenthood really provided no “follow up care” she went to a local emergency department was admitted to the hospital and died of an overwhelming infection.

RU-486 poses not just a physical threat to women and their babies, but a spiritual threat to these women as well. Women who undergo abortions are much more likely to require counseling or the need of psychiatric care. They are more likely to engage in behaviors such as alcoholism or illicit drug use. The trauma to them is obviously not just physical. This procedure is not just about taking several pills and getting over temporary “adversity” in one's life.....It has devastating life long and eternal ramifications for those who use it. In the words of John Paul II: **“Human life and death are thus in the hands of God, in his power. In the depths of his conscience, man is always reminded of the inviolability of life—his own life and that of others—as something which does not belong to him, because it is the property and gift of God the Creator and Father. (EV39) From the time that the ovum is fertilized, a life is begun which is neither that of the father nor the mother; it is rather the life of a new human being with his own growth.(EV60) The deliberate decision to deprive an innocent human being of his life is always morally evil and can never be licit either as an end in itself or as a means to a good end. Every innocent human being is absolutely equal to all others. This equality is the basis of all authentic social relationships. (EV57)**

MINISTRY SCHEDULE**WEEK OF OCT 12-18**

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

Daniel Gardner, Megan McCarthy

Thursday, Friday

8:20/8:00 AM

Mary Delano, Karla Hernandez

Saturday, October 17, 4:30 PM

Lectors: Val Simhauser

Servers: Andrew Hoffmann, Frank Hollahan, Steven Long

Eucharistic Ministers: Thomas Schmidt, Noreen Luhr, Susan Gallagher, Mary Rita Dineen, Isabel Figueroa, Marty Mosley, Janine Feller, Colleen VonDeBur

Gospel of Life Icon: Shaun and Amy Riedell Family

Sunday, October 18, 7:00 AM

Lectors: Judy Kjellander

Servers: Sarah Miller, Ryleigh Taylor

Eucharistic Ministers: Kathryn Gietl, Dave Langston, Ted Siedl, Jim Wear, Kathy Wear

Sunday, October 18, 8:30 AM

Lectors: Kevin Lust

Servers: Hannah Bitzer, Nic Farris, Ethan Bluhm

Eucharistic Ministers: Rick Campbell, Beckie Figge, Harold Figge, Patrick Fitzgerald, Larry Newell, George Rudis, Jr., Mary F. Conwill, Kathy Harth

Sunday, October 18, 10:30 AM

Lectors: Daniel Heffernan

Servers: John Belz, Denver Patten, Albert Perlman

Eucharistic Ministers: James Dodge, Pat McGarry, Lori Criscione, Jude Kennedy, Linda Thornberry, Lisa Belz, Lynn Frasco, Gene Mitchell

Vocation Chalice: Shari Troike Family

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

CIVS, Caregivers Interfaith Volunteer Services, is an organization that provides services free of charge to older adults in the Springfield community. Volunteers provide transportation to medical appointments, etc. This allows older adults to remain independent as long as possible. Blessed Sacrament is in need of drivers to help with this ministry. It involves as little as two to four hours per month. Please see brochures in the back of church and near the adoration chapel for more information. Thank you.

**BUILDING ON TRADITION
CAMPAIGN CORNER**

Considering using ACH for your campaign pledge?

What are the benefits of ACH (automated withdrawal)?

- Reduces administrative activity
- Frees up staff time
- Provides security
- Improves accuracy
- Helps the environment

These are just a few reasons for you to consider making your monthly pledge by ACH. If you would like to set up your campaign pledge by ACH, please call or stop by the parish office for a form.

Building on Tradition

Goal	\$5,400,000.00
Signed Commitments	\$3,225,948.72
<u>Verbal Commitments</u>	<u>\$ 375,034.00</u>
Total Commitments	\$3,600,982.72
Total number of donors	408
Total Cash Received	\$ 1,118,861.72

Please notice the change of this week on how we are recording our gifts and pledges to the campaign. The parish office will now show what has been committed, signed and verbal, number of donors and the total cash received. This should make it easier to see the wonderful progress of the campaign.

STEWARDSHIP

(Time | Talent | Treasure)

<u>Parish Collection</u>	
September 27, 2009	\$18,536.00
Target Amount	\$23,500.00