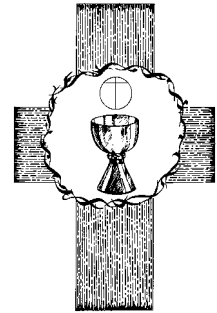




Parish of the Blessed Sacrament



1725 South Walnut
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**October 18,
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 19**

- ✘ Confessions before 8:00 AM Mass
- ✘ 8:00 AM Helen Spence
Brian Joseph Madonia

Tuesday, October 20, Paul of the Cross

- ✘ Confessions before 8:20 AM Mass
- ✘ 8:20 AM Al J. Stenger

Wednesday, October 21

- ✘ Confessions before 8:00 AM Mass
- ✘ 8:00 AM Special Intentions of Breena and Daniel Heffernan
Eugene Staudt

Thursday, October 22

- ✘ Confessions before 8:20 AM Mass
- ✘ 8:20 AM Bob Rittenhouse

Friday, October 23, John of Capistrano

- ✘ Confessions before 8:00 AM Mass
- ✘ 8:00 AM Mary Edna Kramp

Saturday, October 24, Anthony Mary

- ✘ 7:00 AM Monica Vespa (LATIN MASS)
- ✘ 7:30-8:00 AM Confessions
- ✘ 3:00-4:00 PM Confessions
- ✘ 4:30 PM Thomas P. O'Connor

Sunday, October 25, Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- ✘ 7:00 AM Intentions of our Parishioners
- ✘ 8:30 AM Patrick Shea
- ✘ 10:30 AM Jack Margaron

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 savior Christ Jesus came as He said, not "to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." This is to be the pattern of our life. In the context of this month of October, pro-life month, how do we live that pattern? We must always be ready to help the mothers that find themselves in a difficult pregnancy. It must be a terrible thing for a person to be in a situation that would have them contemplate abortion. We must be willing to support those who need our help to choose life for their babies. We must also be willing to help those who have had abortions to find healing and compassion.

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.

The following are the words of John Paul II in his encyclical *Evangelium Vitae*: I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The Church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. Certainly what happened was and remains terribly wrong. But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. Try rather to understand what happened and face it honestly. If you have not already done so, give yourselves over with humility and trust to repentance. The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. To the same Father and his mercy you can with sure hope entrust your child. With the friendly and expert help and advice of other people, and as a result of your own painful experience, you can be among the most eloquent defenders of everyone's right to life. Through your commitment to life, whether by accepting the birth of other children or by welcoming and caring for those most in need of someone to be close to them, you will become promoters of a new way of looking at human life."(EV99)

If you have ever had an abortion and are suffering, or if you know someone in that situation and would like counseling contact: Fr Hoefler (528-7521), or use the following resource to Project Rachel: www.hopeafterabortion.com.

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

OUR PARISH FAMILY

God Bless Our Newly Baptized

Alice Elizabeth Londrigan, daughter of Joseph and Amanda Londrigan

Evelyn Rose Bailey, daughter of Nathan and Elizabeth Bailey

Avery Grace Sherman, daughter of Geoff and Melissa Sherman

Pray for Our Recently Departed

Margaret Bolin

Congratulations to Our Newly Wed

Scott Cornish and Whitney Schlindwein

NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Student representatives from second through eighth grade attended the Mission Mass at Little Flower on Wednesday, Oct. 7. For the seventh year in a row, our school placed in the top five schools in the diocese for the amount of money per student donated to the Holy Childhood Association. We received the third place award this year. We're proud of our student body for their fundraising efforts but especially for their daily prayers for missionaries and those they serve. Thanks to Mrs. Steinkamp, our mission moderator, and all of the teachers and parents who help us with our mission efforts!

Special thanks to our Parent/School Association for sponsoring a guest speaker for our seventh and eighth grade students. Mr. Aaron Elster, a Holocaust survivor, shared his story with our junior high students on Friday, Oct. 9. (Several of our teachers had previously heard him speak at the Illinois Reading Conference last spring.) In addition to reviewing the historical events of the time and sharing his personal account of survival, Mr. Elster reminded our students that they are our hope for the future, and he encouraged them to make a difference in the way they treat others each day. It was most appropriate with our observance of Respect Life month and with our school motto of "Learning to Make a Difference".

Congratulations to our cooperative Blessed Sacrament/St. Agnes cross country teams! Both the girls' and the boys' teams finished first at the sectional meet at Lincoln Park on Saturday, Oct. 10, and are competing at the state meet in Bloomington this weekend. Also, congratulations to Jon Bluhm, an eighth grader, on his first place finish at the sectional meet. (Look for recognition of our entire team and their state results in next week's bulletin.)

SAVE THE DATE

The Over 55 Christmas Party will be December 3 at Illini Country Club at 6:00 PM.

SCHOOL NOTES

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

Monday, Oct. 26 – Wednesday, Nov. 4 – Scholastic Book Fair in the library

Friday, Oct. 30 – Report Card Day; Halloween parade at 1:45 p.m. followed by Halloween parties

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 Padgett, and Beth Monnat, Professional with the State of Illinois, Department of Insurance Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP).

WRESTLING CLUB

Little Cyclone Wrestling Club invites students, grades 1-8, to learn the oldest sport known to man. No previous experience is necessary. Wrestle kids your own age and weight. The Club season runs from November to March and will practice three nights per week at SHG's West Campus cafeteria. For registration or more information, call Doug Ludolph at 816-3931.

BSS SCOUT TREASURES

Help find all of Blessed Sacraments' Scout Treasures past and present; Eagle (BSA) or Gold Award (GS), any Religious Emblems Medal recipients, whether you received it in a BSP troop or are now a member of our parish family. If you know of a past member who may not see this request pass it on or are departed, please contact me to let me know.

If you have a special scouting story, a Scouter you wish to give a special acknowledgement to for what they meant to you, or tell how scouting influenced your life, let us know. Set your calendar—February 7, 2010 is BSA's Centennial Birthday. Come celebrate with us.

Please contact Rosanne Wiatrolik at rwiatrolik@sbcglobal.net (subject line: "scout search") or call leave clear message 523-1516. 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

cmheimlich@att.net

CALL DAVID OR CATHY HEIMLICH 793-9352

GOSPEL OF LIFE**Part 1 of STATEMENT FOR RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY by Cardinal Justin F. Rigali, Chairman, USCCB Committee on Pro-life Activities**

In the current debate over health care reform, it has become evident that a number of Americans believe that the lives and health of only some people are worth safeguarding, while other classes of people are viewed as not deserving the same protection. Such an attitude is deplorable, all the more so in the context of health care. Sanctioning discrimination in the quality of care given to different groups of people has no place in medicine, and directly contravenes the ethical norms under which Catholic hospitals and health care providers operate.

Unborn children remain the persons whose lives are most at risk in America: Over one million children each year die in abortion facilities. The *Roe v. Wade* decision in 1973 rendered states powerless to halt this killing. Thankfully Congress and most states acted to prevent public funding of abortions (with narrowly defined exceptions). Yet despite the opposition of 67% of Americans to taxpayer-funded abortion, all current health care proposals being considered by Congress would allow or mandate abortion funding, either through premiums paid into government programs or out of federal revenues.

It bears repeating: Abortion – the direct, intentional killing of an unborn girl or boy – is not health care. Abortion robs an innocent child of his or her life, and robs mothers of their peace and happiness. For 25 years, the Project Rachel post-abortion ministry of the Catholic Church has helped women move beyond their grief and remorse after abortion, helping them find peace by accepting God's forgiveness and by forgiving themselves and others involved in the abortion decision. Abortion funding can only increase the number of dead and grieving.

While most Americans agree that those who cannot afford health insurance should have access to health care, some commentators have gone so far as to suggest offsetting the cost of expanded coverage by curtailing the level of care now given to elderly Americans. Other pundits have suggested that treatment decisions should be based not on the needs of the elderly patient, but on the patient's allegedly low "quality of life" or the cost-effectiveness of treatment calculated over the patient's projected lifespan. Such calculations can ignore the inherent dignity of the person needing care, and undermine the therapeutic relationship between health professionals and their patients.

It should not be surprising that the neglect, and even the death, of some people are offered as a solution to rising health care costs. Population control advocates have long espoused aborting children in the developing world as a misguided means for reducing poverty.

DAY OF HEALING

The Chiara Center will host a Day of Healing for those seeking healing due to an abortion on November 14. To register, call 877-722-4355.

SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE HIGHWAYS

On October 25, 1959, one of the most beloved landmarks along Historic Route 66 was dedicated—the Shrine of Our Lady of the Highways. Over the years, thousands of travelers have stopped at her feet to say a prayer for their fellow travelers. On the 50th anniversary of its dedication, help us celebrate with a rosary at 2:30, Mass at 3:00 with celebrant Fr. Mark Schulte, and a rededication of the shrine at 4:00 on Sunday, October 25. A light meal follows. Come share the history and love that the Shrine has shared for so many years. The Shrine is located along the West Frontage Road of Interstate 55 less than a mile north of Exit 63 (Raymond exit).

MINISTRY SCHEDULE**WEEK OF OCT 19-25**

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

KaySay Johnson, Noah Kren

Thursday, Friday
8:20/8:00 AM

Alex Mandeville, Luke McDonald

Saturday, October 24, 4:30 PM

Lectors: Isabel Long

Servers: Davy Morehead, Elyse Morehead, Cody Prosperini

Eucharistic Ministers: Noreen Luhr, Karen Senger, Patricia Clarida, Ken Dobucki, Christina Warren, Doug Warren, Johanna Toomey, Barney Bruzetti

Sunday, October 25, 7:00 AM

Lectors: Don Tracy

Servers: Jim Moore, Madeline Smith

Eucharistic Ministers: Colleen VonDeBur, Nancy Smith, Ann Walker, Mike Delvo, Phil Graham

Sunday, October 25, 8:30 AM

Lectors: Tom Karaianis

Servers: Joel Henderson, Mallary Lemme, Abby Ralph

Eucharistic Ministers: Thomas Schmidt, Anne Capestrain, Mark Ushman, Hannah Perrin, Marge O'Keefe, Scott Reimers, Pat Sheehan, Clara Ushman

Sunday, October 25, 10:30 AM

Lectors: Melaine Arnold

Servers: Missy Janik, Patrick Rolen, Emily Schuefele

Eucharistic Ministers: Jim Mophew, Sally Petrone, MaryAnn Gorney, Cindy Ledbetter, Barbara Erdmann, Tom Garvey, Rita Keys, James Keys

HARVESTING RELATIONSHIPS OF FAITH

Cultivate a genuine love for another through connection with God. Join us on Sunday, Oct. 25, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM with featured speaker Dr. Raymond Redick, PsyD., a therapist and psychology professor at Benedictine University. We'll be at Jubilee Farm, 6760 Old Jacksonville Rd., \$5. Call 217-546-7394 to register. Sponsored by Single Catholics of Springfield.

**BUILDING ON TRADITION
CAMPAIGN CORNER**

\$4 million...how does that sound?

We are very close to hitting a very exciting milestone... \$4 million in gifts and pledges! Since September 15 we have raised almost \$1 million! Can we raise another \$1 million by November 15?

Here is how we can...

The majority of our pledges have come from the \$3,000 to \$5,000 range. What if we had 25 parishioners pledge \$50 a month in the next week? What if we had 25 parishioners pledge \$83 a month in the next week?

An additional \$200,000 would be raised by only 50 new pledges!

If you are still considering a pledge to the campaign, please consider making a gift of \$50 a month, \$83 a month or a pledge of any size!

Building on Tradition

Goal	\$5,400,000.00
Signed Commitments	\$3,516,518.72
<u>Verbal Commitments</u>	<u>\$ 239,924.00</u>
Total Commitments	\$3,756,442.72
Total number of donors	429
Total Cash Received	\$ 1,152,966.77

RACHEL'S CHALLENGE

Sacred Heart-Griffin High School is hosting a Rachel's Challenge event for SHG and 8th grade parents on Monday, October 26 at 7:00 PM in the East Campus Auditorium. Rachel's Challenge is a program created after the Columbine School tragedy. For more info about the program, visit www.rachelschallenge.com. Parents only please.

STEWARDSHIP

(Time | Talent | Treasure)

<u>Parish Collection</u>	
October 4, 2009	\$20,294.00
Target Amount	\$23,500.00