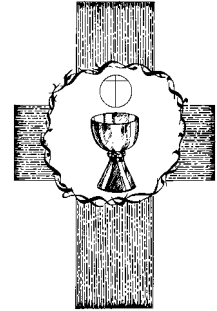


# *Parish of the Blessed Sacrament*



1725 South Walnut  
Springfield, Illinois

October 25,  
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 26**

- ✘ Confessions before 8:00 AM Mass
- ✘ 8:00 AM Eileen Kniery  
John Gonterman

**Tuesday, October 27**

- ✘ Confessions before 8:20 AM Mass
- ✘ 8:20 AM Patrick Antonacci

**Wednesday, October 28, Feast of Simon & Jude**

- ✘ Confessions before 8:00 AM Mass
- ✘ 8:00 AM Eda Murphy

**Thursday, October 29**

- ✘ Confessions before 8:20 AM Mass
- ✘ 8:20 AM Mary Louise Stapleton

**Friday, October 30**

- ✘ Confessions before 8:00 AM Mass
- ✘ 8:00 AM Dr. John Hennessy

**Saturday, October 31**

- ✘ 7:00 AM Thomas Drake (LATIN MASS)  
Dr. E.W. Donelan
- ✘ 7:30-8:00 AM Confessions
- ✘ 3:00-4:00 PM Confessions
- ✘ 4:30 PM Frank Campo

**Sunday, November 1, Solemnity of All Saints**

- ✘ 7:00 AM Charlotte Diss
- ✘ 8:30 AM William Foley
- ✘ 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**

This weekend we celebrate Priesthood Sunday. I think it takes on special significance this year since Pope Benedict XVI has designated this as the year of the priest. Our former bishop, now Archbishop of Omaha, George Lucas had planned even before the Holy Father's special designation of this year to have our own year of the priest. He had hoped to begin our year of the priest on the day that we dedicate our restored Cathedral. His hope was to call our attention to our need for more priests and to ask for a year of prayer for an increase of priests for our diocese.

Our second reading this Sunday from Hebrews tells us that "Every high priest is taken from among men and made their representative before God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal patiently with the ignorant and erring, for he himself is beset by weakness." I hope we are able to help men who might consider the priesthood understand that it is not a career choice but a calling from God. A man can't possibly be strong enough to be a priest. Rather he should ask if he is weak enough. Can he surrender himself to God and trust that God will provide for all that a priest would be asked to do?

This is not a foreign idea to us. When a couple decides to get married they say, "yes" in a way that is mysterious and unknown. What will they really be asked to handle in their married life and will they be able to surrender themselves to the commitment of the vocation they enter? Marriage is a complimentary vocation to the vocation of the priesthood. The health of our families indicates the health of our priesthood and vice versa. Please pray and work for the health and holiness of our own families as well as that of others. Please pray for many healthy, holy men to respond to God's call to the priesthood for our diocese.

This December 2<sup>nd</sup> 2009, the Cathedral will be re-opened with a Dedication Mass. The Mass will begin at 2:00 P.M. and will last for approximately two or two and a half hours. We have around 160,000 Catholics in our diocese and 131 parishes so we obviously have very limited room for this very special event. Admission to the Mass will be by ticket only. Our parish has been given a very limited number of tickets. If you are able to attend and would like to go, please call our parish office by November 16 to express your interest. After that date we will randomly choose who will receive a ticket for admission into the Dedication Mass.

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

**OUR PARISH FAMILY**

**God Bless Our Newly Baptized**

Mia Elizabeth Jones, daughter of Kevin and Rachel Jones

Knoll Pines Luttrell, son of Bradley and Kristen Luttrell

**Pray for Our Recently Departed**

Robert Kunz

Judy Marie Hubbell

Walter Ushman

Eric Huckaby

**Congratulations to Our Newly Wed**

Joseph House and Michele Vitale

Kyles Jones and Veronica Kool

**SAVE THE DATE**

The Over 55 Christmas Party will be Thursday, December 3 at Illini Country Club at 6:00 PM. Details coming soon!

**NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL PRINCIPAL**

Congratulations to our cooperative Blessed Sacrament/St. Agnes cross country teams! At the state meet in Normal on Saturday, Oct. 17, both the girls' and the boys' teams earned team trophies. The girls finished second in state as a team, and the boys earned the third place team trophy. Congratulations to the team members from Blessed Sacrament School: Sydney Compton, Keely Kolis, Abby Pohlman, Taylor Pohlman, Ethan Bluhm, Jon Bluhm, Nic Farris, Andrew Hoffmann, Joey Moore, and Michael Oh. Also, congratulations to Jon Bluhm, an eighth grader, who won all-state honors with an individual medal for his ninth place finish for boys. Congratulations to our entire cross country teams for their great seasons, and special thanks to their coach, Josh Bluhm, for his dedication and positive leadership of our students!

**SCHOOL NOTES**

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

Sunday, Nov. 1 – Trivia Night for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders in the gym – 4:30-7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 3 - 8:20 a.m. all-school Mass; 11:30 a.m. dismissal; **no B.A.S.E.**

Parent-teacher conferences – 1:00-8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 4 – 1:30 p.m. dismissal; **no B.A.S.E.**

Parent-teacher conferences – 3:00-6:00 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 6 – 2:00 p.m. benediction & adoration for grades 2-8

**BOOK FAIR**

Blessed Sacrament School is having the Scholastic book fair October 27<sup>th</sup>-November 4<sup>th</sup> during school and after masses. Also, we will be having a cheesecake tasting with order forms for Cheesecake Factory cheesecakes after mass on November 8<sup>th</sup>. These events help the school library purchase new books, repair old ones, buy A.R. tests and library supplies. Thank you for your support!

**SHG PREVIEW NIGHT**

“Step Inside SHG!” Sacred Heart-Griffin will hold its annual Preview Night, an open house for seventh and eighth grade students and their parents or guardians on Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. Registration will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the SHG East Campus Auditorium, 1200 West Washington Street. Contact the Advancement Office at SHG at 787-9732 or e-mail [egizii@shg.org](mailto:egizii@shg.org) for questions or further information. Come see what SHG has to offer!

**RACHEL'S CHALLENGE**

Sacred Heart-Griffin High School is hosting a Rachel's Challenge event for SHG and 8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.rachelschallenge.com). Parents only please.

**ADORATION HOURS**

*"The time we spend before Jesus [in adoration] is the time best spent during the day and during our life."*

*Ven. James Alberione*

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

**CALL DAVID OR CATHY HEIMLICH 793-9352**

**PERPETUAL ADORATION NEEDS YOU**

If you would like to make a one hour weekly commitment to adore Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, please stop after mass at one of the tables in the vestibule to sign up. We are also in need of substitutes for the scheduled adorers.

**COFFEE KLATCH**

After 10:30 mass this Sunday, stop by for a coffee klatch in the gym to learn more about perpetual adoration and to welcome the RCIA candidates after their Rite of Acceptance.

**GOSPEL OF LIFE****Part 2 of STATEMENT FOR RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY by Cardinal Justin F. Rigali, Chairman, USCCB Committee on Pro-life Activities**

Some environmentalists now claim that the most efficient way to curb global climate change is to make “family planning” more widely available in the developing world. They report that an average of 2.3 pounds per day of exhaled carbon dioxide can be eliminated from the atmosphere by eliminating one human being. As used by population control advocates, the innocuous term “family planning” includes abortifacient contraceptives, sterilization, and manual vacuum aspiration abortions.

Oregon, where health care for low-income patients is rationed by the state, has denied several patients the costly prescription drugs needed to prolong their lives, while reminding them that the assisted suicide option is conveniently offered under Oregon’s health plan. Many scientists justify the manipulation and killing of embryonic human beings in stem cell research, based on unsubstantiated hopes of finding new cures. Yet the facts increasingly show this approach to pose risks to patients, and to women who may be exploited to provide eggs for the research.

Death is not a solution to life’s problems. Only those who are blind to the transcendent reality and meaning of human life could support killing human beings to mitigate economic, social or environmental problems.

The antidote to such myopia is to recover an appreciation for the sanctity and dignity of each unique human being. One could begin by spending a day with a young child. The average child is a wellspring of joy and giggles, capable of daring leaps of imagination, probing curiosity, and even reasoned (though sometimes self-centered) appeals for justice. Children delight in God’s creation and love their family unconditionally. God gave every human being these marvelous aptitudes, and children can help us recover and appreciate them anew.

Since the advent of widespread contraception and abortion, a cultural hostility to children has grown. They are often depicted as costly encumbrances who interfere with a carefree adult life. No fewer than six recent books are dedicated to defending the childless-by-choice lifestyle – for selfish reasons, or to counter “overpopulation,” a thoroughly discredited myth. In fact, if married couples were to have more children, Medicare and Social Security would not be hurtling toward bankruptcy. Since 1955, because of fewer children and longer life spans, the number of workers has declined relative to the number of beneficiaries, from 8.6 to only 3.1 workers paying benefits to support each beneficiary. Without substantially more young people to enter the work force as young adults, in 25 years, there will be only 2.1 workers supporting each beneficiary. Eliminating our young does not solve problems even on pragmatic grounds. It adds to them.

Children, and those who are dependent on us due to disability or age, offer us the opportunity to grow in patience, kindness, and love. They teach us that life is a shared gift, not an encumbrance. At the end of life, we will be judged on love alone. Meanwhile, in the midst of so many challenges to life, we look to “Christ Jesus our hope” (1 Timothy 1:1), who offers to all the world a share in his victory over death.

**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.

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE****WEEK OF OCT 26-NOV 1****Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday****8:00/8:20 AM**

Jeremy French, Tessie McDermott

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

Dylan McPeek, Kevin Gamble

**Saturday, October 31, 4:30 PM****Lectors:** Chris Perrin**Servers:** Connor Adams, Dylan McPeek, Alex Mandeville**Eucharistic Ministers:** Jude Kennedy, Lori Criscione, Kathryn Gietl, Mary Mosley, Isabel Figueroa, Mary Rita Dineen, Susan Gallagher, Andrea Judd**Sunday, November 1, 7:00 AM****Lectors:** Jim Graham**Servers:** Erin Monroe, Brendan Stannard**Eucharistic Ministers:** Kathy Wear, Jim Wear, Ted Siedl, Dave Langston, Kathy Grubb**Sunday, November 1, 8:30 AM****Lectors:** Laurie Mann**Servers:** Jack Broeker, Noah Kren, Dominic LoGrasso**Eucharistic Ministers:** Mary F. Conwill, Larry Newell, Harold Figge, Beckie Figge, Rick Campbell, Janine Feller, Mary K. Sommer, Ken Sommer**Sunday, November 1, 10:30****AM****Lectors:** Dan Schuering**Servers:** Daniel Graham, Ethan O’Connor, KaySay Johnson**Eucharistic Ministers:** Lynn Frasco, Lisa Belz, Linda Thornberry, James Dodge, Lila Dilbaitis, Mary Tuttle, Don Graham, Phil Graham

**BUILDING ON TRADITION  
CAMPAIGN CORNER**

As the month of October quickly winds down, we wanted to let you know that we are extremely excited to extend the formal period of the campaign until December 11<sup>th</sup>. The success of the campaign continues to amaze us and we still want to give everyone a chance to make a sacrificial gift to the campaign.

In the upcoming weeks we will finalize the solicitation phase and move into the follow-up phase of the campaign.

During the follow-up phase, we will have a few phoning nights to call all the remaining parishioners that are still considering pledges. The weekend Mass of November 14 & 15 will include a "Commitment Weekend" in which you can make a pledge or gift during Mass.

Many of you have expressed interest in planned giving and we are currently working to set a date in December to host a planned giving seminar at Blessed Sacrament. Please keep continue to read the Campaign Corner for more information on this informative event.

**CHIARA CENTER SERIES**

Join us for dinner and a presentation on the mission trips of St. Paul at Chiara Center on Thursday, November 5, 5:30 - 9 PM. \$20 per person or \$35 per couple. Reservations required 217-523-0901.

<b>Building on Tradition</b>	
Goal	\$5,400,000.00
Signed Commitments	\$3,778,492.73
<u>Verbal Commitments</u>	<u>\$ 137,103.99</u>
Total Commitments	\$3,926,596.72
Total number of donors	466
Total Cash Received	\$ 1,173,351.77

**CHIARA CENTER—SPIRITUAL DIRECTION**

Chiara Center will host a discussion exploring the topic of spiritual direction on Saturday, November 7 from 9:30–11:30 am. Topics include what spiritual direction is, how to know if you are being called to enter into spiritual direction, how to find a spiritual director, and what to expect in a spiritual direction session. The \$10 donation covers a break and printed resources. Call 217-523-0901 with questions.

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

<u>Parish Collection</u>	
October 11, 2009	\$20,491.52
Target Amount	\$23,500.00